

# **HELP WITH RECOVERY AFTER A KNEE REPLACEMENT**

**—The testimony of George Bassias—**

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Approximately one year ago I had a knee replacement on my right knee. I had severe arthritis in both my knees, my right knee much worse than my left. Three weeks after my right knee replacement I gave up my cane and made a full recovery in three months. Since my right knee went so well I decided it was time to do the left knee, On May 8th of this year I had a full knee replacement on my left knee. Five weeks later I could not give up the cane. I noticed that my forward flexion was a problem, I could not extend my leg forward, it was like the titanium knee was pressing against something. I became distressed and very concerned that I was not healing.

During this time, a good friend and colleague of mine named Alexandra told me that she was planning to visit Saint Nektarios Monastery in Roscoe, NY with her husband. She knew about my concern for my knee. While in Roscoe she mentioned my problem to one of the fathers, who gave her holy oil for my knee and also told her that they will pray for me. When she returned, she brought the holy oil to my wife, but I did not anoint my knee with it immediately because I was not home at the time and not aware of the oil. A few days later when my wife reminded me of the oil, I put it on my knee and prayed to Saint Nektarios to heal me. The next evening while I was sleeping at 1:00 in the morning, I had a very vivid dream of an angel standing at the end of my bed. He took my cane while I was lying in bed and he started striking my left knee hard 8 times, each time making a loud sound as if banging metal unto metal. I heard a loud clank of metal each time. On account of the loud banging and the pain, I woke up startled and noticed that my left knee was pulsating like it was hit. I said out loud "what kind of dream was that!." My two dogs saw that I woke up so I had to take them out into the yard so they could go to the bathroom. They did their thing and I cleaned up after them. I then came back inside the house with them and then did I realize that I had walked without taking my cane, and very minimal pain. I was able to fully extend my knee. Up until that day I could not walk without the use of a cane, and even with that I had difficulty. Since that moment at 1:00 in the morning I have not used a cane. This instant improvement took place after I used the holy oil from Saint Nektarios. I tell everyone about this miracle.

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