

# HELP WITH HEARING LOSS

—The testimony of Marina Mitri—

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My name is Marina Mitri. I visited Saint Nektarios Monastery about 40 days ago. I did not have good hearing. When we moved to the United States, I saw many doctors about this, and they decided that I really needed hearing aids, because my hearing was very low. I was using hearing aids for the past 8 years. Even though I was quite OK with them, I continued to have problems. Even with the hearing aids, I couldn't hear well when speaking on the phone or listening to the TV.

When I came to the Monastery, I didn't know that there were relics of Saint Nektarios. I came here with a friend of ours from our Albanian church community. Our friend told us that there are relics of Saint Nektarios that perform miracles and healings. So after the Liturgy, I was with my husband and my daughter in church, and we were waiting in line to be blessed with a cross containing the relics of Saint Nektarios. I had my hearing aids on. As I was in line, I had the thought, "why don't you tell the father that you can't hear, and maybe that will help." And when it was my turn, I took my hearing aids out and showed them to him, and I told him that I don't hear. "Can you help me?" And he told me "of course." He blessed my ears with the cross and said some prayers. When he was finished, I turned around and put my hearing aids back on. When I exited the church, I thought to myself, "did this work or not? If I don't take the hearing aids out, I won't know." Since that moment, I removed my hearing aids, and I am not using them anymore. It's not that I have normal hearing like everyone else has, but I hear everything on the phone. I don't have problems on the phone. And if I say, "Saint Nektarios please help me, I need to hear," I hear. It is very much improved. I am very happy.

The day that I was crossed with the relics, I was about completely deaf. I couldn't hear at all even with my hearing aids. The father was explaining to us about the relics, and I turned to my husband and told him, "remember what he is saying so you can tell this to me." It's way better now without the hearing aids.

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