

## THE FIRST MONK FROM THE SAINT NEKTARIOS MONASTERY BROTHERHOOD REPOSES IN THE LORD

Fr. Agathon was born in 1929. His name in the world was Haralambos “Harry” Cherpelis. He came to join the brotherhood of Saint Nektarios Monastery in 2009, and he was tonsured a monk in August of 2013. He was a virtuous and blessed monk. He was a gentle soul, and a quiet person, yet also capable of witty remarks. He was first to show up in church, first to show up for work, and first to show up for the common meals. Despite his old age, he worked hard in the monastery refectory. He did not do anything without receiving the blessing of the Abbot. He passed through painful health issues, but he endured each one patiently without ever complaining. He was a true spiritual warrior and an example to the entire brotherhood. He never upset anyone. Everyone loved him. He passed away on December 13th, 2025 at the age of 97, and now his soul has ascended to the Lord, from Whom he will hear, “Well done, good and faithful servant. You were faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things. Enter into the joy of your Lord.”



Fr. Agathon  
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