

HEALING OF LIVER CANCER

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Starting in late 2020 my wife Ellie and I were drawn to the St. Nektarios Orthodox Monastery located in Roscoe, New York. We loved the scenic trips to upstate New York and enjoyed the tranquility of visiting the Monastery. Inexplicably we continued to be drawn to St. Nektarios to worship -- often our prayers were of gratitude to Him for all that was bestowed upon us.

Our connection with St. Nektarios took clarity in 2024 when I was diagnosed with a serious case of liver cancer. After several CT scans, MRIs, biopsy, and extensive discussions with my physicians, it was concluded that surgery, although risky, would be the best procedure to remove the cancer; a date of August 16th, 2024 was set. Our faith led us to St. Nektarios Monastery, which we had embraced so fervently in the past, to now pray and seek our very own miracle. On August 2nd, 2024 we made the trip to St. Nektarios Monastery. We went into the church and venerated the relics of St. Nektarios. One of the priests heard my confession, and then using the cross of St. Nektarios which he traced along the skin of my midsection (on the right side where my liver is located) he further prayed and asked us to have faith. I also asked him to pray for the hands and mind of the surgeon that would be conducting this complicated surgery. When done, the Father asked us to come back to the Monastery when I had recovered (he never said "if you recover !!) ...his unwavering faith gave us even more strength.

As the day of my surgery neared, I was further surprised to find out that my surgeon, although not Greek, was of Jordanian national descent and that he was in fact of Christian Orthodox faith. My surgery lasted approximately seven hours with 70% of my liver, as well as my gallbladder, being removed. This was followed by a recovery period of 100 days continuous hospitalization. In late December of 2024 I returned for some further testing (involving CT Scan and blood work). The miracle is that I am now cancer-free!

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