

HEALING OF OSTEOSARCOMA

— *The testimony of Chris Karachalios* —

In 2000, I, Chris Karachalios, was diagnosed with osteosarcoma (bone cancer) in my right leg. It was on my knee and above my knee. The growth was the size of an orange. My surgeon, the only one of his kind in Canada, Dr. Jay Wunder told me that I would take a strong protocol of chemotherapy that would shrink the tumor 20-30%, then surgery. Then four more months of chemotherapy for preventative measures.

The tumor did shrink 20-30% and I was given 2 weeks off before my surgery. The doctor would not know whether he could save my leg or amputate it until surgery. In my 2 weeks off, I went to St. Nektarios Monastery and Father Joseph blessed my leg with the relics of St. Nektarios and the *Agia Lonxi*. He also told me my leg would be spared and that I will be cured.

My surgery was successful and my leg is in fact in great condition considering my metal femur, knee joint, and metal rod in my tibia. When I was recovering, I was laying down on my hospital bed with my eyes closed, and my surgeon was doing his rounds with his fellow doctors following him. He picked up my file and said that my case was one he couldn't explain. He said that the initial image of my leg, before I was released pre-surgery, my tumor was reduced by 20-30%, but the image right before my surgery (since going to St. Nektarios) showed my tumor had shrunk by 90%. He couldn't explain why or how.

I got goosebumps when I heard his story and remember knowing it was the work of St. Nektarios. I am writing this in August of 2024. Twenty four years later.

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