

HELP WITH CONCEPTION OF A CHILD

—The testimony of Theodora Psarologos—

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My name is Theodora Psarologos, and I am from Toronto, Canada. I am married for four years now. My mom has been coming to Saint Nektarios Monastery for many years. I have known for a long time about the Monastery, and she's always asked me to come, and we just never did. She would come with organized groups on the bus.

One day, me and my husband decided to come because we were having lots of difficulties. I became pregnant, and I miscarried the baby right away. We tried for a good six months. We went to many doctors, and they told me that I had very bad numbers. My ovarian reserves, that's what they call it, was done. It was at zero, which means I may not ever get pregnant, because my hormone levels were at zero. We did an IVF; we paid the money. We did an IUI; we paid the money. But nothing was ever working. So that's when we decided to come to the Monastery.

We came to the Monastery in November, and then two weeks later I was pregnant. When I went in, because you still have to go to your doctor, the first thing the doctor said to me was, "miracles do happen." Those were his words. I was wearing the belt of the Panagia for one year prior to coming here; but as soon as I came here, I went to confession, and that's when I got pregnant. It is a miracle.

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