

A CRIPPLED WOMAN CURED

Mrs. Tavlandos, from Chicago, suffering from an incurable disease and unable to walk, had a friend suggest that she visit the Shrine. So she came with the intention of spending all night in the Shrine. I told her it was my duty to keep her company until midnight. And so at midnight I left her. The next morning I went to the Shrine, but she was not there. The same afternoon, I met her in the Shrine. She was in the best of health and started telling me that she remained in the Shrine until morning when she felt perfectly well and she was able to walk without the help of her crutches. Since that night she comes regularly to pay homage to the Ioon of Taxiarchis.

**DEAF WOMAN RECOVERS HER HEARING**

During the Holy Week of the year 1954, a 36 year old woman, accompanied by her brother in law, came to the Shrine to receive the Holy Union, and according to what she told me later, she felt a humming in her ears and on her way home regained her hearing which she had lost 18 years before.

**THE SHRINE'S BELL RINGS DURING THE NIGHT**

On July 19th of 1958 about 11pm, while I was with some relatives discussing the miracles of Taxiarchis, we all heard the Shrine's bell ring two times. We thought that someone was ringing the bell as they were passing by. We went to see who it was. We did not see anybody and the rope was in place. This happened three more times before a new miracle took place. This was taken as a sign of the coming miracle.

**CRIPPLED WOMAN OPERATED ON THREE TIMES AND NOT CURED;**

**SHE IS CURED NOW THROUGH TAXIARCHIS' MIRACLE**

On July 13, 1958 at 2:00 p.m., Mrs. Gerolinos came into the Shrine having been advised by Mrs. Tavlandos who, a you have read, had been cured of her crippling sickness.

What I saw was tragic. Her son carried her into the Shrine and Mr. Markopolous helped her get settled. I rushed over and helped sit her in front of the Ioon of Taxiarchis. She started to cry inconsolably. I tried to console her and give her strength and tell her that Taxiarchis would not forget her. At that time, Mrs. Gerolinos asked us to help her kneel. As she was crying I was making the sign of the Cross on her knees with a piece of cotton dipped in the oil of Taxiarchis.

A few minutes after we brought Mrs. Gerolinos to her knees. Mrs. Gerolinos stood up and started running around the Shrine. Everyone watching was dumbfounded and could not speak.

At the request of Mrs. Gerolinos, I called Father Rappis of Saint Nicholas Church who came right away. Mrs. Gerolinos related the story to Father and asked him to pray before the Ioon. After the prayer, Mrs. Gerolinos placed her crutches before the Ioon of Taxiarchis, and departed for home.

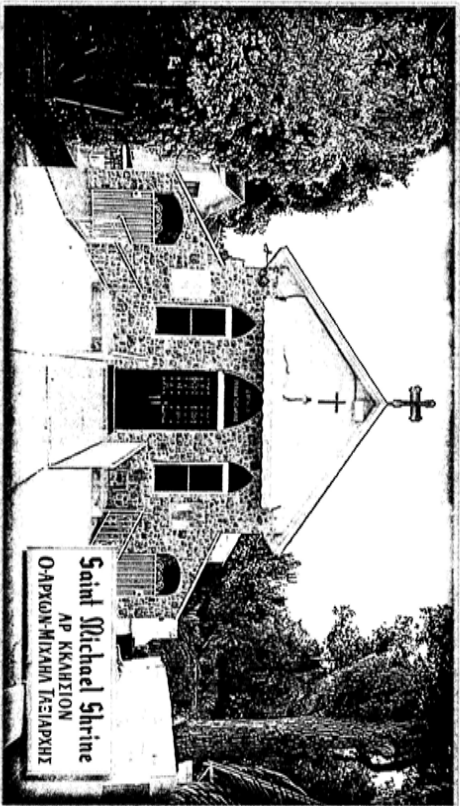
Mrs. Gerolinos frequently visits the Shrine and dedicates many offerings to Taxiarchis as proof of her gratitude.

I am sorry that I cannot relate the many other miracles that I myself have seen. I think that those which I related are enough so each Christian soul should believe in the power and Grace of Almighty God and the Archangel, who willingly offer their help to and guidance to all who approach with faith and ask their aid.

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The History of the唐顿 of the Shrine of Saint Michael Taxiarchis and the Description of the Miracles of the Miraculous Ioon of Saint Michael Taxiarchis



**PREFACE**

Every Country, every Nationality and every beneficial Organization has its own Life History. The undesignated has an interesting story to relate, which of course she will not go into details as she would not like to tire the reader. Because of its great interest, I believe this testimonial will greatly please the reader and most of all, strengthen his or her religious feelings, because it springs purely from the divine strength of the Creator, Almighty God, and His Archangel Michael.

This is not a myth, not a vision, but a reality, one which I have lived and seen myself together with many other people.

It is about miracles retained through the Divine Grace of the miraculous, holy and venerable Ioon of Archangel Saint Michael (Taxiarchis) whose desire and will was to have a Shrine bearing his name erected in Tarpon Springs, Florida, of U.S.A. These all happened as a result of a serious illness in my son Steve, who was saved from a sure death by the grace of Taxiarchis.

This proof you will realize by the story which I am going to relate to you, together with some of the miracles performed after the erection of the Holy Home of the Taxiarchis. I believe that I am obligated to Him and, as an indication of a very small sign of my thankfulness to Him, together with a sole ambition that the content of this testimonial be widely spread, in order to show once more the power of the Almighty God, and that which is impossible for man is possible for God.

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**THE MIRACULOUS ICON OF THE TAXIARCHIS MICHAEL (PANNORMITIS)**

In June 1937 during my visit to my birthplace, Syri, Dodecanese, Greece, I visited the Holy Abbey of Taxiarchis Michael of Panormitis, with the purpose of fulfilling an old promise of my husband to Taxiarchis when he was in danger while on a voyage when he was a seaman. During my visit to the Abbey, I met Chrysanthos, at the time Abbot Prior of the Monastery, to whom I delivered the offering which my husband promised.

The Abbot Prior thanked me for the offering, and to show his gratitude, took a small silver Ioon which was hanging in the Church, portraying the Taxiarchis Michael, and offered it to me.

As I held the Ioon in my hands, chills of emotion and awe seized my body and soul immediately.

After six months in Syri, I came back to my home in Tarpon Springs, Florida where I have been living since 1925.

At my arrival, I put my Holy Ioon of the Taxiarchis on a table under my Icomensation together with a special sacred lamp. A year later, on the 6th of November, 1938, about 3pm, a few relatives and I were conversing about miscellaneous subjects. All of a sudden, we heard the sound of a Church bell, the same as that of the Holy Abbey of Taxiarchis of Panormitis, in Syri. This sound was coming from the Ioon of Taxiarchis, which was on the table. The sound lasted until 3am the next day.

Indescribable was the emotion which seized all of us. At 7:00 a.m. the same day, I visited our Reverend Priest of the parochial Holy Church of Saint Nicholas of Tarpon Springs, Father Theophilus Karaphilis, and related to him what had occurred. According to Father Theophilus' instructions, I brought the Ioon to Church where a holy ceremony of breaking the holy bread was performed, because of this strange incident.

It is important to state at this point that the following day was the Holy Day of Saint Michael Taxiarchis. After eight days I took the Ioon from the Church and brought it home.

This event repeated itself the following year and the next one. The same Church ceremony was repeated.





