

*“Star of Heaven, please save us from the epidemic”*



The Nursing Mother of God, *Galaktotrophousa* (milk-giving) is a recently discovered 19th century Melkite icon. On the lower border in Arabic script is the inscription:

***“Star of Heaven, please save us from the epidemic. Please answer our prayers, because your Son hears you and he will not hold back anything from us. Our Lord Jesus, set us free from death, because your pure Virgin Mother hears our prayers, and for the sake of your Mother help us. For our sake, you pure Virgin, the hand of Jesus, you are the saint and the Mother of God”.***

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