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INTERNATIONAL PREMIER OF ST. NEKTARIOS FILM MAN OF GOD IN MOSCOW



The much-anticipated film *Man of God*, about St. Nektarios the Wonderworker, had its international premier on Sunday.

The film was shown as part of the main competition of the 43rd Moscow International Film Festival. The film was presented by its screenwriter and director Yelena Popovic and popular Russian actor Alexander Petrov, who plays a close assistant of the Holy Hierarch, reports the Orthodoxy News Agency.

During the event, Petrov noted that he was astounded by the saint's life, and considered himself blessed to play a role so close to St. Nektarios. Popovic herself was inspired to make the film after being deeply struck by his life when she read about him in 2012.

Petrov wrote about the event on Instagram:

Yesterday was an important evening for me. As part of the main competition of the 43rd MIFF, the premier of Yelena Popovic's film *Man of God* (Greece) was held. This is my first film in English, and I am very happy and proud to be a part of this film. By the way, it was almost magical how I ended up in the film—I'll tell you

sometime. Thank you to the entire film crew and the international casting! The film has a lot of great acting work, led by the main character Aris Servetalis and guest star Mickey Rourke. And I must say that Mickey's appearance is not related to the commercial component of the film. That's not the goal. What distinguishes the director and screenwriter Yelena Popovic is deeper and more interesting than that. Yelena was born in Serbia, lived in America for 19 years, but after getting acquainted with the story of St. Nektarios, she wrote the script and stayed to live in Greece. A pure, sincere, deep and talented person. Very soon I will announce the release date of the film in Russian theaters!

Man of God will also be shown at the Phoenix Film Festival being held August 12-22.

There is no general release date as of yet.

Man of God is a production of Simeon Entertainment in cooperation with Vatopedi Monastery on Mt. Athos and the St. Maximos the Greek Institute. The official trailer for the film was released last month:

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