



# THE LION OF KANTZA - PALLINI

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## OUR LION...

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It is located in Kantza Pallini, in the courtyard of the church of Agios Nikolaos. In the picture we can see an ancient imposing lion, on a concrete pedestal, this statue has been dated to the end of the 4th century BC.

### The legend:

During the 10th century on the slopes of mountain Hymettus lived a terrible lion, which terrified people.

It used to go to the surrounding villages and ask for his prey, that is, the most beautiful girls in the area, otherwise it would ruin the place.

The villagers panicked, then turned their hopes to St. Nickolas. And so on December 6, the day of the saint feast, everyone gathered in his small chapel in Kantza. The mistress of the village, the old Kantzaina, agreed to sacrifice her beautiful and orphaned granddaughter as bait for the beast. When the lion came out to eat the girl, a miracle happened and the Saint Nickolas marbled the lion!!!