National Philoptochos Society
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SAINT NICHOLAS GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH & NATIONAL SHRINE

Chairs: Jennifer Constantine & Arlene Siavelis Kehl

Let’s Do Our Part to Make Saint Nicholas Shrine A Reality

As His Eminence Archbishop Elpidophoros stated in his Enthronement Address, “It is our duty and our responsibility as Orthodox Christians – but also our obligation and commitment to God and His people – to complete and open the doors of the Saint Nicholas National Shrine” by September 11, 2021. In his keynote address at the recent Archdiocesan Council Meeting, His Eminence explains that “Saint Nicholas is a vision of what is best in all people of faith and religious conviction: Love of God and love of neighbor, mutual understanding, and reciprocal respect”. With this most important directive from our Archbishop, we too must recommit ourselves to our Philoptochos fundraising initiative for the construction of the Saint Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church and National Shrine at The World Trade Center, which has been well underway for almost five years, and complete our noble mission.

As outlined by Vice-Chairman John Catsimatidis in his report on the rebuilding of the Saint Nicholas National Shrine at the Archdiocesan Council Meeting on Thursday, October 17, 2019 in New York City, the following steps are currently in process so “By God’s grace and the intercessions of Saint Nicholas, we expect the Thyranoixia, the Opening of the Doors, to be the 20th Anniversary of 9/11 on September 11, 2021”.

1. Possess a new structure, namely the “Friends of St. Nicholas”, an independent non-profit based on accountability and transparency, and has the responsibility for the construction and completion of the Shrine.
2. Engaged pro bono COO of Construction Richard Browne, Partner at Sterling Project Development, the developer and owners at Citi Field.
3. Re-engaged with Steve Plate of the Port Authority of New York/New Jersey, Skanska Construction, and the subcontractors to continue work on St. Nicholas.
4. Architectural Designer Santiago Calatrava, along with the architect of record, Nick Koutsomitis, have completed plans to reflect the cost cutting measures of His Eminence Archbishop Elpidophoros.
5. Subcontractors submitting bids, and once they have been received, the site will be prepped for construction and the final cost will be submitted.
6. Parish of St. Nicholas will be advised on the updates of construction on a regular basis.
7. In early 2020, re-introduce the project to the American public at-large to rebuild our credibility and attract interest and support from the wider society.

As of Saturday, October 26, 2019, Philoptochos stewards, chapters and metropolises throughout the nation have collectively raised $1,662,094.33 toward the Saint Nicholas National Shrine, which will serve as a beacon of hope and a declaration of our Greek ideals and Orthodox Christian faith to the world. Of the funds raised, as of May 31, 2018, we have given a total of $1,593,400.00 toward the rebuilding effort. We have $406,600.00 left to fulfill our $2.0 million commitment. We thank the Metropolis of Chicago and the Metropolis of New Jersey for fulfilling their respective goal.
Our vision for the remaining six Metropolises and the Direct Archdiocesan District to reach their initiative goals are as follows:

1. Plan a Metropolis-wide fundraising event for the initiative in 2020.
2. Determine which chapters in your Metropolis have not yet embraced the initiative thus far.
3. Communicate with those chapters by having Metropolis or Direct Archdiocesan District Board Members, along with National Board Members, contact the chapter Presidents of Liaisons.
4. Travel to chapters for face to face dialogue since we know that nothing works better than the personal touch.
5. Assist the chapters in setting up “coffee hour” tables to provide access to information about Saint Nicholas National Shrine.
6. Promote the initiative by suggesting chapter appropriate fundraisers.
7. Infuse the chapters with information, both inspirational and logistical, for increased confidence in promoting the initiative.
8. Reach out to us, Jennifer and Arlene, for help and support to ensure the success of our Saint Nicholas Philoptochos Fundraising Initiative in your Metropolis. Direct Archdiocesan District, Boston, Pittsburgh and San Francisco should strategize with Jennifer, and Atlanta, Denver and Detroit should strategize with Arlene.

Please remember the following five collection periods and submit funds on a timely basis to the National Philoptochos Office.


For further information and resources, visit https://www.philoptochos.org/saint-nicholas-greek-orthodox-church-national-shrine/. To be part of the Saint Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church and National Shrine at The World Trade Center Philoptochos Fundraising Initiative, please remind everyone to donate fundraising proceeds to your local Philoptochos Chapter or your Metropolis Philoptochos.

Our heartfelt thank you to you, our fellow National Philoptochos Board Members, your chapters and your metropolises for support of this once in a lifetime opportunity to help make Saint Nicholas National Shrine a reality and declare our Greek ideals and Orthodox Christian faith to our fellow Americans and visitors from around the world.
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<th>METROPOLIS</th>
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<td><strong>as of 10/26/2019</strong></td>
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