



METROPOLIS OF NEW JERSEY SHINES A LIGHT
A Path to Saint Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church and National Shrine



The Metropolis of New Jersey has placed great emphasis on responding to the call of His Eminence Archbishop Demetrios Geron of America to raise funds for the building of Saint Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church and National Shrine.

Moving towards the goal of His Eminence Metropolitan Evangelos of New Jersey to “help make a difference by participating in the building process of Saint Nicholas, which includes raising and contributing funds,” the work began. Through this challenge to his flock, to contribute and encourage others to do the same, the message rang clear to all those living in the Metropolis of New Jersey that in doing so, “we will express our love for God and proclaim that as He is alive in us and in the United States, that we are alive in Him through our faith and participation in all good Christian works, one of which is helping to rebuild His Home in which we receive His abundant Grace and love.”

Philoptochos Chapters throughout the Metropolis of New Jersey immediately stepped in to begin the noble work. Leading the way in fundraising throughout the country, Metropolis of NJ Philoptochos Chapter Members donated \$100 each towards the appeal, and chapters worked steadily to plan small and large events to meet their individual goals, which were based on the size of each chapter membership. Thus far, the Philoptochos Chapters of the Metropolis of New Jersey have raised 80% of their goal of \$340,000, contributing over \$270,000 to date. Along with donations from the Philoptochos chapters of the Direct Archdiocesan District and the other Metropolises, National Philoptochos was able to present the first \$1,000,000 to His Eminence Archbishop Demetrios Geron of America for the project.

In keeping with Matthew 5:16 to “Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven,” the Parishes and Philoptochos Chapters of the Metropolis of New Jersey take great satisfaction in being able to share the good news with all members of our church throughout the country, and we urge them to donate with unrestrained religious and ethnic pride and filotimo.

For information and resources, visit www.philoptochos.org/news/saintnicholas. To be part of the Saint Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church and National Shrine at the World Trade Center Philoptochos Fundraising Initiative, please donate directly to your local Philoptochos Chapter or your Metropolis Philoptochos.