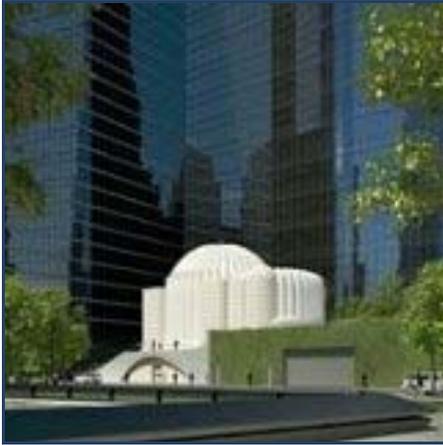


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## *Facts To Know About The Saint Nicholas National Shrine*

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Did you know...?

- The Saint Nicholas National Shrine, although it is for all people of the world, will be the only House of Worship in the entire sixteen-acre rebuilt World Trade Center site, and it will be a Greek Orthodox Church, which will look and feel like any other Naos, a true dwelling of God.
- The National Shrine will house the Saint Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church and will function as any other parish with a rich liturgical life centered around our transfiguring cycles of feasts and fasts that define every year of the grace of the Lord, including sacraments like baptisms and weddings.
- The Byzantine Cross mounted at the top of the dome of the Saint Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church and National Shrine will be made of a strong coated metal and stand four feet high.
- The curtain wall, the outer structure of the Saint Nicholas National Shrine, will be composed of stone and glass with a unique lighting system, and when it is turned on, the Church will glow from within, similar to a lit candle.

- The architectural inspirations came from Hagia Sophia, the Church of the Savior in Chora and the very Walls of Constantinople, where our beloved Patriarchate is located.
- The interior of the finished Naos will be instantly recognizable as an Orthodox Church complete with iconography and furnishings.
- The church will face East as every Greek Orthodox Church does, and it will be our beacon of Orthodox Christianity at the World Trade Center site.
- The Shrine is the only private monument built on public land.
- An estimated ten million people will visit the World Trade Center site each year, and the Saint Nicholas National Shrine of our Holy Archdiocese will be a place where people of the world come to this sacred ground that has been set aside to remember the fallen of September 11th.

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