



## Remembering 9/11



The terrorist attack on September 11, 2001, left a giant gaping hole in the the New York skyline and destroyed everything in the surrounding area referred to as Ground Zero in Lower Manhattan, including Saint Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church. Now, so many years later the new World Trade Center complex has become a symbol of American pride and determination.

The World Trade Center complex, once thought of as a living symbol of man's dedication to world peace, has been replaced by several buildings housing many banking and financial industry giants, including One World Trade Center, the 9/11 Memorial, the National September 11<sup>th</sup> Memorial Museum, the World Trade Center Transportation Hub, the World Trade Center Performing Arts Center and our own Saint Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church and National Shrine. Just opposite of the new Saint Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church will be the brand new Liberty Park, in which visitors will see the 27-foot tall bronze "Sphere" that survived the 9/11 terrorist attacks and symbolizes the strength of Americans in the face of terror.

In a special message sent throughout the country, National Philoptochos President Maria Logus reminded us that 15 years ago during the tragic events of 9/11, precious lives were lost and today, memories of that day still flood our minds. But now, with the passage of time, we should also turn our thoughts to those who were left behind. Days, months and years have passed but, for them, the pain lingers and the healing continues.

With the historic construction of the St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church and National Shrine at the World Trade Center, the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America will offer the world a beacon for the Orthodox faithful and a place of healing for all who seek the comfort and love of the Church. With your support, the St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church and National Shrine will stand forever as a testament to the healing power of faith, a towering embodiment of the Lord's warm and loving embrace. With your support, we can bring to the world the eternal message that love and faith must always prevail.

Please remember the thousands of innocent souls lost on that fateful day in your prayers. Please remember all those who continue to bear the loss. And please remember the extraordinary opportunity offered to each of us to participate in healing the gaping wound inflicted on all of us by those who committed this heinous crime that day.

Together let us build this House of Worship by offering a gift and/or holding a fundraising event. Please donate directly to the local Philoptochos chapter(s) in your area or your Metropolis Philoptochos. For further information and resources, visit [www.philoptochos.org/news/saintnicholas](http://www.philoptochos.org/news/saintnicholas). Thank you for your support and your prayers.