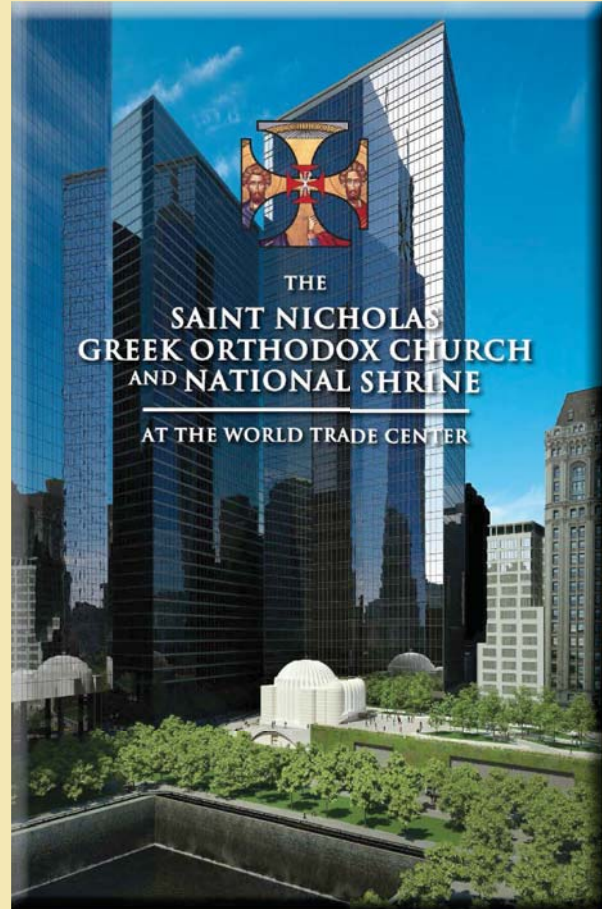


SAINT NICHOLAS GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH AND NATIONAL SHRINE AT THE WORLD TRADE CENTER

During Sunday's Opening Ceremonies of the 2016 National Philoptochos Society Biennial Convention in Nashville, Tennessee, His Eminence Archbishop Demetrios, Geron of America, was presented with a check for \$100,000 from National Philoptochos President Maria Logus on behalf of the nation's chapters, which have been raising funds for the Saint Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church and National Shrine at the World Trade Center Philoptochos Fundraising Initiative for two years. Also present were National Philoptochos Co-Chairs of the Saint Nicholas Fundraising effort, Jennifer Constantin and Arlene Siavelis Kehl. Co-Chair Anne Michals could not be in attendance for the presentation. **This donation brings the total amount raised to-date by Philoptochos Chapters across the country to \$1,328,400.**

On Wednesday, Jerry Dimitriou, Executive Director of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America, spoke to the delegates with a construction update. He reminded the delegates that **Saint Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church and National Shrine will be the only house of worship at Ground Zero**, which was truly inspirational. At the end of the day, each delegate was given a Saint Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church and National Shrine pin to wear with pride as we assist in the creation and resurrection of our church and spread the Orthodox Christian faith. Information and resources about our initiative can be obtained here.

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Co-Chairs Jennifer Constantin and Arlene Siavelis Kehl expressed a heartfelt thank you to all Philoptochos members throughout the country for their commitment to this initiative. **Philoptochos chapters will continue to raise funds until their goals are met, and delegates were reminded to send funds to their local Philoptochos chapter and Metropolis.**

In addition, convention delegates were urged to visit the Shoppe Philoptochos to purchase Saint Nicholas National Shrine sterling silver charms for their Philoptochos charm bracelet as well as elegant Philoptochos neckties in navy blue and ruby wine colors. 100% of the proceeds of sales from these three items benefit the National Philoptochos Saint Nicholas Fundraising Initiative.