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Archbishop Elpidophoros Attends 25th Anniversary of Metropolitan Nicholas of Detroit’s Enthronement



On the evening of October 12, 2024, His Eminence Archbishop Elpidophoros of America attended the 25th Enthronement Anniversary Celebration honoring His Eminence Metropolitan Nicholas of Detroit.

Expressing his admiration for Metropolitan Nicholas’s work, His Eminence remarked that the Metropolitan’s twenty-five years of “episcopal shepherding is truly a generational shift for this Metropolis,” emphasizing that “many children in the pews, serving in the Altar, and singing in the choirs…have never known any other spiritual leader.”

Additionally, His Eminence stressed that Metropolitan Nicholas offers an incredible example of “responsible and accountable leadership,” which inspires “trust and confidence” on the part of his clergy and faithful. With respect and appreciation, His Eminence addressed the Metropolitan: “Your clergy and faithful listen to you because you listen to them…And they also see in you a humble shepherd, who is not afraid of humor, not afraid of openness, not afraid of dialogue. In short, dear brother, they see you in the fullness of your humanity, and recognize the divine in the divinizing labors in which you engage on their behalf on a daily basis.”

Read His Eminence’s full remarks here.

Also in attendance were His Eminence Archbishop Demetrios formerly of America; His Eminence Metropolitan Savas of Pittsburgh; His Excellency Archbishop Vigneron of Detroit (of the Roman Catholic Church); Honorable Emmanuel Koubarakis, Consul General of Greece in Chicago; Metropolis of Detroit Philoptochos President Debbie George; Metropolis of Detroit Vice-Chair Patrick Crosson; Rev. Frs. Nicholas Kotsis and Teador Petrutiu, Metropolis of Detroit Co-Chancellors; and Presvytera Jennifer Legakis of the Metropolis of Detroit Sisterhood of Presvyteres.

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