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## **Archbishop Elpidophoros Celebrates Feastday of St. Nicholas of Myra at Flushing, NY Parish**



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On Friday, December 6, 2024, His Eminence Archbishop Elpidophoros of America visited Saint Nicholas Greek Orthodox Shrine Church in Flushing, New York, where he presided over the parish's Feastday Divine Liturgy in commemoration of St. Nicholas of Myra. Serving alongside His Eminence were parish priests Rev. Protopresbyter Paul C. Palesty, Rev. Presbyter Aristidis Garinis, Economos, and Rev. Presbyter Alexandros Douvres; during the service, His Eminence offered the Gold Cross of Agia Sophia to Fr. Paul, and bestowed the Offikion of Archimandrite to Fr. Pedro Gomez.

In his homily for the occasion, His Eminence offered words of encouragement and peace to the parish, emphasizing that "Saint Nicholas watches over this community that has graced this neighborhood for generations. He has been with you from the beginning and he will ever remain your Προστάτης. He is the key to your victory in life over the challenges that so often look daunting, but that can be overcome by faith and patience."

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