

Archon Carl R. Hollister Appointed Executive Director of St. Photios National Shrine



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St. Photios Greek Orthodox National Shrine

His Eminence Archbishop Elpidophoros of America announces the appointment of Archon Carl R. Hollister as Executive Director of St. Photios Greek Orthodox National Shrine in St. Augustine, FL. This appointment will begin in August and follow the retirement of Poxeni Maouris Hillier, who has served at the helm of St. Photios Shrine since 2005.

In announcing this appointment, Archbishop Elpidophoros wrote to Carl stating, "Your experience as a Trustee proves that you are qualified to work for the Shrine's growth and expansion. This precious National Institution serves as a beacon of our proud history and shared heritage as Greek Americans. Together with your leadership, we can continue upbuilding it as an inspirational symbol of our community's unwavering resilience and faith. Therefore, I am confident that you will assume this responsibility with much enthusiasm and appreciation."



His Eminence Archbishop Elpidophoros of America, Carl and Cynthia with their daughter, Alexandra.

Carl's relationship with St. Photios Shrine began in 2017 when he served on the St. Photios Foundation during his tenure as the AHEPA Supreme President. Metropolitan Nicholas of Detroit appointed then Carl to the St. Photios Foundation in 2019 to represent the Metropolis. Mr. Hollister is a retired U.S. Army Officer who, during his 21-year tenure, was awarded the Bronze Star in 2005. He has extensive experience in the securities industry, and served as President of L.M. Kohn & Company, located in Cincinnati, Ohio. A dedicated defender of the Greek Orthodox Church, Carl has served in leadership roles in the Church and its institutions in his community, including with the Ecumenical Patriarchate, the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America and the Metropolis. Carl and his wife, Cynthia, who are now both retired, have chosen their next chapter to be one of service to St. Photios National Shrine.

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