

Saint Photios National Shrine announces 2026 essay contest



The Saint Photios Greek Orthodox National Shrine is pleased to announce an essay contest honoring His All-Holiness Bartholomew, Archbishop of Constantinople-New Rome, and Ecumenical Patriarch, in celebration of his 35 years of ministry.

The contest is open to Sunday School students ages 12 through 18.

Students are invited to reflect upon the global impact of His All-Holiness Bartholomew's ministry over the past 35 years and the important role of the Ecumenical Patriarchate of Constantinople in the life and witness of the Orthodox Christian Faith. Essays should be no more than three pages in length and should thoughtfully address both the worldwide impact of His All-Holiness and the significance of the Ecumenical Patriarchate to Orthodox Christians around the world. The top three essay winners will receive special recognition and monetary awards.

Essays should be submitted electronically in Word or PDF format by email to [\[email protected\]](#). Each submission must include the author's name, address, age, and parish.

Submissions are due by Friday, October 30th, 2026.

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