## The Celebration of the Feast of Saint Nicholas in the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America



Orthodox faithful around the world and in the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America celebrated with faith and reverence the Feast day of Saint Nicholas, the Wonder-worker, Archbishop of Myra in Lycia.

His Eminence Archbishop Elpidophoros of America, presided at the Archieratical Divine Liturgy at the Greek Orthodox Shrine Church of St. Nicholas in Flushing, NY, perhaps the largest parish of the Archdiocese, where many hundreds of faithful came to worship.

Protopresbyter Paul Palesty, the *proistamenos* of the parish, read the <u>Archbishop's</u> Encyclical for the Feast of St. Nicholas.

The Archbishop in his homily spoke about the blessed life of Saint Nicholas and his example for us in today's circumstances. "... we call upon Saint Nicholas in a special way at his feast today. We ask that he would intercede; that he would show

us the power of God; that he would prove to us, again and again, the truth of Christ's words. Sharing his same spirit of faith, 'we also believe and we speak.' We proclaim our faith, that the Lord who glorified Saint Nicholas will raise up his fallen church to glory once more." (see full text)



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