

## **His Eminence Archbishop Elpidophoros of America officiated over the Divine Liturgy of the feast of the Three Hierarchs at the Archdiocesan Cathedral of the Holy Trinity in Manhattan**



On January 30, 2020, His Eminence Archbishop Elpidophoros of America officiated over the Divine Liturgy of the feast of the Three Hierarchs at the Archdiocesan Cathedral of the Holy Trinity in Manhattan.

The Liturgy was offered for the students, principals and teachers of the Archdiocesan Greek-American Schools of the New York area. The Schools represented included: The Cathedral School of the Holy Trinity, , the Greek-American School of Zoodohos Peghe Church, the A. Fantis Parochial School of Sts. Constantine and Helen, the D&G Kaloidis Parochial School of Holy Cross, the St. Demetrios Greek American Day School, and the St. Nicholas William Spyropoulos School.

Upon the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy Archbishop Elpidophoros addressed the students both in Greek and English on the life and works of the Three Hierarchs and the importance of learning and the notion of *Paideia*, as well as our Greek Orthodox faith and Hellenic heritage.

Following the Liturgy, young students of the Cathedral School of the Holy Trinity presented a short but emotionally moving program of narration, poems, songs and hymns about the Three Hierarchs and Greek Letters. His Eminence concluded the celebration with the cutting

of the traditional Vasilopita for the teachers and students with the coin of blessing going to the St. Nicholas William Spyropoulos School of Flushing, NY.

Present in the Liturgy were the Consuls General of Greece Dr. Konstantinos Koutras and of Cyprus Mr. Alexis Phedonos-Vadet.

