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Congregants of Greek Orthodox parish in Maryland show appreciation for priest with drive-by



Members of the St. George Greek Orthodox congregation in Bethesda, Maryland, showed their appreciation for their parish priest, Fr. Dimitrios Antokas, and his tireless holding of Easter Week services in an empty cathedral, by holding a drive-by procession in front of the church after Easter Sunday.

In a statement to local media, parishioner Frances Solovieff said "…Usually for Holy Week, we're all here every day, for different liturgies and different services. It's an all-week event…But this year, Father has been here all by himself and we've been watching him online via YouTube and he seems so lonely and misses all of us…"

Solovieff, a teacher, explained that area pupils had held a social distancing parade, which was the inspiration for a similar drive-by after Easter in order to wish Fr.

Dimitrios ‘Christos Anesti’.

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Still in the United States, NYC-area media are referring to a “Greek Easter Miracle”, with the recovery of 102-year-old Sophie Avouris from COVID-19.

Avouris, a native of Greece who immigrated to America as a teenager, was recovering from hip surgery at a local nursing home when she contracted COVID-19 last month. Her family never thought she’d make it but last week she was able to move out of the COVID unit and while the facility is still on lockdown, she was able to receive phone calls from family.

