

## **45th Clergy Laity Congress - First-Ever Virtual - Concludes**



### **45th Biennial Virtual Clergy-Laity Congress September 9 & 10, 2020 “...The Greatest of These is Love” (1 Cor. 13:13)**

New York, NY – The 45th Clergy Laity Congress, a first-ever virtual event concluded today after a successful Plenary Session. All necessary resolutions for the proper operation and administration of the Archdiocese were effected in an atmosphere of professionalism and Christian brotherhood.

In his Opening Remarks to the Plenary Session, Archbishop Elpidophoros offered the following remarks:

“At this 45th Clergy Laity Congress, let us commit to our God and to one another that we will embrace our high calling in Christ. Let us ‘lift up our eyes unto the hills from whence our help comes.’[1] Let us pursue a course for our Church in America that gives back without ever giving up. That gives sacrificially. That gives because we have been so very blessed. I thank you all for your commitment to sacrifice and to service. May the Lord bless each of you, your families and Parishes, as we journey together in fellowship to the ever-growing Kingdom of God.”

The 45th Greek Orthodox Archdiocese Clergy Laity Congress concluded with an Archiepiscopal Exhortation and final Blessing.

Tomorrow, on September Eleventh, Archbishop Elpidophoros will be joined by family members of Orthodox Christians who perished on 9/11 for a Memorial Service in front of the Saint Nicholas National Shrine at 12:00 noon.

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