

## **Archbishop Elpidophoros Completes Visits to All Parishes, Chapels and Monasteries Within the Archdiocesan District**



On Sunday, October 18, 2020, Archbishop Elpidophoros of America celebrated the Divine Liturgy at Ss. Constantine & Helen Greek Orthodox Church in Silver Spring, MD. With this visit the Archbishop has been to all of the parishes, chapels and monastic communities located within the Archdiocesan District, which comprises the states of New York, Connecticut, Maryland, the District of Columbia and also the Bahamas.

In his Homily at Ss. Constantine & Helen Church, Archbishop Elpidophoros noted the occasion saying: "It has been said, 'last but not least,' as this wonderful community of Saints Constantine and Helen does, indeed, now complete my visitations of all the Parishes of the Archdiocesan District. However, I would rather say, 'I saved the best for last!' Being with you in your new Temple and community is a proud moment for me, because this famous community was, in fact, the very first parish visited by His All-Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew on his

Apostolic Visit to the United States in October of 1997. And today, my friends, we celebrate your community — not only its venerable history, but its future as a leading parish of our Archdiocese.”

Immediately following his Enthronement in June 2019, His Eminence began his travels not only to communities in the Archdiocesan District but also to parishes nationwide in order to meet as many of the faithful of America as possible. Even with the limitation imposed with the Covid-19 pandemic which required postponing travels, he continued as soon as the safety of the faithful could be assured.

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