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ANTIOCHIAN CATHEDRAL ADDED TO NEW YORK REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES



After 17 years of hard work by the parish community, St. Nicholas Antiochian Orthodox Cathedral in Brooklyn has been added to the New York State Register of Historic Places.

The parish prepared an 80+-plus submission that led to the honor being bestowed by Governor Kathy Hochul, the cathedral reports.

The final step is the cathedral’s nomination to the national register. Results are expected in 2-3 months.



According to Ann-Isabel Friedman, Director of the Sacred Sites Program of the New York Landmarks Conservancy, “the nomination is also a potential conduit for exterior repair funding” from the Conservancy.

According to an article in the Brooklyn Daily Eagle, “The church was built as St. Peter’s Protestant Episcopal Church, but since 1920 it has been the St. Nicholas Antiochian Orthodox Cathedral. As such, it played a key role in fostering the Arabic-speaking Orthodox Christian community in Brooklyn during the 20th century.”

“New York’s historical places are priceless treasures that help us connect with the past and our state’s rich heritage,” commented Governor Hochul. “These nominations reflect the fantastic breadth of the state’s history and the prominent role New York has played in events that helped to sculpt our nation. These additions to the historic registers will help ensure there are resources available to protect these iconic places and that their stories will inspire us long into the future.”

In June, the street on which the cathedral sits was renamed “St. Raphael of Brooklyn Place” in honor of the great American saint.

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