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Archbishop Elpidophoros Presides over the Divine Liturgy at St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church and National Shrine for the feast day of St. Nicholas



On Wednesday, December 6, 2023, His Eminence Archbishop Elpidophoros of America presided over the Divine Liturgy at St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church and National Shrine to celebrate the feast day of St. Nicholas the Wonderworker. In his Homily, Archbishop Elpidophoros acknowledged the significance of Orthodox Christians gathering at this sacred site. “We are surrounded by a vision of Heaven, by the magnificent acts of God for our salvation, by the story of Saint Nicholas, and by the history of this Hallowed Ground...There is a ministry in this place that no other Orthodox Church in our Nation can even approximate. For this Church is more than just a Parish that serves a surrounding community. It is a sacred place, set in a spiritual landscape that has profound meaning for the American People and for the world.”

After the service, His Eminence tonsured Ilias Katsiklis as a Reader of St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church and National Shrine. Ilias is the son of Maria Sarri-Katsiklis and Dimitrios Katsiklis, Master Chanter and Pastoral Assistant of St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church and National Shrine.

Read His Eminence's full Homily [here](#).

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