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Archbishop Elpidophoros of America Makes Pastoral Visit to St. George Orthodox Church in Yonkers, NY after Community Center is Destroyed by a Fire



Today, December 14, 2023, His Eminence Archbishop Elpidophoros of America made a pastoral visit to the community of St. George Orthodox Church in Yonkers, NY whose community center was completely destroyed by a fire early in the morning on Tuesday. The church and center were purchased this year to establish a house of worship for a community of Jordanian Greek Orthodox Christians who until recently had been holding services at the Greek Orthodox Church of Our Savior in Rye, NY. Present with His Eminence were Archdiocesan District Chancellor Fr. Elias Villis, parish priest Fr. Soterios Baroody, Archdeacon Dionysios Papis, and many community members. Rewan Alrabadi, Parish Council Member, offered heartfelt remarks to the Archbishop (read remarks [here](#)). The Archbishop responded by stating that the Archdiocese is always here for the community and will support them with whatever is needed to rebuild.

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