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Celebration of hagiography restoration of Saint Spyridon Church

Despina Afentouli October 15, 2018



Commemorative photo with the Metropolitan of Boston, Metodio (center), the collaborating priests, the members of the Ecclesiastical Council and the Philoptochos of In. Agios Spyridon: "National Herald" - Despina Afentouli.

NEW YORK. With the participation of a crowd, the hagiography restoration of the Sanctuary of St Spyridon was celebrated on October 14 in Washington Heights.

He was attended by the Archdiocese of Divine Liturgy, with Arctoclasia and the Sacrifice of the Holy Icons, the high priest of the Metropolitan of Boston, Metodiou, assisted by the Archdiocese of the Holy Metropolis of Boston, Father Dionysios Papiris, the reverend priests who served the Sanctuary of St Spyridon, (1968-1976), Constantinos Xanthakis (1964-1970), Konstantinos Kobitsis (2001-2006), Evagoras Konstantinidis (2015-2016) and the most renowned Dr. Nikolaos Kazariyan, who serves today.

In his address, Metropolitan Metropolitan of Boston, Methodios, congratulated President Lydia Kallimani and the members of the Ecclesiastical Council on the project, thanks to the collaboration of the council and community participation.

Then he referred to the Evangelical passage of "Out of the Spirits of the Seed of His Seed": "This Temple ... sows the seed of Orthodoxy ... for many decades ... in the hearts, not only those who were born in the Orthodox Church, but also to those who are thirsty to be watered by the plagues of the land of Orthodoxy. "



From the left: The hagiographer, Miltiadis Afentoulis, the general consul of Greece in New York, Dr. Konstantinos Koutras, the Eminent Metropolitan of Boston, Mr. Methodios and the chairman of the ecclesiastical council, Lydia Kallimani. Photo: "National Herald" - Despina Afentouli.

Nicholas Kazariyan thanked the Eminence Metropolitan, Mr. Methodios, the priests who had been assassinated, the general consul of Greece in New York, Dr. Konstantinos Koutras, the hierarchs and the attendants. He called on the president to offer the Metropolitan, Metodio, the beautiful, as he said, icon of Saint Spyridon, arguing that he was made by hagiographer Miltiadis Afentoulis, who, as he announced, restored the holy paintings of the Temple.

The Treasurer of the Ecclesiastical Council, John Psaltos, thanked the President, L. Kallimani, for the project and offered her flowers.

There was a meal in the renovated Temple venue.

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After lunch, Mrs. Kallimani welcomed the attendees to commemorate the restoration of the hagiographies of the Holy Temple, indicating that at the same time, the gathering of the members of the community is celebrated. Addressing His Eminence Metropolitan, Methodios, he mentioned memories of the short time that he served as a priest at the IC. Agios Spyridonos (1980-1982).



Many people honored with his presence the celebration of the restoration of hagiographies in the city of Ioannina. Saint Spyridon. The distinguished Greek Consul General in New York, Dr. Konstantinos Koutras and the Consul of Greece in New York, Lana Zochiou. Photo: "National Herald" - Despina Afentouli.

Among other things, he referred to Father Evagoras, stressing that he assumed duties as a priest's chief of law after a very difficult period for the community. He said that Evagoras stressed the need to restore the wall paintings, which, as she emphasized, literally collapsed:

"The quantities of dust and tobacco that covered the beautiful hagiographies were enormous. We understood immediately that we had to move forward and restore the church with its original decency. "

He explained that the community responded to this call. "We want to thank Miltiadis and Natasha Afentoulis, our hagiographers, who made our dream a reality," Lydia Kallimani said, while at the same time thanking Philoptochos' ladies for the meal, the Ecclesiastical Council, the participants in the event and the attendants . He added, however, that they still need community support.

The Reverend Protestant Dr. Nikolaos Kazariyan stressed inter alia that "Saint Spyridon is called a miracle worker and today we celebrate a new miracle".



From left: Fr. Dionysios Papis, Evagoras Konstantinidis, Fr. Constantine Kalivas, Eminent Metropolitan of Boston, Mr. Metodios, Fr. Constantine Xanthakis, Fr. Konstantinos Kobitsis and P. Nikolaos Kazarian. Photo: "National Herald" - Despina Afentouli.

The general consul of Greece in New York, Dr. Konstantinos Koutras, referred to the historic, as he said, parish of Saint Spyridon, and congratulated them all on the work and on the unionist spirit that exists.

Speaking of the inauguration of the Holy Church of St Nicholas at the "Point of Zero", which was to take place on October 13, 2018, he said that this particular church "is not only Greece. Not just Orthodoxy. It's a lot bigger. So what can we do when we are united ... With the power of God, Omnipotent, Orthodoxy, our Church and Greece will go forward and find themselves where they have to be. "

The Ad. Procurator Alkiviadis Kalyvas referred to the history of the Holy Temple, focusing on the first great restoration that took place when he was still going to Catechiko.

The Metropolitan of Boston, Metodios, said that the Greek Orthodox community was founded by the Minorites, Epirotes, Messinians and others who planted the seed of Orthodoxy on this land. Coming to the parish, he said he remembered the President's grandfather and community leaders, expressing the conviction that they would be proud of the work being done today: "When I entered the church and saw how beautiful it was, I said, 'I thank God'. Father (Nicholas Kazarian) said it was a miracle here: It really was. "

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