



SAINT NICHOLAS

GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH & NATIONAL SHRINE

AT THE WORLD TRADE CENTER

MEDIA ADVISORY

The Saint Nicholas National Shrine at The World Trade Center to Officially Welcome Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew

The Leader of Global Orthodox Christianity Set to Officially Bless the Shrine and Participate in the Elevation of the Cross Atop its Marbled Dome

The [Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America](#) and the [Friends of Saint Nicholas](#) will officially welcome the leader of Global Orthodox Christianity, His All Holiness, Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew on the occasion of the 30th Anniversary of his Enthronement as Archbishop of Constantinople and Ecumenical Patriarch. This milestone makes His All Holiness, the apostolic successor of Saint Andrew the Apostle, the longest serving Primate in the Patriarchate's 1,700 year history.

This ceremony with the Ecumenical Patriarch follows the 20th Anniversary remembrance of the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001, when the Shrine held its annual memorial service and was illuminated with its signature glow for the first time. The blessing and presence of the Ecumenical Patriarch will be a spiritual milestone for the Shrine leading to the complete opening of the re-built Church in April of 2022. The Saint Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church was the only house of worship destroyed on 9/11. Rebuilt as a National Shrine, it was designed by the world-renowned architect Santiago Calatrava and sits atop Liberty Park overlooking the Memorial Pools and the 9/11 Museum. When complete, it will welcome people of all faiths and denominations to remembrance and contemplation, as the only symbol of faith at the World Trade Center.

WHEN: Tuesday, November 2, 2021 at 11:00am
Press Registration opens at 9:00am / Press Must be pre-set no later than 10:00am

WHO: His All Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew
His Eminence Metropolitan Emmanuel of Chalcedon
His Eminence, Archbishop Elpidophoros of America
Members of the Holy Eparchial Synod of America
The leadership of the Friends of Saint Nicholas
Officials of the Port Authority of New York & New Jersey
Federal, State and Local Government Officials

WHAT: The blessing, elevation and permanent installation of the Cross that will sit atop the dome of the church, and a special service in which His All Holiness will open the doors of the Shrine in order to present a special blessing, a relic of Saint Nicholas the Wonderworker himself, which has been brought from the Holy Mountain of Athos.

WHERE: The St. Nicholas National Shrine
130 Liberty Street, New York, New York – World Trade Center

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Important Logistical Information and Satellite Coordinates are below

PRESS LOGISTICS:

- Multi-cam live broadcast footage will be provided via satellite. Coordinates are below
- The event will be live streamed at www.StNicholaswtc.org
- Audio & Mult-Box will be provided.
- TV Quality, HMI lighting will be provided
- There is no parking for Satellite Trucks at the WTC complex for this event.
- All media must present a valid media credential or letter from Editor to obtain an event credential for this event.
- Media Check-In/Registration will be located on the East side of Liberty Park on the corner of Greenwich and Liberty Streets. On-site registration only.
- The procession inside the St. Nicholas Shrine will be pooled.
- There will be work-space provided for writers with power. Wifi is not available.
- There will be 3 stops on the procession and 3 press risers used for this event: 1) The Elevation of the Cross on the East Side of the Church, 2) The Blessing of Sacred Relics recovered from the previous St. Nicholas on the west side of Liberty Park, the site of the old Church and 3) The Door Opening Ceremony inside the construction wall at the doors of the Church. All press will be escorted between stops on the procession
- The procession **inside** the church will be pooled as space is limited.

SATELLITE INFORMATION:

Live Programming Broadcast to begin at 11:00am EST on November 2, 2021

10:30am-12:30 Eastern

14:30-16:30 GMT

US Domestic Satellite

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