



## Archbishop Demetrios in the name of Saint Spyridon in Manhattan

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New York. - By Rebecca Papadopoulou

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Lambra celebrated the historical community of Saint Spyridon in Washington Heath, New York, in memory of the patron saint and patron saint of Saint Spyridon, the Bishop of Trimythus the miracle worker and her namesake.



(<http://www.greeknewsonline.com/wp-content/uploads/2018/12/10photo2-DEMETRIOS-ST-SPYRIDON10.jpg>) Numerous believers, parishioners and pilgrims from other areas of New York, went to the imposing church of Saint Spyridon and participated with reverence and devotion in the sacred sequences of the weekend.

On the 12th of December, on the occasion of the feast day, the Apostle Bishop of the Middle Ages prompted the Divine Liturgy, accompanied by priest Nicholas Kazari and the priests of the metropolitan New York.

The Feast of the Archbishop Elder of America Dimitrios was celebrated by the Great Evening Mass on the evening of Tuesday, December 11, during which the image of Saint Spyridon was taken and an amazing number of brides was offered.



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(<http://www.greeknewsonline.com/wp-content/uploads/2018/12/10photo3-DEMETRIOS-ST-SPYRIDON17.jpg>)Archimandrite Maximos Politis from the parish of Apostle Peter in the Bronx, Fr. Constantine Tsigas, Agapitos Tsounov from Aghia Varvara in Manhattan, Fr. Evangelos Evangelides from the Annunciation of the Virgin Mary in Stamford, Father Georgios Livaditis from the Holy Trinity to Bridgeport and the priestly chief of staff, Nicholas Kazarian.

During his first visit to the historic temple after the completion of the conservation and restoration of his hagiographies, the Archbishop congratulated the donors, community council and parishioners for the great work he had done, saying "it is a temple with history. There have been prominent priests among them Metropolitan Bishop of Boston, Methodius Metropolitan Nea Jersey Evangelos, Father Alcibiades Kalyvas. And it is very important that you renovated it and indeed it became a temple that is bright and beautiful ".



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[SPYRIDON19.jpg](http://www.greeknewsonline.com/wp-content/uploads/2018/12/10photo4-DEMETRIOS-ST-SPYRIDON19.jpg)) The Eucharist thanked Nicholas Kazarian, one of the most educated, as he said, priests of our Archdiocese, for the occasion to celebrate together with the parishioners of Saint Spyridon on this day, as well as the excellent dance of the shrines that shone with in their presence the sacred lectern.

He particularly welcomed the presence among the priests of Constantine Tsinga, whom he remembered from their military service in Greece in 1951, as well as Mr. Ioannis Kourounis, father of Metropolitan Nei Jerseys Evangelos, among the congregation, while he was impressed by the great supply of bread, emphasizing that it is something that shows reverence.

In his sermon the Eucharist emphasized - among others - that "Saint Spyridon, like all the saints, are important elements of life for every age, but especially for our time. The saints and the witnesses carry us not only and generally the presence of God but the concept of holiness, purity, authenticity", the existence of which is an urgent need in a world full of corruption, lie, fraud, injustice like the present.



(<http://www.greeknewsonline.com/wp-content/uploads/2018/12/10photo5-DEMETRIOS-ST-SPYRIDON4.jpg>) The Archbishop welcomed Father Nikolaos Kazariyan saying that it is a special joy and blessing for the parishioners of Saint Spyridon to have their spiritual father and leader close to them and to pray with him on this feast day.

"Saint Spyridon is a beautiful and lively community," said Father Nicholas and thanked the members of the community council who, with the chairmanship of Mrs. Lydia Kallimani, tirelessly carried out the work of the restoration of the hagiographies - which was undertaken by the hagiographer Miltiadis Afentoulis - and work daily to complete community projects, but also all the parishioners and donors who support the "miracle" that is being done daily in the community of Saint Spyridon.



(<http://www.greeknewsonline.com/wp-content/uploads/2018/12/10photo6-DEMETRIOS-ST-SPYRIDON20.jpg>) It is noteworthy that in order to strengthen this great work the community of Agios Spyridon proceeded with the publication of a tasteful volume that includes historical data, while emphasizing the hagiographies that needed to be restored and which can be obtained by the community office or her website, [www.saintspyridon.net](http://www.saintspyridon.net)

Special thanks were expressed by Mr. Nicholas and the Philoptochos Brotherhood, headed by Mrs. Elizabeth Katechis, who took care of the reception in the community hall immediately after Vespers, as well as for the festive meal the following day.

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