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A Warm Welcome!

We warmly welcome all of our visitors! It's good to have you with us!

Prayers for Those in the Healing Ministries – Sunday, Nov. 3rd

will be offered at the Divine Liturgy today, Nov. 3rd, the Sunday following the feast of Ss. Cosmas and Damian, the Wonderworkers and Unmercenary Healers (Nov. 1st). Doctors, pharmacists, dentists, nurses, counselors and all those involved in the fields of health and wellness are asked to come forward near the conclusion of the Liturgy for a prayer and blessing.



St. Michael's Party – Sunday, Nov. 3rd

Today, Sunday, Nov. 3th (the Sunday after Halloween and before the Feast of the Archangels – November 8th) we will have a St. Michael's Party for the children. After the Divine Liturgy, the children will get dressed up as Saints and Angels and have a parade during the coffee hour. Questions, please see Mat. Emily

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3RD

19th Sunday of Pentecost

8:40a.m. Hours
 9:00a.m. Divine Liturgy
 Bsg: Healing Ministries
 Coffee Hour
 St. Michael's Party

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 7TH

7:00p.m. Great Vespers

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 8TH

Bodiless Powers of Heaven

8:40a.m. Hours
 9:00a.m. Divine Liturgy

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 9TH

St. Nectarios of Aegina

5:15p.m. Akathist
 6:00p.m. Great Vespers

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 10TH

20th Sunday of Pentecost

8:40a.m. Hours
 9:00a.m. Divine Liturgy
 Coffee Hour

Feasts of the Holy Angels and St. Nectarios – This Week

The schedule for both of these holy days is on the left.

2014 Calendars & Pocket Planners

can be ordered via the order sheet in the back of the church. The calendars are \$5.00 a piece and the pocket planners \$4.00. The order sheet will be in the back of the church for the next month or so.

Appreciation is Extended

to those who stay after on Sundays to help clean the chapel, coffee hour, and grounds. Thank you and may God bless you!

Safety First

Everyone is asked to be particularly attentive to safety, especially in the parking lot. Parents are asked to please stay with their children at all times or leave them in the supervision of another adult. First-aid boxes are available in both bathrooms.

The Nativity Fast

begins November 15th, and concludes at the Divine Liturgy on Christmas day, December 25th. This 40-day fast is given to prepare us for the celebration of the Lord's birth in the flesh. During this time we should not only modify our diet so we can change our minds and hearts, but we should also seek to avail ourselves of God's forgiveness and grace in the Sacraments of Holy Confession and Communion. Questions? Please see Fr. John.



READER SCHEDULE

Sunday, Nov. 10th

Gabriela Jones

Sunday, Nov. 17th

Kathy Parrish



CASH FLOWS THROUGH 8/31/13					CASH FLOWS IN OCTOBER 2013					FINANCIAL SNAPSHOT		
OPERATING		OTHER		ALL	OPERATING		OTHER		ALL	ASSETS & LIABILITIES – 11/3		
Income	Expense	Income	Expense	Net	Income	Expense	Income	Expense	Net	Checking	Overdue	Due 2/2014
44,465	43,124	29,717	16,883	+14,175	4,320	6,881	1,850	0	-711	+983	0	-7,113

CHURCH NEAR TRADE CENTER TO ECHO LANDMARKS OF EAST ST. NICHOLAS CHURCH, DESTROYED ON 9/11, TO REBUILD WITH BYZANTINE DESIGN

By David W. Dunlap / Published: October 30, 2013 / nytimes.com

A gleaming, monumental and unmistakable symbol of Orthodox Christianity would rise at the south end of the National September 11 Memorial under plans drawn up for the new St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church.

The original St. Nicholas Church was crushed on Sept. 11, 2001, when the south tower of the World Trade Center collapsed. Plans to replace it on the grounds of the new trade center, across Liberty Street from the memorial, have sputtered, stopped and crept ahead in the intervening years. But no images of the new church have been made public.

Until now.

Eight images published recently on the website of the architect Santiago Calatrava, who is designing St. Nicholas, showed a building that would draw inspiration from the great churches of the East: Hagia Sophia and the Church of the Holy Savior in Chora. Both are in Istanbul. The shallow dome of the new St. Nicholas Church will have 40 ribs, as does the dome of Hagia Sophia. Alternating bands of stone on the corners will echo the walls of the Chora church. Though both date to the early centuries of Christianity, they both were later used as mosques before becoming museums.

While that ecumenical provocation may accurately reflect the stated desire of the Greek Orthodox Church to create a space in which all visitors will feel welcome, it will almost certainly ignite a new round of debate over the role of religion at or around the World Trade Center. In 2010, national attention focused on a bitter fight over an Islamic community center and mosque that was proposed nearby.

Mr. Calatrava, the architect of the World Trade Center Transportation Hub, is known for his expressive designs and, sometimes, projects with impressive cost overruns. Certainly, his St. Nicholas, which will include a nondenominational be-
reavement center, will look nothing like the mod-

est old parish church that it is replacing. That was housed in a decrepit 19th-century tavern at 155 Cedar Street with a little rooftop bell cote and cross to announce its purpose.

The new church will occupy the corner of an L-shape block bounded on the north by Liberty Street and on the east by Greenwich Street. Much of this block is already taken up by a large bulkhead being constructed over entrance ramps to a vehicle security center beneath the World Trade Center. The church and a landscaped open space known as Liberty Park will sit atop this bulkhead, a little more than 20 feet above street level.

That a Spanish architect should design a modern Byzantine church in Lower Manhattan for the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America, based on buildings in Turkey that were used for Islamic worship, goes to the heart of the message the archdiocese says it hopes to send with the \$20 million project. The new St. Nicholas is to open by early 2016.

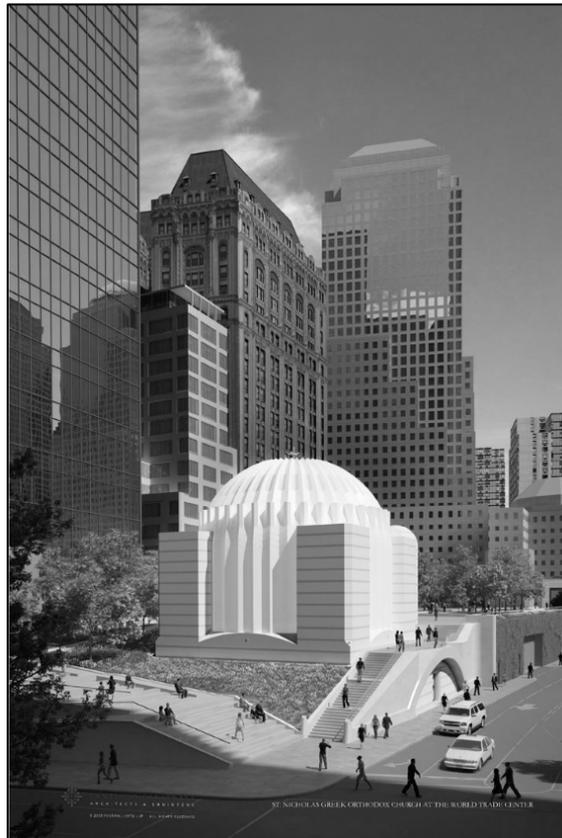
"If I may quote Jesus, 'My house shall be called a house of prayer for all people,' " said the Rev. Mark Arey, a spokesman for the archdiocese. "It will be open to everyone: the believer, the unbeliever, the Orthodox Christian, the atheist. Whoever

you are, this is a space that you can come into and find some meditative solace."

Meditative solace, however, may be elusive in the near term.

In 2011, the American Atheists, a nonprofit group, filed a lawsuit to prevent the inclusion of a cross-shape steel beam from the wreckage of the original trade center in the memorial museum on the site. The suit was dismissed in March.

A year earlier, plans to create an Islamic community center and mosque on Park Place, two blocks north of the trade center, attracted furious criticism. Mayor Michael R. Bloomberg emerged as a forceful defender of the proposal, citing the consti-



ST. NICHOLAS GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH AT THE WORLD TRADE CENTER

tutional protection of worship. Father Arey recalled that Archbishop Demetrios, the primate of the Greek Orthodox Church in America, had stood with the mayor.

"We always defended their right to build a mosque on Park Place," Father Arey said. "We were proud to be with the mayor that day. It was the right thing to do. It was the spiritual thing to do. It was the American thing to do."

While the building has recently served as a prayer space, the full center has not been built.

Comments on the website of the TriBeCa Citizen, which published the renderings, show that some viewers already say St. Nicholas resembles a mosque. The presence of the drawings on Mr. Calatrava's website was noted on Tuesday by The New York Post.

Father Arey said he would welcome the dialogue ahead.

"The dome, invented by the Mycenaean Greeks, was a Christian form of architecture that was borrowed by the Islamic world," he said. "There are going to be some wonderful teachable moments down the road."

Mr. Calatrava was chosen after an invitation-only competition with 12 other architectural firms. His design, Father Arey said, has a "certain gravitas."

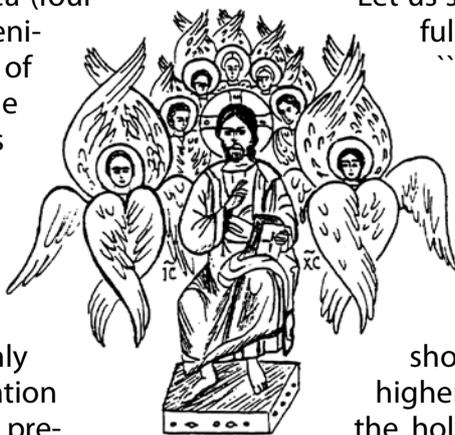
"I believe he has achieved mass without volume," Father Arey said. By that, he meant that the church, which is only 65 feet tall from its floor to the tip of the cross on the dome, conveys the sense of having a substantive presence.

The Port Authority of New York and New Jersey, which controls the redevelopment of the World Trade Center, is to lease the church site for 99 years to the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America, based in New York City. In exchange, the church relinquished the 155 Cedar Street site to accommodate the authority's building plans.

THE HOLY ARCHANGEL MICHAEL AND ALL THE BODILESS POWERS OF HEAVEN

Commemorated on November 8th – From the Prologue of St. Nikolai Velimirovich

The angels of God were celebrated by men from earliest times but this celebration was often turned into the divinization of angels (II Kings 23:5). The heretics wove all sorts of fables concerning the angels. Some of them looked upon angels as gods; others, although they did not consider them gods, called them the creators of the whole visible world. The local Council of Laodicea (four or five years before the First Ecumenical Council) rejected the worship of angels as gods and established the proper veneration of angels in its Thirty-fifth Canon. In the fourth century, during the time of Sylvester, Pope of Rome, and Alexander, Patriarch of Alexandria, the present Feast of Archangel Michael and all the other heavenly powers was instituted for celebration in the month of November. Why precisely in November? Because November is the ninth month after March, and March is considered to be the month in which the world was created. Also, as the ninth month after March, November was chosen for the nine orders of angels who were created first. St. Dionysius the Areopagite, a disciple of the Apostle Paul (who was taken up into the third heaven), described these nine orders of angels in his book, *On the Celestial Hierarchies*, as follows: six-winged Seraphim, many-eyed Cheru-



bim, God-bearing Thrones, Dominions, Powers, Virtues, Principalities, Archangels, and Angels. The leader of all the angelic hosts is the Archangel Michael. When Satan, Lucifer, fell away from God and drew a part of the angels with him to destruction, then Michael stood up and cried out before the faithful angels: "Let us attend! Let us stand aright!

Let us stand with fear!" and all of the faithful angelic heavenly hosts cried out: "Holy! Holy! Holy! Lord God of Sabaoth! Heaven and earth are full of Thy glory!" Concerning the Archangel Michael, see Joshua 5:13-15 and Jude 1:9. Among the angels there reign perfect oneness of mind, oneness of soul, and love. The lower orders also show complete obedience to the higher orders, and all of them together to the holy will of God. Every nation has its guardian angel, as does every Christian. We must always remember that whatever we do, in open or in secret, we do in the presence of our guardian angel. On the day of the Dread Judgment, the multitude of the hosts of the holy angels of heaven will gather around the throne of Christ, and the deeds, words, and thoughts of every man will be revealed before all. May God have mercy on us and save us by the prayers of the Archangel Michael and all the bodiless heavenly powers. Amen.

ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN BUILDS RECORD-BREAKING JESUS STATUE IN SYRIA

By Grace Cuddihy / themoscowtimes.com

A bronze statue of Jesus Christ, taller than the famous Christ the Redeemer statue in Rio de Janeiro, has appeared in war-torn Syria.

The statue, titled "I Have Come to Save the World" was apparently the brainchild of Yury Gavrilov, a 49-year-old Muscovite who runs an organization in London called the St. Paul and St. George Foundation.

The project was backed by both the Russian Orthodox Church and the Russian government, which takes an active interest in Syria, as seen in recent events. Russia also has a navy base on Syria's Mediterranean sea coast.

Despite the statue's Russian connection, it was cast in Armenia and made by an Armenian sculptor, Artush Papoian. Syria's ethnic Armenians have been fleeing the country in droves since the conflict began, to the extent that Armenia has built a new settlement called New Aleppo to house them, the news website Eurasianet.org reported. The settlement is named after the war-torn northern Syrian city where most of Syria's ethnic Armenian population live. Some 7,000 of Syria's ethnic Armenians are now seeking refuge in neighboring Armenia, Armenian news agencies reported.

The Armenian statue was installed Oct. 14, which coincided with two religious holidays — both Orthodox Christian and Muslim. Orthodox Christians celebrate the feast day of the Protection of the Most Holy Virgin Mary and Muslims celebrate Kurban Bayram.

Though all military activity was suspended in the region while the statue was being installed, the project has been in the works since 2005 and is not related to the current military crisis in the country, Komsomolskaya Pravda reported.

The statue is located on a mountaintop near the city of Saidnaya. The statue is near the Monastery of the Cherubim, perched above the historic pilgrimage route from Constantinople to Jerusalem and is 2,100 meters above sea level.

The statue stands at 39 meters tall together with the plinth, which is taller than Rio de Janeiro's Christ the Redeemer statue, which stands at 38 meters. The enormous statue can be seen from neighboring countries Lebanon, Jordan, Palestine and Israel.

The director of Gavrilov's St. Paul and St. George Foundation, Samir el-Gadban, commented on the importance of the statue in the war-torn country and expressed his hopes for the future.

"We hope that this sculptural composition brings peace and love to the hearts of people and that our work will help restore peace and calm in this long-suffering region," he told Komsomolskaya Pravda.



NOVEMBER CONGRATULATIONS!

Birthdays:

- 11/2 George Kaloroumakis
- 11/8 Andrei Labai
- 11/16 Oscar Hageman
Vladimir Bozic
- 11/27 Isabelle Bekeshka
- 11/29 Jacob McFarland
Lydia Sandul

Namesdays:

- 11/8 *Holy Angels*
Michael Cook
Michael McFarland
Richard (Michael) Evanusa
Michael Barbarita
Gabriel Morsey
Gabriela Jones
- 11/20 *St. Gregory Decapolite*
Gregory Parsells
- 11/24 *St. Catherine the Great*
Katherine Cook
Kathy Parrish
Catherine Lupiwok
Kathryn Rose Barbarita
- 11/30 *St. Andrew the Apostle*
Andrew Hageman
Andrei Labai
Andrei Ovidiu Bernatchi