



SAINT SOPHIA GREEK ORTHODOX CATHEDRAL

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Greek Orthodox Cathedral Celebrates Consecration

Washington, DC — Saint Sophia Greek Orthodox Cathedral, located on Massachusetts Avenue and 36th Street NW, will be celebrating its Consecration on May 9 – 10, 2015. The Consecration represents the baptism of the church as it will be ceremonially cleansed and anointed as a holy place of worship. On Saturday, May 9th, the Cathedral's youth will celebrate the community's diverse parish life and learn about the spiritual meaning of the Consecration service through a variety of educational activities. In the afternoon, the holy relics or bones of three martyr Saints will arrive at the Cathedral, be prayed over during a Vespers service, and remain in the altar until their interment in the Cathedral's altar table the following day. The relics of the three Saints to be interred include those of Saint Panteleimon, Saint Barbara and Saint Kyrikos – representing a male saint, a female saint and one of the church's few known child saints. Saturday evening the congregation will celebrate its vibrant, 111-year history at a grand banquet at the Ritz-Carlton Hotel in Georgetown. On Sunday, May 10th, morning prayers (Matins) will begin at 7:45 a.m. with the Consecration service itself starting at 9:15 a.m. followed by the Divine Liturgy at 11:00 a.m. The officiating hierarchs and clergy will include His Eminence Archbishop Demetrios of America, Primate of the Greek Orthodox Church in America; His Grace Bishop Andonios of Phasiane, Chancellor of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America; the Reverend Dr. Steven Zorzos, Presiding Priest of Saint Sophia Cathedral; the Reverend Dimitrios Lee, Assistant Priest of Saint Sophia Cathedral; the Reverend Dr. John Tavlarides, Presiding Priest Emeritus of Saint Sophia Cathedral; and Archdeacon Panteleimon Papadopoulos. The celebration will conclude at 1:00 p.m. where a general reception will be held on the Cathedral's grounds.

About Saint Sophia Cathedral

Saint Sophia Cathedral was originally established by Greek immigrants in 1904 making it the seventh oldest Greek Orthodox church in the United States. The community assumed its current location at the intersection of Massachusetts Avenue and 36th Street in 1955, and the Cathedral's cornerstone was laid by President Dwight D. Eisenhower with His Eminence Archbishop Michael, Primate of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of North and South America, in 1956. Saint Sophia was elevated to the status of a Cathedral on February 18, 1955.

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