



THE  
**SAINT NICHOLAS NATIONAL SHRINE**  
AT THE WORLD TRADE CENTER

**GROUND BLESSING CEREMONY**

“UPON THIS ROCK I WILL REBUILD MY CHURCH.”

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2014**  
12:00 P.M.

A Ground Blessing ceremony for the St. Nicholas National Shrine at the World Trade Center is set for Saturday October 18, 2014 at 12:00 p.m. The ceremony will include a service of blessing of the site (*aghiasmos*) and a doxology (*a service of thanksgiving*).

The small Greek Orthodox Church of Saint Nicholas, which was established in 1916, was completely obliterated on Sept. 11, 2001 when the South Tower fell. The new Saint Nicholas National Shrine will be rebuilt only a short distance away at 130 Liberty Street, overlooking the 9/11 Memorial.

His Eminence Archbishop Demetrios of America will preside at the historic event with the participation of the hierarchs of the Holy Eparchial Synod of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America. It will be attended by dignitaries and officials of the City of New York, officials of the States of New York and New Jersey, chaplains and interfaith representatives, family members of victims of 9/11, representatives of Archdiocese institutions and organizations and many faithful Orthodox Christians.

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