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Archbishop Elpidophoros of America visits the National Hellenic Museum

Leader of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America tours museum, including new exhibit *Legacy, Renewal & Unity: Celebrating 100 Years of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America*

CHICAGO (October 16, 2023)—The [National Hellenic Museum](#) (NHM) in Chicago's Greektown neighborhood was honored to welcome His Eminence **Archbishop Elpidophoros of America** to the museum last Friday, October 12, for a tour of current exhibitions, including the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America's centennial exhibit [Legacy, Renewal & Unity: Celebrating 100 Years of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America](#), which is on display now through February 11, 2024, as part of NHM's ongoing commitment to the Greek American community.

Archbishop Elpidophoros was accompanied at the museum by NHM Board of Trustees Chairman **John P. Calamos, Sr.** and NHM Board of Trustees Executive Committee members **Demetrios (Jim) Logothetis, Yanni Sianis, Peter Parthenis** and **Kenneth Kondraros**. During the visit, His Eminence toured the entire museum, providing him with the opportunity to witness captivating works by Greek American artists, including the sculpture exhibition *Hellenic Heads* by George Petrides and the photography exhibition *Gather Together: Chicago Street Photography* by Diane Alexander White, as well as NHM's permanent exhibition *Reaching for the American Dream: The Greek Story in America*.

Archbishop Elpidophoros also toured the new exhibition *Legacy, Renewal & Unity: Celebrating 100 Years of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America*, which includes the special exhibit *Archons of the Ecumenical Patriarchate: Protecting the Future of Faith*. Last year, members of the Greek Orthodox church and community came together to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the Archdiocese (1922-2022), the legacy of the church and the breadth of the organization's impact. The exhibit was designed to help people from both within and outside of the Greek community understand and celebrate the history of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America, and offers a multi-media experience incorporating audio, video, and physical artifacts from the Archdiocese archives.

Legacy, Renewal & Unity: Celebrating 100 Years of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America is on view at the National Hellenic Museum (333 S. Halsted Street, Chicago) now through February 11, 2024. The museum is open Thursday through Sunday from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Tickets are \$10 and include admission to all exhibits, with special discounts available for seniors, students and children. Admission to the museum is always free for NHM Members. [For more information on current exhibitions, events and memberships, visit \[nationalhellenicmuseum.org\]\(http://nationalhellenicmuseum.org\) or call 312-655-1234.](#)

The *Legacy, Renewal & Unity* exhibit was made possible through a generous grant from Leadership 100 to the Archdiocese's Centennial Committee, which also provided the funding for its presence in Chicago. The exhibit was conceived, created and produced by a collaborative team from the Archdiocese and A. Stein Production, Inc. of New York City. It is on display at NHM as part of the museum's commitment to the Greek American community.

The **National Hellenic Museum** (NHM) is a premier US museum dedicated to sharing Greek history, art, culture and the Greek American story. NHM preserves the Hellenic legacy and makes this rich heritage relevant today through its extensive collection of more than 10,000 physical artifacts, hundreds of oral histories, exhibitions, educational programs and special events. Originally founded in 1983 and located in Chicago's historic Greektown neighborhood since 2011, the museum provides lifelong learning for the community and sparks inquiry and discussion about the broader issues in our lives and society. Regular museum hours are Thursday through Sunday from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. For more information, visit nationalhellenicmuseum.org or call 312-655-1234.

The **Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America**, with its headquarters located in New York City, is an Eparchy of the Ecumenical Patriarchate of Constantinople. The mission of the Archdiocese is to proclaim the Gospel of Christ, to teach and spread the Orthodox Christian faith, and to energize, cultivate and guide the life of the Church in the United States of America according to the Orthodox Christian faith and tradition. For more information, visit goarch.org.

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