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**Metropolitan Apostolos of New Jersey
Offers Memorial Service for 9/11 at
St. Nicholas National Shrine**

Westfield, New Jersey –

On Monday, September 11, 2023 His Eminence Metropolitan of New Jersey, representing His Eminence Archbishop Elpidophoros of America offered the Memorial Service for the victims of 9/11 at St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church and National Shrine located at Ground Zero. Twenty two years after this infamous day in our history, with the rebuilding of St. Nicholas this was the first time a Memorial Service was offered on 9/11 at the National Shrine. His Eminence assisted by various clergy from New York and New Jersey prayed for the victims of 9/11 and their families, especially for the Katsimatidis and Kousoulis families who were present for the Memorial praying for their beloved John and Danielle who lost their lives on that most tragic day. In his remarks His Eminence said that “all of these innocent people who lost their lives on this day are Holy and are Martyrs, because God is Holy...and when they realized their time on earth was ending I believe they reached out to God for his love, his safekeeping of their souls, and for His protection of their families.” Following the Memorial Service, His Eminence together with the Clergy and faithful present at the Church traveled to the 9/11 Memorial in order to offer a Moment of Silence in honor of the victims of September 11th.





