



SECTION IX

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With the blessings of His Eminence Archbishop Elpidophoros of America, the community of the Transfiguration of Christ Greek Orthodox Church commenced its centennial celebration on Palm Sunday, April 5, 2026. His Eminence presided over the Orthros and Divine Liturgy for Palm Sunday.

It was 100 years ago, on Palm Sunday April 25, 1926, when the community celebrated its first Divine Liturgy in that modest space that had been transformed into a church. A small group of the first parishioners of the community opened the door of the first Church for Jesus Christ to enter triumphantly, sitting in the love of those Christians, who opened and built at the same time the future of our Church and our Orthodox Community in Corona.

Many parishioners from the past and present participated in the celebrations expressing pride in our shared history, our unique journey, and the many accomplishments of the community.

His Eminence noted the “particular joy of celebrating a feast of triumph and victory alongside a community that has itself overcome great trials, including a fire nearly nine years ago that caused extensive damage to the church, and which

the community met with resilience and renewal befitting their parish's name.”



As Fr. Chrysostom noted in his speech “Our past gives us life in the present, and offers us the path to our future. We are proud of our past; we have overcome many challenges and difficulties. We are proud of our present. We envision the future, with optimism, love and humility.”

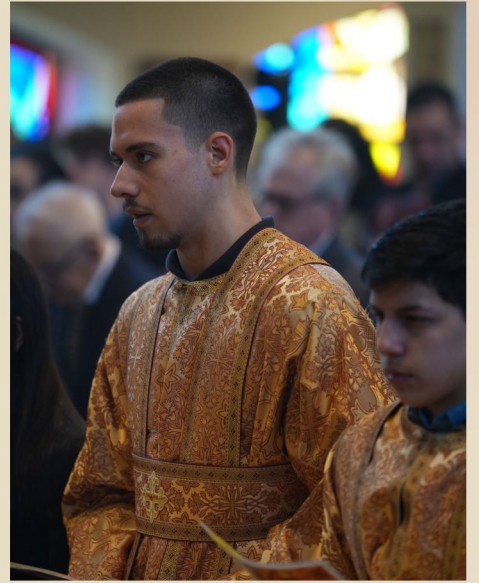
The centennial festivities will continue with a gala celebration scheduled for May 16, 2026.















Father Chrysostom Panos officially presenting the Centennial Banner to H.E. Archbishop Elpidophoros and to the parishioners (photo above). After the Centennial year is over, the banner can be adjusted accordingly (photo below) for future usage.









H.E. Archbishop Elpidophoros and Father Chrysostom Panos with members of the Parish Council, of the "Anagennisis" Philoptochos Society and of William Poll's family.







