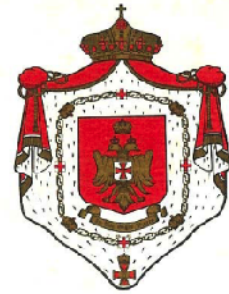




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## **A Miracle of St. Nicholas**

*Should there be Financial Independence for Greek Orthodox Parish Church Properties?*

*Have the U.S. Judicial Courts Ruled the Metropolitanate Bishopric Hierarch Structure Presiding Always Have Unconditional Control of All Church Properties?*

A Miraculous Miracle at St. Nicholas Orthodox Church in Ft. Pierce, Florida, took place on March 22, 2009 in the church hall during a General Assembly meeting of parishioners.

At the General Assembly meeting a preliminary report on the budget was handed out to the parishioners to discuss. Archbishop Haralambos, also a member, noticed that the report did not include the vendor portion donated proceeds of earnings of \$1,500, in which he personally dedicated his efforts and time along with the staff of St. Michael Evangelical Orthodox Ecclesia at this year's festival, held on March 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>. He inquired of the treasurer of St. Nicholas and asked why it wasn't in the Financial Report because as Archbishop Haralambos explained, "The purpose was an outward sign of unity among sister Orthodox Christians." This witness should be made clear.

He is very assertive and is disappointed and his heart aches as he reflected on Orthodox churches and parishes and archdiocese possessing a great heresy of "disunity amongst each other within and externally, notwithstanding the differences that exist among the churches and dioceses." He continued to reflect on the Jesus' Prayer, unity "on earth as it is in heaven" as the meeting began.

Tony Economy, a church elder and founder, challenged the chair and became upset when he saw that the report stated that St. Nicholas Orthodox Church had a new assessment and owed money to the Archdiocese and Metropolitanate in Atlanta, Georgia. In open forum General Assembly, the chair was discussing this matter with Mr. Economy, an Archon, who was insisting that no archdiocese should have financial control over this local parish, and that St. Nicholas Orthodox Church was founded as an association in property ownership and therefore in Tony's own words, "We owe them no money."

Parishioner Economy, still arguing this point, had a seizure or heart attack. (Apparently, there was a former growing assessment laid at the church's step by the archdiocese that had accumulated to the amount of \$56,000.) This was forgiven and waived by the Archdiocese,

since the church was in dire need of money to continue to remain open to the community and could not pay the \$56,000.

Archbishop Haralambos told Fr. Constantine to follow him to Tony, who was now lying on the floor. They said a prayer over Tony and Archbishop Haralambos anointed his head, making the Sign of the Cross. It was the Sunday of the Elevation of the Cross in Orthodoxy. This was not done for last rites, but for the Sacrament of Healing (Holy Unction), citing the words: “Onoma tou Patros kai tou Uiou kai tou Hagious Pneumatos.” (In the Name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.)

Let it be documented now that Tony immediately sat up in a chair, fully recovered! This was the miracle! Not only does the church hold liturgies, but it believes in the healing sacrament and miracles. At this point Archbishop Haralambos said very loudly, “Tony, you are 110 percent in the right.” The chair condescended on the side of the Metropolitanate in Atlanta; citing Christian fellowship principles were at issue.

The ambulance and fire truck that arrived did not carry Tony away that day. The Lord intervened through the hands of anointed priests who are crying out loudly for unity!!!! That is the Prayer of our Lord, John 17:11, “that they may be one as We are.”

*You decide: Was there a healing from our Lord of a seizure or heart attack on Sunday, the Elevation of the Cross celebration? Nevertheless, the fire rescue team left empty handed. Doxa si, Kirie, doxa si. (Glory to You, O Lord, glory to You.)*

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