



ΟΙΚΟΥΜΕΝΙΚΟΝ ΠΑΤΡΙΑΡΧΕΙΟΝ ΙΕΡΑ ΜΗΤΡΟΠΟΛΙΣ ΚΙΣΑΜΟΥ & ΣΕΛΙΝΟΥ

Kissamos, Oct. 2018

Fr. John A. Peck

Rector, All Saints of North America Orthodox Chrch, Sun City Arizona

Dear father John,

Only a few days after the great and blessed day of the inauguration of the Holy Pilgrimage Temple of Saint Nikephoros the Leper at His homeland, Syrikari of Kisamos in our Metropolis, a ceremony officiated by His All Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomeos and other Church Leaders praying along, namely His Beatitude Patriarch of Jesrusalem Theophilos, His Beatitude Archbishop of Cyprus Chrysostomos, representatives of the Patriarchate of Romania, of the Autocephalous Churches of Greece, Albania and Poland, His Eminence Archbishop of Crete Irineos, the presence of the President of the Hellenic Republic and participation of more than four thousand pilgrims from Crete, the whole Greece and elsewhere, I am contacting you and the people of All Saints North America Orthodox Church in Sun City, Arizona, as well as the hermitage chapel of St. Nikephoros the Leper in Glendale, Arizona, USA, thanking you for sending us the sum of 500\$, which you were kind enough to raise during your Parish feast, a Parish which has just completed one year of life and operation.

It is true that all of us who were responsible for the construction and equipment of the Holy Temple of Saint Nikephoros the Leper lived a miracle, as, when the works started, the special committee that had been created according to the Law (Fund Raising Committee) only had 15,000€ in its resources! Yet, being faithful that Saint Nikephoros would help build His own house at His homeland and just a few metres away from His paternal house, we started the construction procedures and, thank God! the Saint enlightened and guided tens of hundreds of people, who have been helped by Him in their life, to offer from the abundance of their love and, as a result, have this beautiful Holy Temple ready, fully functional and inaugurated in only 5 months! Moreover, the Saint found a person who took complete care of the renovation of His paternal house, which was also included in the pilgrimage, being located only a few metres away from the Temple! We, therefore, thank you and your parishioners fr. John, for you have also contributed with your love and prayer to this miracle. I truly

hope that one day you can organize a pilgrimage trip from your Parish to come and venerate as well as officiate the Divine Liturgy in the Temple of our Saint.

Thanking you again for your offering of love, I wish you great blessings from our Holy God through the Embassies of our Holy father Saint Nikephoros the Leper.

May God be with you always,

Amfilochios



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Amfilochios", written over a horizontal line.

Metropolitan of Kissamos and Selino