



Ribbon Cutting for Doulaveris Nursery School

Agaismo for the opening of Michelis Center



Preparing to create the Doulaveris Nursery School



The Michelis family attend opening day events-Dec. 2007



## *Saint Nicholas Celebrates 60 Years*

*1955-2015*

### *Phase III of our expansion begins in March 1997*



The Third Phase of our building program began in March 1997 with the acquisition of the property next door to the Church (the Blake Realty building). In 2003, the Church was able to purchase two homes next door to the Church, which along with several previous home purchases has allowed the Church to prepare for the building of a community center alongside the school building. The groundbreaking for the Michelis Hellenic Cultural and Educational Center took place on December 6<sup>th</sup>, 2004 and formally opened on December 2, 2007. It houses the Petros Sarantokos Hall, the Despina and Michael Yarian Gymnasium, the Venita Lorrans Parish and School Library and the Niarchos and Vasilios and Anastasia Kartsonis Classroom Wing.



Preparing for Construction

A Historic Day In The History of The Greek Orthodox Shrine Church of St. Nicholas, His All Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew of Constantinople-the leader of Eastern Orthodoxy, visits St.Nicholas on March 17, 2004



The little Church that began on Beech Avenue in 1955 with 200 families has become The Greek Orthodox Shrine Church of St. Nicholas on Northern Blvd with over 1800 families reaching today beyond Flushing to Orthodox faithful in further eastern Queens and Nassau counties and is now one of the largest Greek Orthodox Communities in the United States of America. Happy Anniversary to the "big Church on Northern Blvd". To our 100<sup>th</sup>!



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