



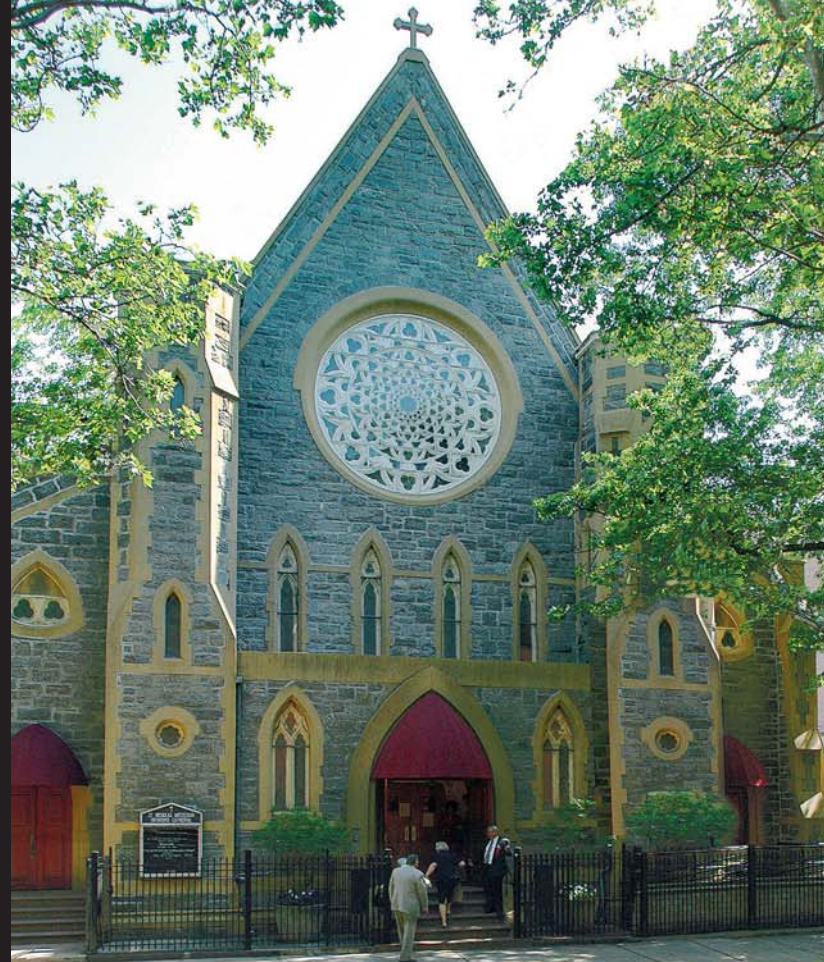
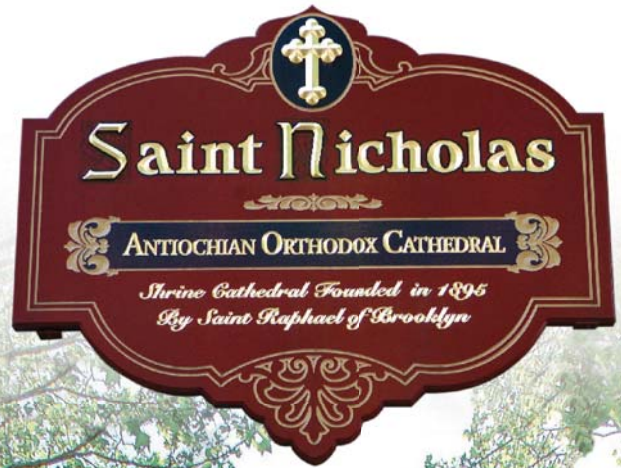
Shrine containing a portion of the relics of St. Raphael of Brooklyn who established the Cathedral community in 1895.



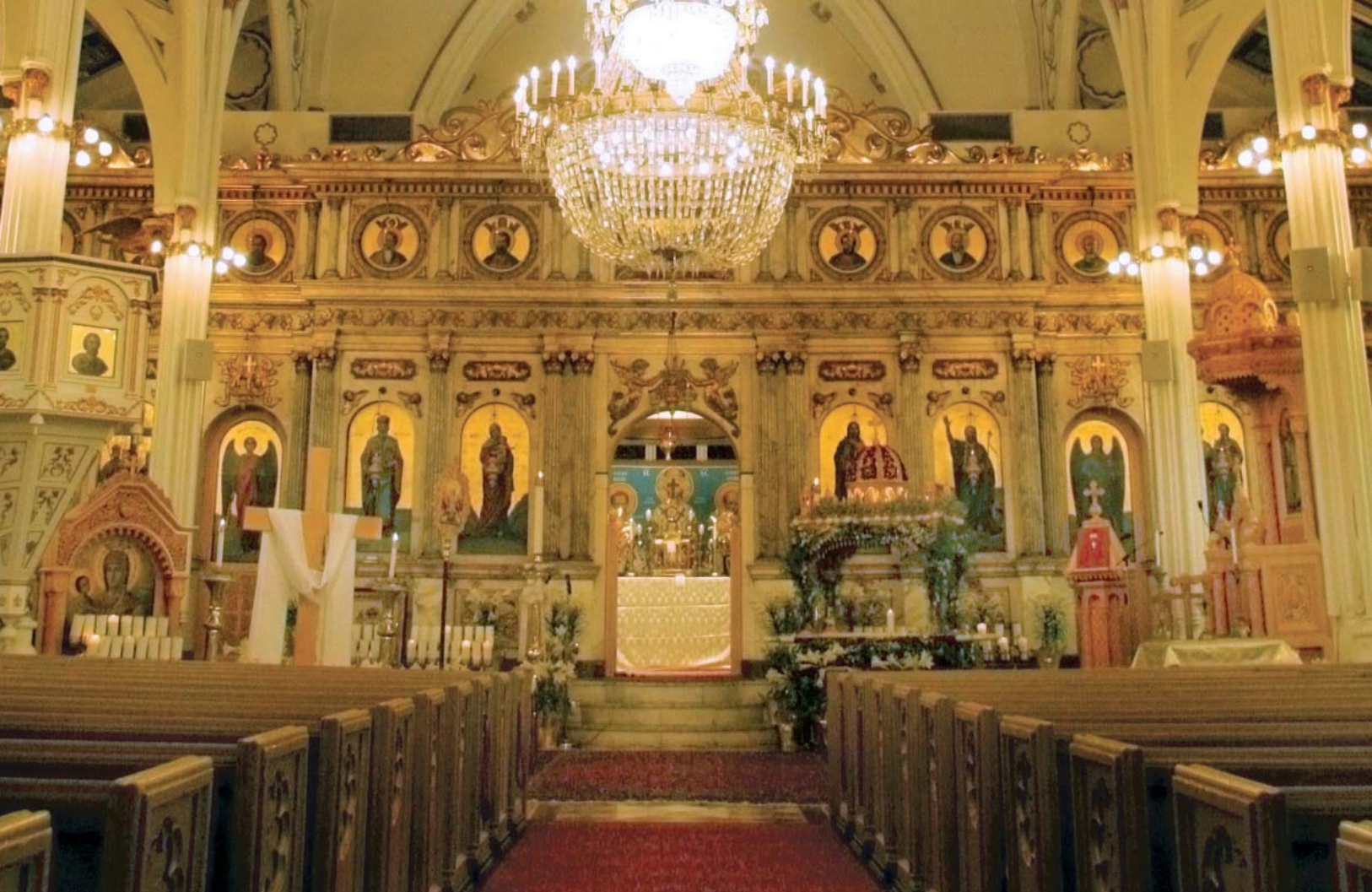
This church was built in 1857 and was known as St. Peter's Episcopal Church. In 1920, it was purchased by the Orthodox community which had been established in lower Manhattan in 1895 by St. Raphael of Brooklyn and later moved to 301-303 Pacific Street in Brooklyn in 1902.

St. Nicholas Cathedral became the seat of the "Syro-Arab" Mission of the Russian Orthodox Church, and today is the Mother Cathedral of the Self-Ruled Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese of North America. We welcome you to enjoy the beauty and history of this sacred space.

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- The Orthodox Church was established on the feast of Pentecost as recorded in the Holy Bible in the Book of Acts and has maintained the Apostolic faith until the present day.
- The Orthodox Church is a worldwide family of about 14 autocephalous or self-ruling churches, all in communion with each other. Each autocephalous church is headed by a patriarch or an archbishop and is based on geographical territory. Each church shares the same faith and doctrine and is in communion with the others.
- The Self-Ruled Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese of North America is part of the “Greek” or “Roman” Orthodox Patriarchate of Antioch and all the East with its center in Damascus, Syria on the Biblical “Street called Straight” (Acts, 9:11). The Patriarchate of Antioch is one of the five ancient sees of Christendom and it is in Antioch that the Disciples were first called Christians (Acts 11:26).
- The Archdiocese of North America consists of the United States and Canada and is made up of nine dioceses and about 260 parishes and missions. The head of the archdiocese has the title “Archbishop of New York and Metropolitan of all North America.” Auxiliary bishops help the Metropolitan oversee the various dioceses throughout the one archdiocese.
- St. Nicholas Cathedral is the oldest parish, and therefore the “Mother Church,” of the Self-Ruled Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese of North America. As such, it is the seat of the Metropolitan Archbishop.
- We welcome you to join us in prayer and ask questions about our Cathedral in particular or the Orthodox Church in general. For more information on our archdiocese, the history of our Cathedral, the life of St. Raphael of Brooklyn and what we believe, please visit our website at www.stnicholascathedral.org or www.antiochian.org.

“This is the faith of the Apostles. This is the faith of the Fathers. This is the faith of the Orthodox. This is the faith which has established the universe.”