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OBJECT NAME Photograph

ACCESS POINTS SS Constantine and Helen

OBJECT DESCRIPTION

Color photograph of the new (1976-present) SS Constantine and Helen Greek Orthodox Church interior. Photo is taken facing the doors. There are three arches, with the doors in the center arch behind glass. Above the doors there is a gathering of people with halos around their heads. In the arches to either side of the doors, there are three panels of stained glass each. In each panel, there is a depiction of a religious person. There are four light fixtures visible. Each light fixture is circular, with smaller lights attached to the circle. In the middle of the church there are pews, and the dome is visible in the top right corner. The dome looks red in color. The church is also carpeted in red, and appears to have stains on it going down the aisle. The photograph is placed on a black piece of paper which has faded to a brownish color/

ORIGIN

The Greek Orthodox Church is governed by a council of Bishops, called the Holy Synod. They are known for their tradition of iconography, and their use of the Divine Liturgy on Sundays.

Helen was the mother of Constantine. They are credited with placing Christianity at the heart of Western civilization. Helen is noted for her piety while Constantine was an Emperor in the Roman Empire when Christianity was becoming the dominant religion.

CITATION

Photograph, *National Hellenic Museum*, <https://collections.nationalhellenicmuseum.org/Detail/objects/>. Accessed 04/27/24.