



**OBJECT ID**

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**OBJECT NAME**

Photograph

**ACCESS POINTS**

SS Constantine and Helen

### OBJECT DESCRIPTION

Four black and white scanned photos of the four churches that have been SS Constantine and Helen Greek Orthodox Church in Chicago. Above the pictures, there is a quote that says "In the Churches Praise Ye the Lord". The first church is in the top left corner, and is a sketch. It has three domes, each with a cross on the top, as well as a cross on the top of the central arch. The entrance has pillars and is topped with a triangle. The background is black. Below it, it reads "First Church 1909-1926". The second picture, in the top right corner, is a head-on picture of a church. It has a bell tower on the right side. The church has a pointed top with a cross on it and a circular piece of stained glass in the middle. The entrance has three doors. The photo looks rather washed out. Below it: "Second Church 1927-1947". In the bottom left corner, there is a picture from the side of the church. It has a dome with windows directly below it. There is a large rectangular portion of the church jutting out. There are also cars parked in front. Below it "third Church 1948-1972". The bottom right corner has the fourth church. This photo is taken from an angle. The church has a dome with a cross on top. On the left side of the photograph, there is a rounded portion with tall openings. There are three more openings in the middle of the photograph.

### 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.