

St. Photios Greek Orthodox Shrine 2019 Annual Essay Contest



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The St. Photios Foundation, Inc. invites all teenagers, 13-19 years of age to submit a 1,000-word essay to the St. Photios Essay Committee to participate in the annual Essay Contest.



Prizes are awarded to the top three essays:

**1st place wins \$500
2nd place wins \$250
3rd place wins \$100**



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Essay writers should answer this question thoughtfully and thoroughly:

There are 21 relics of saints of the early Church enshrined in the St. Photios Chapel. There are a dozen artifacts including, the St. Photios cross, on exhibit in the museum. The ecclesiastical items of Father Gregoris Eliades of blessed memory are lovingly displayed, commemorating the five martyrs of Semendria and the "Divine and Holy Gospel/ Dedicated to the ever Blessedness and Exalted Patriarch of Jerusalem, Lord Chrysanthos Notaras, Venice: By Nikolao Saro, 1754."

How do we, as Orthodox Christians, relate to these sacred and historically significant treasures?

The document should be submitted double spaced with a cover page including the following details: Essay title, your name, address and phone number, home parish and its location.

The Committee accepts submissions through January 6, 2020. The essays are judged by an independent panel. The results will be posted February 1, 2020. The essays become the property of St. Photios Greek Orthodox National Shrine.

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