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Field report

Ivisited the St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church, last week. I was fascinated to see this historical church of the Greek Orthodox community. St. Nicholas crowds yearly Epiphany festival on January 6. In this festival, schoolboys of age 16 to 18 hangout into Spring Bayou to regain good luck for the successive year. The visitors told me that this festival is the major occasion in the hemisphere with thousands of attendants. I saw a figure of an epiphany swimmer is positioned in anterior side of the church. The main building was designed by the Eugene Brothers of Chicago in 1943, demonstrated in fragments after Hagia Sophia. It is a native milestone which has been highlighted on picture postcards in Gothic Revival styles. Renowned geographies comprise 23 marked crystal windows nearby the dome portraying incidents of lifecycle of Jesus and Saints. Hand-made by Joseph V. Llorens of Atlanta. Inside the dome are three huge chandeliers introduced from Czechoslovakia. In 1939, the bench was initially part of the Greek exhibition at New York fair. The inner is splendidly ornamented with images, numerous by Greek iconographer. 41 images, supported by numerous associates of the community, were transported here in 1952. December 4, 1969, the image of Saint Nicholas was detected to have droplets of humidity, and various deliberate it a Weeping Image.

The public hints its past related to John Cocoris, a native of Arcadia, Greece. Visitors told me that he settled here and turn out to be a wealthy exfoliator swimmer and trader. The Greeks started moving here from other parts of the world for trading purpose. The inhabitants were large in number to be supported by Greek Orthodox Church at that time. There were postcards displayed depicting that the first construction of the church was completed at a cost of $300 for land and $3500 for construction. Later, the community constructed a college here in 1925. By 1935, the community has expanded the first church and initiated a scheme for raising money toward existing construction. The construction was initiated in 1941 and was finished in 1943. It was sponsored by Achbishop Athenagoras at Epiphany. St. Nicholas was an important focus of public with main festivals neighboring Epiphany, Greek Independence Day, and Orthodox Easter. Worshiping this, the Tarpon Springs Panel of Officials approved a resolution labelling the city the "Epiphany City" of the United States in 1975 (Davis, 2018).

### Foundamental beliefs

Catholics are, leading and primary, Christians who trust that Jesus Christ is the Son of God. They also share some principles with Christian communities, but critical Catholic views comprise the Bible, Baptism, Holy Trinity and God’s Ten Commandments. The Bible is the revealed manuscript of God. Baptism is essential for deliverance whether the Baptism happen by water, blood or wish. God’s Ten Commandments deliver an ethical direction, a standard of living (Hornsby-Smith, 2009). The presence of the Holy Trinity that is a belief of one God in three persons. Catholics identify the harmony of body and soul for all human beings. So the entire religion cores on the fact that humanity stands among the two worlds of substance and soul.

### Appearance of sect

Although faith remains significant in the lives of various Americans, the 2014 Spiritual Landscape research discovers that Americans as an entire population have developed rather less spiritual in current years. Approximately, nine-in-ten Americans (89%) have faith in God according to the spiritual landscape study. Liberty of faith is considered by numerous people to be an essential human right. In Florida, with a state religion, liberty of faith is usually reflected that is the government allows spiritual practices of all sects also the state religion. It does not oppress followers in other beliefs. Liberty of faith is diverse as it permits the right to consider what an individual, crowd or religion desires (Adibe, 2012). However, it does not certainly permit the right to exercise the faith or belief openly portraying others wrong. This is the reason here in South Florida, almost all of the religions have the liberty to practice and exercise their own beliefs and religious activities. The liberty of faith is announced to all the communities existing in Florida.

**Art and symbols of the Religion**

The idea of symbolism has been predominant in catholic human philosophy, community structure, and spiritual system. Their symbols and codes show a vigorous role in their life. These are articles upon which opinions and prayers are concentrated. The opinion of these symbols act as marks of belief, learning tools, and helps on the passage towards accomplishing their targets in life (Hornsby-Smith, 2009). For example, the crucifix is a sign of sacrifice and compensation, displayed in churches, agreeing from the Bible, Jesus expired due to the evils of the world. Also the alpha and omega symbols communicating the sureness of the belief that God exists.

**Dress and articles of clothing**

Religious outfit is a dress which is worn in order to practice religion, custom or implication to a faith. It comprises of religious outfit such as robes and other garments. Accessories comprise of caps and wedding jewels. They entail their women and men to look in community and public places with clothes of modest size, sleeves also of modest size. Furthermore, they entail their men to imitate according to the bible standards.

**Forms of ritual and Religious festivals**

The Classical Catholic church celebrates seven ceremonies including Baptism, Holy orders, Matrimony, Penance and the Eucharist. Extreme Unction is also celebrated by this community. The Protestant church only celebrates Baptism and the Eucharist since these only can be verified from Scripture. Various kinds of Christianity celebrate diverse holidays announced by the government and perceive holy days. However, all customs observe the next 6 holy days that are, Christmas on 25th December as mark of the birth of Jesus Christ. Epiphany on 6 January as mark of the Voyage of 3 Rulers to worship Jesus in Bethlehem. Good Friday as the Friday before Easter. It remembers Jesus’ desire (sorrow). The Easter as a mark of the revival of Jesus from the vault. Ascension is the Forty days after Easter, on this day, the rise of Christ to paradise is remembered (Kahn, 2010). The Pentecost as the seventh Sunday next to the Easter is celebrated. It marks the succession of the Holy Soul upon the believers, which initiated the effort of the Church.

# Conclusion

It’s a faith and trust system that values human life. In Catholicism, a normal Catholic, trusts manhood and God collectively. This enables them to believe success over evil. They believe the positivity over discomfort and sorrow. They believe in positivity above all the powers of darkness that will constantly occur in life. The opinion is to stay positive and comprehensive in all aspects of life. Catholicism awards countless gifts in the form of charity towards humanity. Particularly today, when it’s easy to feel stuck in the air of annoyance, doubt, negativity and misery, it is very easy for someone to become hopeless. Together they celebrate life which indicates that God’s name is carved upon all of the souls. The trust that natural life is worthy and prized, this separates Catholicism from other various religions. No matter what encounters or harsh periods may happen life would be appreciated in catholic principles.

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