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The Key Largo Grotto

"I went to the Grotto and lit a candle for Rodney Nelson," my friend Barry Watson told me. "Yeah, it's around the corner from my house. A tiny church where anyone can go," he said.

I was intrigued. Nelson was a good friend of ours who recently passed away. It's a personal and heartwarming tribute to light a candle there. And it is a magical

In the heart of Key Largo at MM 99.7, turn right onto Bay Drive (just north of Wendy's) and then take a quick right onto Poinsettia Drive, and you're there. Built by Taki Theodosiou and tended by his family with love, it is the most amazing (and could be the world's tiniest) church in the shape of a grotto. It's a miniature chapel built in 2009 and named after St. John The



Taki Theodosiou

Baptist and Yani Theodosiou, Taki's father.

where there are 20 monasteries. The stained glass The photographs on the windows were hand crafted walls were brought here from by Taki. The candle there has the Holy Mt. Athos in Greece been burning for 12 years



and is symbolic in the Greek Orthodox religion. It is there that Theodosiou's daughter Joanna finds much peace and inspiration. Joanna has sat in the little chair inside and written over 20 beautiful songs. She sings like an angel.

The littlest church in Key Largo is open to the public, as it was built for us all.

We have a message from the Theo family "All we ask is that whoever enters will find peace as we have, and will thank God for all he does for us. We hope you will trust and believe in God, no matter what nationality or religion you are, and will find peace as you enter this small place with so much love to offer. May you be blessed and may you find peace and happiness as we have here at our little Church."



