The Annual
ARCHON WEEKEND
October 20–22, 2017 · New York City

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A weekend to focus on our efforts to secure religious freedom for the Mother Church of Constantinople and to recognize Nobel Peace Prize nominees

EMILIA KAMVISI
and EFSTRATIOS VALIAMOS

as Athenagoras Human Rights Award recipients, representing the fishermen of Lesbos and the Greek Islands, and also to recognize the accomplishments of

ARCHON JOHN A. CATSIMATIDIS

as the recipient of the Nicholas J. Bouras Award for Extraordinary Archon Stewardship

Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew and Pope Francis meet with refugees in Lesbos, who have fled the war-torn Syria and Iraq, April 2016.
Joint Meeting of National Council and Regional Commanders

Private meeting with members of the National Council and Regional Commanders who will offer an overview and briefing of regional Archon activities in their respective Metropolis.

Nicholas J. Bouras Award For Extraordinary Archon Stewardship Award Presentation and Dinner Dance

All Archons, Archons-elect and family members are invited as we begin the evening with a cocktail reception, followed by an elegant dinner and formal presentation of the Nicholas J. Bouras Award for Extraordinary Archon Stewardship to **JOHN A. CATSIMATIDIS**, Archon Notarios by His Eminence Archbishop Demetrios Geron of America, Exarch of the Ecumenical Patriarchate and the National Commander. After the presentation program, the evening concludes with festive dancing and fellowship where Archons, Archons-elect and their families meet and socialize within the Archon family.

The Award is named after the late National Vice Commander Nicholas J. Bouras, Archon Depoutatos, who had demonstrated during his lifetime remarkable leadership as a faithful son of the Ecumenical Patriarchate and extraordinary Archon stewardship of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America.
Orientation Breakfast for Archons-elect and their spouses
Archons-elect and their spouses will gather for an orientation presentation by the National Commander who will offer a multi-media program reviewing the awesome responsibilities and roles of Archons, who are advocates of religious freedom and serve as Defenders of the Faith.

Archon General Assembly
All Archons, Archons-elect and spouses are expected to attend the annual meeting to discuss the vision and strategy to secure religious freedom for the Ecumenical Patriarchate. Specific religious freedom programing, formal committee reports and other items of concern regarding the well-being of the Ecumenical Patriarchate will be presented thereby offering an open Archon forum for deliberation. Archons-elect will be introduced to Archbishop Demetrios and a group photo of the Archon Class of 2017 will be taken.

Archon Agape Luncheon
All Archons, Archons-elect and spouses are invited to attend our annual Agape Luncheon which will feature a keynote speaker.

Archon Boot Camp
Chairman John Zavitsanos and Archon Committee members will address Archons-elect as they are about to assume the serious responsibility to defend the Holy Mother Church.

Athenagoras Human Rights Award Banquet
The black-tie gala is the Archon premier event and fundraiser which begins with a one-hour cocktail reception, followed by the introduction of the dais and the presentation of the 2017 Athenagoras Human Rights Award to Nobel Peace Prize nominees EMILIA KAMVISI and EFSTRATIOS VALIAMOS, representing the fishermen of Lesbos and the Greek Islands, with Archon Reince Priebus, former White House Chief of Staff serving as Keynote Speaker.
Matins and Procession of Archons and Archons-Elect

CATHEDRAL UNDERCROFT · Archons and Archons-elect will assemble in Cathedral undercroft for a group portrait and additional instructions. Then all Archons will process into the Cathedral together for Matins.

Archiepiscopal Divine Liturgy and Investiture of the Class of 2017

ARCHDIOCESAN CATHEDRAL OF THE HOLY TRINITY · The morning begins with the celebration of the Divine Liturgy by Archbishop Demetrios with Metropolitans and assisted by Bishops and visiting Clergy. At the conclusion of the service, new Archons will be invested and presented with their Offikia and Cross of Saint Andrew.

Archon Fellowship Reception

CATHEDRAL CENTER BALLROOM · Following Divine Liturgy and the Investiture of the Class of 2017 Archons, an Archon Fellowship Reception of Thanksgiving hosted by the Order of Saint Andrew is offered in the adjacent Cathedral Center ballroom.
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