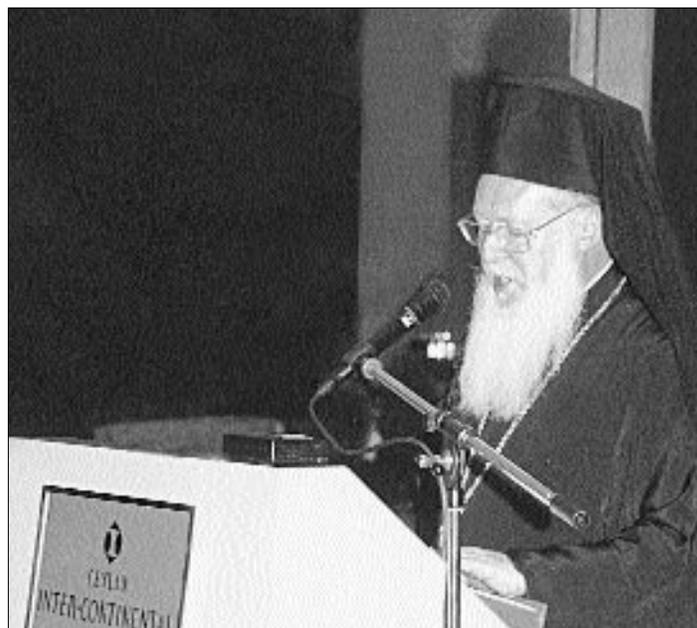




Archons Return Inspired from Pilgrimage to Holy Land and Ecumenical Patriarchate



The Archons of America journeyed to the Holy Land, Mt. Sinai and the Ecumenical Patriarchate on a religious pilgrimage that was spiritually rejuvenating; they retraced the steps of Jesus Christ, and they revitalized their commitment to the worldwide mission of the Holy Mother Church as they visited Ecumenical Patriarch BARTHOLOMEW at the Phanar in Istanbul. Inspired by the words of His All Holiness, the Archons returned to America energized, encouraged and focused on promoting unity and love among the Greek Orthodox faithful in America, determined to enhance the sacred bond with the Ecumenical Patriarchate.

Archon National Commander Dr. Anthony J. Limberakis and National Secretary John Halecky Jr. led the Archon Millennium Pilgrimage as they retraced the steps of Jesus Christ, visited the St. Catherine Monastery in the Sinai Peninsula, climbed to the top of Mt. Sinai where Moses received the Ten Commandments, and extended their love, respect and fidelity to His All Holiness, the

Ecumenical Patriarch and spiritual leader of 350 million Orthodox faithful.

While visiting Halki, where the famous Patriarchal School of Theology once functioned freely and was subsequently closed by Turkish authorities in 1971, an Archon Symposium took place entitled *The Contribution of the Ecumenical Patriarchate to Orthodox Theological Education*. The Symposium, moderated by Dr. Spiro J. Macris, featured presentations by His Eminence Metropolitan Chrysostom of the Senior See of Ephesus, renowned theologian and the most senior member of the Holy and Sacred Patriarchal Synod, and Prof. Vasilios Stavrides noted Orthodox scholar. In addition to the pilgrims in attendance at the Symposium, there present were, American Consul General Frank Urbancic and other members of the American Consulate, His Eminence Metropolitan Maximos, presiding hierarch of the Diocese of Pittsburgh, Fr. Stanley

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Harakas, noted Greek Orthodox theologian and retired professor of Hellenic College/Holy Cross School of Theology, and Fr. Thomas Hopko, Dean of the St. Vladimir Orthodox Seminary in New York. His Eminence Metropolitan Apostolos of Agathonikia, abbot of the Monastery of the Holy Trinity on Halki who hosted the visiting clergy, Archons and American diplomats while touring the holy island. During the panel discussion that concluded the Symposium, American Consul General Frank Urbancic stated, "The United States very strongly believes that this seminary should be reopened. It is not an issue we are prepared to drop."

The Archons witnessed the Service of Indiction on September 1st at the Patriarchal Cathedral of St. George at the Phanar, marking the commencement of the ecclesiastical New Year, and where Orthodox hierarchs from around the world majestically and with great Byzantine decorum signed the spiritual registry. While at the



Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew with Commander Limberakis, Secretary Halecky and American Consul General Frank Urbancic.

Phanar the Archon leadership had several private consultative meetings with His All Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch BARTHOLOMEW to receive his advice and direction regarding the activities of the Order of St. Andrew.

The final evening in Istanbul was highlighted by an elegant Grand Banquet in honor of His All Holiness BARTHOLOMEW, at which time a \$100,000 donation was presented to the Ecumenical Patriarchate to facilitate its sacred mission of love, unity and salvation. (Since 1998, over \$600,000 has been transmitted to the Patriarchate by the Order of St. Andrew.) This elegant evening event was attended by members of the international diplomatic corps including the Hon. Frank C. Urbancic, Consul General of the United States in Istanbul, the Hon. Manolis Apostolakis, Consul General of the Hellenic Republic, the Hon. Ludwig Wundsam, Consul General of Austria and dean of the diplomatic corps in Istanbul, the Hon. Klaus Bucher, Consul General of Switzerland, the Hon. Roberto Pietrosanto, Consul General of Italy and the Hon.

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His All Holiness Bartholomew
Ecumenical Patriarch
September 3, 2000

Khaled Rady, Vice Consul of Egypt. The following ranking hierarchs of the Synod were in attendance, including Their Eminences Metropolitan Chrysostom of the Senior See of Ephesus, Metropolitan Joachim of the Senior See of Chalcedon, Metropolitan Meliton of Philadelphia and Metropolitan Demetrios of Sebasteia who had represented the Ecumenical Patriarchate during the most recent Clergy Laity Congress in Philadelphia. At the banquet, representatives of the Balukli Hospital were present to acknowledge a \$6,000 donation from the Order. Indeed, a visitation by the American Archons who toured the medical facility and nursing home upon arriving in Istanbul, brought great joy to the patients and residents of the medical complex. In addition, a check for \$3,000 for the Halki School of Theology was presented to His Eminence Metropolitan Joachim, chairman of the Trustee Committee for the Sacred Monastery of the Holy Trinity on Halki, the site of the seminary now closed.

During the Banquet, His All Holiness BARTHOLOMEW honored Fr. John A. Limberakis who recently retired, with the Patriarchal Pectoral Cross for his 51 years in the active priesthood. He also recognized the 48-year wedding anniversary of Archon and Mrs. Angelo Koukoulis.

Overlooking the Bosphorus at the Istanbul Intercontinental Hotel, scores of Archons, pilgrims, and dignitaries at the Banquet applauded the inspiring and uplifting words of His All Holiness:

You have been appointed Archons of the Order of St. Andrew of the Holy Great Mother Church of Christ for the purpose of carrying the banner of the Ecumenical Patriarchate and to be defenders of the faith. The Church recognizes and appreciates your tireless efforts, and challenges you to continue walking the path which She has placed before you.... We urge you to continue to defend the Holy Great Mother Church with love, faith, and life, under the inspired leadership of His Eminence, your worthy archpastor and our beloved brother in Christ, Archbishop Demetrios....Your presence here in the Holy See as true defenders of the faith is not only heartfelt but also very important to the Mother Church."

The Archons in the Holy Land

Participants in The Archon Millennium Pilgrimage left New York on August 22d and were met in Jerusalem by Archbishop Theophanis of the Jerusalem Patriarchate and Father Parthenios, abbot of the Monastery of the Holy Cross in the valley of Jerusalem, a monastic community that dates back to the time of St. Helen (AD 4th cent.). These distinguished clerics, representing the Jerusalem Patriarchate, accompanied the American pilgrims throughout the Land of the Bible and offered detailed his-

Archpastoral Message

November, 2000

*As the First-called of the Apostles,
and the very brother of their Leader
do Thou, Andrew, intercede to the Lord of all,
that peace may be given in the world, and to our souls
the Great Mercy. (Apolytikion of St. Andrew)*

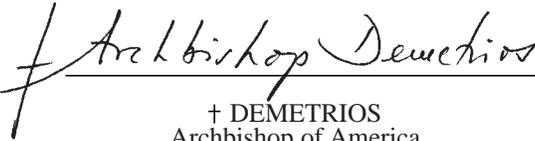
Dear Dr. Limberakis, National Council
and Devoted Archons of the Ecumenical Patriarchate,

I offer to each and every one of you my paternal greetings and heartfelt best wishes as you participate in the continuation of the Apostolic mission of the Holy Mother Church and fulfill the obligation of your office as Archons and *Defenders of the Faith*.

The many activities and programs you have initiated this past year including the Archon Millennium Pilgrimage, the development of the travel book for the Ecumenical Patriarchate, and the plans for the CD-Rom on the Mother Church, reflect your devotion to the Ecumenical Patriarchate. May the Gospel message of salvation and the living apostolic mission of His Church continue to resound through the Order's initiatives and activities.

With my appreciation and thanks for your creative work, I pray that the call of St. Andrew the Apostle, beckons each of you to ever greater acts of discipleship in the Spirit of the Ecumenical Patriarchate, for the glory of His name, and the protection and advancement of His Church.

With paternal love in Christ,


+ DEMETRIOS
Archbishop of America

torical and catechetical instruction at all the Holy sites. Also accompanying the group was Fr. John A. Limberakis, the Commander's father and recently retired priest after 51 years of



His Eminence Archbishop Demetrios, Exarch of the Ecumenical Patriarchate

service to the Archdiocese of America, who had previously led some ten pilgrimages to the Holy Land.

The pilgrims sailed across the Sea of Galilee starting from Tiberias, pausing in the midst of the lake to recite the Lord's Prayer in Greek, English and Slavonic, arriving at the town of Capernaum, and to read Biblical accounts of the disciples fishing, Christ walking on the water, Jesus' selection of the Twelve, and many more. They venerated the birthplace of Christ in Bethlehem, the raising of Lazarus in Bethany, and when they arrived at the shrine of Cana of Galilee, where Christ changed water into delicious wine, married couples reaffirmed their wedding vows by chanting the "□ Ÿ□□□, □ ½BXB...". Gospel lessons along the way were read and discussed; lessons were read en route to the various shrines. Pilgrims traveled on two ultra-modern buses, fully air-conditioned. They came to the site where Christ preached the Beatitudes and the Feeding of the 5000 Men. When they arrived on Golgotha where Christ was crucified, a *Trisagion Memorial Service* was offered for the repose of the souls of all deceased Archons. Midnight liturgy was celebrated at the Holy Sepulcher where the American pilgrims received Holy Communion; it was celebrated by His Beatitude Christodoulos, Archbishop of Athens and All Greece, who was on his own pilgrimage to the Holy Land. Father Limberakis was among the concelebrants.

All pilgrims were blessed ceremoniously while wading the shores of the River Jordan; they also were driven to an isolated region, passing through military checkpoints, to view the original site where St. John the Baptist baptized Christ, and to view the celebrated Monastery of the Forerunner, now in ruins as a result of the Six-Day War; the area is now patrolled by the military, a

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**TOAST OF HIS ALL HOLINESS
ECUMENICAL PATRIARCH BARTHOLOMEW**

*At the Banquet Given in His Honor
By the Archons of the Order of St. Andrew
During Millennium Pilgrimage*

“Beloved brothers in Christ, our fellow hierarchs, Esteemed Archons, gracious wives, dear family members: Beloved in the Lord: Grace and peace from God be with you all.

“In the Holy Scriptures there are many instances of the trial of Faith. Think of Noah, of Abraham when he was commanded to leave his native land to go where he did not know, of Moses when he was sent to Pharaoh, of Job when he was struck by affliction, our Lord in Gethsemane praying to His Father. As a matter of fact these numerous references connote, among other things, acts of faith; and since the Incarnation of Christ on earth many saints, martyrs, confessors, and holy fathers have died defending the faith.

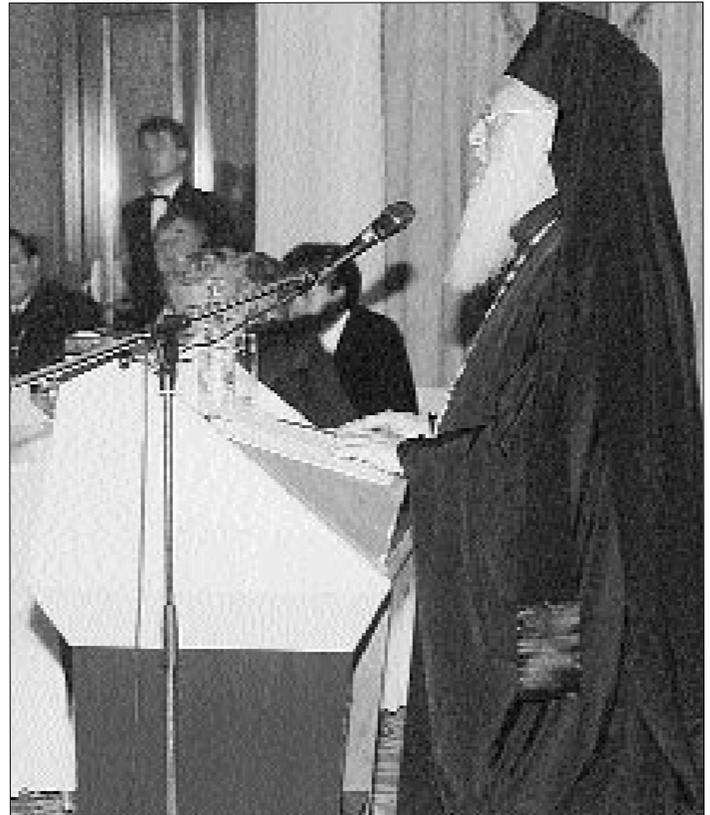
“For us Orthodox Christians, the pinnacle of our faith is reached when attending the Divine Liturgy. Here, in Communion with our Lord, we express our gratitude to Him for His salvational crucifixion and for His presence among us. And when we draw near to the Holy Step of the Altar, the priest calls us, “With faith, love and the fear of God... [Let us approach to receive Holy Communion].”

“You have been appointed Archons of the Order of St. Andrew of the Holy Great Mother Church of Christ for the purpose of carrying the banner of the Ecumenical Patriarchate, and to be defenders of the faith. The Church recognizes and appreciates your tireless efforts, and challenges you to continue walking the path which She has placed before you.

“Elie Wiesell, the 1999 Athenagoras Human Rights Award recipient, once said in an interview with US News and World Report: ‘The opposite of love is not hate, it’s indifference. The opposite of art is not ugliness, it’s indifference. The opposite of faith is not heresy, it’s indifference. And the opposite of life is not death, it’s indifference.’ We urge you to continue to defend the Holy Great Mother Church with love, faith, and life, under the inspired leadership of His Eminence, your worthy archpastor and our beloved brother in Christ, Archbishop Demetrios.

“Tonight we gather as a family, and it is in this spirit of family, companionship and friendship that we are here together once again at the Mother Church of Constantinople.

“We sincerely hope that you have been spiritually renewed in your pilgrimage to the Holy Land, and that you have replenished your own wellspring from the ancient spring and ongoing witness of this Holy See. Your visit at this time compliments the gatherings of so many events celebrating 2000 years since Christ’s incarnation on earth. From all over the world Orthodox Christians have come to visit the Holy See. It is less than a month ago that the Youth from every corner of the globe was gathered here for the International Youth Conference, and just this last week theologians participated in an International Scientific Conference. And in November, a World Clergy Laity Conference, like no other, will be summoned here in our beautiful and historic city, celebrating the most glorious of things, the presence of the Lord here on earth.



His All Holiness addresses the Archons

“Your presence here in the Holy See as true defenders of the faith is not only heartfelt but also very important to the Mother Church.

“We now raise our glasses and toast you and your families, Esteemed and Beloved Archons. May our Lord and God, whom we all serve, grant you every good and perfect gift that comes from above.”

**Personal Reflections on the
September 1-6, 2000
Archon Pilgrimage to the
Ecumenical Patriarchal**

By Michael F. Parlamis, Archon Nomophylax

The first impression one has when visiting the Ecumenical Patriarchate is its simplicity, modesty and compactness. The entire Patriarchal compound is spread over just a few acres in one of the poorest districts of present-day Istanbul—known as the *Phanar* District. The Patriarchal Church of St. George is smaller than most Greek Orthodox churches here in the United States. During our stay, Archons and their wives attended two services at St. George: a four-hour service on Friday, September 1 which marked the Indiction of the New Millennium Ecclesiastical Year 2000, and a two and one-half hour Divine Liturgy service on Sunday, September 3. During both services one sensed the long-term continuity that the Orthodox faith has to its traditions in the conduct of religious services. His All Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew

presided over both services.

During our stay, Archons were privileged to visit the Sacred Patriarchal Monastery of Baloukli, where, in a modest courtyard, fifteen of our most recent Patriarchs are buried. It is most moving to walk past the tombs of former Patriarchs, such as Athenagoras and Dimitrios, which are spaced no more than two feet apart and configured in a courtyard approximately 40 feet wide and 60 feet long. Grant's Tomb in New York City alone is at least five times larger than the entire Patriarchal Cemetery.

That our Patriarchs have been buried in this setting says much about their modesty and humility in how they regard their own roles as leaders of the Orthodox Church in this world. For those who have visited other cemeteries and tombs around the world, one can hardly find a more modest final resting-place than that selected by our Patriarchs. Having visited Russia, I reflected on how our Patriarchs' final resting-place differed from that of Lenin's Tomb in Moscow, a tomb almost half the size of a football field. Indeed, the patriarchal resting-place is more reflective of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and His own modest tomb where He was buried after His Crucifixion. Our Patriarchs are in a final resting-place with a royalty of spirit rather than a royalty of surroundings.

This sense of modesty and simplicity pervades all the rest that one sees at the Patriarchate. The Patriarch enjoys a well-appointed yet modest-sized office. He has a throne and reception room to receive guests and dignitaries, yet, it is not large—it can accommodate no more than thirty people at one time. He has a private dining room that accommodates no more than twenty people. To be sure, and in every way, the Patriarch's physical surroundings are in no way near the scale of either the Vatican or the White House. To those who believe that small is better, then a treat is in store for them when they visit the Patriarchate.

In addition to Baloukli, the Archon Pilgrimage had the privilege of attending a symposium on the Orthodox responses to the latest developments in the area of human genome advances. This symposium, led by Metropolitan Chrysostom of the Senior See of Ephesus, was held on Saturday, September 2, at the [now] closed School of Theology on the island of Halki, Princess Islands, Sea of Marmara. Symposium attendees included: Metropolitan Maximos of Ainou, presiding hierarch of the Diocese of Pittsburgh; Rev. Stanley Harakas, former director of the Brookline School of Theology; Rev. Hopko of St. Vladimir School of Theology in New York; and Mr. Frank C. Urbancic, U.S. Counsel General to Istanbul, Turkey.

At this meeting, the Archons once again reaffirmed the request that the Government of Turkey must allow the reopen-

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Archons at the church of the Holy Sepulcher

ing of the School at Halki (after 29 years of being closed) if Turkey wishes to be listed among those countries espousing a doctrine of "religious freedom." The Turkish News carried the Associated Press story about this declaration and the Archons' position regarding the Theological School at Halki, particularly the strong statements issued by Commander Archon Anthony Limberakis and Archon Demetrios Costaras calling for the reopening of this important Patriarchal Institution. They stated that the Archons would oppose Turkish entry in the European Union unless the Turkish government relaxed their opposition to reopening the School at Halki. Visiting Halki was an inspiring yet sad experience, and I was left with a sense that our Holy Patriarchate needs even more help than I had previously supposed.

For a facility presumably owned by the Ecumenical Patriarchate, one sensed that it was really owned or controlled by the government of Turkey, in as much as the photograph of Kemal Attaturk appeared more often than that of anyone else in, no less, a school of theology—a religious, not a secular institution. I was really frustrated by this overzealous display of Kemal Attaturk, until it was also pointed out to me that Attaturk also appears on every denomination of Turkish currency. (In the U.S., we, at least, honor many different national leaders on our currency).

Although I was privileged to have two dinners and one lunch with His All Holiness Patriarch Bartholomew, the ceremonial aspects of my pilgrimage did not alter my overall view that I was visiting a church in captivity—actually, a church in a sort of low-security Turkish jail. To those who have not had the experience of visiting the Ecumenical Patriarchate, I can only say that until you do so, all opinions as to the future of the Patriarchate should be held in reserve. As far as I am concerned,

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forbidden no man's land. On their return, the buses passed through several checkpoints armed with Israeli soldiers.

The Archon Millennium Pilgrims were received by His Beatitude Diodoros, Patriarch of the holy city of Jerusalem and all of Palestine and Holy Zion at a private audience, at which time formal greetings were exchanged with Commander Limberakis and a donation of \$2500 was transmitted to the Jerusalem Patriarchate. At a reception later in the evening honoring the Archbishop of Athens, the Archons were formally introduced to the mayor of Jerusalem Ehud Olmert and several members of his staff. While in Jerusalem, the pilgrims from America had an extensive meeting with Samuel Avyatar, the Mayor's Advisor of Christian Affairs, gaining insight into the religious, political and geographical issues of the region. In addition, a social meeting with His Beatitude Christodoulos, Archbishop of Athens took place, and greetings with the Archons were exchanged.

As the Archon Millennium Pilgrimage continued, the holiest of sites were solemnly visited and venerated: the birthplace of the Virgin, St. Anne's Church, the pool of Bethesda where the paralytic was healed by Christ (suffering for 38 years, silently and patiently), the ancient shrine of the Ascension of our Lord on the Mount of Olives where the legendary footprint of Christ can be seen, the Russian Church of St. Mary Magdalene, the Garden of Gethsemane where Christ agonized before His betrayal, and a short distance away where the Dormition Shrine of Mary marks her falling asleep.



Archons with Diodoros, Patriarch of Jerusalem

***St. Catherine's Monastery on Mt. Sinai
where Mose's received
the Ten Commandments***

From the Holy Land, the Archon Millennium Pilgrims journeyed through the Judaeen desert southward to the desolate Sinai

Peninsula to pay homage to the relics of St. Catherine at the Monastery bearing her name, and to glorify God at the pinnacle of the Holy Mountain where Moses spoke with God and received the Ten Commandments. His Eminence Damianos, the abbot of the oldest continuous monastery in the world, warmly and graciously received them in his reception salon offering each pilgrim a religious memento of the monastery. The Archons, in addition, presented the Archbishop with a modest contribution for the needs of the monastery. The monastery, established by St. Helen, in AD 330, houses art treasures of the last 15 centuries including over 2000 icons, some of which were on display at the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York entitled, *The Glory of Byzantium*. While within the walls of the monastery, the pilgrims received a private tour of the Library, which is considered one of the largest and most important in the world containing a rich collection of 4,500 manuscripts.

The St. Catherine experience and the long journey through the desert, the arduous and difficult climb to the peak of Mt. Sinai, *experiencing* the magnificence of God's omnipotence and omniscience, venerating the holy relics of St. Catherine, witnessing 15 centuries of iconographic splendor leaves the pilgrim exhilarated, inspired, closer to God and humbled.

Epilogue

The Archon Millennium Pilgrimage was conceived by the Order of St Andrew to celebrate the birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ as we launched the new Millennium. By glorifying the Prince of Peace, the King of Kings, the faithful are brought closer to God's bosom and to the teachings of His Only Begotten Son. By witnessing our faith at the Ecumenical Patriarchate, we as Archons of the Holy Great Mother Church, are inspired by our spiritual father, His All Holiness BARTHOLOMEW, into a more fervent and meaningful *Diakonia* in the service of our Lord. We left our families, our homes and businesses, our offices, to concentrate on our *Christian Stewardship* and we have returned home with the flame of the *burning bush* ablaze in our hearts, and emboldened to serve as true Archons of the Ecumenical Patriarchate, *Defenders of the Faith*.

Anthony J. Limberakis, MD
Archon Aktouarios
National Commander

*The National Council Congratulates
Dr. Paul & Mrs. Stephania Patsalis
on the birth of their daughter
Athena Stavroula
September 14th, 7 lbs. 9 oz.
444 East 87th St., #30, New York, New York 10128
Stephania is the Administrator of the Order*

Archons Sponsor Asia Minor Catastrophe Memorial Service and Lecture

The Order Of St. Andrew, Archons of the Ecumenical Patriarchate, sponsored a moving memorial service and lecture on Sunday, October 1, at the Holy Trinity Cathedral in New York City. His Eminence Archbishop Demetrios presided over the liturgy and memorial service which honored those who suffered and died during the Asia Minor Catastrophe of Smyrna and Constantinople. Commemorated was the hierarchs, the clergy and the faithful who were martyred in 1922.

Following the liturgy and memorial service, a luncheon was offered after which the program commenced. *Archon Aktouarios* Dr. Peter Allan, chairman of the Archdiocesan Cathedral Cultural Committee served as master of ceremonies. *Archon Aktouarios* Dr. Anthony Limberakis, National Commander of the Archons, whose family-lineage is from Asia Minor, welcomed the capacity audience at the Cathedral Center stating, "Think of the faith that those hierarchs in Smyrna had as they were martyred at the hands of riotous mobs of 1922. As His Eminence Archbishop Demetrios commemorated the victims of the Asia Minor Catastrophe after liturgy, I could not help but reflect on the boundless faith and love of the Metropolitan of Smyrna Chrysostom as his soul was committed to the Almighty. During the *Mnimosyno*, I could not help but to reflect on the faith of Bishop Ambrose, Bishop Gregory, Bishop Prokopios and Bishop Euthymios who were all canonized as Saints, and the scores of priests and the hundreds of thousands of Orthodox faithful who were martyred in that heinous, abhorrent premeditated exercise of ethnic cleansing". Doctor Limberakis called on all Greek Orthodox faithful, especially the *Archons* of the Ecumenical Patriarchate, to personally visit the world center of Orthodoxy at the Phanar in an important demonstration of respect, affection and devotion to the Holy See.

An illustrated lecture authored by Prof. Speros Vryonis Jr., retired Director of the Speros B. Vryonis Center for the Study of

Hellenism, was brilliantly presented by *Archon Hieromnimon* Dr. Spiro J. Macris on behalf of Professor Vryonis who was unable to personally be present due to reasons of health. Doctor Macris, National Council Member of the Order of St. Andrew and AHEPA past Supreme President, captivated and mesmerized some 300 attendees with the details and slides of the entire Vryonis lecture. Following the Vryonis lecture presentation, the personal reflections of *Archon Kastrinsios* Christo Daphnides, the historian of the Order, who witnessed the 1955 Pogrom against the Greeks of Constantinople, was offered in the *first person*. An exhibit prepared by *Archon Depoutatos* Basilios Theodosakis describing the Asia Minor Holocaust, together with an emotional narrative he presented, was a most striking visual and verbal collage of an evil, repulsive sequence of events that may have resulted in ethnic cleansing and genocide and the dislocation of hundreds of thousands of innocents, but according to many Archons present, it did not extinguish Orthodoxy, the ideals of Hellenism and the burning desire of survivors and their descendants, including the Archons of the Ecumenical Patriarchate, to defend the Great Church of Christ with all our hearts and resources.

The program culminated with the inspiring remarks of Archbishop Demetrios, whose own father was wounded during the Asia Minor Catastrophe. The Archbishop related that the five martyred Bishops who were martyred at the hands of the frenzied mobs were recently declared saints of the Greek Orthodox Church. Earlier during the Divine Liturgy, His Eminence prayed for the intercessions of these five martyred bishops on behalf of all the faithful, and then concluded the program with a Trisagion Memorial Service. His Eminence noted, "We have to remember God's presence. And remember our ancestors." Programs such as the Asia Minor Catastrophe address both these heartfelt admonitions.



His Eminence Archbishop Demetrios with Program participants.



Archon Dr. Spiro Macris presents the Prof. Speros Vryonis Lecture at the Commemoration of the Asia Minor Catastrophe.

Profiles in

Northeastern University to Break Ground on George D. Behrakis Health Sciences Center

George D. Behrakis, *Archon Depoutatos* and *philanthropist extraordinaire* has pledged \$6 million toward construction of an 84,000 square foot Health Sciences Center at Northeastern University in Boston, MA. The center, which bears his name, held its groundbreaking ceremony on October 12. *Archon* Behrakis, a 1957 graduate of the school's pharmacy program and trustee continues to impact the health care field by supporting the construction of this cutting edge facility. Scheduled for completion in the summer of 2002, the building will house modern instructional facilities, a lecture hall, classrooms, and clinical laboratories. *Archon* Behrakis currently serves as a member Archon National Council an Executive Committee member of the Archdiocesan Council and as Vice Chairman of the Board of Trustees at Hellenic College/Holy Cross. The order of St. Andrew is proud to recognize the valued contributions of *Archon* Behrakis.

WE WELCOME ARCHON GEORGE D. BEHRAKIS TO THE NATIONAL COUNCIL!

***Archon* Nicholas Royce Helps Provide Orthodox Ministry To Veterans**

Archon Nicholas Royce of Hollywood, California champion for Orthodox recognition, received a letter of gratitude from Lyrice A. Marsh, Chief, Chaplain Service with the Department of Veterans Affairs in Los Angeles, for making her aware of the need of clergy representation to Orthodox veterans.

A long-time equal rights leader for Eastern Orthodoxy, Archon Royce, met with the new U.S. Department of State, International Religious Freedom Ambassador Robert Seiple at a recent meeting at the Islamic Center in Los Angeles.

Royce, although sympathetic to the cries against racism, anti-semitism, and their plight of other minorities states, "I feel it is my moral obligation to create public awareness of the plight of Eastern Orthodoxy both here and abroad."

***Archon Megas Logothetis* Senator Sarbanes Receives Ethnic American Honors from Democratic National Committee**

LOS ANGELES — During the recent Democratic National Convention in Los Angeles, Sen. Paul Sarbanes (D—MD) was the recipient of the Ethnic America 2000 honors, which recognized his "strong leadership in bettering the lives of American families."

The award was presented during a luncheon reception on August 16 in *A Celebration of the American Mosaic*, hosted by the Democratic National Committee's Office of Ethnic Outreach.

More than 200 people from ethnic backgrounds from the world

over attended the luncheon which also featured Rep. Rosa DeLauro (D—DC), who joined Sen. Sarbanes in receiving the Ethnic America 2000 honor and Commerce Secretary Norm Mineta.

In accepting the award, Sen. Sarbanes said, "As the first American of Greek background elected to the US Senate, I am particularly mindful of the responsibility that this honor carries with it and of the wonderful opportunity it has given me to serve. Like so many other immigrants, my parents had a special love and appreciation for American democracy. These qualities are the reason we are gathered here today."

"The immigrant story that we honor today, exists nowhere else in the world. It is absolutely special to American history. The process of accepting millions of 'strangers' is an incredible American accomplishment. It succeeded not only because of the struggle of the immigrants and their children, or because of the assimilating genius of American democracy, but also in large measure because our political party, the Democratic Party, fought to open up opportunity to nurture and release the energies of its newly-arrived sons and daughters."

Senator Sarbanes noted that his parents never had to be asked to vote, "They felt it incumbent to be involved in the political process, to exercise their judgment—to give back to America as America had given the opportunities to them."

The Order of St. Andrew is proud to recognize this recent honor bestowed upon Archon Megas Logothetis Senator Paul Sarbanes. He is a member of the Annunciation Church in Baltimore, MD and was bestowed the title of Archon Megas Logothetis in 1982 by His Eminence Archbishop Iakovos at Holy Trinity Cathedral in New York City. Senator Sarbanes was also awarded the Athenagoras Humanitarian Award in 1994, the church's highest distinction.

Archon Sarbanes was re-elected to the United States Senate during the recent November elections in a landslide victory. AXIOS!

Bentley College Names Auditorium in Honor of 1949 Alumnus, *Archon Depoutatos* Arthur G. Koumantzelis

WALTHAM—Bentley College has dedicated its main auditorium in honor of distinguished alumnus Arthur G. Koumantzelis, a 1949 graduate of the college. The dedication ceremony took place August 16, with about 50 friends and family members in attendance.

The newly named Arthur G. Koumantzelis Auditorium, located within the college's Lindsay Hall, is the main performing arts space on the Bentley campus and the setting for many important lectures and college-wide events.

"Thousands of people pass through this auditorium every year," said Bentley President Joseph G. Morone. Naming such a central venue of campus life for Arthur Koumantzelis is a fitting tribute to his professional and personal achievements and to his long-time support

Stewardship

of Bentley.”

Koumantzelis, a native of Lowell, spent most of his career in public accounting, holding senior positions with Arthur Young and Co. and then Ernst & Young upon the merger of the two firms. In 1990, he moved to Cumberland Farms, Inc., as senior vice president and CEO.

Two years ago, Mr. Koumantzelis and his long life friend, George Behrakis, formed a new venture, Gainsborough Investments. Mr. Koumantzelis served as president and CEO of the firm. It was Behrakis, a very generous Bentley donor even though is not a Bentley alumnus, who first suggested that the auditorium be named in Koumantzelis' honor.

“Arthur’s dedication to Bentley is remarkable,” said Morone. “He is a very active alumnus has chaired reunion committees, was a featured speaker for the Executive Luncheon Series for students and faculty and regularly supports Bentley athletics, the annual scholarship golf tournament and many other endeavors.”

Moreover in 1996, Arthur and his wife Vaia, the parents of seven children, established a scholarship fund for Bentley students.

Koumantzelis’ commitment is equally impressive. The National Conference of Christians and Jews, the Public Health Council of Massachusetts, the Governor’s Task Force on Economic Development, the Massachusetts International Trade Council, Hellenic College, Dana Hall School and St. Demetrios Church in Weston and Holy Trinity Church in Lowell are among the organizations that have benefited from his wisdom and leadership over the years.

Archon and Mrs. John A. Catsimatidis To Receive Phidippides Award

Hellenic Public Radio-COSMOS FM honored *Archon Notarios* John A. Catsimatidis and his wife Margo for their passionate advocacy of Hellenism at the 7th Annual Phidippides Award Gala Dinner on Friday, November 3 at the Pierre Hotel in New York City.

COSMOS FM is the flagship radio service of the Greek American Educational Public Information System and was founded in 1987. It is a non-profit corporation dedicated to the preservation and promotion of Hellenism in the U.S. and worldwide through mass media technologies.

Archon Catsimatidis is Chairman and CEO of the Red Apple Group, Inc., owner and publisher of the *Hellenic Times* newspaper and past Vice Chairman of the Archdiocesan Council. Mrs. Catsimatidis is founder of MCV Advertising Associates, co-publisher of the *Hellenic Times*, and the television spokesperson for Gristedes Supermarkets in NYC. She is a member of Leadership 100 and also serves as Vice Chairman and co-founder of the Hellenic Times Scholarship Fund. Recently she was bestowed the 2000 Ellis Island Medal of Honor.

The Order of St. Andrew congratulates Archon and Mrs. John A. Catsimatides.

Hanac Honors Archon Megas Notarios Leo Condakes and Wife Eve

HANAC, the Hellenic American Neighborhood Action Committee honored Archon Leo Condakes and his wife Eve at its 28th annual dinner dance gala on Friday, October 27 at the Plaza Hotel in New York City.

HANAC was founded in 1972 by George T. Douris to meet the needs of the growing immigrant communities. Its mission is to develop and administer the operation of service programs for the betterment of the community, and to provide these services to any and all who are needy without discrimination as to race, creed, or nationality. HANAC provides a wide range of services such as child and family counseling, senior citizens centers and after school centers, to name a few.



Evangeline Douris, Chairman of the Board and General Dinner Chairman, proudly announced the honorees and stated, “HANAC is pleased and honored to have the opportunity to pay tribute to not one but two dynamic, energetic servants of our Greek Orthodox Church who serve as an inspiration to all of us. Eve and Leo are true philanthropists, dedicated to the community servants and committed to the mission of the Faith.”

Mr. Condakes, Archon Megas Notarios, has served on the Board of Trustees of his lifelong parish of the Annunciation Greek Orthodox Cathedral of Boston, is a member of Leadership 100 and currently serves on the Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees of Hellenic College/Holy Cross. Mrs. Condakes has served as National President of the Greek Orthodox Ladies Philoptochos Society and was recently re-appointed by His Eminence as President. She is also one of two female Trustees on the Board of Directors of the Archbishop Iakovos Leadership 100 Endowment Fund of North and South America.

The Order of St. Andrew congratulates Archon Condakes and his wife Eve.

Editors note: Archons who are desirous to share their achievements with their fellow Archons are requested to communicate with our office: *Order of St. Andrew* , 8 East 79th Street New York, New York 10021

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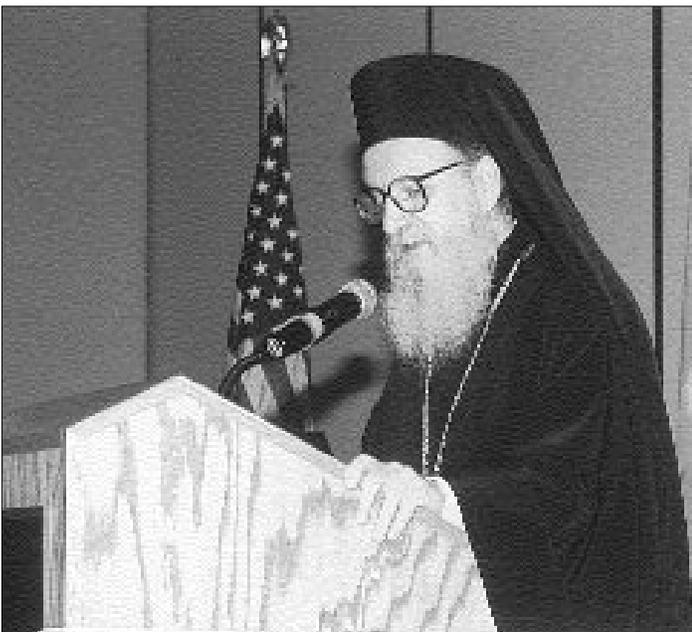
DIRECTOR OF U.S. FOREIGN SERVICE MARC GROSSMAN ADDRESSES ARCHONS AT CLERGY-LAITY CONGRESS



Amb. Marc Grossman addresses Archons

New York, NY (10 July 2000) – The Hon. Marc Grossman, Director General of the Foreign Service for the United States Department of State, addressed the members of the Order of St. Andrew at a special Archon breakfast meeting during the recent Clergy-Laity Congress in Philadelphia.

Ambassador Grossman, a career Foreign Service Officer since 1976, was Assistant Secretary of State for European Affairs from



Archbishop exhorts Archons



Archbishop Demetrios, the representatives of the Ecumenical Patriarchate Metropolitans Panteleimon and Demetrios with Amb. Grossman and officers of the Order

August 1997 to May 2000 and he served as US Ambassador to Turkey from 1994 to 1997. During the recent crisis at the Patriarchal School of Theology at Halki when Turkish authorities dismissed the Board of Trustees of that institution, Ambassador Grossman was instrumental in their ultimate reinstatement. This was a historic diplomatic achievement. The ambassador is among the most astute foreign policy experts regarding the nations of southeastern Europe and is most sensitive to the concerns of the Ecumenical Patriarchate.

Ambassador Grossman had encouraging words to say with reference to America's concern to promote humanitarian rights and freedom of religion throughout the world. Furthermore, the reopening of the Halki Seminary is an issue of great concern to the Order of St. Andrew, and the ambassador noted that "There is definite hope..." in making progress in this regard. Archbishop Demetrios in his remarks noted that the issue of religious freedom is of the utmost importance, especially vis a vis the Ecumenical Patriarchate. In fact, religious freedom was a major theme in the closing resolution of the Clergy-Laity Congress. Metropolitans Panteleimon and Demetrios extended greetings to all the Archons of America on behalf of His All Holiness Bartholomew, the Ecumenical Patriarch.

On behalf of the Order of St. Andrew, Commander Anthony J. Limberakis, MD, and Executive Vice Commander Nicholas J. Bouras, made special presentations to Archbishop Demetrios, Exarch of the Ecumenical Patriarchate, the two representatives of the Ecumenical Patriarchate Metropolitan Panteleimon and Metropolitan Demetrios as well as Ambassador Grossman.

In remarks presented at the meeting, Commander Limberakis stated, "As Archons of the Great Church of Christ, we are duty-bound to fortify, to enhance and to promote the Mother Church in fulfillment of our sacred responsibility to uphold the historical status of the Ecumenical Patriarchate. This activity is certainly

consonant with the ageless tradition of faith as truth and faith as love, as His Eminence so brilliantly presented to us in his Keynote Address to the Congress on Monday morning. It is consonant with our Constitution, which articulates our *raison d'être* and it is consonant with one of the basic principles upon which our country was founded, that is, freedom of religion; a freedom that is an unalienable right, and one that cannot be taken for granted in other so-called democracies in southeastern Europe."

Many of the presiding hierarchs of the Dioceses of the Holy Archdiocese of America were present, including Metropolitan Iakovos (Diocese of Chicago), Metropolitan Maximos (Diocese of Pittsburgh), Bishop Alexios (Diocese of Atlanta) and Bishop Nicholas (Diocese of Detroit). In addition, retired hierarchy were in attendance including Bishop Anthimos and Bishop John. Representing the Diocese of New Jersey was its Chancellor V. Rev. Alexander Leondis. Rev. Dr. Robert Stephanopoulos, Dean of the Holy Trinity Cathedral and Rev. Alexander Karloutsos, Executive Director of Leadership 100, were among the distinguished clergy present.

A record number of Archons gathered for this breakfast meeting, having come from the far reaches of the nation, including California, Texas and Hawaii. They gathered in the main ballroom of the Marriott Hotel in center city on July 5. Metropolitan Panteleimon, representing the Ecumenical Patriarchate, offered the opening invocation, and was assisted by Archdiocesan Chancellor, V. Rev. Savas Zembillas, and at the close of the session Metropolitan Demetrios, likewise of the Patriarchate, was assisted by Rev. John A. Limberakis, retiring pastor of St. Sophia's at the gateway of Valley Forge National Historical Park. Archon Timothy J. Maniatis, of Bethesda Maryland underwrote the breakfast meeting, to whom the Order of St. Andrew is most grateful. The Archon Clergy-Laity Congress Committee was comprised of Archons James C. Fountas, John Halecky Jr. and George S. Regas.

In addition to the Archon Breakfast, the National Council sponsored the Archon Family Reception in honor of His Eminence Archbishop Demetrios and the two representatives of the Ecumenical Patriarchate, their Eminences Metropolitan Panteleimon and Metropolitan Demetrios, which was graciously underwritten by Executive Vice Commander Nicholas J. Bouras. The Family Reception provided an elegant social setting in which the Archons and their families from around the country had the opportunity to visit with Archbishop Demetrios and Metropolitan Panteleimon and Demetrios.

CALL FOR ALL ARCHONS TO PARTICIPATE IN ANNUAL APPEAL

In September, His Eminence Archbishop Demetrios sent the Annual Appeal letter to all Archons of the Ecumenical Patriarchate in America. Due to a mailing problem, many of you may not have received the letter and, therefore, we have enclosed a non-personalized copy of such. The Annual Appeal facilitates our support to the Ecumenical Patriarchate and its institutions, Balukli Hospital and Home for the Aged, the Halki School of Theology and the development of the interactive CD-ROM on the Ecumenical Patriarchate, among other essential initiatives, which benefit the Phanar and Holy Archdiocese of America.

A major undertaking that is about to be completed is the much heralded travel book on the Ecumenical Patriarchate and Orthodox Sites in Constantinople that the Order commissioned last year. This publication will be a first class literary work of which we will all be most proud. We estimate the cost of this project to be anywhere between \$80,000 to \$100,000.

We take this opportunity to invite you to join your fellow Archons who have already generously responded to the Annual Appeal of the Order of St. Andrew, and whose names will appear in the Archon Honor Roll, soon to be published. As an Archon of the Great Church of Christ, your name should be listed on the Archon Honor Roll, so that the Order may have the funds to pursue its sacred mission as Defenders of the Faith.

If you have already made your donation, let us express our gratefulness on behalf of the Order, and allow us to encourage you to urge other fellow Archons to do likewise, especially keeping in mind that we are underwriting an additional \$80,000 to \$100,000 project (that has been duly passed by the 1999 General Meeting of Archons).

Donations may be mailed to the *Order of St. Andrew, 8 East 79th Street, New York, New York.*

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I believe that if the Ecumenical Patriarch is willing to endure living within the constraints imposed by a sometimes hostile Turkey, then the Ecumenical Patriarch should receive encouragement to do so. More often than not, advice has been offered to move the Patriarchate to Mount Athos, to Greece, to Geneva, or wherever else one might conceive. It is my view that the comfortable should not dictate to the uncomfortable as to the place where our Holy Orthodox faith should maintain its headquarters, and comfort should not be placed above the mission of the church. Jesus Christ and His Twelve Disciples did not enjoy the privilege of comfortable headquarters; perhaps Our Holy Ecumenical Patriarchate, in a way, mirrors Christ in the way it administers its affairs.

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I am convinced that if even a handful of faithful remain in Turkey, we should not leave the historic place we continue to refer to as "Constantinople, 'The New Rome'." Christian history confirms, and we as Orthodox should know, that in the early years of the Church, "New Rome" lead the way. This included the organizing and administration of most, if not all, of the Seven Ecumenical Councils, which provided the foundation of all Christianity—including the Roman Catholic Church. If the Patriarchate leaves Constantinople, "New Rome" will be abdicating to "Old Rome" the entire historical claim it has and all that it has brought to Christianity. We must never leave Constantinople. Never!

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CALL FOR NEW ARCHONS

The Archon Development Committee, chaired by Archon Constantine G. Caras, is charged with the responsibility of developing a list of Archon candidates for review by the National Council. Archons and Clergy may obtain Archon candidate credential forms from the National Office. The nomination of a churchman for this lofty honor must be maintained in the strictest confidence. No one, including the candidate himself, should be aware of the nomination.

Those who are nominated must exhibit exemplary Christian Stewardship in their commitment to the Church and entrust themselves to a life Defending the Faith, promoting the Ecumenical Patriarchate and serving the Great Church of Christ. According to our Constitution, an "Archon is a well-known, distinguished and well-respected leader of the Greek Orthodox Community in the Western Hemisphere. His special concern and interest is the Ecumenical Patriarchate...."

The credentials of Archon candidates are individually reviewed by the National Council. The Hierarchy and Regional Commanders participate in the process before the candidates are submitted to the Exarch of the Ecumenical Patriarchate in America for further evaluation. The Archbishop then submits the finalized list of candidates with their credentials to the Ecumenical Patriarch for final disposition.

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