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## ARCHONS IN TRIBUTE TO ARCHBISHOP IAKOVOS

Archons of the Ecumenical Patriarchate paid high tribute to His Eminence Archbishop Iakovos on the Sunday of Orthodoxy, March 11th, for his unprecedented record of twenty years of outstanding leadership to the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of North and South America.

Following the impressive and historic Services at the Archdiocesan Cathedral at which twelve new Archons were invested with their Patriarchal Offikia, the annual banquet took place at the Waldorf-Astoria. Principal speaker was the Honorable Lee Alexander, Archon and Mayor of Syracuse, New York. Mayor Alexander lauded both the Church and public leadership of His Eminence, and, having just returned from an international tour, he emphasized the importance and need for the kind of public and moral leadership evidenced by His Eminence over the past twenty years.

Other speakers included Archon Spokesman Dr. John Rexine of Colgate University, and Commander Dr. Anthony Borden. Following his address on the state of the Order, Dr. Borden made a formal presentation to His Eminence on behalf of all Archons. "On this historic occasion of your 20th anniversary as our Spiritual Leader" stated Dr. Borden, "and for the unprecedented role of leadership you have given to our Church in the Americas, the Archons of the Ecumenical Patriarchate extend to you their profound appreciation with the following tributes: First, in cooperation with Hellenic College we will establish an annual \$2,000 scholarship fund for graduate study in theology to be known as the Archbishop Iakovos Scholarship Fund. Second, in consultation with the officials of Balukli Hospital in Constantinople we are sending a gift of \$5,000 whereby a Ward in the Hospital



*His Eminence elevates newly elected Archons at the Archdiocesan Cathedral during Sunday of Orthodoxy Services. Shown receiving the Offikion and being blessed by His Eminence is Archon Zinon Zanetos. Seen in the background are Archons-elect Christos Papoutsy of Manchester, N.H. and George Speal of Kingston, Ontario. Other Archons elevated are: George Behrakis, Demetrios Costaras, Thomas Demetris, George Fallis, Constantine Lambos, Steve Pavlis, Spyros Loukidelis, Eugene Panagopoulos and John Panas.*

will be named in honor of your beloved parents, Athanasios and Maria Coucouzes".

His Eminence rose to respond to the presentations, and was visibly moved. He deeply thanked all Archons for the warm spirit and affection that these living gifts represented, and asked that the concern

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and love for the Archdiocese and the Patriarchate that is evidenced by the Archon program be continued and expanded in the years ahead.



Mayor Lee Alexander of Syracuse, N.Y. delivers the principal address at the Sunday of Orthodoxy banquet at the Waldorf-Astoria. To his left are: Consul General Nicholas Capellaris, His Eminence Archbishop Iakovos, banquet toastmaster Louis Dukas, Commander Anthony Borden and His Grace Bishop Silas. Not shown in the photo is banquet Chairman, Anastasios Manassis. The large floral design in the background "20 years" was made entirely of fresh flowers and topped with a bishop's crown at the top.



Founding Knights of St. Andrew at the Sunday of Orthodoxy Services at the Archdiocesan Cathedral are Commander Anthony Borden; Regional Commander Andrew Athens; Vice-Commander Anthony J. Miller; newest Founding Knight of St. Andrew William Poll, John Kusturiss, Ari Coclin, and Mayor Lee Alexander. Only "Founding Knights" are permitted to wear the sash of St. Andrew.

## National Council of Churches in U.S. Protests Harassment in Constantinople

At the May 10th meeting of the National Council of Churches convening in San Antonio, Texas a resolution concerning religious freedom in Turkey was passed. It reads as follows:

"Whereas reports reaching the Governing Board indicate increasing pressure on Christians in Turkey as evidenced by the expropriation of five churches belonging to the Greek Orthodox Patriarchate of Constantinople

## Archon Album Historic Project

Over the past few months Archons have received letters and requests concerning the forthcoming historic publication, "ARCHON". This will be the first publication of its kind, a hard cover, beautifully designed album that will include the photograph and biography of every Archon who has sent in his questionnaire and contribution. Already over 150 Archons have fulfilled these requirements and will be included in the Album.

The album will also include an authentic and easy-to-read history of the Ecumenical Patriarchate, and some new and unpublished material on Archons in the Byzantine Empire researched by our Historian, Professor Deno Geanakoplos of Yale. Archon Chris Daphnides, a top designer and former student at Halki, is designing an exquisite and artistic publication. Professor Andrew Kopan of Chicago is assembling an accurate listing of all the Patriarchs of Constantinople who have served the Church in this highest role of leadership. Truly it will be a once-in-a-lifetime publication treasured by everyone who sees it, not to mention those who are included in it. Henceforth, a copy of the Album will be presented to all new Archons upon their elevation into the Order, and new pictures and biographies will be added from time to time.

The publication date is set for next fall, and if you have not already sent in your questionnaire, do so now. If you need another questionnaire call (212 628-2500) or write and we shall send one. Every Archon should be included in this historic Album "ARCHON". Send your questionnaire, your photograph, and contribution (\$100 suggested) to the "Order of St. Andrew Album Committee" 8 E. 79 St. New York, NY. 10021

in Istanbul: Therefore, the Governing Board of the National Council of Churches expresses its concern over reports of such actions, and declares its support for our Greek Orthodox brothers and sisters who find themselves in such circumstances".

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## Patriarch Demetrios Sends Strong Protest to Ankara

His All Holiness Patriarch Demetrios, acting on the wave of a new crisis of harassment that erupted in Constantinople during Holy Week sent a strong protest to Prime Minister Bulent Ecevit asking him to "intercede" so that the "illegal activities, which surpass any undertaken by the Ottoman Empire, may be brought to an end". Specifically, the protest enumerated the expropriation of five Churches, the prevention of legal representation in the courts which is guaranteed by the Turkish constitution, the abolishment of governing boards of Churches, schools and philanthropic organizations, and the imposition of unjust taxes upon them, plus the confiscation of ecclesiastical articles from Churches. These and other incidents have caused new alarm in the Greek Orthodox communities of Turkey and prompted His Eminence Archbishop Iakovos to appeal to President Carter, Secretary of State Vance and Prime Minister Ecevit to intervene.

Five Churches have now become "occupied church properties" including St. George, Edrinekapi, Church of the Virgin, Salmatourakiou, Church of the Archangels, Stenis, Phanar Church of St. George, Mourat Molla, and Church of the Virgin, Tekfour Saray.

This eruption of illegal acts against our people in Constantinople further emphasizes the need for our moral support to them. Upon learning of the situation Commander Borden dispatched a cablegram to Patriarch Demetrios two days after Easter requesting instructions on what public action should be taken to arouse the public to action against these illegal acts.

Although no response has been received the unsettled political situation in Turkey makes it difficult to evaluate the status of events there. This and other factors, coupled with the strong pro-Turkish attitude of the Carter administration, complicates the matter. The Council of Archon Officers, Regional

## Urge Support For Balukli Hospital



Officers discuss Balukli Hospital during the visit of Metropolitan Chrysostomos of the Holy Synod to New York last January. Shown with His Eminence are, left: Vice-Commander Anthony J. Miller, Commander Dr. Anthony G. Borden, and the late George Juris, Chairman of the Balukli Drive. The meeting took place one week before the untimely death of Archon Juris.

A national drive for funds to assist the Greek Orthodox Hospital of Balukli in Constantinople began last January with a letter from the Chairman of the Drive, the late George Juris of Nashua, N.H. While the Drive got off to a good start, the untimely death of Archon Juris shortly thereafter deeply saddened everyone.

A meeting of Archon Officers with His Eminence Metropolitan Chrysostomos of the Holy Synod took place in New York in mid-January and confirmed reports of increasing Turkish harassment on the Hospital. It was also reported that a Committee from the World Council of Churches investigating conditions at the Hospital found the medical status of the Hospital to be excellent, and recommended that some annual assistance be forthcoming from the World Council to help meet the Hospital's overwhelming needs.

Archons are urged to continue their support of the Hospital fund drive, and ask friends to do likewise. Contributions are deductible, and checks should be made out to the "Archdiocese Hospital Fund" and sent to the Knights of St. Andrew at the Archdiocese, 8 East 79 Street New York, N. Y. 10021

Commanders, and all Archons of the Archdiocese stand ready to alert public opinion as was done a year ago when a national campaign was mounted to protest similar actions that offended and harassed our brethren in Constantinople.

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# ST. PHOTIOS SHRINE WILL HONOR FIRST GREEKS TO ARRIVE IN THE NEW WORLD

A gift of \$5,000 has been presented by our Order to the St. Photios Shrine, the first national Shrine of the Greek Orthodox Church in America, now under construction in St. Augustine, Florida. The Shrine will honor one of the greatest Patriarchs in the history of the Orthodox Church, St. Photios the Great, who died in 891, and commemorate the first large colony of Greeks to arrive in the New World in the year 1768.

This large band of over 400 Greeks and other settlers from Italy and Minorca, were recruited by the British with promises of land, freedom and prosperity in the New World. Having suffered under the heavy hand of Turkish oppression the Greeks welcomed the invitation, and in 1767 set sail from the small, rocky port of Coroni in Mani. They would never see their beloved homeland again. Instead of the freedom and prosperity they were promised they became the virtual slaves of their cruel British overseers. The colony, founded on the east coast of Florida, was named New Smyrna. After ten years of starvation, malaria, beatings exhaustion and death, the New Smyrna colonists fled north where they became respected citizens of the City of St. Augustine.

All of this took place before the American Revolution, over 200 years ago. However, it was not until the early 1960's that this story came to the attention of the Archdiocese by some of our Greek Orthodox brethren residing in St. Augustine. This prompted the Archdiocese to purchase in 1966 the structure known as "Avero

House", a handsome two-story stone dwelling, where this first colony of Greeks is known to have met and worshipped. After many years of delay, frustration and disappointment Archbishop Iakovos gave orders last October to begin construction on the Shrine which will consist of the historic restoration of Avero House, an exhibit area, and the chapel of St. Photios.

National Chairman of the Shrine project is a Founding Knight of St. Andrew, Archon James Angleton of Miami, Fla. He is assisted by Archons Dr. George Croffead of Charleston, S.C., James Scofield of St. Petersburg, Fla., Costas Politis of Philadelphia, Architect Ted Pappas of Jacksonville, Fla., and Ernest Villas of New York.

## A Badge Of Honor

"What is that beautiful pin you are wearing"? This is a question often asked of Archons by their friends who are viewing the Archon rosette lapel pin for the first time. The maroon and gold rosette with the white cross of St. Andrew was sent to all Archons over a year ago, and is given to all new Archons on the Sunday of Orthodoxy following their elevation at the Archdiocesan Cathedral. It should be worn proudly by every Archon, for relatively few persons are accorded this honor.

## Archons In Other Countries

A recent mailing was sent to Archons in other countries informing them about our Order. The mailing included a letter from the Commander, a copy of the constitution, and a copy of the Orthodox Observer issue of January 1979 which included the special two-page section devoted to the Order of Archons and our program. The whereabouts of approximately 300 Archons in other countries are known, most of whom are located in England.

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