



## Archbishop Invests 26 Archons At Congress



In an unprecedented act, 26 Archons were vested by His Eminence Iakovos at the Hierarchical Divine Liturgy held in San Francisco, at the 26th biennial Clergy-Laity Congress, on Sunday, July 4, 1982. The names selected for investiture and ratified by His Holiness, Demetrios I the Ecumenical Patriarch of Constantinople and the Holy Synod, were chosen because of their active membership in the Greek Orthodox Church and support of educational and community activities. Archons in general have shown leadership qualities in civic and community life in addition to their long and exemplary dedication to the teachings and general welfare of the Greek Orthodox faith.

The new Archons invested on July 4, 1982, are as follows:

John P. Angel	Dr. George G. Lendaris
Frank P. Agnost	William Oldknow
Hon. George P. Agnost	Gus S. Pallios
John F. Andronico	Hon. Louis J. Papan
Dr. Theodore Bogdanos	Sam G. Pappageorge
George T. Catomer	Hon. Nicholas C. Petris
Sotirios D. Chalios	Alexander P. Phillips
Nick D. Christy	Perecles P. Phillips
Jerry A. Costacos	Peter E. Preovolos
Nicholas J. Coussoulis	James P. Sfarnas
Nick Delis	Milton H. Sioles
Anthony S. Diavatis	George A. Sotir
James P. George	Danny J. Speros
John Haretakis	Angelo K. Tsakopoulos
George P. Kokalis	John B. Vlahos

1. These Archons, as in the past, will be asked to assist the Patriarchate by offering regular financial assistance to the Patriarchate and its institutions such as Balukli Hospital.
2. Educating political and religious leaders about the problem of human rights in Turkey and the persecution of our people and their institutions.
3. Publishing historical and informative material on the Patriarchate and its mission.
4. Communicating with Archons in the Americas and abroad

5. Supporting our Archdiocese and its institutions in extension of the Patriarchate in this hemisphere.
6. Administering the Order of St. Andrew the Apostle as the only organized body of Archons of the Ecumenical Patriarchate.

## Senator Paul Sarbanes Inducted Into The Order of St. Andrew The Apostle

On March 7, 1982, during the ancient services on the Sunday of Orthodoxy, United States Senator Paul Sarbanes was made an Archon, the highest honor that the Greek Orthodox Church can bestow upon a laymen. On this day, thirty-three Greek Orthodox Americans were also inducted into the Order of St. Andrew at the Archdiocesan Cathedral of the Holy Trinity, New York. At the ceremony, and before a capacity congregation, the newly-elevated Archons carried holy icons during a procession around the Cathedral that commemorates the restoration of icons to the Church in the year 842 following the iconoclastic controversy.

The previous night, the annual Sunday of Orthodoxy banquet was held at the Waldorf-Astoria and Senator Sarbanes, a Democrat from Maryland who is a former Rhodes Scholar, delivered the banquet address.

"Without the Archons, people of commitment and quality, our Church would be a far less vital institution," he declared. "I know I express the feelings of all Orthodox in stating our



Senator Paul Sarbanes being vested as an Archon on the Sunday of Orthodoxy at the Archdiocesan Cathedral of the Holy Trinity in New York. Standing with Senator Sarbanes is Commander Anthony Borden.



Fr. Miltiades Efthimiou, Executive Officer of the Archons, participates in opening day prayers at the 26th biennial Congress with His Eminence Archbishop Iakovos and Patriarchal representative Metropolitan Kyrillos of Chaldia, officiating. Second from left is Jack Burgess, special assistant to President Reagan. To the left of Fr. Efthimiou is Archbishop Quinn, Roman Catholic Archbishop of California.

## Archon Lagakos Fatally Stricken At Congress

Judge Gregory G. Lagakos, a prominent Philadelphia jurist for nearly seventeen years and a leading Archon of the Ecumenical Patriarchate, died of a heart attack early Tuesday, July 6th, while he was attending the 26th biennial Clergy-Laity Congress in San Francisco, California. Archon Lagakos, a native of Castania, Greece, was decorated with the "Gold Cross, Royal Order of King George", presented to him by King Paul in 1958. He received the title of "Eminent Archon Jurist" and membership in the Honorary Patriarchal Order, awarded to him by His Holiness Patriarch Athenagoras in 1968. In addition, the Patriarchate of Jerusalem conferred on him one of the two highest awards that can be conferred on a Christian layman; the Gold Cross of the Church of the Holy Sepulchre.

In the Greek Orthodox Cathedral of St. George in Philadelphia with His Eminence Archbishop Iakovos officiating, he was assisted by a host of Bishops and Priests. On behalf of the Archons, Commander Anthony Borden delivered a moving eulogy to the congregation, comprised of many state and local officials, as well as many other dignitaries.

deep appreciation for your philanthropy and dedication. Yours is a special and worthy calling."

"I particularly want to commend Dr. Borden and the Archons for their deep concern for the Ecumenical Patriarchate, the historic center of Christendom which is recognized by all spiritual peoples around the world for its long tradition of spirituality and leadership."

"It remains imperative, as laity and clergy, that we make every effort to insure that the Patriarchate can function in an atmosphere of freedom. . . indeed, in an atmosphere absent of fear."

Archon Sarbanes was born in Salisbury, Maryland, on February 3, 1933, the son of Spiros and Matina Sarbanes both of whom immigrated to the United States from Laconia, Greece. He was elected on November 2, 1976, to the United States Senate for the term ending in January, 1983. He is a member of the Greek Orthodox Church of the Annunciation, Baltimore, Md.

## Completion of The Historic Archon Album

During the summer months, the Archon Album has been finalized, and the completed draft was scrutinized and approved by the Album Committee made up of Chris Daphnides, Chairman; Dr. Deno Geanakoplos, and Fr. Miltiades Efthimiou.

The final set of questionnaires was sent to approximately thirty new Archons who were invested either at the Clergy-Laity Congress in San Francisco on July 4, 1982 or at the Ahepa Convention during the Divine Liturgy.

This will be the first publication of its kind and will include the photograph and biography of every Archon who has sent in his questionnaire.

The Album was designed by Chris Daphnides and will include the comprehensive history of the Ecumenical Patriarchate and some new, unpublished material on Archons in the Byzantine Empire, written by the Historian of the Order of St. Andrew, Professor Deno Geanakoplos of Yale University. Professor Andrew Kopan of Chicago has assembled a listing of all the Patriarchs of Constantinople since the inception of the Byzantine Throne by the Patron Saint of the Order, St. Andrew. The Reverend Dr. Miltiades B. Efthimiou, Protospresbyter of the Ecumenical Throne and Director of the Department of Church and Society for the Archdiocese, has compiled a history of the early years of Greek Orthodoxy in America.

Although the Album has been long overdue it promises to be an excellent publication to be treasured by not only the members of the Order but by Orthodox and non-Orthodox as well. The Album Committee has targeted the name-day of St. Andrew, November 30th, as the publication date. A copy of the Album will be presented to all Archons as well as all new Archons upon their induction into the Order. Although Archons are slated to receive an Album, all contributions (\$100 suggested) are certainly welcome for the needs of the Order and the Patriarchate. Any inquiries and contributions may be sent to "The Order of St. Andrew Album Committee", 8 East 79th Street, New York, N.Y. 10021.

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# Metropolitan Kyrillos Attends Breakfast Meeting

On Tuesday, July 6, 1982, a breakfast meeting was held for all Archons attending the Clergy-Laity Congress in San Francisco. Archon Nicholas Bouras of New Jersey gave a status report which was most informative to those attending the breakfast meeting. The highlight of the meeting was the presence of the most Reverend Metropolitan Kyrillos, representative of the Ecumenical Patriarch Demetrios I to the Congress. He was introduced and presented to the group by His Eminence Archbishop Iakovos. His Excellency, the Metropolitan, spoke at length about the tragic situation existing presently in Turkey. He explained that by placing exorbitant taxes and unwarranted demands on non-Turkish institutions and specially upon the Greek Christian community of Turkey, and by restricting the movement of prelates thus creating an atmosphere of fear, the Turkish government was, in this way imposing upon the Patriarchate the most serious threat to its very existence. The Metropolitan enumerated how right wing extremists are, as never before, calling for the expulsion of the Patriarchate from its historical See. The Metropolitan asked that we must act immediately since the rights of the Patriarchate and the very existence of the Balukli Hospital are being destroyed day by day. He pleaded that we appeal to the leaders of the world's great religions and to the powers in Washington.

At the conclusion of his remarks, the Metropolitan conveyed the blessings of Patriarch Demetrios upon all present and upon all the members of the Order of St. Andrew who were not present at the Congress. The Metropolitan received a standing ovation.

The breakfast meeting was called to order by James S. Counelis, Archon Coordinator for the San Francisco Clergy-Laity Congress. He welcomed everyone attending the breakfast meeting and presented Commander Borden. Dr. Borden congratulated the new Archons and spoke on the tremendous responsibility of the Archons. He urged the newly elevated Archons to become a moving force, and charged to the Archons from the west to join their fellow Archons to arouse public opinion in what was happening in Turkey today. Dr. Borden took the opportunity to distribute a recent position paper prepared by the Order of St. Andrew the Apostle, which was recently presented to certain members of the U.S. Congress. Dr. Borden then introduced Ernest Villas who described the responsibilities of the Commander of the Order stating that Dr. Borden is the second individual to serve this position in the Archdiocese, replac-



*His Eminence addressing the breakfast meeting of Archons at St. Francis Hotel during the 26th Biennial Congress. Pictured from the left, are: Dr. Borden, National Commander (standing); Andrew Athens, President U.H.A.C. (seated); Fr. Efthimiou, Archons Executive Officer (seated); Ernest A. Villas, Massachusetts State Commander (standing); and Nicholas Kulukundis (standing next to Archbishop Iakovos).*

ing the late Pierre De Mets. Mr. Villas then introduced His Eminence the Archbishop who blessed the members of the Order in attendance and led the Archons in singing the traditional hymn to St. Andrew. It was at this time that His Eminence announced the passing of Archon Lagakos of Philadelphia, one of the early members of the Order of St. Andrew. He also announced that Ernest Villas would assume his new position as Director of the Department of Religious Education. He announced that the Reverend Miltiades B. Efthimiou, the Director of the Department of Church and Society, will replace Mr. Villas and assume the duties of executive officer of the Order of St. Andrew.

His Eminence then introduced Metropolitan Kyrillos who addressed the group. In addition to these speakers, Archon Thomas Demery from Detroit addressed the group as well as Mr. Papageorge and Mr. Nick Bouras of New Jersey who read from the P. Angelatos recent paper on the Patriarchate in order to emphasize the need for a "Regional Archon Committee" for the needs of the Patriarchate. Mr. Andrew Athens, President of the United Hellenic American Congress spoke on the urgency and extreme importance for all Archons to become involved in political matters and to educate friends on the Turkish-Patriarchal-Greek situation. Dr. Borden was reintroduced and emphasized the importance of educating the American public as to the suppression of human rights and freedom in Turkey. Dr. Borden concluded the meeting by stating that there are approximately 500 Archons in North and South America and about another 500 world-wide.

## Archon Pilgrimage To Holy Land And Patriarchate — 1983

Plans for the 1983 Pilgrimage to the Holy Land and the Patriarchate of Constantinople have been finalized. Chairman of the Pilgrimage Committee is Dr. Kimon A. Doukas and the plans call for an Easter Pilgrimage from Friday, April 8th to Monday, April 18th, 1983. The Pilgrimage would leave New York and fly directly to Tel Aviv, where visitations will be planned to the sacred Shrines of Christendom in and around Jerusalem. Plans are already being made with His Beatitude Diodoros, Patriarch of Jerusalem, who is in the United States on a Patriarchal visit. The Pilgrimage will also include a visit to the Patriarchate in an audience with His All Holiness, Patriarch Demetrios, plus visitations to the Balukli Hospital and the ancient sites of Byzantium in and around the historical city of Constantinople. A flight and stopover in Athens will conclude the Pilgrimage before returning to New York. People wishing to stay on beyond the April 18th date may do so. Cost per person is still being determined, but will be approximately \$2,000 and will include transportation, hotels and most meals. If you are interested in this historic pilgrimage, please contact Fr. Efthimiou's office at the Archdiocese, (212) 570-3551.

## Three Important Dates

All Archons should keep three dates in mind as they pertain to ceremonial services exclusively for the Order.

1. **St. Andrew, November 30, 1982.** On this day, the Divine Liturgy will be held at the chapel of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese, 10 E. 79 Street, New York, N.Y. and in attendance will be all Archons who are able to attend. A luncheon and informal meeting with His Eminence will follow.
2. **Sunday of Orthodoxy, March 27, 1983.** All Archons are to appear in their respective churches with their silver Crosses and other emblems of the Order of St. Andrew in order to participate in the procession of the holy icons relative to the Feast Day.\*
3. **5th Sunday of Lent, April 24, 1983.** This day will be devoted

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# Doctor Borden Appears In Washington On Status Of The Ecumenical Patriarchate

Dr. Anthony G. Borden, National Commander of the Order of St. Andrew the Apostle, made a presentation on the status of the Ecumenical Patriarchate to leading Senators and Congressmen of the Foreign Affairs Committee in Washington, D.C., May 11, 1982. At this meeting were many dignitaries of both the Greek and American community. Mr. Andrew Athens, State Commander of the Archons and President of the UHAC was instrumental in setting up this meeting. The speech was very well received by the members of the Foreign Affairs Committee and, in fact, Senator Charles Percy of Illinois asked for a copy of Dr. Borden's speech so that he could give it to the then Secretary of State, Alexander Haig who was leaving for meetings in Turkey the very next day.

In summary, the highlights of the Commander's speech were as follows:

The Order of St. Andrew, the Apostle, is an American independent religious and charitable organization, incorporated in the State of New York. The members of the Order are Greek Orthodox laymen interested in religious freedom and human rights.

As Commander of the Order, I recently led a pilgrimage to the Holy Land and Istanbul, Turkey, where our Ecumenical Patriarchate is located. Having returned just a week ago, I would like to apprise you of the prevailing conditions in Turkey and the continuous persecution, harassment and violations of all treaties against the Greek Orthodox people in Turkey, although they are Turkish citizens. Turkish citizens of Greek descent do not enjoy full religious freedom or respect for their human rights, and I will proceed to cite several examples of these violations:

- Firstly — There is a Turkish law which prohibits any repair work exceeding 250 liras, which is less than \$2.00, without a permit. These permits are practically denied to the members of the minority Greek Orthodox community.
- Secondly — The military dictatorship has decreed that Turkish

to the history, needs and plight of the Ecumenical Patriarchate. The Priest's sermon should be devoted to this theme. All Archons are to appear in their respective churches with their silver Crosses and other emblems of the Order of St. Andrew in order to emphasize the importance of this theme.

Whenever possible, Archons should organize a luncheon/reception after church services. Pictures of the Patriarch, Patriarchate, environs of Istanbul and St. Sophia, etc. should be visible in a display at the community hall where the luncheon/reception will be held. The newspapers should be invited to a press conference with the Priest and Archons in order to get press coverage. City dignitaries should also be invited to the festivities of the day (sample letters and material can be acquired from your regional and state commanders).

\*Note: On Sunday, March 26, 1983, the annual "Sunday of Orthodoxy" banquet will be held at the Waldorf-Astoria in New York.

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citizens of Greek descent cannot buy or sell real estate, thus creating expectations of confiscation of their homes.

- Thirdly — Turkish officials recently visited the Ecumenical Patriarchate, which corresponds to the Vatican, and registered all the sacred items declaring that they are national property.
- Fourthly — There are continuous efforts to remove the income producing properties, willed by Greek Orthodox people to the famous hospital in Balukli, Istanbul, which treats all the members of the community, regardless of religion or nationality.
- Lastly — The Turkish government has closed the famous school of theology on the island of Halki, from which great hierarchs (including His All Holiness the present Ecumenical Patriarch Demetrios and His Eminence, Archbishop Iakovos of North and South America) have graduated. It is now a modest high school with a Turkish principal.

At least 300 Greek Orthodox families were forced to flee Turkey last year because of these and other oppressive conditions.

We respectfully wish to inform the American government and the public about these anti-Christian and inhuman conditions prevailing in Turkey with the intention to eliminate the remaining Greek Orthodox faithful. As American citizens and members of a religious Order, dedicated to religious freedom and human rights we respectfully request your understanding and support for our noble cause.

Thank you very much for the privilege of bringing you this current report.

## Guideline Kits Sent To State And Regional Commanders

With the reorganization and appointment of new state and regional commanders, guideline kits were sent out in order to help each state and regional commander organize the Archons in his particular area of concern. The kit includes the following:

1. Duties and functions of the office of state and regional commanders.
2. UHAC "White Paper on Patriarchate".
3. A report by the "Churches Committee on Migrant Workers In Europe" on *Christian Minorities in Turkey*.
4. Excerpts on an article written by Dr. Andrew T. Kopan, Archon Didaskalos Tou Genou, on the Sunday of Orthodoxy, 1980.
5. The position paper delivered to members of Congress of the United States in Washington by Dr. Anthony G. Borden, Commander, on the continuing violation of human rights in Turkey.
6. Paper by Prof. Deno J. Geanakoplos, Professor at Yale University, on *Turkish Treatment of the Greek Orthodox Patriarchate in Istanbul*.
7. A position paper by Phocas A. Angelatos, *The Ecumenical Patriarchate: Our Mother Church a Greek American Viewpoint*.
8. A history of the Archons of the *Ecumenical Patriarchate of the Order of St. Andrew the Apostle* by Notarios Ernest A. Villas, former secretary of the Order of St. Andrew and currently, Director of the Department of Religious Education of the Archdiocese.
9. Sample letters to newspaper editors and Congressmen.

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