On October 25, 1985, Archbishop Iakovos announced to the Archdiocesan Council which convened at the Waldorf-Astoria that the central building on the grounds of the Ecumenical Patriarchate in Constantinople, Turkey, the Phanar, which was destroyed by fire in 1941, “will be rebuilt.” In announcing this, His Eminence Archbishop Iakovos, emotionally moved, said that the rebuilding permit would be issued soon by the government of Turkey.

The assurance that the Patriarchate will be rebuilt has been a significant development in the struggle for religious freedom and human rights. The Patriarchate has suffered numerous attacks and destructions throughout history, but the Turkish government’s agreement to rebuild the central building is a step towards preserving the historical and cultural heritage of the Orthodox Church.

### The Athenagorian Award for Human Rights

This year, the National Council of the Order of St. Andrew, upon the recommendation and motion of Archon Konstantine Vellos, voted unanimously to establish the Athenagorian Award for Human Rights. The award is named for the great Ecumenical Patriarch Athens, whose 100th birthday is being celebrated this year.

The award will be presented every year to a person or organization which has consistently exemplified by action, purpose and dedication their concern for the basic human rights and religious freedom of all people, regardless of race, color or creed.

The award is a small bust of his Holiness as suggested by Archon Christo Daphnides and sculptured by sculptor Nikolas Ikaris. It will be presented at the annual Banquet of The Order of St. Andrew The Apostle.

The National Council of Archons shall be presented with a list of nominees for the award. Each candidate will have his qualifications approved and reviewed by a sub-committee of the Council. The recommendation for the recipient of this award will be presented to the National Council and the Archbishop for final approval.

The first recipient of the Athenagorian Award will be His Eminence Archbishop Iakovos in recognition of his struggle and continued efforts against all violations committed against religious freedom and human rights.

### New Constitution and By-Laws of the Order of St. Andrew

Under the chairmanship of Archon Aktoarios Dr. Chris Philip, 2nd Vice-Commander of the National Council of the Order of St. Andrew, the new Constitution and By-laws was finalized, and has been printed. These have been sent out to each Archon in preparation for the Annual Meeting which will be held at the Waldorf-Astoria, March 22, 1986, at which time new candidates will be recommended to the National Council by the Nominating Committee headed by Archon Depoutatos John Linakis of the National Council. The Committee has been meeting for two years in updating the original constitution and by-laws. The proposed constitution and by-laws, which is outstanding in design prepared by Archon Christo Daphnides, has gone through numerous drafts and re-writes with the final copy submitted to His Eminence Archbishop Iakovos for approval. Hopefully the new constitution and by-laws will answer many of the questions which many Archons have and especially those concerns of the role which all Archons play as “Defenders of the Faith.”
ARCHONS TO HOST A GALA SUNDAY OF ORTHODOXY WEEKEND
MARCH 22-23, 1986

Once again, New York will be the center of attention in observance of the Sunday of Orthodoxy when Archons and their families and friends throughout the United States and Canada will gather in order to celebrate the first Sunday of Lent with the triumph of Orthodoxy, the symbolic historical event of the restoration of the holy icons in the 8th century, the event which best describes the commitment in the 20th century of all Archons to the Ecumenical Patriarchate, headquarters of the Holy See.

Among the many honored guests at the banquet, the main speaker will be Dr. Arie R. Brouwer, General Secretary, National Council of Churches, and the Master of Ceremonies will be the popular Congressman from Pennsylvania George Gikas, a devout Greek Orthodox Christian and active communicant of his parish.

On Sunday morning, at the New York Holy Trinity Archdiocesan Cathedral, 319 East 74th Street, a hierarchical Divine Liturgy will take place with Archbishop Jakovos officiating, with the assistance of many of the Bishops of our Archdiocese, as well as priests and deacons. Highlight of the morning’s religious services will be the investiture by His Eminence Archbishop Jakovos, on behalf of the Ecumenical Patriarch, of the individuals who have been deemed worthy by their local parish, their bishop, Archbishop Jakovos, the National Council of Archons, and the Ecumenical Patriarch to receive their Offikia and be inducted into the Order of St. Andrew the Apostle. This year’s candidates are as follows:

- Cosmas S. Georfilakis, Potomac, Md.
- Peter G. Pappas, Bethesda, Md.
- George J. Kevgas, Methuen, Ma.
- Angelo A. Stamoulis, Holliston, Ma.

As with the investiture, the evening’s festivities will begin on Sunday evening at the Waldorf-Astoria, 301 Park Avenue, at 6:30 p.m. with cocktails, a prayer service, and a keynote address by John W. Galanis, Elm Grove, Wis. The main event will be a banquet at 7:30 p.m. with the main speaker Dr. Arie R. Brouwer, General Secretary, National Council of Churches, and the Master of Ceremonies will be the popular Congressman from Pennsylvania George Gikas, a devout Greek Orthodox Christian and active communicant of his parish.

The regular meeting of all Archons will follow from 2-5 p.m., at which time the National Commander will give his annual report, and the newly selected candidates will receive their charge and ecclesiastical induction to the rules and regulations of the Order from His Eminence Archbishop Jakovos, who is also the Exarch of the Ecumenical Patriarchate. Following the meeting, the evening’s festivities will begin with cocktails at 6 p.m. and the banquet at 7:30 p.m.
TRAVEL IMPRESSIONS
BY
REV. DR. M.B. EFTHIMIOU
PILGRIMAGE TO CONSTANTINOPLE AND ST. NICHOLAS SYMPOSIUM
AT MYRA, 1985

“We have once again gathered in Antalya/Myra, to breathe this air of refreshing vibrance, to come together as brothers and sisters, but more important to witness to the truth of one man’s life, a bishop of the early church. And this is why we have come all the way from the U.S.A. led by His Grace Bishop Efthimiou, Executive Officer of the Order of St. Andrew, the Archons, and Executive Director of the Department of Church and Society, opened the festivities for the 3rd International St. Nicholas Symposium in Antalya, Turkey, on December 4, 1985. With him at this auspicious occasion was His Grace Bishop Philotheos of Meloa, spiritual leader of the pilgrimage, and 15 people, 3 of whom were Archons of the Great Church of Christ, who accompanied Bishop Philotheos and Fr. Efthimiou, and who were led by His Eminence Metropolitan Chrysostomos of Myra of the Holy Synod of the Ecumenical Patriarchate, and in whose legendary See the symposium and the celebration of St. Nicholas on December 6th took place. Those attending the pilgrimage were as follows: His Grace Bishop Philotheos and Rev. Dr. Milton B. Efthimiou from the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese in New York City; Fr. Evagoras Chelpon from Indiana; Fr. Theodore Constantines from New Jersey; Fr. Theodore Constantines from Virginia; Fr. George Kalloudis from Illinois; Rev. Cyril Loeb from California; Prof. Harry Psomiades from New York City; Dr. Kirk Karemoun from New Jersey; Mr. & Mrs. Harry Magafan from New Jersey; Mrs. Angela Varlas from West Virginia; Mrs. Pamela Makriostas from West Virginia.

Upon the arrival at the airport in Istanbul, Turkey, the pilgrims were met by representatives of the Ecumenical Patriarchate. An audience was held with His All Holiness, Patriarch Dimitrios, and on November 30th, the Feastday of St. Andrew, the Apostle, a Patriarchal Divine Liturgy with all of the members of the Holy Synod participating was held in the church of St. George at the Phanar, where representatives from the Vatican were also present in order to exchange greetings, on behalf of Pope John Paul, with Patriarch Dimitrios. The itinerary in Istanbul included visits to Agia Sophia, Kahriye Mosque (Moni tis Horas), Topkapi Palace, where the sarcophagus of Alexander the Great was on display, as well as relics of St. John the Baptist, the Theological School of Halki, and an emotional visit to Balukli Hospital where a tour of the hospital and the Greek Orthodox patients was led by the director of Balukli, Dr. T. Karamuratoglou who also accepted, on behalf of the Board of Trustees of the Hospital, monetary gifts from the National Council of Archons headed by the National Commander, Dr. Anthony G. Borden as well as from New England Archons. On December 1st, the group visited Ismir (Smyrna) and Ephesus as well as the ancient church of St. John the Theologian whose remains were buried in the altar sanctuary of the ancient church. On December 3rd, the group arrived in Antalya where participants from many European nations gathered for the symposium on St. Nicholas. Many outstanding scholars and historians expounded on the person of St. Nicholas, as well as aspects of iconography, early church history, archaeological and Christian excavations in Turkey, as well as topics relating to Chris-

Participants in the Symposium of St. Nicholas of Myra, Antalya, Turkey.
CHICAGO ARCHONS CELEBRATE NATIONAL FEASTDAY OF ST. ANDREW

Last year's celebration of the Feastday of St. Andrew the Apostle, Patron Saint of the Archons was celebrated in Chicago, Ill.

Under the auspices of the Diocese of Chicago, with Bishop Ilakovos as Chairman assisted by the Regional and State Commander Andrew Kapan, and other prominent Archons of Illinois, vespers were held at the St. Andrew Church officiated by His Eminence Archbishop Ilakovos and a choir attended. A program followed honoring the memory of St. Andrew the Apostle.

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would be issued a building permit was given to the Archbishop by Turkish Prime Minister Turgut Ozal at the Turkish Mission to the United Nations that Friday morning, October 25, 1985. The news was made public by the Archdiocesan Press and Information Office the same day, and the Archdiocesan Council applauded the Archbishop at the St. Andrew Church in Chicago.

The central building of the Ecumenical Patriarchate was also representatives of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Bari, Italy where most of the remains of St. Nicholas lie following the bringing of these remains to St. Nicholas Church in Bari, Italy, in the 11th century. For the pilgrims, this was the highlight of the trip since we stood in the very basilica, built in the 6th century, over the remains of St. Nicholas. Last year was the first time this liturgy was performed in 1200 years, and the church is opened once a year, December 6th, for the celebration to take place. It was apparent to all present that the Christian roots and spirit of "Santa Claus", was, indeed, St. Nicholas as was brought out at the Divine Liturgy as well received by those in attendance.

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