PATRIARCH DIMITRIOS AND ARCHBISHOP IAKOVOS ON VISIT TO MIDDLE EAST

NEW YORK, N.Y. — An historical event, which all Archons viewed with great interest, was the recent 24 day trip to the Middle East of His Eminence Archbishop Iakovos with His All-Holiness Patriarch Dimitrios I. The visit took them to Egypt, Israel and Jordan, and the Patriarchates of Alexandria and Jerusalem.

The trip was viewed with interest by the Archons in that this historic visit of an Archbishop and Exarch of the Americas and the Patriarch of the Ecumenical Throne met at the Phanar and formulated a trust with the Turkish government which would have far reaching effects for the Ecumenical See.

Archbishop Iakovos, in describing the trip, said that it could be characterized neither as a pleasant nor as a triumphant journey. Rather it was a trip with distressing encounters: although the Patriarch and his entourage were zealously welcomed in Alexandria (and wherever they traveled), the once flourishing Greek Orthodox community there as well as in Cairo and elsewhere no longer exists. In its place is a very small community of approximately 3,000 people struggling to survive. St. Katherine's Monastery, a magnificent architectural achievement built by Emperor Justinian I, has only 14 monks today, while the Patriarchate of Jerusalem has no lay people at all — only clergy. Nevertheless, His Eminence said, “One cannot help but feel peace and serenity walking in the sacred places where Christ once lived and taught.”

Among the Archbishop’s fondest remembrances were: praying with the Patriarch on Mt. Sinai where Moses received God’s Ten Commandments (the Archbishop later conducted midnight services there as a simple priest at the Chapel of the Burning Bush with the Patriarch and his entourage co-praying); receiving Holy Communion as the early Christians did when they hid in the catacombs; visiting Christ’s tomb (the Holy Sepulchre); the sight of the Nativity in Bethlehem; and walking in the Desert of Nitria (which seemed “endless”) en route to see the Great Pyramids and the Sphinx of Egypt.

During a subsequent bus ride through the desert the Archbishop said that all they saw were remnants of tanks and planes destroyed by the Israelis in the 1960’s. “You never see anything green there at all, but you do see many black skeletons and modern-day weapons.”

The Archbishop added that the trip did not include a visit to the Patriarch of Antioch, as was originally planned, because the Syrian government refused His All Holiness a visa.

At the question and answer portion of the press conference, His eminence was asked if the Patriarch is planning to visit the United States in the near future. In his reply the Archbishop said that the Patriarch “might consider this next year when we have the Clergy-Laity Congress in Boston and we begin the second 50 years of Holy Cross School of Theology.”

In reference to His All Holiness’ up-

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ARCHON PILGRIMAGE TO TURKEY: CONSTANTINOPLE, SMYRNA, MYRA

Plans for the 1987 Pilgrimage to the Phanar, the Patriarchate of Constantinople, Smyrna, Antalya and Myra (Demre), have been finalized. Spiritual leader of the Pilgrimage is Bishop John of Atlanta and the plans call for the Pilgrimage from Friday, November 27 to Saturday, December 12.

The Pilgrimage will include visitations to the sacred shrines of Christendom in and around Constantinople, Smyrna, Ephesus, Anatolia, Myra, Aspendos, Perge and Side. Plans are already being made with Metropolitan Chrysostomos of Myra who is the Patriarchal leader of the Pilgrimage, and Chairman of the St. Nicholas Symposium in Antalya, Turkey. The Pilgrimage will also include a visit to the Patriarchate in an audience with His All Holiness, Patriarch Dimitrios, 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 December 12 date may do so. Cost per person is still to be 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.

NEW ARCHONS TO ASSIST THE ECUMENICAL PATRIARCHATE

New Archons invested on March 8, 1987, the Sunday of Orthodoxy, will be asked to help and work for the promotion and welfare of the center of Orthodoxy the Patriarchate of Constantinople.

1. These Archons, as in the past, will be asked to assist the Patriarchate and its institutions, such as the Balukli Hospital and the Orphanage, through personal efforts and financial assistance.

PATRIARCH DIMITRIOS VISITS RUSSIA

Patriarch Dimitrios visited the Soviet Union for the first top level contact between the Greek and Russian Orthodox churches in more than 400 years. His Holiness visited in Moscow between August 18th and 20th and the southern republic of Georgia between August 21st and 25th.

The visit to the Soviet Union was the beginning of a series of visits by the Patriarch to Orthodox churches in the Eastern bloc nations. In September he will meet with Orthodox church leaders of Serbia in Yugoslavia, followed by trips to Romania and Bulgaria. Before the end of 1987 he will also meet Pope John Paul II at the Vatican as well as visit Britain to confer with the Anglican Church leaders.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

If any Archon has recently moved, or changed his telephone number, please notify or call the office at: (212) 570-3550.

2. Educating political and religious leaders about the problem of human rights in Turkey and the persecution of our people and their institutions.


4. Communicating with Archons in the Americas and abroad about the Patriarchate, its needs and the problems it faces.

5. Supporting our Archdiocese and its institutions, extensions 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.
REORGANIZATION OF THE STATE AND REGIONAL COMMANDERS
NEW APPOINTMENTS

The final reorganization of Regional/State Commanders has been made and is shown below.

One of the chief concerns of the Regional/State Commanders are the needs and status of the Ecumenical Patriarchate of Constantinople. A guideline kit has been sent to each commander with position papers and articles pertinent to the plight of the Patriarchate.

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SUNDAY OF ORTHODOXY 1987

Archbishop Makarios and Commander A. Borden presenting to President Carter the Athenagorian Award for Human Rights.

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also, the Regional/State Commanders have been asked to help in encouraging a positive response to the appeal made to all Archons for financial support by His Eminence Archbishop Iakovos. In the fall, a one-day workshop will be held for all Regional/State Commanders, in order to give firmer direction to the goals and objectives of the Order.

archbishop Papandreou assured His Eminence that he would personally try to resolve the problem between the Church of Greece and the State, in order to prevent further animosity and confrontations. In closing the press conference the Archbishop emphasized how pleased he was with this decision and said he believes that a middle ground will be achieved.

Archbishop Iakovos and Commander A. Borden presenting to President Carter the Athenagorian Award for Human Rights.
HIGHLIGHTS OF ARCHON NATIONAL COUNCIL MEETINGS SPRING/SUMMER '87

The National Council of the Order of St. Andrew meets monthly under the leadership of Commander Dr. Anthony Borden along with its members. As of spring 1987 the highlights of the meetings are as follows:

Meeting — April 28, 1987: Keeping in tune with the Easter Season, the meeting began appropriately with a prayer and the singing of “Christos Anesti.” The entire meeting was devoted to the Sunday of Orthodoxy, held this year on March 7th and 8th. Father Efthimiou showed a condensed 2 hour version of a lengthy film highlighting the festivities of this weekend.

According to Father Efthimiou, a 1 hour documentary will be made of this tape which will include such highlights as the VIP reception with Jimmy Carter, the banquet, Sunday Morning Hierarchical Divine Liturgy, and more.

Dr. Borden read his report which included a telegram by his Eminence, Archbishop Iakovos, informing him of the rebuilding of the Ecumenical Patriarchate.

Medical & Book Contribution: Also discussed by Dr. Borden with Dr. Jean Pappas was what became of the machines sent to Balukli Hospital. Apparently, the x-ray tubes in the machines were either lost or stolen.

Dr. Borden also read a letter about the “Ofikia” book. So far, all the pledges have not been collected for the book to forth.

The Archon/8 East 79th Street, New York, NY 10021.

MEETING — June 4, 1987

Minutes — The publicity on the banquet was felt not to be large in the American press. Most probably because major newspapers were absent.

Sunday of Orthodoxy — It was considered the most successful one of these. Archon Steve Papadatos brought in 15 tables.

Commander’s Report — $10,000 will be donated for an ambulance to be sent to Vasiliko, the birthplace of the late Patriarch, Athenagos. Also discussed were the ground breaking ceremonies of the Patriarchate building. No Archon participation was present because the Patriarchate and Holy Synod wanted to keep this a low key affair.

Treasurer’s Report — From the period of Jan. 1 through June 3, 1987, a deficit of over $5,000 has been created.

Discussions — Christo Daphnides will determine whether 3 or 4 statues of Athenagos by sculptor, Nicko Ikaris, are needed.

Money Matters — Financial burdens such as those of the Sunday of Orthodoxy Luncheon following the Divine Liturgy, should be shared by both the Order and the Cathedral as well.

It was also felt that a percentage of the Order’s budget be used for philanthropic purposes, as per Archon Kalimeris.

1987 St. Nicholas Symposium and Pilgrimage — Father Milton has been in touch with the Turkish travel agency. Christo Daphnides submitted ideas for brochures and posters which will be forthcoming. Once these arrive, they will be sent to all necessary channels and be publicized nationally. The Philoptochos will again participate and publicize this trip.

Regional/State Commanders — Discussions on the importance of active regional/state commanders and possible nationwide programs for disseminating material which would clarify goals and objectives of the Order of St. Andrew in relation to the Ecumencial Patriarchate.

Dr. Borden asked how the national council can think about ways and means of making regional/state commanders roles more meaningful.

MEETING — July 30, 1987

The Balukli Hospital in Istanbul received their x-ray machines as beautiful and informative book published by the Order of St. Andrew, THE ARCHON, price $100 each.

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