



## MOTHER TERESA TO RECEIVE ATHENAGORAS HUMAN RIGHTS AWARD

Mother Teresa, 1979 Nobel Peace Prize recipient and founder of the Missionaries of Charity, will be the honored guest and receive the Third Athenagoras Human Rights Award at the annual banquet of the Archons of the Order of St. Andrew on Saturday, February 27th at the Marriott Hotel in New York City.



Mother Teresa

The award is 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 recommendation for a recipient of the award is presented to the National Council and then sent to Archbishop Iakovos for final approval.

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

The second recipient of this award was former President Jimmy Carter who was recognized for his untiring efforts for the cause of human rights throughout the world and, in particular, on behalf of his efforts in

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## A Historic Moment

# THE MEETING OF PATRIARCH DIMITRIOS AND THE POPE

by Rev. Dr. Milton B. Efthimiou

For four days history stood still as Dimitrios I, Ecumenical Patriarch and members of the Holy Synod as well as other dignitaries paid a visit to the Bishop of Rome in order to continue the ecumenical encounter between the Greek Orthodox Church and the Roman Catholic Church that would bring the two great churches of Christendom together after 900 years of division between the respective two churches.

As Patriarch Dimitrios and his entourage arrived for a private meeting at the Pope's library, John Paul II said, "I welcome you to Rome and to the Vatican on this historic occasion." The meeting lasted for about forty-five minutes and the Pope presented the Patriarch with a golden chalice which was symbolical of the desire expressed so often by the Patriarch's

predecessor, Athenagoras I, that the co-celebration of the Holy Eucharist would indeed become a reality in the not too distant future. The Patriarch in return gave the Pope a replica of an early Byzantine crucifix, and several other items of traditional significance such as a vase, medals, while the Pope responded with another gift of an eleventh-century painting of our Lord and Saviour, as well as medals and sacred texts of early church writings.

### Highlights of the Patriarch's Rome Visit

Pope John Paul received the Patriarch and his entourage at the Tower of San Giovanni (St. John), who arrived by motorcade from Rome's Leonardo Da Vinci airport after a flight from Constantinople.

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## ANNUAL PILGRIMAGE TO CONSTANTINOPLE AND ST. NICHOLAS SYMPOSIUM AT MYRA

by Christo Daphnides, Archon Kastrinsios

If I could make a suggestion to an Archon on how to enrich his spirit, I would tell him to take a trip to the Holy See of Constantinople and then visit all the Hellenistic cities in Asia Minor, where St. Paul, St. John and St. Barnabas, and many other great men walked and preached. For me and my wife, Helen, this pilgrimage was a purification of our souls.

At 9 a.m., November 30th, the feast day of Saint Andrew, our group entered the Patriarchal Church of St. George. It could not have been a more touching moment. The subdued light that was entering through the glass windows sparked a dramatic signal for an imminent major event. Everything was so religious, so mystical and yet so strong and dynamic. This setting moved our hearts so deeply that immediately we sensed the presence of someone Superior. . . someone very Heavenly. . .

The dignitaries began arriving, one by one, among them the generous donor, Mr. Angelopoulos, who contributed six million dollars for the completion of the Patriar-

chal Building, and Cardinal Willebrands, the representative of the Vatican.

Then the time came and His Holiness

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Visiting the Patriarchate, from l. to r., Helen Daphnides; Metropolitan of Myra Chrysostomos; Metropolitan of Perga Evangelos; Christo Daphnides, and Mr. Condos.

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**MOTHER TERESA** (Continued from page 1)  
the rebuilding program of the Ecumenical Patriarchate of Constantinople.

The Archons of the Order of St. Andrew the Apostle are dedicated laymen of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of North and South America who have been honored for their outstanding service to the Church by having a Patriarchal title bestowed upon them by His All Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch of Constantinople.

Patriarch Athenagoras served as Archbishop in the Americas for 18 years before being elected Ecumenical Patriarch in 1948. He was universally acknowledged as a visionary leader of Orthodoxy, numbering over 250 million worldwide, who worked for peace among Churches and people throughout his life.

Mother Teresa will be recognized for her global mission which has touched millions — the poor, the elderly, the orphaned, the sick and disabled. Internationally respected and acclaimed, her life story has been beautifully and emotionally told in the 1986 film Mother Teresa. Clips of the prize winning documentary will be shown by producers Ann and Jeanette Petrie during the banquet.

Andrew Athens, president of the Archdiocesan Council and chairman of the United Hellenic American Congress will serve as master of ceremonies for the banquet and expected to attend are Archons, religious and government leaders, members of the diplomatic corps and Greek Orthodox faithful from throughout the western hemisphere.

A highlight of the evening will be a premier showing of a film showing exclusive footage of the December 3-7, 1987 visit of Ecumenical Patriarch Dimitrios to the Vatican and the celebration of the Feast Day of St. Andrew at the Ecumenical Patriarchate in Istanbul.

On Sunday, February 28, Archbishop Iakovos, Chairman of the Standing Conference of Canonical Orthodox Bishops in America (SCOBA) will celebrate the Archieratical Liturgy of the Sunday of Orthodoxy (First Sunday of Lent), with fellow SCOBA hierarchs at the Archdiocesan Cathedral of the Holy Trinity, beginning at 10:00 a.m.

## PATRIARCH AND POPE

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Accompanying the Patriarch were: Metropolitan Chrysostomos of Myra; Metropolitan Bartholomaios of Philadelphia; Metropolitan Evangelos of Perga; Metropolitan Gabriel of Colonia; the Rev. Deacon Meliton, undersecretary of the Synodical Office; the Rev. Archdeacon Dimitrios, and various other personages connected with the Ecumenical Patriarchate.

Visits were made to the Coliseum in Rome, the Sistine Chapel, the Church of Santa Maria Maggiore, the Church of Santa Testaverda, where vespers were held to a capacity crowd and where 3,000 youths gathered to chant the vespers, in

Italian, of St. Andrew the Apostle utilizing Orthodox hymns. Part of the service was to the accompaniment of a guitar with the whole congregation of youths singing. It was one of the highlights of the Patriarch's visit and one could see the Patriarch visibly moved by the singing and outpouring of the youth of Rome. In a spontaneous gesture of love, the Patriarch went out into the audience to greet the young people who were giving the Patriarch a standing ovation as is the custom in Rome and rushed to kiss the hand and receive the blessing of the Ecumenical Patriarch. Much to the consternation of the security police, the Patriarch and the entourage went out into the streets following the service and was received by an overflow crowd who continued the chanting of the hymn of St. Andrew with the addition of the words, "We welcome you Patriarch Dimitrios."

### The Mass at St. Peter'

An overflow crowd in the church as well as about a million onlookers in the

the Filioque clause. This was the clause inserted by the Roman Catholic Church of the Procession of the Holy Spirit "From the Father and the son" which was the principal theological cause of the division between the two churches in 1054 A.D. The recitation by the Pope without this clause tantamounted to an admission by the spiritual leader of eight hundred and ten million Roman Catholic faithful that the Latin Church confesses formally its adherence to the tenets of the early church to which the Greek Orthodox Church conforms and from which it has never waived.

- 2) In an unprecedented move, the Pope came down from the high Altar and into the audience where the Patriarch was seated on his patriarchal throne in order to escort the Patriarch back up to the high Altar for formal greetings between the two. This had never happened before and was indicative of the expression of love and humility on the part of the Pope to the Ecumenical leader of world Orthodoxy. (Note: in



Patriarch Dimitrios I and Pope John Paul II praying together in Rome.

square took part in the great basilica of St. Peter's. The printed program stated, "Mass presided over by Pope John Paul II, on occasion of the visit of the Ecumenical Patriarch of Constantinople Dimitrios I." No doubt remembering the last visit to the Vatican by an Eastern Orthodox leader on October 26, 1967, when Ecumenical Patriarch Athenagoras was received in this very basilica, the crowd outside and inside the basilica broke out into a thundering ovation when Pope and Patriarch proceeded down the aisle and up to the altar under the great columns of Bernini where Pope Paul would conduct the Mass. Two events during the Mass signified the historical impact which this visit would have on future generations:

- 1) The recitation of the Nicene Creed in the original Greek simultaneously by both Patriarch and the Pope without

preliminary viewing of video tapes, it was noticeable that the Pope was tearing from both eyes. He obviously knew of the importance of this gesture and what it meant after so many years of separation. It also was indicative of the steadily growing contacts since the 1964 historic meeting between Pope Paul VI and Athenagoras I in Jerusalem as well as the 1979 visit of Pope John Paul to Patriarch Dimitrios I in Constantinople exactly one year after his selection to patriarch.)

- 3) Perhaps the greatest moment was the unprecedented appearance of Patriarch and Pope on the balcony overlooking St. Peter Square, captured magnificently on video film, when the Pope and the Patriarch blessed the congregation in the square simultaneously. The

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## ANNUAL PILGRIMAGE

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Patriarch Dimitrios entered with his entourage, the deacons, the archpriests and the Chancellor of the Patriarchal Court.

His Holiness blessed us and then ascended the old throne, the symbol of the Hierarchy. We all were in awe of this symbolic procession, for how many times do we have the opportunity to witness the Ecumenical Patriarch stepping up to the legendary throne of Orthodoxy. The entire service led by the Patriarch, and assisted by the 12 Hierarchs of the Holy Synod, stirred our every emotion and its impression will be with us for a lifetime.

In a few days the Patriarch, with his delegation of Hierarchs, was departing for Rome for his historic meeting with the Pope.

Our stay in Istanbul was pleasurable, educational and at the same time emotional. The next morning, we visited Balukli Hospital and the Old Age Home which is located outside of the historical old Byzantine Walls of Theodosius ("Eptapyrgion" — 7 towers). We spent some 2-3 hours there, where the Archons have established an Adopt-a-Patient Plan with a \$50 a year donation per patient. The director of the Hospital, a dedicated man, Dr. T. Karamuratoglou, expressed his gratitude to us for the Archons' help and the shipment of the latest x-ray equipment that we donated.

We visited various departments of the hospital, including a section where approximately 200 Greek elderly people find shelter, care and hospitalization under the supervision of the Patriarchate.

We later went to the nearby Monastery of Zoodochos Pigi and visited the tombs of the Patriarchs in the courtyard. This Monastery is blessed by the holy water which has continuously been running, according to legend, from the time Emperor Leo washed the eyes of a blind man in the 4th century.

We read memorial prayers over the tomb of the late Ecumenical Patriarch Athenagoras, officiated by the leader of the group, Bishop Alexios of Troados.

We ended our day with a visit to the Topkapi Palace, the Museum and the Covered Bazaar.

We were all so ecstatic and impressed with our experiences the first two days that when we arrived at our luxurious Hotel Ramada in Istanbul, we felt no fatigue at all. The next morning we flew to Smyrna to begin our visits to the Hellenistic and Byzantine cities of Asia Minor.

Ephesus was beyond description. Many civilizations, archaic, Hellenistic, Roman, Byzantine had passed and left their traces in many rich and valuable monuments, considered on par with and as magnificent as those in Greece and Italy. It was so enlightening to learn that in 431 A.D. one of the Ecumenical Councils was held here at the Basilica of "Theotokos", which we visited last.

We continued our trip eastward to Pamukkale and then to Hierapolis to spend the night. In the morning we toured this archaic city and the ruins which distinctly portrayed the influence of the Hellenistic spirit. Interestingly, adjoining the city is Necropolis, possessing a stupendous cemetery with towering tombs (sarcophagus), some of them decorated with many figures depicting scenes from the life of the buried or from mythological legends.

Every step of our tour filled us with excitement; the more we saw, the more we looked forward to the next visit. The remainder of the day we spent travelling southeast toward our destination, Antalya, the seaside city where we were going to spend the next three days and attend the Symposium of St. Nicholas.

The scenery and landscape were beautiful as we passed small towns and colorful villages of the regions. . . Aeolia, Lydia and Phrygia. . . to arrive at the shores of the Mediterranean where Pamphylia and Lykia meet.



Metropolitan of Tianon and Catholic Bishops from Bari at the end of the service in the Cathedral of St. Nicholas in Myra.

We arrived at 8:30 in the evening at the lovely deluxe Hotel Club Sera in Antalya. On the agenda for the next day was a tour of the three ancient cities, Side, Aspendos and Perga, containing the magnificent ruins of the Hellenistic and Roman civilizations. . . including the outstanding and restored theater in Aspendos. Each stop, historically speaking, had much to offer and somehow every stage left a special impression on us because it was all related to our own history and culture.

The following day, at their invitation, we were busy visiting with the Governor and Mayor of Antalya, who welcomed us very warmly.

Certainly, Antalya has a beautiful, well-kept and treasure-filled museum with excellent Greek and Byzantine art.

The same day, we participated in the Symposium of St. Nicholas to hear the scholars from the United States, England, Germany and Italy present their papers relating to St. Nicholas, his philanthropic work and various aspects of his life. The last day we all enjoyed, very much, a 3-hour ride to Myra, southwest of Antalya. The old Cathedral, built in the 6th century over the tomb of St. Nicholas, had been restored in the 11th and 19th centuries, and once a year (over the last 5 years) a full Orthodox service is conducted, officiated by the titular Bishop of Myra from the Ecumenical Patriarchate. (This year

## ARCHONS TO HOST A GALA SUNDAY OF ORTHODOXY WEEKEND FEBRUARY 27-28, 1988

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 symbolical 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 be "Defenders of the Faith."

The festivities on Saturday will be held at the New York Marriott Marquis Hotel at Broadway and 45 Street. The program is as follows:

### Saturday, February 27, 1988

- 12 Noon Luncheon/meeting with Regional/State Commanders and National Council members only.
- 2:00 p.m. Annual Meeting of all Archons and Archons elect
- 2:00 p.m. Ladies Reception and Tea
- 6:00 p.m. Reception for Archons and guests
- 7:30 p.m. Grand Banquet. Presentation of the Athenagoras Human Rights Award

### Sunday, February 28, 1988

At the Holy Trinity Cathedral, 319 East 74 Street, New York, NY.

- 9:00 a.m. Orthros
- 9:30 a.m. Archons assemble in Cathedral auditorium for procession to seating. Wear your paraphernalia. New Candidates — Purchase your cross so it can be blessed during the service.
- 10:00 a.m. Archieratical Divine Liturgy of the Sunday of Orthodoxy celebrated by Archbishop Iakovos, assisted by bishops and visiting clergy.
- 12 Noon Procession of Icons by all Archons  
Investiture of new Archons by Archbishop Iakovos  
Public recitation of the Acclamation of the Orthodox Faith.
- 1:30 p.m. Luncheon and reception clergy; new Archons and wives; Archons and wives at ADAMS RIB RESTAURANT, 1st Ave. and 72 St., New York City (in memory of Pierre George, Archon Depoutatos)

the titular Bishop was represented by Metropolitan Philip of Tianon.)

The highlight and most moving experience was hearing the echoes of the Byzantine chanting during the liturgy reverberating from within this archaic Cathedral and finally ending with our farewell prayer at the tomb of St. Nicholas.

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Pope appears on the balcony only once a year, Easter, and always by himself. In his talk on the balcony, the Pope said, "I fervently prayed this morning that the two churches continue to grow in harmony for that unity that God wishes for all his people who call themselves followers of Christ." The Pope then asked the Patriarch to bless the congregation of the faithful who in turn gave the prayer following each Divine Liturgy, "Evlogia Kiriou Kai eleos elthi ef imas."

The meeting of these two religious leaders will go down in history as a momentous event. There is no question that there are many obstacles to overcome, chief of which is the "Papal supremacy" question. Also, in this writer's opinion, important will be how much influence the Vatican will have on world opinion so that the Ecumenical See at the Phanar will enjoy better days especially now that the rebuilding of the Ecumenical Patriarchate signifies a new era for the world headquarters of Ecumenical Orthodoxy. As Cardinal Willebrands expressed in his office at the Vatican, "Let us hope that this meeting will look beyond the differences between the two churches so that in the love which He gave to the world, will supercede everything else." Perhaps this will reflect the reminder of St. Paul to all Christendom in his first Epistle to Corinthians: "Now these three abide: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love."

## LECTURES ON PILGRIMAGE TO PHANARI AND THE SYMPOSIUM OF ST. NICHOLAS

Under the auspices of the Order of St. Andrew the Apostle, Archon Christo Daphnides, member of the National Council, and Rev. Dr. Milton Efthimiou, Executive Officer of the Order, will begin a series of lectures and slide presentations in order to promote the Annual Pilgrimage to the Patriarchate, the Hospital in Constantinople, and the Symposium of St. Nicholas in Myra (Demre, Turkey).

The program will be presented in two parts, the first being a travelogue with three subtitles, St. Andrew's Feast Day at the Patriarchate; visiting Hellenistic cities in Asia Minor, and participation in the Symposium of St. Nicholas. In Part Two of the program, Father Efthimiou will present and analyze the historic trip of the Ecumenical Patriarch Dimitrios to Rome and His Holiness' meeting with Pope John Paul II.

The first of the lectures will be held at the Holy Trinity Cathedral, in New York City, Thursday, March 3, 1988 at 7:30 p.m. The schedule for the second lecture will be announced.

## ARCHONS TO PRODUCE VIDEO ON HISTORIC MEETING BETWEEN POPE AND PATRIARCH

Among the many achievements of the Archons of the Order of St. Andrew will be a documentary film made and produced in conjunction with EVENTSAT, International Satellite and Video Productions, which will highlight the Ecumenical Patriarchate, Balukli Hospital, the pilgrimage/symposium to Myra (Demre, Turkey), the Patriarchal Liturgy of St. Andrew at the Phanar, and the historic trip of Patriarch Dimitrios I and Pope John Paul II in Rome. Rev. Dr. Miltiades B. Efthimiou, Executive Officer of the Order, who was overall director and promoter on behalf of the Order for this project, worked with Mr. Basil Nikas, President of EVENTSAT, Ike Pappas, formerly of CBS News, and Yiannis Simonides, Director of Broadcasting for the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese, in order to produce film footage which will be owned and copyrighted by the Order, and which will be edited into a one hour documentary to be shown on national television in America, and eventually to be sold to individuals, groups, and churches on VHS for public viewing.

It was a monumental task, and the Order of St. Andrew allotted \$150,000 for this project. Donations have been made, and are still being accepted toward producing this and other subsequent documentaries, mainly for the libraries of all respective Archons, which can be used by regional and state commanders as well as individual Archons in their parishes when they speak on the Ecumenical Patriarchate during various functions, such as the Feastday of St. Andrew, the Sunday devoted to the Ecumenical Patriarchate, etc.

Valuable and unprecedented footage kept under lock and key because of its valuable contents, includes the following: manuscripts, books, writings, etc., in the libraries of Halki and the Ecumenical Patriarchate (Phanar); ancient churches in and around Constantinople; interviews with most of the prelates of the Holy Synod at the Ecumenical Patriarchate, including the Ecumenical Patriarch himself; interviews with Cardinals and important prelates at the Vatican in Rome, including

## PROF. GEANAKOPLIS ELECTED A FELLOW OF MEDIÆVAL ACADEMY

Deno J. Geanakoplos, Archon Didaskalos Tou Genous, Professor of History and Orthodox Church History at Yale University was elected a Fellow of the Medieval Academy. His induction will be held at the University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia, PA in April of this year. A Fellowship in the Academy is the greatest international honor that can be bestowed upon a "medievalist" scholar.

rare footage of the Pope and the Patriarch meeting, speaking and celebrating together at various services; historical footage of the High Mass at St. Peter's in Rome with the Pope and the Patriarch reciting the Creed without the Filioque, and Pope and Patriarch blessing from the balcony at St. Peter's Square (an historical first — never has any cleric stood on the balcony with a Pope of Rome), and the blessing of the faithful in St. Peter's Square by Patriarch Dimitrios I.

The first viewing of an incomplete part of the documentary will first be seen at the annual banquet, February 27, at the New York Marquis Hotel at which time Mother Teresa will receive the Patriarch Athanagoras Human Rights Award for 1988.

Once the documentary is completed and put on VHS, Archons will be informed as to availability and price. They may be purchased from the Archon office at the Archdiocese. Look for further information.

## DR. CHRIS PHILIP ELECTED PRESIDENT OF N.E. ORTHODONTISTS SOCIETY

Dr. Chris Philip, Archon Aktouarios of the Ecumenical Patriarchate and Vice-Commander of the Order of St. Andrew the Apostle, was elected President of the Northeastern Society of Orthodontists at their 64th Annual meeting.

A graduate of New York University College of Dentistry and of Columbia University School of Dental and Oral Surgery Orthodontic Program, he has practiced orthodontics since 1957. He is a past president of the Orthodontic Alumni Society of Columbia University and a recipient of its Distinguished Alumnus Award. He is a member of the Archdiocesan Council and has served on the Board of Trustees of St. Basil Academy. He has been on the Parish Council of St. Spyridon for approximately thirty years and is a past president of this Council and the School Board of St. Spyridon Parochial School.

In addition, he has taught at Fairleigh Dickinson University School of Dentistry since 1970, where he is an Associate Professor of Orthodontics and Clinic Coordinator. He also heads the Cleft Palate Program at this institution.

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