



Ecumenical Patriarch Due Here In Summer

Will Call on U.S. President, National Religious and Lay Leaders

By Rev. M.B. Efthimiou

In a monumental decision by the Holy Synod of the Ecumenical Patriarchate, it was announced that His Holiness Dimitrios I will travel to the United States and plans to attend the forthcoming Clergy-Laity Congress which will take place in Washington, D.C., in July of 1990.

He will be arriving here with a delegation of the Holy Synod a month before the Congress convenes with the express purpose of visiting a cross-section of Dioceses belonging to the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of the Americas, and deemed the most

progressive such children of the Mother Church of Constantinople. Final plans for the Prelate's visit to the New World were being worked out while the Archdiocesan delegation attended dedication services at Phanar.

The pastoral visit of His Holiness will be highlighted by meetings with the President of the United States George Bush, Government officials — including several State Governors — and national Church leaders of many denominations.

The Archons are expected to play a major role in hosting this, the visit of First Among Equals of all Patriarchs in the world.

MYRA PILGRIMS JOURNEY INTO PAST GLORY OF ASIA MINOR RETURN TO PRESENT AS WITNESSES TO PHANAR DEDICATION

This year's annual pilgrimage to the Holy See of Constantinople took place with many people attending the Feast Day of St. Andrew on November 30, at the Church of St. George at the Phanar, and others coming

the Order and Executive Director of the Department of Church & Society.

During the pilgrimage, audiences were held with His All Holiness the Ecumenical Patriarch Dimitrios I, and on November 30

be permanently displayed in the new Patriarchal building.

The pilgrims visited the famous Aghia Sophia, the Church of St. Saviour at Chora, the Hippodrome, the Monastery of Zoodo-



LEFT: From the 1984 Pilgrimage: Metropolitan Chrysostomos of Myra celebrates at the Shrine of Saint Nicholas (6th Century A.D.)
CENTER: Interior of the Hagia Sophia, the glittering Cathedral of

Byzantium, one of the points of interest visited by Pilgrims.
RIGHT: Caretaker stands next to the empty Tomb of Saint Nicholas while holding venerated icon of the saint.

to participate in the 7th International St. Nicholas Symposium in Antalya as well as the hierarchical divine liturgy at Myra (Demre), Turkey on December 6. Others who could not have attended these festivities, attended the dedication festivities of the new Patriarchal building from December 14-18. (Most of this year's pilgrims came from Canada, under the leadership of Regional Commander of the Toronto Diocese, Archon Hartoularios Costas Mithios.) Coordinator for pilgrimage and festivities at the Phanar was the Rev. Dr. Milton B. Efthimiou Executive Officer of

the Feast Day of St. Andrew, the Patriarchal Divine Liturgy was attended by the Vatican representatives led by Cardinal Willebrands, Chairman of the Secretariat for Ecumenical relations of the Roman Catholic Church. The participants in the Patriarchal Liturgy were all the members of the Holy Synod, in a most impressive and colorful ceremony.

Dr. Anthony Borden, Commander Emeritus of the Order and a member of the delegation made the presentation of the icon of Saint Andrew the Apostle, patron saint of the Archons, to the Patriarch. The icon, painted by iconographer Kostas Youssis will

chos Peghe, the tombs of the Patriarchs, and the Balukli Hospital. Also, many members of the group visited Smyrna and Ephesus, the basilica of St. John the Theologian, and the alleged house of the Virgin Mary. They also visited the ancient city of Hierapolis, (Pammhukale), Aphrodisias, Antalya, Aspendos, Perge and Side.

The dedication ceremonies at the Phanar on December 17 were most impressive and were attended by many dignitaries of the government as well as churches throughout Europe.

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ORDER OF ST. ANDREW OBSERVES NATIONWIDE PATRON'S FEAST DAY

This year, the National Council has asked the regional and State commanders to promote the celebration of the Feast Day of St. Andrew on November 30th, and during Vespers on Wednesday, November 29. At the Archdiocesan chapel in New York, a hierarchical Vesper service was held with His Grace Bishop Philotheos of Meloa officiating. In attendance was His Eminence Archbishop Iakovos. Many Archons in the tristate area and their families attended the major religious event.

ARCHITECT PAPADATOS TRANSPLANTS OLD WORLD HERITAGE ON L.I.

In a bold pioneering venture, Archon Ostiarios, Steven Papadatos, a member and treasurer of the National Council of the Order of St. Andrew and a renowned architect of Byzantine structures in the United States, has created a pioneering first. It is the St. Nicholas Shrine Church in Babylon, L.I., N.Y., fashioned after the 6th century basilica of St. Nicholas Church in Myra (Demre), Turkey. This is significant because for the past nine years, the highlight of the pilgrimage/symposium was the divine liturgy on December 6 over the tomb of St. Nicholas at the basilica Church of St. Nicholas in Myra. The pilgrimage started with a handful of people nine years ago and has evolved into a

occasion. A reception and talk was held in the conference room.

Many cities held similar religious celebrations in memory of St. Andrew and attendance was reportedly very high.

In Chicago the Feast Day of St. Andrew was celebrated with a hierarchical Vesper Service and Mr. Andrew Athens, Regional Commander was guest speaker. He spoke on the Ecumenical Patriarchate.

A recent *New York Times* article cited this Festival, conceived by the Order of St. Andrew in conjunction with the Patriarchate nine years ago, as one of the leading religious festivals in all of Europe.

The St. Nicholas Shrine dedication took place on December 6, 1989. Architect Steven Papadatos, responsible for its design has repeatedly received accolades for his contributions in perpetuating the Byzantine art. Another of his designs, the Saint John Church of Blue Point, also in Long Island, has received an award from the Society of American Registered Architects, a Lombard, IL. based association.



While His Eminence Archbishop Iakovos and the Order's Commander Emeritus Dr. Anthony Borden sit at the dais, Mrs. Borden is flanked by Archon Kostas Vellios to the left, and National Treasurer, Archon Ostiarios Steven Papadatos to the right, who is presenting her with award during the Sunday of Orthodoxy Banquet. The Order's Vice Commander, Archon Depoutatos Anastasios Manassis looks attentively from far left.

WASH. D.C. ARCHON GETS CITE FROM NATIONAL COUNCIL

There are countless Archons across the country who work diligently for the Order of St. Andrew, but Harry Magafan was singled out by the National Council. He was cited in a recent meeting for his untiring efforts in

raising funds among friends and supporters of the Ecumenical Patriarchate. Each fall, Archon Magafan collects a sizeable number of checks. Many of these checks come from individuals outside the Order but who nevertheless support its work. Archon Magafan has attended many pilgrimages and trips to the Ecumenical Patriarchate, for which the Order has expressed its gratitude, adding its congratulations.

NYU'S JOHN BRADEMÁS TO RECEIVE AWARD

New York University President John Brademas has been chosen and will receive the 1990 Athenagoras Award For Human Rights and Religious Freedom. The award will be presented during the Archons of the Order of Saint Andrew Annual Banquet, held annually on the Sunday of Orthodoxy. It will be held March 3, 1990, at the Marriot Marquis Hotel in mid-town Manhattan, with CBS-TV anchorman, Archon Ernie (Anastasios) Anastos as the Master of Ceremonies.

Dr. KALEMKERIS GETS N.J. MEDICS' AWARD

During a reception sponsored by the Medical Society of Bergen County (N.J.), Archon Dr. Kirk Kalemkeris was honored with a plaque for his many contributions to his profession. Making the presentation was the Society's President Anthony Barbera.

Dr. Kalemkeris is the recipient of many honors and awards and has been singled out for his contributions by the Medical Association of America, the American Cancer Society, and the Medical Society of New Jersey. In 1987 New Jersey's State Senate issued a proclamation distinguishing him for his outstanding services to his profession and the community he serves.

Born in Thessaloniki, Greece, Dr. Kalemkeris arrived in the U.S. in 1956 where he received post-graduate training at the University of Pennsylvania. He is married and has two daughters.

CANADA'S MISTHIOS SPEARHEADS BOOST FOR PILGRIM TRIP

This year's annual pilgrimage/symposium of St. Nicholas is headed by Archon Costas Misthios, the regional Commander of all Canada, by having gathered about more than a score of people for the pilgrimage to Constantinople, Smyrna, Ephesus, Antalya and Myra. The group plans to stay also for the dedication ceremonies of the new building at the Patriarchate, on December 17, 1989. Archon Misthios travels a great deal on behalf of the Order giving lectures and the video presentation, "In Wisdom Let us Attend". This past summer, he gave the main presentation on the Patriarchate, along with Fr. Eftimiou, at the Canadian Clergy-Laity Congress in Halifax, Nova Scotia.

Fr. Eftimiou is the annual coordinator of the pilgrimage since its inception.

BYZANTINE'S POINT ADVANCED IN TOTALLY NEW PERSPECTIVE

The official historian of the Archons of St. Andrew and holder of the Bradford Durfee chair of Byzantine and Orthodox Church history at Yale University, Deno J. Geanakoplos, has recently returned from Italy. He had just attended an international symposium held in Florence, in celebrating the 550th anniversary of the Council of Ferrara-Florence, 1438-39, which vainly sought to unite the Greek Orthodox and Roman Catholic churches. Among the 20 invited papers read by Roman and Orthodox scholars (from Italy, England, France, Germany, Russia, Poland and Greece) his paper, titled "A New Interpretation of the *Acta* (sources) of the Council, especially Syropoulos", was the only one to focus on the record of the actual proceedings of this famous religious body. In his lengthy paper, Geanakoplos sought to reinterpret the hitherto maligned and misunderstood (by the West, that is) Greek, antiunionist account of the Grand Ecclesiarch of Hagia Sophia, Sylvester Syropoulos. Geanakoplos demonstrated that Syropoulos' detailed historical record of the proceedings, especially of the actions of the Greek delegates to the council when meeting privately in synod with the Byzantine Patriarch and Emperor, though naturally somewhat biased in favor of the Greeks, must now be accepted as historically accurate on virtually all points.

The symposium, which lasted over a week, was sponsored by the Universities of Bologna, Italy and Louvain, Belgium, the Italian Government and with the cooperation of members of the Ecumenical Patriarchate of Constantinople.

MILESTONE SET AS PHANAR BUILDING IS FINALLY DEDICATED

The construction of the new Patriarchal building in Constantinople, underway since 1987, has been completed and was dedicated on December 17, 1989. The groundbreaking two years ago with the participation of Archbishop Iakovos ignited several ceremonies connected with the opening. The new building is four stories high with modern facilities, apartments for distinguished guests, and for the clergy of the Patriarchate as well as a special hall for lectures, receptions, etc. The newly remodeled Patriarchate "will add much base to the present buildings as well as enhance the whole appearance of the Ecumenical Patriarchate" His Eminence said.

In addition to the six million dollars donated by the Angelopoulos family of Greece, the Archdiocese of North and South America and the Order of St. Andrew has contributed over three million dollars not only for the reconstruction of the Patriarchate destroyed by fire on September 2, 1941, but also for renovation of other facilities throughout Constantinople. The Archons and the Archdiocese will soon be asking the faithful to contribute additional funds so that the headquarters of Orthodoxy regain the prestige and glory of Byzantium. After all a major part of the world, including non-Orthodox, look towards it for leadership and guidance.

LONG AWAITED TV DOCUMENTARY TO DEBUT AT MONTE CARLO FEST

Washington, DC. Two years in the making, the long awaited television documentary on the center of Orthodoxy, "In Wisdom Let us Attend" - Orthodoxy and the See of Saint Andrew The Apostle, will make its worldwide debut at the highly prestigious "Monte Carlo International Television Festival" this coming February.

The Festival is held yearly and is attended by over a thousand buyers of television programming from around the world seeking to purchase productions for their national television stations.

"In Wisdom..." will be offered in English, Greek, French and Italian for worldwide distribution.

The timing of the premiere of "In Wisdom..." is set to coincide with the upcoming, unprecedented visit of His Holiness, Patriarch Dimitrios I, to the United States in 1990.

"In Wisdom..." brings alive the Holy See of Saint Andrew in Constantinople - its history, its survival and its future. The world will know of the Orthodox faith and its faithful and will travel with the spiritual head of its over 200 million followers to Rome in a most historic and moving ecumenical meeting between Patriarch Dimitrios I and Pope John Paul II.

After its premiere at Monte Carlo, "In Wisdom..." will be broadcast nationwide in the United States this spring.

ORDER'S NEW NATIONAL OFFICERS APPOINTED, CHARGED WITH DUTIES

Following Dr. Anthony Borden's resignation as National Commander of the Order earlier this year, His Eminence Archbishop Iakovos charged Dr. Chris Philip, Archon Aktouarios, who temporarily served as Acting Commander with the duties of the National Commander of the prestigious lay organization of the Orthodox church. His post as Vice Commander of the Order was taken over by National Treasurer Archon Depoutatos Anastasios Manessis. The office of National Treasurer was filled by Archon Ostiaros Steven Papadatos, also by appointment by the Archbishop.

Dr. Philip is a veteran in the service of the National Council. He was elected President of the Northeastern Society of Orthodontists during their 64th annual meeting. He is a graduate of NYU, College of Dentistry, and of Columbia University's Dental and Oral Surgery Orthodontic Program and has been in practice since 1957. He is a past President of the Orthodontic Alumni Society of Columbia University and a recipient of the distinguished alumnus award. He has served on the Board of Trustees of Saint Basil Academy and has been on the parish council of Saint Spyridon more than thirty years. He has taught at Fairleigh Dickinson University, School of Dentistry since 1970, as an associate professor of Orthodontics and clinic coordinator, as well as serving as the head of the Cleft Palate program there.

He is married to the former Irene Poulos who is also active in her local church as well as the National Philoptochos. They have two children, Katherine and Chris Harry, and several grandchildren.

Anastasios Manessis is a prominent restaurant operator and developer, who has served as Past President of the Federation of Hellenic Societies of Greater New York, and Chairman of the Greek Independence Parade for several years. He gained national prominence as the co-chairman of the Dukakis For President Finance Committee, and was the Managing Trustee of the Democratic Presidential Victory Fund. He is the Vice President of the Cyprus Children's Fund of America, and the President of the Food Industry Cooperative of New York, "Pan Gregorian".

He is married to the former Vassiliki Mastrogeorgiou and has two children, Emmanuel and Yvette, making his home in Westchester County.

Archon Ostiaros Steven Papadatos is a partner in the architectural firm of Papadatos Moudis Associates PC of Manhattan, and is responsible for the ecclesiastical designs of such Byzantine churches as the Saint George Basilica in Norwalk, CT, the Annunciation church in Erie, PA., both declared as landmarks in their area, the just completed Saint Nicholas Shrine church in West Babylon, L.I., and numerous other

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LEFT: The Consuls of Greece and Cyprus, George Assimakopoulos and Platon Kyriakides respectfully carry icons during procession marking the induction of new candidates into the Order. CENTER: Electoric journalists and lay leaders gather. (Left to Right) Vice Commander Anastassios Manessis, Kelly

Anastos, Ernie Anastos, CBS Anchorman, Ike Pappas, TV host, Commander Emeritus P. Anthony Borden and Commander Dr. Chris Philip at a pre-Banquet reception. RIGHT: Archon Dr. Geanakoplos reveals Byzantium facts before the Archons' Banquet 1989. (Story on page 5)

REDISTRIBUTION OF AREA RESPONSIBILITIES CREATES REGIONAL, STATE COMMANDERS

In a major reorganization move, Dr. Chris Philip, the National Commander of the Archons of the Order of St. Andrew, has redistributed the areas of concern throughout the United States relative to regional and State commanders. Each regional commander will have under him the State commander who will be directly responsible to the regional commander who in turn will be responsible to the National Council and the National Commander. New sets of guidelines and responsibilities will be given to

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churches in Virginia, Pennsylvania, Ohio, and New York.

He was the recipient of a Citation from New York State Governor Mario Cuomo, and has received scores of awards from various societies and foreign governments being cited for the integrity and beauty of his designs. He is on the Executive Board of the New York Chapter of the Conference of Christians and Jews.

Papadatos is married to the former Betty Rusaky and has two sons, Peter, also an architect and Tom. He lives in Bergen County of New Jersey.

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each State Commander as well as a set of responsibilities to the regional Commanders who will be responsible for activity in his region relative to the Ecumenical Patriarchate and to the support for the Patriarchate.

The new appointments are as follows:

Regional Commander: Dr. Chris Philip.

State Commanders: Alexander Anagnos, Nikitas Drakotos, Prof. Deno J. Geanakoplos, John Panas, George Possas, Theodore O. Prounis, Dr. Lambros Siderides, Dr. Anthony Vasilas, Konstantine Vellios.

Regional Commander: Steve E. Alexander.

State Commanders: Hon. Michael Bilirakis, George M. Cantonis, Michael G. Cantonis, James T. Cavalaris, Dr. George S. Croffead, Theodore P. Demetriou, Dr. Kimon A. Doukas, Jerry O. Lorant, Nicholas Mamalakis, Harry Moskos, John Plumides, Dr. John E. Skandalakis.

Regional Commander: Dino A. Kristakis.

State Commanders: Thomas L. Chase, George Ghimples, Dr. Costas Sarantopoulos.

Regional Commander: Gregory Demetrakas.

State Commanders: John Gikas, Charles Manthos, Ernest A. Villas.

Regional Commander: Andrew A. Athens.

State Commanders: John W. Galanis, Dr. Frank F. Litsas, Sam Nakis.

Regional Commander: Nicholas Smyrnis.

State Commanders: Thomas D. Demery, Basil C. Foussianes.

Regional Commanders: Dr. Kirk Kalemkeris, Harry Magafan. *State Commanders:* Nicholas J. Bouras, Eyan A, Chriss, George P. Gabriel, Cosmas S. Georgila-

kis, John Halecky Jr., Dr. George Kiriakopoulos, John E. Kusturiss, Thomas C. Kyrus, John M. Mavroudis, Constantine V. Politis, John Rakkou, Constantine S. Sosangelis, Demetrios Tsintolas.

Regional Commanders: George P. Kokalis, Paul Manolis.

State Commanders: Dr. James S. Counellis, Alexander P. Phillips.

Regional Commanders: Dr. George P. Bithos, Michael S. Johnson.

State Commanders: Anthony G. Andriopoulos, Hon. Chris V. Semos.

Regional Commander: Costas Mithios.

State Commander: Gerald Daoussis.

Regional Commanders: Diogenis Duzoglou.

South America: Konstantine Vazeos.



New Commander with the Rev. Dr. Efthimiou

MONTH AFTER MONTH, ARCHONS HOLD MEETINGS, TAKE CARE OF BUSINESS

The National Council of the Order of St. Andrew meets monthly under the leadership of Commander Dr. Chris Philip, along with the members of the Council, the Emeritus National Commander, Dr. Anthony G. Borden, and the Executive Officer, representing His Eminence Archbishop Iakovos, Rev. Dr. Milton B. Efthimiou.

Highlights of some of the meetings are as follows:

January, 1989

Visit of Archon C. Vazeos, Regional Commander of South America. He showed film of church celebrations in Brazil. A report was given on the outstanding St. Nicholas Pilgrimage/Symposium in November/December 1988. Over 85 people attended, and a historic first was made with a Greek Orthodox chorale accompanying this year's group which gave concerts, and religious services, including services of St. Nicholas. The one-hour video tape is in process with religious director of programming for CBS, Miss Pamela Ilot, on the Advisory Committee. The 1989 Athenagoras Human Rights Award will go to Dr. Anthony G. Borden. Progress report on the 1989 Sunday of Orthodoxy weekend was given. International Symposium in Thessaloniki, Greece, was attended by Prof. G. Geanakoplos, Historian of the Archons. New Archon candidates were reviewed so that they could be sent with the Order's approval to Archbishop Iakovos.

February, 1989

A letter of Ecumenical patriarch Dimitrios I was read to the Order in which Dr. Borden was congratulated for having been nominated for the Patriarch Athenagoras Award for 1989. Acknowledgment of receipt of monies sent to Patriarchate and to Balukli Hospital were also read. The treasurer's report showed that the annual appeal brought in the most money ever to the Order. Cassettes of the video tape, "In Wisdom Let us Attend" were being sold very well in the various parishes. The marketing of the one hour documentary and the 15 minute documentary was discussed at length. Sunday of Orthodoxy weekend will include: Choral music under C. Zarbis, the chorus master for the Chorale which went on the pilgrimage; sponsors for the banquet program will again be listed; the 30 anniversary of His Eminence will be highlighted; flower donation by Archon K. Vellios was cited; Greek version of "In Wisdom Let us Attend" will be forthcoming.

At a subsequent February meeting a trisagion prayer was read for deceased Archons S. Ponty, P. Agris, G. Pyle. Discussion on widows of deceased Archons and that they should be recognized and kept on mailing list. Condolence letters are always sent to widows upon the death of their husbands, as well as flowers and telegrams. Trisagion services should be held on the Sunday of Orthodoxy for all deceased Archons in parishes. Further discussion on how credentials

submitted on Archons could be reviewed more carefully.

Annual Meeting of Archons - Marriot Marquis Hotel March 18, 1989

Over 100 Archons attended the afternoon meeting. Prior to the meeting, all regional and state commanders met with Dr. Borden, the National Commander. The National Commander gave his report covering the following topics: Rebuilding of the Patriarchate, the Pilgrimage, production of video tapes, updating of the constitution and by-laws, the Newsletter, "The Archon", meetings in Washington with Congressmen and other people relative to Patriarchate, and regional/state commanders guidelines (results of luncheon meeting). Total expenses for the year 1988 were \$192,061.55. Total income was \$226,247.79 leaving a

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NATIONAL COMMANDER MAKES APPOINTMENTS

Filling three vacancies on the National Council, the National Commander, Dr. Chris Philip announced the appointment of Mr. Mavroudis, Dr. Limberakis and Andrew Athens to fill those vacancies.

Dr. Anthony J. Limberakis of Rydal, PA, is married and the father of 3 children. He was President of the GOYA and involved in many of the Youth programs and activities. He has made two pilgrimages to the Ecumenical Patriarchate with his family and has presented exhibits and given lectures on the Patriarchate. He is a subscriber of the Archdiocesan Endowment Fund and the Metropolitan Silas Scholarship Fund. By profession he is a Radiologist.

Dr. John M. Mavroudis of Alpine, N.J., is married and the father of 2 children. He is a Great Benefactor of the Cathedral in Tenafly, N.J. as well as the St. Photios Shrine in Florida. He has contributed much time and money toward the cause of Greek Orthodoxy. By profession he is an attorney and real estate developer.

Andrew Athens of Chicago is the President of the Archdiocesan Council and President of the United Hellenic American Congress, as well as the President of Metro Steel of Chicago. He is recognized as an outstanding national Greek American leader.



Concerts in Asia Minor: The St. Nicholas, Flushing Corale, under the direction of Ms. C. Zarbis.

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Senator Sarbanes speaks at 1989 Banquet

profit of \$34,186.24 for the treasury of the Order. This does not include monies in the money market and other smaller accounts. The video, "In Wisdom Let us Attend" was shown and the Executive Producer, Basil Nikas, was introduced and addressed the general assembly. Archon C. Daphnides, Chairman of the Video Committee gave a report on the Pilgrimage and the documentary. Prof. D. Geanakoplos spoke on "The Reforms of Maximos the Greek in the Orthodox Church of Muscovy". Nominations and new Council members were elected for the three year, two year and one year terms. Dr. C. Philip rendered his report, as a second Vice-Commander, for future plans of the Order. Remarks were made by guest dignitaries, and Fr. Efthimiou presented the new candidates for induction into the Order, and Archbishop Iakovos addressed the meeting relative to the purpose and scope of the Order. His Eminence also expressed his profound appreciation and gratitude to the retiring National Commander Dr. Anthony G. Borden for his many services rendered to the Order, the Church, the Archdiocese, and the Ecumenical Patriarchate.

April, 1989

A special report was rendered by B. Nicolaidis of the Hellenic Times who covered the public relations for the Sunday of Orthodoxy weekend. It was acknowledged that the coverage this year was outstanding with publicity in English and Greek in all the major newspapers throughout the country. Discussions took place on the following: Resignation of Councilman, the OCL movement, the new corrected script for the video, highlights of the successful Sunday of Orthodoxy banquet, the new credential forms and guidelines of duties and responsibilities of regional/state commanders. His Eminence attended the meeting and discussed the political climate in Turkey and the rebuilding of the Ecumenical Patriarchate.

May, 1989

Progress report on the X-ray unit donated

to Balukli Hospital in Constantinople. Fluoroscopy tube and casing missing from the unit. Council will look into this. The Adopt-A-Patient Program would continue at the Balukli Hospital for those wishing to do so. Many Philoptochos Chapters have adopted patients at the Balukli. The video editing is in its final staging. After much consideration, it was decided that Fr. Efthimiou would be the most appropriate person to do the narration even though his time was very limited. Credential forms were finalized and a new format was accepted by the Council which would define the criteria for Archon candidates clearer and stricter. Restructuring of regions by the National Commander, Dr. Chris Philip, was given extensive analysis since this will be one of the priority areas for this year. Athenagoras Human Rights Award 1990 was discussed with several suggestions for candidates. Archon Bilirakis is trying to formulate a team of Congressmen from Washington to attend the dedication ceremonies of the new building at the Phanar in the fall.

June, 1989

"Trisagion" prayer service for the late G. Charles and M. Anagnost. Letter of Ecumenical Patriarch Dimitrios I to the new National Commander, Dr. Chris Philip, was read and acknowledged. The treasurer's report showed a surplus thus far. The 15 minute tape, "In Wisdom Let us Attend", because of the demand, should be done in Greek immediately. New Preamble which would be sent out with the new credential forms, was discussed at length, and given the final corrections. Discussion and implementation of report,

September, 1989

St. Nicholas Pilgrimage and dedication of Patriarchate was the topic of discussion. Attempts will be made to combine the two events. The Executive Officer and Metropolitan Myron as well as other members of the Patriarchate Synod would try to work out details. Sunday of Orthodoxy weekend was discussed and candidates for the Athenagoras Human Rights Award were pres-

ented to the Chairman, Kostas Vellios. It was agreed that Dr. John Brademas would be given serious consideration for the 1990 Athenagoras Award. Recommendations for three new vacancies on the National Council were considered and Dr. Anthony Limberakis of Philadelphia, John Mavroudis of New Jersey and Andrew Athens of Chicago were offered for consideration. A trisagion prayer was rendered in memory of the late Archon Phaidon Alexakis.

October, 1989

J. Mavroudis, Dr. A. Limberakis and A. Athens were welcomed as new members. Announcements of the Patriarchal visit in the latter part of May, 1990 was greeted with enthusiasm. Archon roles and preparations were discussed for the visit. Finalized plans will take place at the Phanar when members of the pilgrimage will be there. Regional and State Commanders will be invited to all meetings so that they may be included in the planning for the Patriarchal visit. Further discussion on the role of regional and state commanders were held. Letters will be sent to assign duties and specific responsibilities to these commanders who will act as liaisons between the National Council and the respective parishes in each Diocese. Pilgrimage/Symposium and dedication of Patriarchate will combine people going for the pilgrimage at an earlier date and people going for the dedication at a later date. Program will probably be from December 14-18 at Constantinople with dedication services on the 17th. Fr. Efthimiou will try to coordinate both events. He reported that the majority of this year's pilgrimage will come from the Diocese of Canada. The new editor of the Newsletter will be Bob Nicolaidis who will be responsible in working with the Executive Officer for its contents and distribution. Archon D. Geanakoplos spoke at a conference in Florence, Italy, on behalf of the Archons, which was in commemoration of the 550th anniversary of the Council of Ferrara-Florence in 1439. National Councilmen cited S. Papadatos for his work on the St. Nicholas Shrine and H. Magafan for fund raising activities for the Order.

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