"EXULTATION TO EXULTATION" BEST DESCRIPTION OF HIS HOLINESS' VISIT TO U.S. ORTHODOXY

It was the single most important event in the history of Orthodoxy in the Western Hemisphere. For the first time ever, the man towards whom 250 million men, women and children around the world look for spiritual leadership, was on soil of the American continent.

Ecumenical Patriarch Dimitrios I of Constantinople, the 269th successor to the throne of Saint Andrew the Apostle will go down in books as the first such leader to leave the shores of his ancient See for the distant trek to the world discovered long after the establishment of his spiritual domain. As his plane touched down at Andrews Air Force Base, an honor usually reserved for Royalty and Heads of State, the plain and mild-mannered prelate urged his host country to "lead a moral and spiritual rebirth for the good of mankind."

What followed was a whirlwind tour of the capital. It packed a visit with President Bush at the White House, an Ecumenical Doxology at Lincoln Memorial, Homily at Constitution Hall, a visit to the Tomb of the Unknown, the Opening of the Clergy-Laity Congress, and a host of social functions—among which first was the Order's Luncheon.

On the morning of July 13, with His Eminence Archbishop Iakovos of the Americas at his side, His All Holiness, Ecumenical Patriarch Dimitrios I boarded a train which transported him to New York, and a welcome fit for royalty.

New York served as the place where His Holiness met with the Catholic Archbishop of New York, Cardinal O'Connor, the State's Governor Mario Cuomo, and the City's Mayor David Dinkins. Between visits to the Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island, St. Basil Academy, a Commemorative Banquet and a host of luncheons and dinners, he had the opportunity to meet with the U.N. Secretary General Perez de Cuellar and New York University President Dr. John Brademas.

From New York, the Patriarch proceeded to meet with other members in the fold, which include Russian, Ukrainian, Carpatho-Russian, Romanian, Albanian, Antiochian, Bulgarian, and Serbian jurisdictions. His next two stops would bring him first to Allentown, Pa., and a thriving Ukrainian center, and then to Johnstown, Pa., and an audience with the Carpatho-Russian community there.

Next stop on his itinerary was San Francisco, a meeting with Mayor Art Agnos, a visit to a facility for children with AIDS, and a number of functions ranging from breakfast with Bishop Anthony, to a luncheon with Diocesan clergy and Archons. After an ecumenical service Youth Walk-A-Thon, it is time for departure. The next leg of his trip would bring him to Chicago, a meeting with mayor

His Holiness Patriarch Dimitrios I and His Eminence Archbishop Iakovos embrace in Boston as the former prepares to return to his See.

Richard Daly Jr., a luncheon hosted by Evangelical Lutheran Church Bishop Chilstrom, and a Divine Liturgy at Patrillo Band Shell.

From there the Patriarchal party would proceed on July 25 to Buffalo, with a side visit to the American and Canadian sides of the Niagara Falls, where His Holiness would hold audiences with the Orthodoxy faithful from both nations. That same evening he would depart for his last destination in the U.S., the city of Boston.

A mayoral reception would open the day in the Massachusetts capital, followed by a State ceremony hosted by Governor Dukakis, and a reception in the Atrium. Catholic Archbishop of Boston Bernard Cardinal Law hosted a luncheon for the official visitor. His Holiness also met with Albanian Orthodox faithful, after which a ceremony was held at the Malioit Center during which an Honorary Doctorate was conferred upon him. A luncheon at Hellenic College/Holy Cross, a visit to project Bread, and a Grand Banquet at Copley Marriott Hotel, were also on schedule.

After a Divine Liturgy at Hynes Auditorium, and a reception, it was time for the Orthodox Leader's departure from the United States.

As an emotional Archbishop Iakovos put it from the stage of Washington's Kennedy Center For The Performing Art, "We have gone from exultation to exultation..."

ORDER SPONSORS OPENING LUNCHEON AT CLERGY-LAITY CONGRESS IN WASHINGTON

As His All Holiness Patriarch Dimitrios I stated in his luncheon address, "...I wish to stress that in observing the work of the 30th Biennial Congress I am convinced that the light of the Phanar, which was transmitted to this great land, burns bright-ly in the souls of the Church's faithful children in America."

Now that we have all had time to reflect upon the historic visitation of our beloved Patriarch, it is quite evident that the "light of the Phanar" indeed burns in the souls of the many Archons of the Ecumenical Patriarchate who helped organize, lead and support the Pastoral visit of His All Holiness, Patriarch Dimitrios I to America. It is with great pride that the National (Continued on page 4)
New Book Focuses On Patriarchate

On the occasion of the visit of His Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Dimitrios I to the United States, the official historian of the Order of Saint Andrew, and noted scholar, professor of Byzantine and Orthodox church history at Yale University Deno J. Geanakoplos has published a book called "A Short History of the Ecumenical Patriarchate of Constantinople (330-1990): "First Among Equals" in the Eastern Orthodox Church.

Sponsored by the Archons of the Order of Saint Andrew, this is the first attempt known at writing a concise account of the long saga of the Church of Constantinople with its complexities and twists at various milestones. It will be extremely useful to non-Orthodox who wish to gain insight on a Church of which they have known very little until recently.

The account begins with the foundation of the Pentarchy or five patriarchates in the ancient apostolic age. These five Patriarchates are those of Rome, Constantinople, Alexandria, Jerusalem, and Antioch. There are passages on the work of Patriarchs such as Gregory of Nazianzus and Photios, with special treatment of the emissaries to the Slavs, Cyril and Methodius. Gradually the book introduces the oppressive era of the Ottoman occupation after the fall of the Empire, and ends with narrations of the contributions of the two most recent patriarchs.

The final chapter of the book deals with the reception Patriarch Dimitrios I was accorded at the Vatican, and the chanting of Greek Hymns by Italian Catholic students. The book can be purchased from the Holy Cross Orthodox Bookstore or may be ordered from the Order of St. Andrew, 8 East 79th Street, NY, NY 10021.

L'I's Executives Honor Architect

Terminating the work Steven P. Papadatos has executed in Suffolk County as outstanding, Executive Patrick Halpin, on behalf of his County and all of Long Island, presented him with a Citation during a brief ceremony at the County Seat in Hauppauge in late July.

Archon Steven P. Papadatos, A.I.A., head of the New York architectural and interior design firm of Steven P. Papadatos Associates, P.C., has mastered the design of two Byzantine churches in Suffolk, those of Saint John in Blue Point, for which he has received an award from the American Registered Architects, and the Church of Saint Nicholas Shrine in Babylon.

Citing the architect for his exceptional work which contributes to the beautification of all of Long Island, County Executive Halpin made the presentation of the Commendation which read: "Mr. Papadatos' inspiring work has contributed to the beautification of all of Long Island, County Executive Halpin made the presentation of the Commendation which read: "Mr. Papadatos' inspiring work has contributed to the beautification of all of Long Island, and diversity it adds to Suffolk County's cultural landscape.

In a separate ceremony only days later, Nassau County Executive Thomas Gulotta also awarded Papadatos with a Citation, praising the building design for his ingenuity as well as traditional plans. The ceremony took place at the Executive's office in Mineola.

RADIO REMARKS HERALDED PATRIARCH'S VISIT TO U.S.

In anticipation of the visit of His Holiness Patriarch Dimitris I, Rev. Dr. Milton Efthimiou, Executive Officer of the Order, and on behalf of the Archdiocesan Church and Society Department prepared a speech which was broadcast over several major radio stations. The speech dealt with the impending arrival of the religious leader to the shores of America for the first time since his enthronement, and the impact this visit would have to the millions of his Orthodox constituents.

The radio remarks carried over WNEW-AM and WNYC-FM among other stations, began with a historical background, going back to the founder of the Eastern Empire, Constantine the Great himself.

After explaining the importance of the Patriarchal mission, it continued with the role the Man who occupied the throne as the leader of World Orthodoxy since 1972. "The

BRADEMAS SPEAKS OF JUSTICE AND LOVE VIRTUES THAT WON HIM AWARD

One of the reasons for which he was pleased, N.Y.U. President John Brademas said in the speech he delivered during his year's Banquet at the Marriott Marquis was that he was privileged "to be a member of the Order of Saint Andrew the Apostle.

"The purpose of the Order," he continued, "is to advance Human Rights and Religious Freedom, and to ensure the survival of the Ecumenical Patriarchate reflect convictions I have held throughout my life."

He went on to ask about the link between the Christian Law of Love and the practice in a Democratic Society. "If the question remains the same, the answer for me in 1990 is the same as it was in 1954. That the nexus between the law of love (that we should love our neighbors as ourselves, and a doctrine expressed in the Greek word AGAPE, completely selfless love, incarnated in history by Christ on the cross), and the practice of politics (characterized by give and take, negotiation and compromise), is the concept of Justice."

"Justice is not the same as Love," continued the former Legislator, "Love does not count or reckon, as Saint Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians, Chapter 13, reminds us. But Justice does calculate. Justice means determining what is fair, what is equitable. It is not love, therefore, but Justice that must be the immediate objective of action in the political order."

"Is Justice then irrelevant to political action?" he asked. Answering his own question Brademas continued: "No! On the contrary, it is our love for our fellow human beings—commanded by Christ—that generates in us a concern for justice among men and women, a concern that all people be treated fairly, that the rights of all be respected."

It was on this premise of love and justice, and his continuous efforts to see these virtues prevail that won him the nomination for the Athenagoras Human Rights Award, which he received last March during the Annual Banquet of the Order of Saint Andrew the Apostle. President Brademas who will be relinquishing his position at NYU in 1991, ad-libbed a great deal of his speech during the event, but the message came across clear as a bell, serving as an example for many to follow.

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COMMANDER SPEAKS OF INROADS IN MAKING PATRIARCbate ORDER KNOWN

Taking the podium during the Order’s Annual Banquet at the Marquis, its National Commander Dr. Chris Philip, in his first speech after assuming office spoke emphatically to the capacity gathering.

“No longer are the words Archon and the Ecumenical Patriarchate just historic notions,” he asserted. “Inroads have been made in Educating the Orthodox faithful and other denominations about the Mother Church,” foreboding what became common knowledge months later with the visit of Patriarch Dimitrios I.

“What it stands for,” he continued, “its problems and its historic and ecclesiastical significance to all Christian (faiths are well known). It may be difficult to quantify the impact of our educational endeavors,” he acknowledged, “but I can assure you that through these efforts we were able to positively assist the Greek Archdiocese of the Americas, with the generosity of the Angelopoulos family of Greece, to embark and complete a project that several years ago would have been unthinkable. A dream that skeptics said would never become a reality, that is the rebuilding of the Patriarchal facilities in Phanar, destroyed by fire in 1941.”

CHICAGO’S ATHENS RECIPIENT OF 1991 ATHENAGORIAN AWARD

Regional Comander of the Order, Archon Andrew A. Athens, president and chief executive officer of Chicago’s Metropolitan Steel Corporation has been named as the recipient of the Athenagorian Human Rights Award for the year 1991. In making the announcement, the National Commander of the Order Dr. Chris Philip said that in his opinion Mr. Athens personifies the ideal candidate for the coveted award. The foot-long bust of the late Ecumenical Patriarch is presented annually during the elegant banquet of the Order to a candidate who has been at the forefront of the struggle for Human Rights and Religious Freedom. Among past recipients are His Eminence Archbishop Iakovos of the Americas, former President Jimmy Carter, Mother Teresa of Calcutta, the Order’s Commander Emeritus Dr. Anthony Borden, and NYU President John Brademas.

The founding National Chairman of the United Hellenic American Congress (UHAC), has been a member of the Executive Committee of the Archdiocesan Council, and served as its first Vice President. He is a Great Benefactor of the League of Greek Orthodox Stewards (LOCOS), and a past President and chairman of the building committee of the Saint Peter & Paul Church in Glenview, IL. His philanthropic and civic work has ranked him countless honors and awards, among which are the Archdiocesan Service award for outstanding service to the people of Cyprus, the Religious Heritage award, the National Ladies Philoptochos “Foster Parents Plan for displaced Cypriot Children” award, and the Golden Cross of the Order of the Phoenix of Greece. By Royal decree from King Boudel of Belgium he was conferred the Knighthood of the Order of the Crown, the Gold Commemorative Medalion honoring Archbishop Makarios, and a citizen fellowship by the Institute of Medicine.

Andrew Athens lives with his wife, Louise and their two children, Paul and Jacqueline in Hinsdale, IL. Dr. Philip credited his predecessor with a great share of the success of the Order by saying that “under the leadership and navigation of Dr. Borden, we have journeyed far, on a course never deviating, to reach a position by which the Order has evolved into a vibrant and visible voice of the Ecumenical Patriarchate in the Western Hemisphere. The information that we have provided throughout the years through publications, the pilgrimages that we have made to the Patriarchate, the Balukli Hospital, and to Myra, the lectures that have been given, the video documentaries and the participation at leadership conferences in Washington, D.C., have been part of our Public Relations program by which we have been instrumental in making our presence known.”

“That is why,” he continued, “the events of this weekend become so appropriate and meaningful. Tonight’s banquet, with the presentation of the Athenagoras Humanitarian Award, the celebration of the Sunday of Orthodoxy, and the investiture of the Patriarchal Offikion of Archon, are, in essence a way of proclaiming our commitment to our faith.”

Patriarch’s Image In Bronze, Silver

Of all the journeys His Holiness, Ecumenical Patriarch Dimitrios I undertook during scheduled stops at non-Greek Dioceses in the United States this past summer, the one which assuredly has made a lasting impression was that to Pennsylvania’s Johnstown-based Carpatho-Russian Diocese. Not only did the head of the world’s 250 million Orthodox get a warm welcome in that town, but he also received a unique gift: A one-of-a-kind bronze and sterling silver plate from a limited edition commissioned by the Church to Wendell August Forge of Grove City as a commemorative of the mile-stone visit.

The bronze and silver plates feature the image of the Patriarch with a staff in his right hand. It was copied from a photo supplied to the Forging company by the Diocese. The Patriarch blessed the plates during his visit, which were subsequently sold by the Diocese, with the proceeds going to charitable projects of the Johnstown Church.

Historic Meeting Captured On Video

The historic meeting between East and West, when the Pope of Rome met and embraced his Orthodox counterpart was relived during the visit of the Ecumenical Patriarch to the United States.

Patriarch Dimitrios I, was treated to a special viewing of the videotape “In Wisdom Let Us Attend” during an Archons of the Order of Saint Andrew the Apostle Luncheon, Monday, July 9. Senator Paul Sarbanes was the Toastmaster at the Luncheon, with Dr. James Billington, Librarian of Congress the main speaker. The video which was two years in making with three months of shooting, depicts the annals of the Patriarchate from the day of inception after Emperor Constantine transferred the seat of his Empire from Rome to the shores of the Bosphorus and espoused Christianity as the official religion.

“In Wisdom Let Us Attend” is powerfully narrated by the Order’s Executive Officer, Rev. Dr. Milton B. Ephthinias, and crams in its one-hour length many little known facts. For instance it is a well guarded secret that Mass in Rome during the first four centuries was celebrated in Greek. Not Hebrew. Not Latin.

Copies of “Wisdom Let Us Attend”, produced by Basil Nikas, are available in English or Greek from the Order, which sponsored it, at its Archdiocese offices, 8 East 79th Street, New York, N.Y. 10021.

Speaks On Subject Of Myra Pilgrimage

The Order of AHEPA, Chapter 456 of Long Island, N.Y. sponsored a lecture by Archon Christo Daphnades given on Nov. 2, 1990 at the Archangel Michael Greek Orthodox Church, Roslyn Heights, N.Y. The subject was “Sailing to Byzantium”, and the speaker presented the pilgrimage of the Order which takes place once a year to the center of Orthodoxy in Constantinople, and to the Hellenistic cities of Asia Minor, ending with participation in the International St. Nicholas Symposium at Myra of Lycia.
OPENING LUNCHEON

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Council of the Order of St. Andrew expressed its appreciation and congratulations to the many Archons involved in this historic visitation and in particular to those 260 sponsors who contributed $16,000 which underwrote the Clergy-Laity Opening Luncheon, the Archon Exhibit, the Patriarchal gift, the Archon Breakfast at the Congress and the Platinum Page Sponsorship of the Congress Commemorative Journal. The Opening Luncheon, considered to be one of the highlights of the Clergy-Laity Congress, was attended by 2000 faithful in the main ballroom of the Washington Sheraton. During the luncheon, the Archon sponsored video, “In Wisdom Let Us Attend” was presented to an audience filled with emotion, awe and reverence. The video depicting the Patriarch, the Phanar and the recent Patriarchal-Papal visitation in Rome is available through the national office (tel. 212-570-3550). At the luncheon National Commander, Dr. Chris Philip and Dr. Anthony G. Borden, National Commander Emeritus welcomed the Patriarch with enthusiasm and eloquence. Dr. Chris Philip and Dr. Anthony Limberakis, Luncheon Chairman, stated recently that the Opening Luncheon was sponsored by the Order of St. Andrew the Apostle with the “dignity, elegance and respect befitting our beloved Patriarch…”

ORDER’S VICE COMMANDER LEADS NEW COOPERATIVE

Under the leadership of its president, and the Order’s Vice Commander Archon Tasso Manessis, Pan Gregorian Enterprises of Metro New York and Long Island opened its headquarters a fortnight ago filling with success another page of this restaurant cooperative’s story. The metro area Pan Gregorian headquartered at 29-18 Steinway Street in Astoria on Monday, October 15, hosted His Eminence Archbishop Iakovos, His Grace Metropolitan Silas, and Bishop Philemon of Meloa, who blessed the premises with Holy Water.

The official opening ceremony, as well as the reception that followed at the terrace level of the building, was attended by several hundred guests from the food and restaurant industry, as well as the financial and banking world. The Greek American media, print as well as electronic, attended the affair in full force and gave it outstanding coverage.

In his brief remarks during which he recognized luminaries as well as the Press, president Manessis announced that the cooperative, which is interested in the welfare of its members and the community at large, “was establishing a charitable arm to enable it to contribute to various causes.” He continued saying that at the national level, the organization was set to make beneficial contributions to the Church, helping with its multi-faceted work.

Pan Gregorian Enterprises, whose primary purpose is to secure a lower purchasing price for necessary products from manufacturers and purveyors, while maintaining optimum quality, is the brainchild of George Manolios. It was he, along with John Kalam who founded the original chapter in New Jersey. Now 500-member strong, the restaurant cooperative is an organization with elected officers, permanent headquarters, fully staffed with clerical employees and professional advisors.

MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY ARCHON MEETINGS

March

The National Commander, Dr. Chris Philip gave the state of the Order address during the meeting, one being the Annual, and held prior to the Banquet on March 3. A synopsis of his speech includes topics such as an overview of the Athenagoras Humanitarian Award and its past recipients, The Order’s Video production, the St. Nicholas Pilgrimage, donations to the Patriarchate, the rebuilding of the Patriarchate, Leadership Conferences and International Symposia, and new format for networking with regional and State Commanders.

Also discussed at length during the meeting were the Patriarchal Visitations, the outcome of the 1989 Myra Pilgrimage, the Video production, and a lecture on Saint Andrew by Didaskalos Tou Genous, Yule Professor Dino Geanakoplos. The nominating Committee gave its report, and in succession the new Archon-Candidates were presented to His Eminence Archbishop Iakovos.

A subsequent meeting on March 29 concentrated on the planning for the Patriarchal Visit, and the aspects of the Order’s involvement were detailed. Dr. Philip appointed a committee to coordinate the proposed Luncheon in Washington, comprised by Dr. Anthony Limberakis, assisted by Nicholas Bouras and Dr. Kirk Kalenkeris. Apart from the new business discussion, the National Commander recommended that all Archons make suggestions as far as the 1991 Athenagoras Humanitarian Award recipient, and several names were tossed around for discussion. Because of the non-union status of the Marquis and the problems associated with it, it was decided that next year’s banquet be held at the Waldorf-Astoria. It was passed by a majority vote, despite the knowledge that a great deal of revenue would be lost, since the Marquis grants the Archons many thousand dollars worth of incentives. Archon Papadatos asked that his vote be recorded as being against the motion, and in support of returning to the Marquis.

April

Correspondence took a good part of this meeting, highlighted by the letter to Rev. Dr. Efthimiou from Dr. John Brademas expressing his gratitude for receiving the Award. Another letter-writer was Athena Condos who thanked the Order for flowers sent on National Secretary Day. The rest of the meeting dealt with the Clergy-Laity Congress and the Patriarchal visit.

May

Just like during the previous meeting, the greater part of the meeting was devoted to the Patriarchal visit and the Congress. A publication written by the Order, the work of Professor Geanakoplos, “History of the Ecumenical Patriarchate” was highlighted. Also bids on the proposed medallion to be struck to commemorate the visit were discussed with John Halecky, Alex Anagnostes, and Steve Papadatos volunteering to make the competition shopping.

June

Discussing the Patriarchal Liturgy at the Holy Trinity Cathedral, invited guest Archon T. Prounis warned of the limited capacity of the church. Suggested that large screens be placed in the auditorium to alleviate this deficiency. The widows of the Archons were also discussed during this meeting.

July

The next meeting was held August 7, and dealt with the Clergy-Laity Congress report with the report being delivered by the Opening Luncheon Chairman, Dr. Anthony Limberakis. The Council acknowledged the work of the executive office and archon C. Daphnides on the program. It also acknowledged the work relating to the video production, for which Basil Nikas is responsible, and the gold Liberty Bell crafted by Lalaounis for the Order to donate to the Patriarch. Acknowledgements also went to the Rev. Dr. Efthimiou and C. Daphnides for the beautifully designed program. Likewise, it was noted that out of 125 sponsors, the New York Diocese, including Washington and Connecticut boasted of 38 sponsors, with New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Maryland and Virginia registering close second with 28, and trailed by the Atlanta Diocese, the Southern U.S. included, with 26 sponsors.