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Lincoln Center Gala Concert To Aid Needy Greek School Children in Constantinople

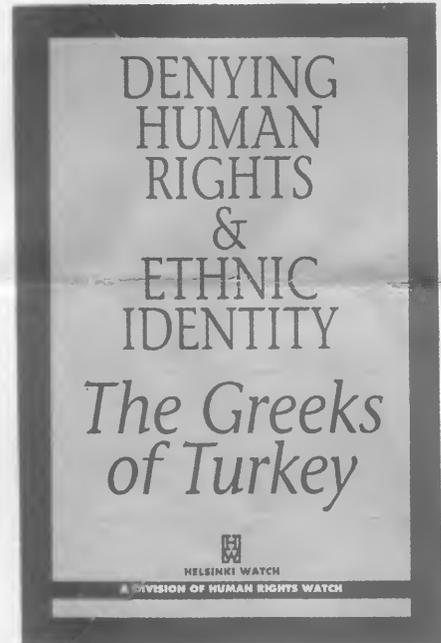
Eight hundred indigent youngsters attending Greek schools in Constantinople, will have the Order of Saint Andrew to thank this year for making life easier, after the proceeds from the Gala Benefit Concert at Lincoln Center, November 14, 1992 are presented to them to satisfy their pressing needs. Their needs, according to Professor Basil Kyriakides, who described their plight during a recent visit to New York, vary from such staples as hot lunches and snacks, to shoes, clothing, as well as fees related with attending the schools.

The concert will be performed by the New York Philharmonic at the Center's Avery Fisher Hall as a tribute to the newly enthroned Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew I and in memory of his predecessor, the late Patriarch Dimitrios I. It will also commemorate the Centennial of the Holy Trinity Archdiocesan Cathedral in Manhattan. Under the auspices of His Eminence Archbishop Iakovos, Greek Orthodox Primate of North and South America, the Archons are sponsoring this highly visible event in order to focus the attention of the American public on the Patriarchate and its institutions such as schools, and hospitals, which comprise the Center of World Orthodoxy.

This Concert, considered the pre-eminent performance by the New York Philharmonic during the current, 150th Anniversary season, will feature Andre Previn as guest conductor. The works of Beethoven, Ravel and Haydn will enchant and inspire an already sold-out crowd, three hundred seats of which have been reserved for the Archons. These three hundred seats will be distributed on a sponsorship basis only, with sponsorship levels of \$10,000, \$5,000, \$2,000, and \$1,000. Each sponsor, regardless of the level of his donation, will receive a pair of tickets to the concert, as well as the elegant, black-tie pre-concert Dinner Reception to be held in the Grande Promenade of Avery Fisher Hall.

In response to the appeal for the needy children of Constantinople, the Archons are hopeful of raising enough funds to aid children attending schools such as Zographion, Kendrikon, Zapeion, Ioakimion and Meghali Scholi. Among the problems that hamper education of the Greek youngsters in Constantinople is the stand of the Turkish Government. Though teachers from Greece abound, half of them are collecting salary without assignments due to restric-

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Helsinki watch book on Human Rights is what every Archon's library needs

Titled Denying Human Rights & Ethnic Identity: The Greeks of Turkey, in paperback edition, is for all intents and purposes the full text of the Helsinki Watch Report, based largely on

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Symbolic gesture by the Committee Chairmen for the Concert at Avery Fisher Hall. From left to right, Ted D. Demetriou, Arrangements Chairman, Anthony J. Limberakis, M.D., General Chairman of the Committees, Nick J. Bouras, Sponsorship Chairman and Konstantine Vellios, Arrangements Committee member. Backdrop for the photo is the interior of Avery Fisher Hall.



Archon Depoutatos Harry Magafan of Washington is handing checks collected by him in connection with the Avery Fisher Hall concert to the Order's Executive Director, the Rev. Dr. Milton Efthimiou, while National Commander Dr. Chris Philip looks on.

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Highlights of Breakfast Meeting at Clergy-Laity Congress. News of European Archons

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The Archons of the Ecumenical Patriarchate had a successful breakfast meeting at the Biennial Clergy-Laity Congress in New Orleans, La. Among the highlights of the morning session were: honoring Ernest A. Villas for his many services as Executive Director of the Order from 1966 to 1982; a report of the Executive Director of the IOCC (International Orthodox Christian Charities), a fund raising group under the aegis of SCOBA (Standing Conference of Orthodox Bishops in the Americas) which thus far has raised several million dollars in food and medical aid to Russia and is now working for the victims and ravages of war in the former Yugoslavia; a report of the newly established National Commander of the Archons of Europe, Nassos Arvanitis, who brought greetings from the members of the Order in Europe and Greece, in particular, as well as from the Ecumenical Patriarchate, which recently established the Order as a counterpart to the Archons of America. Mr. Arvanitis will coordinate next year's meetings in

Athens, Greece, of the USA Archons, in conjunction with the pilgrimage to Jerusalem. Mr. Arvanitis presented to His Eminence Archbishop Iakovos a beautiful icon on behalf of the European Archons.

Remarks were made by the following: Rev. Dr. Milton B. Efthimiou, Executive Director; Dr. Chris Philip, National Commander; Andrew Athens, Regional Commander; and His Eminence Archbishop Iakovos.



Archon Andrew Athens has the forum during the Archon Breakfast at the Clergy-Laity Congress.

TOP: Ernest Villas displays the citation he was just presented by National Commander Dr. Chris Philip and Executive Director Rev. Dr. Milton Efthimiou.

MIDDLE: Archbishop Iakovos displays icon of Panagia Pamakaristos which was presented to His Eminence by the Executive Secretary of the European Archons, Athanasios Arvanitis.

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Annual Pilgrimage Takes on Different Character as Patriarch Joins Archbishop

In Southwest Asia Minor, between the Bay of Antalya and Fethiye and extending out into the Mediterranean is the peninsula known in ancient times as Lycia. Pilgrims from America and Canada arrive here from early December in order to take in the ancient sites where early Christianity flourished especially in the geographic boundaries of Lycia, which is found in these areas surrounded by the regions of Pamphylia to the northwest, Pisidia and Phrygia to the north, and Caria to the west, and to visit the recent excavations such as the rock-cut tombs and sarcophagi in Lycia, the necropolis of Hierapolis (Pamukkale), the recently discovered monastery church at Atavroupolis (Aphrodisias), the Basilica and great amphitheater at Aspendos and the great ruins of the Church of St. Mary's and the House of Mary at Ephesus.

This year His Holiness, Bartholomew I will lead this unforgettable Pilgrimage. His Eminence Archbishop Iakovos, Primate of the Greek Orthodox Church of North and South America wants all the faithful from the Americas to participate in this historic pilgrimage which is sponsored by the Archons of the Order of St. Andrew the Apostle and the Ladies Philoptochos Society.

The first Symposium was held in 1983 with just a handful of people present, and in unfriendly territory; in 1984, the Symposium of St. Nicholas was highlighted by the first religious celebration at Myra (Demre) in twelve hundred years. Metropolitan Chrysostomos, the successor of St. Nicholas whose title and See is Myra, and who now is Metropolitan of Ephesus, will assist Patriarch Bartholomew in leading the Pilgrimage and will assist in officiating at the hierarchical divine liturgy in the very Basilica where the remains of St. Nicholas lay.

With the blessing of Archbishop Iakovos and representing the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of North & South America, participants in the 1992 St. Nicholas Pilgrimage/Symposium would also represent the Greek Orthodox Church of the western hemisphere as the USA will join with Canada and a choir representing the Diocese of Toronto will chant at the services at the Phanar and other religious sites of Asia Minor. Coordinating the Canadian group is the Regional Commander of the Archons of Canada, Costas Mithios of Toronto.

Some highlights of the pilgrimage and places to see are as follows: MYRA, of course is the city of St. Nicholas where he served as bishop and where the legends around his person emanated. In the 2nd century, Myra received the title of Metropolis, and in 60 A.D., St. Paul stopped here and changed boats on his way to Rome. In the reign of Theodosius II (402-450 A.D.) it was the capital of Lycia, but lost its power as a result of Arab raids which began in the 7th century A.D. The most famous of Myra's monuments, aside from the sarcophagi or rock tombs in the mountains, is the Church of St. Nicholas built over the tomb of this celebrated saint. The church was built in the 6th century A.D. over the remains of an existing church, as noted by Nicholas of Sion in this century. In 1087, merchants from Bari discovered the saint's tomb and carried off his bones to Italy, even though some relics now are on exhibit at the Antalya Museum.

ANTALYA. St. Paul visited Antalya (Attaleia) by way of Perge in 46 A.D. It was an important trade center in the 2nd century A.D. and because of its importance, Emperor Hadrian who visited the city many times, erected monuments in 130 A.D. Because it was situated at the starting point of Rhodes leading to the high plateaus of Central Asia, it continued to be a busy commercial port well in the Byzantine times. From the 6th century until the Arab invasion, it predominated as a religious center of Byzantium. There is a well preserved Greek section in the old citadel of Antalya and there is a second century A.D. church in this Greek section which was destroyed by Arab raids in the 7th century and converted into a mosque during the Seljuk period. Today, visitors view it as an early Christian Basilica thanks to recent excavations from various archaeological groups.

PERGE, according to Strabo, an early historian, the city was founded after the Trojan War, and excavations in 1953 at the Hellenistic city gate confirmed that Achaeans entered this region of Pamphylia towards the end of the 2nd century B.C. In 334 B.C. Perge surrendered to Alexander the Great who built up the city, and whose remains can still be found today. In 46 A.D. the Acts of the Apostles tell us that St. Paul journeyed from Cyprus to Perge and from there continued on to Antioch in Pisidia, and then returned to Perge where he stayed for a period of time. In the 2nd and 3rd centuries A.D., Perge was considered one of the most beautiful cities in all of Asia Minor. During the reign of Constantine the Great in the 4th century, Perge became one of the most important centers of Christianity. A columned road still exists surrounded by shops which are still paved with colored mosaics.

ASPENDOS, a great battle was fought here in the 5th century B.C. between the Athenian commander Cimon, son of Miltiades, and the Persian navy which was annihilated by Cimon, as well as when Alexander the Great captured Aspendos and made it a center of commerce. It houses the best preserved ancient Greek/Roman theater in the whole world seating as many as 30,000 spectators. Because of its importance, it played a major role in early Christianity.

SIDE, this was ancient Pamphylia's largest port and saw many golden ages from the earliest time. In the 5th and 6th centuries A.D. it served as the seat of the Bishop Pamphylia until the destructive raids by the Arabs on the southern coast of Asia Minor when it was transferred into a war zone for many years. Many buildings from the Byzantine era survive including Pamphylia's largest theater with a seating capacity of 20,000 people.

HIERAPOLIS (Pamukkale), situated near the historic city of Laodicea, which also became a center of settlements for the Aegean world, including Colossae (famous for St. Paul's epistle to them), and all flourishing in this area because of the famous and legendary thermal baths emanating from the mineral springs. People today come from all over the world for these springs. Large baths dating from the 2nd century still exist, and the Christian Basilica is situated on the main street behind the baths. On the slope behind another famous theater well preserved, is a monument built to the Martyrium of St. Philip the Apostle, who lived here along with his family. Excavations show that St. Philip and his sons constituted the first Christian population of Hierapolis, and after Christianity became the official religion, the Martyrium

became a center for pilgrimages from all over the world. One of the most famous necropolis areas is situated here and this necropolis is one of the most important in Asia Minor because many Roman, Byzantine and Hellenistic sarcophagi, graves and mausoleums are seen together in one place. There are more than 1,000 such graves here and have given much information to archaeologists and historians about the ancient world of Greece, Rome and Byzantium.

LAODICEA & COLOSSAE, these two are important Christian settlements but little if any excavations has taken place in these areas not far from Hierapolis.

STAVROUPOLIS (Aphrodisias) in ancient times, Aphrodisias was one of the most important cult centers especially during the Hellenistic and Roman periods. During the Christian era, it became the seat of the bishop of the Caria region and was known as Stavroupolis. The Temple of Aphrodite, which was the center of cult worship in the region in ancient times, was modified into a Christian church, and during the Byzantine times, was the capitol city of the Caria region. The ruins of Stavroupolis has attracted the attention of archaeologists for a very long time. Recently, archaeologists from NYU have uncovered many of the ancient and Christian remains here, especially the Diocese home of the bishop, one of the most well preserved homes of the Roman period and which tell us a great deal about Christianity in this region. It dates back to the 3rd century A.D.

EPHESUS. There is so much history con-

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Search for 1993 Award Recipient is now under way

Who will be next year's Athenagoras Human Rights Award recipient? The question has been duly discussed during several sessions of the National Council, and decision on who will be nominated for the award appears imminent. The nominee's credentials will be presented by the Order's National Commander, Dr. Chris Philip to His Eminence Archbishop Iakovos for approval.

Several names with outstanding credentials in the area of Human Rights are now being considered. Final decision will be reached by the next National Council meeting in November.

The Athenagoras Human Rights award is presented annually to a person who has espoused the cause of Human Rights and Religious Freedom. The presentation is made during the Order's Annual Banquet, which has become the highlight of the social season in New York. Next year's banquet will be held Saturday, March 6th.

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Dr. Kalemkeris lectures at Crystal Palace on 70th anniversary of Asia Minor Genocide

During a very impressive gathering of the Cultural and Educational Committee of the Pontian Society earlier this year at the Crystal Palace in Astoria, Dr. Kirk Kalemkeris gave a lecture crammed with historical information, bringing his audience to its feet with emotional outburst. The topic of the lecture which culminated the event which highlighted the season of the Pontian Society, dealt with the Asia Minor campaign of the Greek army and the ensuing genocide wrought upon the Greek population of that region by the Turks. The main thrust of Dr. Kalemkeris' talk was the persecution and the extermination of entire towns inhabited by Greeks, as well as the resulting stream of refugees fleeing the destruction.

Dr. Kalemkeris narrated to the crowd the influence that this chapter of Hellenic history had upon him, though he was in effect born in Thessaloniki by parents who fled the holocaust. It was however



Dr. Kirk Kalemkeris

impossible within the family circle and environment to avoid hearing repeatedly about the events that led to this horrible Catastrophy.

"It is beyond me", Dr. Kalemkeris related to his audience, "how our (WWI) allies, the British, the French and the Italians could've been part of such heinous crimes. Those who forced us to participate in the war, those who pledged to us Eastern Thrace, Smyrna and its environs, as well as the area of Pontos by virtue of a Treaty they themselves signed, turned their backs on us and let us perish."

October Meeting Combines Business With Information

Archon Historian, Professor Dino Geanakoplos, Didaskalos Tou Genous, took the floor prior to the October 7, 1992 National Council meeting, to speak about the Asia Minor Holocaust, and the betrayal perpetrated by the Allies against Greece.

The combination Lecture and Meeting was held in the Cathedral Hall adjacent to the church, and was attended by the rank and file of the Order, including many Archons' wives. A reception during which hors d'oeuvres, coffee and pastries were served preceded the very informative lecture which dwelled on the premise that the destruction of the Micrasiatic was the direct consequence of the WWI allies turning their backs on the Treaty of Lauzanne. The pact, signed at the conclusion of the first World War, gave the Hellenes who fought on the side of the Britain, France and Italy, a good part of the regions that belonged to the Byzantine Empire in Asia Minor, as concessions.

The turning point, however, came when Kemal Attaturk took over the reigns in Turkey, and the Great Powers deemed necessary to throw their support behind him.

Changes in Archons' journey '93 set departure date at mid-August

Although the planned 1993 Holiday-Conference trip to Greece, Constantinople and Holy Land remains basically on course, some changes have been made to the itinerary as well as departure date. The new date is tentatively August 16th, and the scheduled two-week duration will most likely be scaled down to ten days.

Furthermore, by consensus, first stop on the itinerary will be the Holy Land, after which the group will fly to Constantinople for a visit with the Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew I, and sightseeing. Athens will be the final stop, with a scheduled Conference with the Archons' European counterparts. To that end, meetings have been held with Mr. Athanasios Arvanitis,

Commander of the European Archons, during his visit here, and many of the issues concerning the trip discussed.

On the other hand, National Commander Dr. Chris Philip has communicated with His Excellency, the U.S. Ambassador to Greece Michael Sotirhos on the matter of facilitating arrangements for the travelers. In a communication to the Order's Executive Director Rev. Dr. Milton Efthimiou, the Ambassador expressed delight to see the conference materialize and that he "would host an event at the Embassy" in honor of the Archons.

There would be more data pertaining to Journey '93 in the next issue of this Newsletter.

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Noted Physicians Discuss Medical Mission to Russia

At the July 29th meeting of the National Council, Commander Philip was most happy to welcome two noted physician-Archons who participated in the proceedings. The two guests were Dr. George Christakis, formerly of New York and now of Boca Raton, FL, and Dr. James P. Argires of Lancaster, PA.

The two medical authorities attended the meeting in order to brief the National Council on their charitable mission to the Eastern Bloc, with end result the possible Archon participation.

Doctors Christakis and Argires gave the National Council a full report on the health care needs of the Eastern Bloc and particularly Russia. They noted that there is a wealth of talent in the health care field among the Archons, who could be organized to turn into reality the dream of the International Orthodox Christian Charities (O.C.C.).

This month, the two physicians will head a fact-finding team to Moscow to assess the medical needs of the Russian Orthodox faithful in that region, and will prepare a full report to the National Council. In it, they will include their recommendations regarding Archon participation in this vital mission.

During his tenure at Mount Sinai Hospital in New York, Dr. Christakis has done extensive research as a cardiologist-nutritionist, which involved several trips to Greek islands. His findings were that Cretans and other islanders achieve an unusual longevity in life due to their diet. His works have been published extensively by the New York Times.

Helsinki Watch Book

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information gathered during a Helsinki Watch mission to Greece and Turkey in 1991. Written by Lois Whitman, Deputy Director of the Helsinki Watch, it provides an adequate account of the state of affairs of the Hellenes who live in the former capital of the Byzantine Empire, Constantinople and other parts of Turkey. Its purpose is to bring to the surface violations committed by the Turkish Government against their subjects of Greek origin, and the restrictions placed on them in exercising their religious duties.

Undeniably, The Greeks of Turkey is a book that should not be missing from any Archon's library. Priced at \$7.00 a copy, this handsome coffee table book can serve as the ideal gift for family and friends. To obtain a copy, please fill out and mail the form at the end of the article, or call Athena Condos at (212) 570-3550.

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Gala Concert At Lincoln Center

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tions posed by the officials. That situation aggravates an already critical condition within the educational system of the Greeks in Constantinople.

Anyone wishing to secure prime concert seating as well as participate in the elegant

dinner, can become a Sponsor by calling the Order at (212) 570-3550, or send a check to the Order of Saint Andrew the Apostle, Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of North and South America, 8 East 79th Street, New York, N.Y. 10021.



Stephen Stamas, Chairman of the New York Philharmonic (third from left), welcomes Committee Chairpeople Ted. D. Demetriou, Arrangements, Anthony J. Limberakis, M.D., General Chairman (first and second from left), and Nick J. Bouras, Sponsorship (last from left).



Members of the Order's National Council present at the meeting to discuss the sponsorship of the Gala Concert at Lincoln Center gather for a commemorative photo. From left to right (top), Jean Papps, M.D., Aktouarios, Steve Alexander, Depoutatos, John Panas, Depoutatos, Harry Magafan, Depoutatos, Konstantine Vellios, Depoutatos, Nicholas Bouras, Depoutatos, Ted. D. Demetriou, Exarchos. From left to right (bottom row), Nikitas Drakotos, a guest Archon, Steven P. Papadatos, Ostiaris, Treasurer of the Order, Executive Director, Rev. Dr. Milton Efthimiou, National Commander of the Order, Dr. Chris Philip, Aktouarios, Anastasios Manassis, Depoutatos, Vice-Commander of the Order, and Anthony J. Limberakis, M.D., Aktouarios, Secretary of the Order and Chairman of the Concert Committee. Archon Demetriou is Arrangement Committee Chairman and Archon Bouras is Sponsorship Committee Chairman, with Konstantine Vellios a member of the Arrangements Committee.

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Archons Attend Welcome Reception For Serbian Orthodox Patriarch Pavle

Led by His Eminence Archbishop Iakovos, Dr. Chris Philip, National Commander of the Archons, joined with other Archons of the Metropolitan New York area in welcoming His Beatitude Serbian Orthodox Patriarch Pavle to New York on Tuesday, October 6, with a vespers service at the Archdiocesan Cathedral of the Holy Trinity followed by a reception/dinner.

The occasion was part of the Patriarch's 26 day visit to the U.S. and Canada. Archbishop Iakovos, Chairman of SCOBA (Standing Conference of Ortho-

dox Bishops in the Americas) addressed the Patriarch assuring him of our deep concern for the unrest that exists in the former republic of Yugoslavia. Fr. Efthimiou, Executive Director of the Archons, is also the Ecumenical Officer of SCOBA, which hosted the vespers/dinner reception for His Beatitude.

During his stops at various cities, the Archons will be present when he celebrates hierarchical services and attends various receptions. The Serbian Patriarch will depart for Belgrade on October 25.



His Beatitude Serbian Patriarch Pavle assumes praying posture, as the Order's Executive Director assists him with microphone.

Annual Pilgrimage—Patriarch Joins Archbishop

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ected with Ephesus that this space is too small to do history-justice. During the Roman period, Ephesus became the largest metropolis and the capitol of the eastern provinces of the Roman Empire. The population was about 250,000 for more than two centuries. Roman Emperors visited the city and restored and built new edifices through the centuries. During the first century A.D., it was the center of Christianity, especially because St. Paul, St. John, and allegedly, the Virgin Mary lived in this city. (She of course fell asleep in Jerusalem). One of the highlights of the pilgrimage each year is to stand in the theater, on the very spot where St. Paul addressed the crowd, the details of which are found in the Acts of the Apostles, and which the group reads every year.

Also, every year the pilgrims visit the tomb of St. John and a vesper service is chanted there in the beautiful remains of the ancient church of St. John.

Also, the Church of the Virgin Mary is visited in which the 3rd Ecumenical Council took place, as well as other Councils which established early dogma and canons of the church.

Of course, many other sites will be visited, not to mention the many Christian churches

and sites in Constantinople. Why do we keep returning here, is a question that is often asked! To bring a once great and historic site back to the light of day is a privilege which especially the Greek Orthodox ought to take very seriously. Excavations are usually done for scientific purposes—to increase knowledge of buildings, inscriptions and art. But it is also to share in the past and traditions which are the foundations of the Church.

In a letter carved on the theater wall twenty centuries ago, a pious and proud Christian said: "I have selected the city of Stavroupolis from all of Asia as my own. . ." From the first trips several years ago where he found remains of early Christianity to the latest discoveries, which have recently come to light in Stavroupolis, our destinies, as pilgrims from the new world, have seemed strangely intertwined. In humble echo of those words by some unknown early pious and proud Christian, starting from St. Nicholas and ending in Constantinople, we too, the pilgrims yet to come, have selected these cities in Asia Minor as our own, because they await us each year, to reclaim them spiritually. For a few days, we breathe the air of our forefathers, who inspire us to come back again and again.

Dr. Chris Philip Speaks At Annual St. Iakovos Dinner

Sitting on the dais along with the Emeritus National Commander, Dr. Anthony G. Borden, Dr. Chris Philip was one of the featured speakers at the annual St. Iakovos Banquet honoring His Eminence Archbishop Iakovos on his Nameday. It was held at the Waldorf-Astoria on Sunday, October 11, 1992 which was a climax weekend which included meetings of the Archdiocesan Council, the National Philoptochos, and a Sunday morning hierarchical divine liturgy officiated by Archbishop Iakovos on the occasion of his feastday, celebrated with Bishop Isaiah of Denver who has bidden farewell to New York and his role as Chancellor of the Archdiocese in order to assume his new duties as bishop of the Diocese of Denver.

Dr. Philip's remarks were warmly received and applauded. Among other things, Dr. Philip alluded to the work of the Order, and traced the history, in brief, of the term "Archon" in reference to the Archbishop being the "Archons' Archon" in leading the Archons since 1966, the year of its inception, to assume their roles as "Defenders of the Faith" and who continuously pledge their loyalty and allegiance to His Eminence, the Archdiocese, and the Ecumenical Patriarchate.

"We of the National Council have a spiritual bond with our Archbishop, because for us, he is the Archons' Archon, if we can be so bold in referring to this great man by that title. His Eminence once told us: 'The ancient titles of Archons of the Great Church of Christ are committed in conscience and purpose to the welfare of the needs of the Ecumenical Patriarchate.' Is there any other person in this room, in the whole Archdiocese, perhaps in the whole world that exemplified this definition?"

In committing the Archons to the needs of the Church and of the Ecumenical Patriarchate, Dr. Philip concluded with these remarks: "Your Eminence, the greatest gift that we can give you tonight is a vow that we will continue our efforts in every possible way to help the holy mission of our church with devotion, dignity and integrity. We will never allow anything or anyone to veer us away from this vow."



His Eminence Archbishop Iakovos is flanked by Commander Emeritus Dr. Anthony G. Borden and National Commander Dr. Chris Philip during Annual Dinner.

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