



Former Secretary Derwinski is the Candidate for Athenagoras Award



The recipient speaking during last year's banquet, with His Eminence Archbishop Iakovos and Andrew A. Athens seated beside him.

The first man to direct the Federal Government's second largest Department, former Secretary of the Department of Veterans Affairs, Edward J. Derwinski, will this year be accepting the Order of Saint Andrew the Apostle's Athenagoras Human Rights Award, during the Order's Annual Banquet, being held at the Waldorf Astoria Hotel on Saturday, March 11, 1995. The event, which has become one of the highlights of the Greek Orthodox community's social season, will mark the presentation of the 10th Annual Athenagoras Award, bestowed annually on an individual or a group in the forefront of the struggle for Human Rights and Religious Freedom.

The Annual Banquet is held on the eve of the Sunday of Orthodoxy, followed the next day by an Hierarchical Liturgy at the Holy Trinity Cathedral on East 74th Street, N.Y.C., followed by a Procession of the Archons of the Order of St. Andrew, as well as the investiture of the Archon Candidates during a besplendored Byzantine ritual. The Archon Candidates are pre-

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Turks Cancel Pilgrimage

In a bold move that took everyone by surprise, with hundreds of pilgrims on their way into their journey towards the holy shrines in Asia Minor, the Turkish Government abruptly cancelled the St. Nicholas Symposium an event of world participation for the last 12 years.

Citing feared violence from fundamentalists, the Turkish authorities suddenly disallowed the Symposium as well as the Hierarchical Liturgy that takes places in Antalya and Myra early in December as part of the world's homage to Saint Nicholas. In a brief communique from the offices of the Ecumenical Patriarch, the only announcement to date from the Phanar, cancellation is attributed to "reasons independent of the wishes of the Mother Church".

Independent sources, however, suggest that the Turkish Government was deliberately setting obstacles to the event by setting up such stringent rules as to render it unfeasible.

It must be noted that many pilgrims from around the world were already on their way or had arrived when the decision was announced. They were preparing for participation in the Hierarchical

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\$100,000 pledged to Library, as former Commander is memorialized

Meeting in New York, the National Council of the Order of St. Andrew the Apostle, made a pledge of \$100,000 to the Archbishop Iakovos Library Fund at Hellenic College/Holy Cross Theological School in memory of Dr. Anthony G. Borden who served as its National Commander between 1975 and 1989, and was later named Commander Emeritus until his death last year.

Dr. Borden, having led a life-long crusade for religious freedom and Human Rights through personal campaigns across the United States, was memorialized at special services held in his home parish of Elkins Park, PA, January 8th, 1995. A fervent supporter of the Ecumenical Patriarchate in Phanar, Turkey, its institutions, as well as the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of the Americas, he was remembered by the Archons and their many friends during services at the Annunciation Church. A memorial collation for the Order followed.

A champion for the preservation of Religious freedom for the Ecumenical Patriarchate in Constantinople and the Chris-



Dr. Anthony G. Borden

tians throughout Turkey, he died January 6th of last year at age 79. The Rydal, PA resident who served as battalion physician during WWII and was decorated for brav-

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Archon Kalemkeris lectures on Smyrna, receives Ahepa honors

In congratulating Dr. Kirk P. Kalemkeris on his impressive lecture delivered at the Three Hierarchs Church, Brooklyn, on the eve of the 72nd Anniversary of the Asia Minor Holocaust, His Grace, Bishop Anthimos of Olympos told the congregation that this lecture must be published for all to see and read. The National Council member's greatest reward is to be able to educate his brethren and enlighten them on this, the darkest hour of Greek history. The lecture held on October 16th, 1994, was titled *The 72 years of the Micrasiatic Destruction*.

A fervent supporter of all causes of Hellenism, Dr. Kalemkeris has also espoused Northern Epirus, by actively working on behalf of Ahepa to ship drugs to Northern Greece for the aid of refugees of Hellenic heritage fleeing from Albania's southern provinces, which constitute Northern Epirus. For his efforts, the physician who is a Regional Commander of the New Jersey Diocese and bears the title of *Aktouarios*, was one of two men honored during Ramapo Chapter's Award night at the Fisherman Restaurant in Saddle Brook, NJ.

In accepting the honor, Dr. Kalemkeris enlightened the audience on the rich history of that region north of Greece, as well as its contribution during the Uprising of 1821. He reminded the audience that today, these Hellenes are denied their civil rights as well as religious freedom. In concluding his talk, Dr. Kalemkeris advised those of the Diaspora to provide whatever relief



Rampo Chapter President Ted Vittas congratulates Archon Kalemkeris.

they can to the extensive suffering of their brethren in captivity.

Vice Commander presents report

During the Dinner meeting hosted by Archon John Mavroudis at the Stoney Hill Inn, Archon Manessis presented a report entitled "Energize the National Council and Activate the Regional State Commanders". Mr. T. Peter Limber also suggested the development of guidelines and an instructional booklet so that local Archons may organize themselves and activities in concept with the National Council.

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sented to the rank and file during a general membership meeting on the day of the Banquet, and again just before the presentation of the coveted award. Past recipients of the Athenagoras Award include His Eminence Archbishop Iakovos of the Greek Orthodox Church of North and South America who marched alongside Dr. Martin Luther King in Selma, AL, former President Jimmy Carter, Mother Teresa of Calcutta, U.S. Senator Paul Sarbanes and former N.Y. University President John Brademas.

Considered the Defenders of the Faith and the Ecumenical Patriarchate in Constantinople, the Archons of the Order of St. Andrew have been the pillars of support for the Seat of Worldwide Orthodoxy and its various institutions, one of which, the Theological School of Halki which traditionally has produced Patriarchs and Bishops, has been closed by the Turkish Government since the Seventies.

As Secretary of the Department of Veteran Affairs, Mr. Derwinski was responsible for a nationwide system of health-care services and benefits programs for America's 27 million veterans. Prior to rising to a Cabinet-level post, he served as a member of the U.S. House of Representatives from 1959 to 1983, representing Illinois' Fourth Congressional District. He was senior Republican member of the House Foreign Affairs Committee and the House Post Office and Civil Service Committee. He also served as a delegate to the United Nations General Assembly and was Chairman of the U.S. Delegation to the Interparliamentary Union, an International body of Legislators from over 120 nations.

The Athenagoras Human Rights Award, named after the proponent in the struggle for religious freedom and human rights, Archbishop of the Americas Athenagoras, who later became the Ecumenical Patriarch of the world's Orthodox.

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His Eminence delivers lecture on The Theological School of Halki

The 150th Anniversary of the opening of the world-renown Theological School in Halki, was observed in New York with a bilingual lecture on the now closed institution by His Eminence Archbishop Iakovos. *Halki: The School that Illuminated the World: now closed*, was delivered as part of the observance of Greek Letters Day celebration sponsored by the Archdiocesan Board of Education on Monday, January 30, 1995, at the Cathedral's adjacent Center.

Built in 1844 on the site of the Ninth Century Monastery of the Holy Trinity on the island of Halki in the Princess Island cluster, and considered the pre-eminent Greek Orthodox Theological Institution where hundreds of priests, Bishops, Archbishops and Patriarchs received their Orthodox education, it was closed despite pleas by Archbishop Iakovos, himself a graduate of Halki, leaders of the World Council of Churches, Pope Paul VI, and world leaders.

His Eminence expanded on how Halki was prominent during the Byzantine era, during which 12 monastic communities flourished on it. He also elaborated on the early school which contained a hospital, a patriarchal residence, a library, traditional classrooms, and living quarters for students and faculty. Though it was nearly destroyed by an earthquake in 1894, it was soon rebuilt and functioned up to its closing as an institution of higher learning.

In a related move, His Grace, Bishop Methodios of Boston plans a conference this coming March, to celebrate the 150th anniversary of the school's founding. He intends to invite dignitaries from the Boston Theological Institute & Public Service as participants to the celebration. He also has made repeated requests to all clergy in his Diocese, as well as the faculty of Holy Cross to address letters to the Turkish Ambassador in Washington asking for his support in the issue of the School's reopening.

Archon's Leaders meet, discuss current plans and future role

Meeting for the first time in the new year, the National Council of the Order of St. Andrew the Apostle invited all Regional and State Commanders in the Northeastern United States to participate and discuss the future course of this Archdiocesan organization charged with the support of the Ecumenical Patriarchate. The meeting, which was combined with dinner at Archon John Mavroudis' Stony Hill Inn in Hackensack, was attended by Commanders from the Dioceses of New Jersey (which encompasses parts of Pennsylvania), Massachusetts, as well as the Archdiocesan District of New York. It was designed to update everyone on

Archon Nicholas Bouras,
Member of the
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Archons John Kusturiss, John Sarkioglu, National Treasurer Steven Papadatos and Steve Pavlis.



Archons John Mavroudis, Legal Counsel to the Order of St. Andrew, Dr. Anthony Limberakis, Secretary, National Vice Commander Anastasios Manassis and National Commander, Dr. Chris Philip.

the current agenda of events, as well as to chart its future course in connection with the predicament of the Ecumenical Patriarchate in Constantinople and its institutions, such as the shuttered Halki Theological School.

Andrew Manatos of Washington, D.C. attended the meeting and gave those present an overview of what is being done in the Capital to strengthen the position of the Phanar, particularly after the Turkish Government's posture towards the Annual Pilgrimage and Symposium at the birthplace of St. Nicholas. The individual Commanders were told by the National Commander Dr. Chris Philip and the Vice Commander, Anastasios Manassis, that their

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Archon Demakos, a philanthropist, dies in Upstate N.Y. at age 79

Archon Gregory P. Demakos, whose many philanthropic deeds via his personally financed Demakos Foundation have drawn nationwide attention, died late in December after a brief illness.

Born in Myrsini in the region of Laconia, Greece, he served in the Greek Navy and attended classes at the University of Athens before emigrating to the United States in 1948 and obtaining a degree in Engineering soon thereafter from the University of Florida. After getting married to the late Tula Revelas, Demakos moved to her hometown of Buffalo, where in 1953 he founded the Atlas Heating & Air Conditioning Co., in which he remained active until his death. Concurrently, he invested in the commercial property development business, in which he became very active.

An energetic individual with great enthusiasm by nature, Demakos returned to his native Greece in 1962, where he purchased land near his birthplace, building a Community Center and a clinic on it, and donating it to the local community. When the parish's General Assembly approved his design for a new community center and Sunday school, he spearheaded the construction project himself in 1971 and 1972 and was the primary contributor to the building's fund raising drive. Three years later he and his wife funded the completion of the center's kitchen. In 1974, he was the recipient of the Man of the Year award from his church. Late last year, by unanimous decision, the Center was dedicated in his name.

Archon Demakos has served as President and Vice President of his parish council, as Co-chairman of the National Conference of Christians and Jews and Chairman, Education Committee, of the Comfort Bu-



Gregory P. Demakos

reau of Western New York. He was Co-chairman of the Diocesan Council of Detroit, MI, a Great Benefactor of the League of Greek Orthodox Stewards, Diocese of Detroit, Hellenic College and St. Basil Academy. Besides being a member of the Order of St. Andrew, holding the offikion of Archon Depoutatos, he was a member of the Leadership 100 organization of the Archdiocese, and a member of the McKinley Chapter of Ahepa. In 1979 His Grace Bishop Timothy of Detroit awarded him the Medal of St. Paul. Last year, His Eminence presented Demakos with the Pyramid of Excellence award for his contributions to his Church.

He is survived by three sons, Peter of Amherst, N.Y., Athan of Scottsdale, AZ, and Alexander of San Diego, CA. He is also survived by brother Anthony and sisters Eleni Demakos and Georgia Gavalas, all of Athens, brother Petros of L.A., and four grandchildren.

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ery, had recently retired from his private practice in Philadelphia, PA. He previously was the chief of Radiology of the Southern Division of the Albert Einstein Medical Center in Philadelphia, and also taught at the Universities of Pennsylvania, Temple and Thomas Jefferson, School of Medicine.

Born in Heraklion, Crete, and having studied in Greece, New York and Philadelphia, Dr. Borden was appointed by His Eminence, Archbishop Iakovos to the post of National Commander of the Order in 1975. He retired with the title of Commander Emeritus after 14 years of service receiving the Athenagoras Human Rights Award from the Order in 1989.

He was instrumental in obtaining per-

mission from the Turkish Government to rebuild the Patriarchal Administrative building, which lay in ruins for 47 years. In 1978, 1980 and 1984, Dr. Borden led the pilgrimages to the Holy Land, Mt. Sinai's St. Catherine Monastery, and the Ecumenical Patriarchate. With his help, his parish constructed a new Byzantine style church, which he served as parish president from 1966 to 1976. He was able to publish many distinguished works and has received many professional awards. Dr. Borden, whose offikion in the Order was Archon Megas Aktouarios, was also a member of the Leadership 100, of the American College of Radiology, the Philadelphia and the Pennsylvania Roentgen Societies.

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**Regional Commanders

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Archon Leaders Meet

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individual support as well as that of their members is crucial in order to press on with the Order's goals.

Other topics discussed were the Sunday of Orthodoxy celebration, a two-day event that begins with the Annual Banquet of the Order on Saturday, March 11 at the Waldorf Astoria, and the Hierarchical Liturgy on Sunday at the Holy Trinity Cathedral, during which the new Archon Candidates are invested by His Eminence Archbishop Iakovos in the name of Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew I. The annual Athenagoras Human Rights award, bestowed on an individual or group who has been in the forefront of the struggle for Human Rights and Religious Freedom will be presented this year to former Secretary of Veterans Affairs Ed Derwinski.

Other issues included the forthcoming Philharmonic Concert and Dinner, for which the preliminary contacts have taken place with the Philharmonic's Chairman Stephen Stamas on behalf of the Order. Dr. Anthony J. Limberakis heads the Concert Committee, working in association with Nick Bouras and Ted Demetriou.



National Commander Dr. Chris Philip talking with Archon Andrew Manatos. In the background is Archon George Jameson.



Vice Commander Anastasios Manassis, National Commander Dr. Chris Philip, Fr. John Limberakis, Rev. Dr. Milton Efthimiou, Director of the Department of Church & Society, Ecumenical Officer of the Archdiocese and Executive Officers of the Archons, National Treasurer Steven Papadatos and State Commander Costas Trataros.

Left to right are Archons Bill Theodosakis, John Rakkou, Kostas Vellios, and Michael Katos.

Archons George Pappas, Paul Paltos and Alexander Anagnos.



Archons attend Patrons' Vespers

About 125 faithful, mostly Archons attended Vespers at the Holy Trinity Cathedral on the eve of the Feast of St. Andrew the Apostle. Bishop Philotheos officiated along with area clergy.

Speaking at a gathering of the Archons immediately after the Vespers, in the Cathedral Center, The Order's National Commander, Dr. Chris Philip thanked the clergy for the vespers in honor of the Order's patron saint, and his constituency for attending. He continued his brief remarks with a concise description of the Archons' responsibilities as the protectors of the faith and the Ecumenical Patriarchate, and in succession, Professor Bourodimos addressed the audience. The educator's topic was the Patriarchate as it relates to the Islamic Fundamentalists.

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The Order's Dr. Maris raises funds for HC/HC via Vision 21

With His Grace, Bishop Methodios of Boston in attendance, the home of Dr. and Mrs. Peter Maris in Old Westbury, L.I., was the site last October of a social, during which the sum of \$25,000 was raised in support of the work undertaken by the Hellenic College and the Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology. Announced as the Vision-21 Fund-raiser, the event gathered parishioners from several Long Island communities, such as St. Paul's Cathedral in Hempstead, the Church of the Resurrection in Glen Cove, St. Paraskevi in Greenlawn, St. Demetrios in Merrick, and Archangel Michael in Roslyn Heights. The contributions came from personal friends of Dr. and Mrs. Maris, as well as other parishioners from these churches.

Expressing his gratitude for the guests' generosity, His Grace, Bishop Methodios who is the President of the school, addressed each of the guests individually, explaining the school's mission and goals. He also went into detail, describing the opportunities in store for students in the century whose threshold we now stand upon. "This is the School which holds the claim that it is the heartbeat of the Church", he said, where both lay and clergy leaders are being prepared to serve the spiritual needs of tomorrow. The Bishop also expressed his appreciation to the Marises for their hospitality, and thanked them for their visionary faith in the future Church in the Americas.

Invested in 1990 Leon Argyros dies



Archon Notarios Leon Argyros of Laguna Hills, CA, a member of the Order since his investiture in 1990, died January 6, 1995 at the age of 83.

A Charter member of two California parishes, he helped establish St. Athony's Pasadena Greek Orthodox Church and served as president of its parish council in the Sixties. More recently he attended services at Saint Paul's in Irvine, where he and his family have worked unselfishly for the support of their church as well as the Ecumenical Patriarchate.

Born in Pittsburgh, PA, of parents hailing from Asia Minor, he boasted being the first American-born male born to Greek immigrants in that city. Before retiring, Mr. Argyros was in Sales. In recognition of his services, his parish of St. Paul honored him and his wife Olga with a special Dinner event.

Archon Argyros is survived by his wife and children.

Archon Kraras' Wartime Deeds are Declassified 50 years late

His three children and their spouses are in business with him, operating motels and restaurants in Wildwood, N.J., and a tour agency in Shillington, PA, but up to now, even they did not know who the real Gust Kraras was. That's because Kraras' mission to Greece during WWII was a strategic secret which had to be guarded long after the world conflict ended. Now, after a 50th Anniversary of the Athens liberation marked by the reunion of those few good men, Eagle/Times columnist Joseph N. Farrell tells the story of an OSS (the forerunner of the CIA) Commando operating behind enemy lines in his native Greece, ambushing German convoys. Despite their successes, the exploits of the Greek American Commandos were swept under the post-war political rug, where they remained classified until the late eighties, when one of the old commandos, Giannaris, sought permission to write a book about the experience. Still, continues Farrell, it wasn't until this past October that his son Christ, accompanying him on his trip to Athens, first realized the full extent of his father's war record.

"We'd use a bazooka to disable the first and last truck, then opened up on the rest with everything we had," Gust says. "When we were finished, nothing much was left,

and we'd go back up into the hills."

Among his wartime snapshots of the Greek mountainside, continued Farrell, of bands of bearded men, mules and guns, is one of a lone man whose dark eyes stare hard at the camera. Those same eyes today twinkle behind glasses. "This is now," Gust laughs, "And that was then."

Now his children and the world knows who he is!

Turks cancel Pilgrimage

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and Patriarchal Divine Liturgy that was to take place on the Feastday of St. Andrew the Apostle, patron saint of Byzantium on November 30th. With the presence of high Vatican officials such as Cardinal Iris Cassidy, already in Turkey for the event, the Feast Day celebration went ahead as planned in Constantinople and at the Phanar. The plans for the pilgrimage, however, to Ephesus, Hierapolis, Antalya and Myra, the original resting place for St. Nicholas, were frustrated.

The Rev. Dr. Milton Efthimiou, in his role as Ecumenical Officer and one of the first organizers of this pilgrimage, issued the following statement upon learning of the cancellation. "This unfortunate act will have far reaching ramifications, because this pilgrimage was a means for not only allowing the peoples of the world to visit the Christian sites which date back as far as the Bible's New Testament happenings, but it was an opportunity for Turkey to show its good will toward its neighbors, which by extension reached as far as the United States and Canada. Although not impossible, it will be very difficult to start up these pilgrimages again, which would have afforded our younger generation in particular, a visit to the Mother Church."

Benefit Concert is being planned

National Council Secretary, Archon Ak-touarios Anthony J. Limberakis, M.D., Committee Chairman for the Philharmonic Benefit Concert '95, reported during December's Council meeting that his sub-Committee chairmen, Archons Nicholas J. Bouras (Depoutatos) and Ted D. Demetriou (Exarchos), have marked progress with the coordination of this year's planned Benefit Concert.

The two National Council members have already communicated with the Chairman of the New York Philharmonic Stephen Stamas, who promised his whole-hearted support for the project. As with the previous N.Y. Philharmonic Benefit Concert, it is expected that a black tie Gala Dinner will precede, taking place in the Grand Tier Promenade.

Though details will be announced at a later date, the Benefit Concert is expected to be a Fall event.

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