



ARCHBISHOP DESMOND TUTU RECEIVES 2000 HUMAN RIGHTS AWARD



Archbishop Demetrios Presents Award to Archbishop Tutu assisted by National Commander Limberakis

In a panegyric atmosphere among members of the Order of St. Andrew and their families, Archbishop Tutu was presented with the *Athenagoras Human Rights Award* by Archbishop Demetrios, assisted by the national commander of the Order, Dr. Anthony J. Limberakis. The event took place at the Hilton Hotel in Manhattan on Saturday night, March 4. Voicing the choice of the Order's National Council, the Exarch of the Ecumenical Patriarchate of Constantinople, said that "It is fitting [that we] bestow the Athenagoras Award...to Archbishop Tutu," [because he is] internationally known as a peacemaker and a champion of human rights...." He is the celebrated recipient of the 1984 Nobel Peace Prize for the peaceful methods he used to fight discrimination and apartheid in South Africa.

The award is named after the one-time Archbishop of N&S America who in 1948 ascended the throne of St. Andrew becoming the Ecumenical Patriarch; Athenagoras is credited with the

entire Archdiocese, and for imbuing new life in the Church on the American continent. Holy Cross Seminary and St. Basil's Academy were founded under his aegis, so were hundred of Philoptochos chapters, plus hundreds of parishes. As Ecumenical Patriarch, he initiated the so called *rapprochement* between East & West, i.e., the Greek Church and the Papal The *Ecumenical Dialogue* that is pursued today is attributable to him. It was during his Patriarchate that the *Anathema* pronounced by Rome in 1054 against the East, and quickly returned by Constantinople, was ceremoniously lifted around the world in the 60s. That is why Archbishop Demetrios said that Athenagoras is "Orthodoxy's modern day personification of *love, respect, and dignity* for all the children of God."

On the dais were such dignitaries as Congresswoman Maloney of New York and Sen. Paul Sarbanes of Maryland, himself an Archon, and a host of high-ranking diplomats, including the Consul Generals of Greece, the Hon. Dimitris Platis and of Cyprus, the Hon. Pandelis Eliades, both stationed in New York City, and the world president of the Council of Hellenes Abroad, the Hon. Andrew A. Athens. Coming to the podium to speak on behalf of the national council was executive vice commander Nicholas J. Bouras who extended a cordial welcome to all in attendance; he was kind enough to underwrite the testimonial that night. Speaking for New Yorkers was one-time Mayor David Dinkins, who praised Archbishop Tutu on behalf of all African Americans.

Archon Konstantine Vellios, chair that night, together with Archon Theodore Demetriou, introduced the new candidates to the audience, highlighting aspects of their personal background. Archbishop Demetrios led in opening and closing prayers, assisted by Fr. Robert Stephanopoulos and Fr. John A. Limberakis. The program was opened with the national anthems by Stephanie Halepas, accompanied at the piano by Catherine Zarbis, and musical interludes were provided by Helen Zalantis, accompanied by Josephine Gailing; dinner music, by the Grecian Nights, Peter Halepas, director.

Formal remarks were delivered to the capacity attendance by the national commander, Doctor Limberakis, Archon Aktouarios,

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which he highlighted the various goals set by the national council over the last several years, already achieved. He was introduced by the emcee, the celebrated television anchorman in New York, Ernie Anastos, an Archon himself.

The honoree, Archbishop Desmond Mpilo Tutu, addressing the throngs at the end of the evening's event, expressed his deep appreciation for the Athenagoras Award, underscoring the historicity of the Greek Orthodox Church as the faith of the Apostles; in his inimitable preaching style, pausing now and then, gesturing with his hands, inflecting his voice, he emphasized the significance of Christian love projected around the world as the only spiritual force that would keep the peace of the world.

Culminating, the evening's colossal gathering, one that would be remembered for a long while, Archbishop Demetrios rising to the occasion delivered a stirring homily praising the honoree as a unique personality among His people, and commending the Order of St. Andrew for maintaining the high standards set by the Ecumenical Patriarchate of Constantinople.



ARCHON CANDIDATES CLASS OF 2000

At the close of the annual meeting of the Order of St. Andrew, held at the Hilton in Manhattan, Saturday afternoon, March 4, the emcee recited background information depicting each, highlighting distinctive traits by which each one served the church. Thirty distinguished candidates were reviewed, and approved by the Ecumenical Patriarchate.

Leading the nation, were eight new Archons from the Empire State of New York, followed by the Golden State of California by four, New Jersey, Massachusetts and Illinois were represented by three, while from Colorado, Georgia and Pennsylvania were two. Alabama, Wisconsin and Washington were represented by one each. The newly invested Archons for the Class of 2000 follows:



NEWLY invested class of 2000

William Boykas, *Architekton* (Coopersburg, PA)
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 George Chryssis, *Orphanotrophos* (Weston, MA)
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 Harry Kalas, *Kastrinsios* (Astoria, NY)
 Thomas Kanelos, *Depoutatos* (Niles, IL)
 Demetri Karagias, *Aktouarios* (Deal, NJ)
 Peter Karavites, *Notarios* (Bridgewater, MA)
 Socrates Kyritsis, *Hartoullarios* (Summit, NJ)
 Leonidas Manta, *Depoutatos* (Orland, IL)
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 Konstatinos Pylarinos, *Hagiographos* (Astoria, NY)
 Nicholas Sakellaridis, *Dikaephylax* (New York, NY)
 Michael Serko Jr., *Mousikodidaskalos* (Endwell, NY)
 Robert John Serco, *Depoutatos* (Endwell, NY)
 George Skoufis, *Diermeneus* (Doraville, GA)
 Theoharis Theoharides, *Hierormnimon* (Brookline, MA)
 Ernie Tiboris, *Ostiarios* (Sheboygan, WI)
 George Tzikas, *Depoutatos* (Sacramento, CA)
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Co Chairs Theodore Demetriou, Konstantine Vellios address the Banquet audience



Executive Vice Commander addresses captive audience at Banquet

Profiles in

UNIVERSITY HONORS DEMETRAKAS

The University of Rhode Island honored Archon Gregory Demetrakas of Cranston Rhode island, a member of the National Council of the Order and Regional Commander for the New England states, together with his wife, Anna, for their many contributions to academia and philanthropy over the years. They were both conferred an honorary degree of Doctor of Humane Letters during the recent commencement exercises in Kingston. Raised in Providence by their immigrant parents to respect Tradition. Greg worked to establish himself in business. He is in the international exporting business and is CEO of five corporations, while his wife, a graduate of URI's Feinstein College and a member of the alumnae association, very active with the administration. Known for their support of charitable organizations internationally, Mr. & Mrs. Demetrakas are major benefactors of the Church of the Annunciation in Cranston.

We congratulate Mr. and Mrs. Demetrakas, and wish them God's continued blessings.

HOLY CROSS HONORS ARCHON KOKALIS WITH DOCTORATE

During commencement exercises held in mid-May in Brookline, MA, *Archon Deputatos* George P. Kokalis of Phoenix, was conferred with an honorary degree of Doctor of Humanities by Hellenic College/Holy Cross School of Theology; he is the immediate past chairman of the Leadership 100. Highlights of the academic citation honoring Mr. Kokalis identify him as "a paradigm of Christian stewardship...; [he has] consistently lived according to the Biblical injunction, "You will be enriched in every way for [your] great generosity..." (2 Corinthians 9.11).

Mr. Kokalis migrated to Chicago, and he soon became an entrepreneur who matched his success in business with Christian philanthropy. He is a benefactor of St. Demetrios' in the windy city. Decades ago he established his residency in Phoenix and joined the Holy Trinity there; soon he was elected president of the parish. He worked side-by-side with his parish priest; soon that small parish grew into a cathedral church claiming an ever-expanding congregation. His academic citation begins with the noun, *Paradigm*; indeed he is an example; he is dedicated to our sacred tradition, and his role with both the Archdiocese and the Ecumenical speaks volumes. He is both a charter member of the League of Greek Orthodox Stewards and Leadership 100.

The Order of St. Andrew congratulates Mr. Kokalis for his dedication and for his *Paradigm* of Christian stewardship. *Time, talent and treasure!*

ARCHONS OF ST. MARK'S CHURCH IN FLORIDA WITH HIS EMINENCE



Bottom Left to Right: Angelo Koukoulis, John Kavouras, George S. Regas, Peter Dion, Harry Pappas, John Georgas, George Christakis.

Left to Right: Lou Nicozidis, Vasily Kaloyianides, Spyros Raftis, Das Anthony, and the wonderful photographer Peter Christopoulos

ELLIS ISLAND GOLD MEDALS CONFERRED UPON ARCHONS

In weekend ceremonies held on Ellis Island on Saturday, May 6, ten Archons of the Ecumenical Patriarchate were among scores of honorees conferred with the *Ellis Island Gold Medal*; they were among 18 Greek Americans to be honored, and among a total of 98 selected nationally to be so honored for the year 2000.

The honor is bestowed upon all those who have distinguished themselves in their particular field of expertise, "having... contributed to our national identity [as Americans] while preserving the distinct values and heritage of their ancestors..." Ellis island, the New York port which welcomed 12 million immigrants from 1892 to 1954, mainly from Europe, is today a major national historical site. The event pays tribute to the various ancestral origins of Americans, and at the same times pays homage to the uniqueness of our national ethnic mosaic. America is not the so-called *Melting Pot*, it is the sophisticated, magnificent tapestry in which depicted are all the designs and colors of a beautiful mosaic symbolic of our many races and creeds. Our immigrant progenitors came here seeking, to fulfill their own dreams; they came determined to transplant their spiritual heritage on these shores. And they succeeded.

We congratulate the Archons who were conferred with the *Ellis Island Gold Medal*; the list follows:

Dr. William Athens of MI
Michael Chakeres of Springfield, OH
George Chryssis of Weston, MA
James Costaras of New York, NY
Dr. Kirk Kaemkeris of Paramus, NJ
George P. Kokalis of Phoenix, AZ
Anthony J. Limberakis, M.D. Rydal, PA.
Icarus (Ike) Pappas of Hempstead, NY
John Rousakis of Savannah, GA
George Safiol of Weston, MA

Stewardship

CATSIMATIDES HONORED WITH DOCTORATE

The New York College of Podiatric Medicine recently conferred an honorary doctorate of Humane Letters upon John Catsimatides, CEO of Red Apple, Inc. in New York; he is Vice Chairman of the Archdiocesan Council and an Archon of the Ecumenical Patriarchate. Mr. Catsimatides also publishes a weekly newspaper in which he often takes editorial positions in support of church-related issues. The honors were bestowed upon him for his leadership qualities in education, social justice and causes related to philanthropy.

Some months ago he and Mrs. Catsimatides sponsored a dinner at their residence honoring President Clinton. His wife, Margo, was recently bestowed the *Ellis Island Medal* of honor. Both are to be commended, for indifaligable service to the church and community at large.

Millennium Pilgrimage to Holy Land and Ecumenical Patriarchate

August 22 - September 4

The Order of St. Andrew invites the Greek Orthodox Faithful of America to an historic pilgrimage retracing the steps of Jesus Christ in the Holy Land culminating at the Ecumenical Patriarchate, the spiritual center of world Orthodoxy. Join your fellow **NATIONAL COUNCIL MEMBER** in Jerusalem, Bethlehem, Nazareth, the River Jordan, the Sea of Galilee among the many breathtaking holy sites we will witness. We will journey to Sinai, the site of the St. Catherine Monastery and the mountain where Moses received the Ten Commandments. While in Constantinople we will receive the blessings of His All Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew and attend the Indiction Service, marking the start of the ecclesiastical New Year. The Archons and pilgrims will participate in a daylong symposium with His All Holiness sponsored by the Order of St. Andrew.

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GEORGE S. REGAS HONORED BY ST. MARK BOCA RATON PARISH

At its annual feastday celebration, St. Mark Greek Orthodox Church of Boca Raton Florida honored *Archon Skevophylax* George S. Regas for a lifetime of service to the Boca Raton parish, as well as the Orthodox Church in general," according Rev. Presbyter James Gavrilos. Archon George and his wife Anna transitioned to Florida after his retirement as an owner/entrepreneur in the beauty industry. During an unprecedented four terms as the parish council president, the tenure of Mr. Regas was highlighted by the construction of the magnificent sanctuary of St. Mark, under the inspirational guidance of its former pastor, Rev. Dr. Frank Marangos. An active member of Leadership 100, Mr. Regas has served on the Archdiocesan Council, Florida State Commander of the Order of St. Andrew and in other fraternal organizations. The National Council congratulates Archon and Mrs. Regas for their dedicated service to the Church.

ARCHON GEORGE BEHRAKIS RETIRES REMAINING MORTGAGE ON BOSTON DIOCESE CAMP AND RETREAT CENTER

The Order of St. Andrew is proud to recognize the recent announcement that Archon George Behrakis, will retire the remaining \$424,900.98 mortgage on the Boston Diocese Camp and Retreat Center in Contocook, NH.

Archon Behrakis and his wife Margo received a standing ovation for the efforts during the May 26 Tribute to Youth and Family and Ministry Dinner at the Taxiarchae Parish Hall in Watertown, MA.

Archon Behrakis was instrumental in selecting the facilities of the Camp and Retreat Center, which encompasses 191 acres and contains some 30 buildings, situated in the Contocook, region of New Hampshire two hours and a half north of Boston. With the current pledge Archon and Mrs Behrakis have contributed \$1.3 million towards this project.

Bestowed with the Offikion of Archon Deputatos, Mr. Behrakis serves as Vice Chairman of Hellenic College/ Holy Cross School of Theology and sits on the Executive Committee of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese.

The Order of St. Andrew commends Archon George and his wife Margo for their exemplary Christian stewardship.

Archons Gather in Diocese of Atlanta:



Service in Cathedral of Atlanta



Luncheon of Archons – Atlanta



Archons meet with His Eminence

The Archons of the Atlanta Diocese convened at the Atlanta Cathedral Center during the weekend of April 1st - 2nd. Historian of the Order of St. Andrew Christo Daphnides, and the featured speaker, presented a talk entitled *“The Ecumenical Patriarchate & Byzantium.”*

National Commander Dr. Anthony J. Limberakis addressed the Archons on the mission and goals of the Order of St. Andrew for the upcoming year. National Council Member George Regas; Diocese of Atlanta Clergy Laity Co-Chair Archon Harry Thomas Cavalaris, and Archons from throughout the Southeast were also present at this historic meeting.

During the two-day session, His Grace Bishop Alexios inspired the group with a host of projects in support of the Ecumenical Patriarchate and the Atlanta Diocese.

The National Council would like to congratulate Bishop Alexios & Regional Commander Steve Alexander Sr. for organizing this event which inspired the Archons of the Diocese of Atlanta to re-dedicate themselves to our sacred mission as Defenders of the Faith.



NATIONAL COUNCIL MEMBER DR. GEORGE C. KIRIAKOPOULOS RECEIVES GOLDEN BOOK AWARD

BOSTON- Dr. George C. Kiriakopoulos, Professor of Dentistry at Columbia University, returned from London, England, where he received the prestigious Golden Book Award from Queen Elizabeth of England, Patron of the Royal Society of Great Britain.

The Golden Book Award, comparable to the American Pulitzer Prize, was presented for Dr. Kiriakopoulos' two books on the Second World War entitled *Ten Days to Destiny- The Battle of Crete, 1941* and *The Nazi Occupation of Crete 1941-1945*.

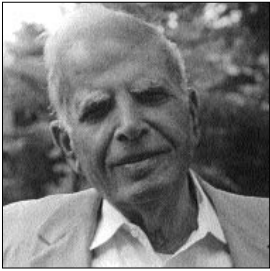
Dr. Kiriakopoulos spoke to the Alpha Omega Council at the final meeting of the year on June 22, in Boston.

His Lecture included an English language video of the Battle of Crete, followed by a question and answer session and a book signing.

IN MEMORIAM

THE STORY OF A GREEK IMMIGRANT

Frank Parlamis,



Was born in Kardamyla, Chios, Greece in 1909. In 1920, when he was just 11 years old, his father, then a wealthy merchant shipping fruits and vegetables throughout the Aegean and Black Seas, decided to move the entire family to Smyrna, Turkey. Caught in the ensuing holocaust of Smyrna in 1922, the family

managed to return to Chios penniless, but fortunate to be alive.

In order to seek opportunities which were not available in Greece at that time, Frank found employment as a carpenter aboard several Greek merchant ships, until the opportunity arose for him to illegally enter the United States at Freeport, Texas on Epiphany Day, January 6, 1930. During the years of the Depression of the 1930's, Frank worked at various jobs — as a steelworker in Weirton, West Virginia, as a carpenter in New York City, and during brief periods when other work could not be found, as a dishwasher in Greek restaurants. Despite the hardships of that era, Frank found the time to help set up the Brooklyn Local of the Carpenters Union together with the late Fred Trump, father of developer Donald Trump.

In 1939, Frank married the late Phyllis Bournazos of Newark, New Jersey and fathered one son, Michael F. Parlamis, in 1940. In the same year, Frank started his own business, Frank Parlamis Inc. As a general contractor and equipment supplier for food service facilities, Frank was responsible for creating over 500 new restaurants, catering facilities and commissaries during the 58-year period from 1940 through 1998. Today the company bearing his name continues on under the direction of his son, Michael.

Moving from Brooklyn, N.Y. to Jamaica, N.Y. in the 1960's, Frank became actively involved at the St. Demetrios Church in Jamaica N.Y. During an expansion era of the St. Demetrios community, Frank served that community as Parish Council Trustee, President of the Parish Council, Chairman of the Building Fund Committee, Chairman of the School Board, and as a Great Benefactor.

In 1980, Frank Parlamis was bestowed the title *Archon Depoutatos of the Ecumenical Patriarchate* by Archbishop Iakovos at the Holy Trinity Cathedral, New York City, and was also awarded The Medal of St. Paul for his exemplary church service. In 1997, Frank had the rare distinction of being one of the few privileged Archons to live and witness the naming of his son, Michael, to be named an Archon as well.

After the loss of his first wife, Phyllis, in 1967, Frank was remarried to the late Georgia Moriates of Jamaica, N.Y. daughter of the late Archon Theodosios Moriates. Frank moved to New Jersey in the late 1970's to be nearer his son and three grandchildren, and maintained continued membership in two church communities— St. Demetrios, Jamaica, N.Y. and St.

John the Theologian, Tenafly, NJ. During his lifetime, Frank was involved with sponsoring and bringing 37 individuals to the United States, including his mother and father, two sisters, two brothers and numerous nephews, nieces and cousins. Frank supported many worthy causes and was, as well, a member of several fraternal orders, including the Ahepa, the Masons and the Kardamylian League.

Frank Parlamis had a dynamic and powerful personality, and had a profound influence on the lives of those he touched. He was a caring and devoted husband, father, grandfather, and great grandfather. He loved his family and was, indeed, loved by them. Frank embraced life with a great passion and lived it fully and successfully. He had carved out a life for himself, and while doing so, made a difference in the lives of so many around him.

Never having met with the Ecumenical Patriarch, it was the intent of his son, Michael, to take Frank to meet with Patriarch Bartholomew and fellow Archons at Holy Trinity Church, Bridgeport, Connecticut on May 24, 1998. This meeting never took place for during the early morning hours of that day, Frank Parlamis, Archon Depoutatos fell asleep in the arms of The Lord.

Basil Vasiliadis, Former Chief Secretary and Observer Director passes on

Basil Vasiliadis, *Megas Hieromnimon* and former chief secretary of the Archdiocese under Archbishops Michael and Iakovos, and former director of the Orthodox Observer from 1957-66, died May 23 at this home in Clearwater, Fla. Mr. Vasiliadis was born in 1910 in Imbros and graduated from the theological school at Halki. In 1945 he was named as chief secretary of the Patriarchal Office at the Ecumenical Patriarchate. He also had been a teacher of Greek and religion in Imbros and in Constantinople. He was also secretary for Patriarch Athenagoras and served as director of the patriarchal magazine "Apostolos Andreas". He came to the United States in the mid-1950s to serve as chief secretary of Archbishop Michael and, later, for Archbishop Iakovos, whom he served until his retirement in 1979.

Survivors include his wife Phillio and two children, Leander and Mary.

The entire Order of St. Andrew extends its deepest sympathy to the family of the late beloved friend and great and Archon of the church.

GEORGE K. JAMESON,

83, of **Washington Township** died June 3, 2000. He was archon depoutatos of the Ecumenical Patriarchate of St. Andrew the Apostle. He was past president of Ascension Greek Orthodox Church, Fairview, and Chapter 285 of the Order of Ahepa, and was a founder of St. John the Theologian Greek Orthodox Cathedral, Tenafly. He was an Army veteran of World War II.

HIS EMINENCE ARCHBISHOP DEMETRIOS EXARCH OF THE ECUMENICAL PATRIARCHATE

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CALL FOR NEW ARCHONS

The Archon Development Committee, chaired by Archon Constantine G. Caras, is charged with the responsibility of developing a list of Archon candidates for review by the National Council. Archons and Clergy may obtain Archon candidate credential forms from the National Office. The nomination of a churchman for this lofty honor must be maintained in the strictest confidence. No one, including the candidate himself, should be aware of the nomination.

Those who are nominated must exhibit exemplary Christian Stewardship in their commitment to the Church and entrust themselves to a life Defending the Faith, promoting the Ecumenical Patriarchate and serving the Great Church of Christ. According to our Constitution, an "Archon is a well-known, distinguished and well-respected leader of the Greek Orthodox Community in the Western Hemisphere. His special concern and interest is the Ecumenical Patriarchate..."

The credentials of Archon candidates are individually reviewed by the National Council. The Hierarchy and Regional Commanders participate in the process before the candidates are submitted to the Exarch of the Ecumenical Patriarchate in America for further evaluation. The Archbishop then submits the finalized list of candidates with their credentials to the Ecumenical Patriarch for final disposition.

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