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order of saint andrew the apostle

Archons Seek Congressional Support for Patriarchate

\$10,000 Gift to "Balukli" Hospital Honors Archbishop on Nameday



Members of the Archon Council meet with His Eminence to present him with a check for \$10,000 to Balukli Hospital in honor of his Nameday. From left are: John Panas, Pierre George, Ernest Villas, Kimon Doukas, Ari Coclin, Louis Dukas, Anthony Borden, Gregory Demetrakos, His Eminence, Kirk Kalemkeris, Dino Geanakoplos, Chris Philip, George Mikroulis, Theodore Demetriou, Gus Karas.

Honoring the 1981 observance of the Nameday of Archbishop lakovos the Archon Council presented to His Eminence, on behalf of all Archons of the Archdiocese, a check of \$10,000 made out to Balukli Hospital in Constantinople. A Resolution of Tribute to the Archbishop was also presented which read as follows:

As a gesture of our love and respect for the paternal leadership of our beloved Archbishop Takovos, and

In tribute to the example of deep loyalty he has exhibited to our Holy Ecumenical Patriarchate, and

In gratitude for the spirit of humanitarianism he has exhibited for all needy peoples of the world, especially those being cared for by our Patriarchal Institutions, and

In appreciation for his courageous spirit in the support and defense of human rights, and

In a prayerful tribute to the observance of the sacred memory of his Revered and Holy Patron, SAINT IAKOVOS

We, the Archons of the Order of St. Andrew the Apostle, do hereby unanimously allocate the sum of \$10,000 as a gift to Balukli Hospital in Constantinople in honor of His Eminence on the 1981 observance of the Feastday of St. Iakovos.

The Resolution and check were presented to His Eminence by Commander Anthony Borden during a report to the Archdiocesan Council on October 16th to which the Archbishop responded: "Once again the Archons have proven by their deeds that their concern for our Ecumenical Patriarchate and its Institutions match the high honor bestowed upon them as Archons of the Great Church of Christ".

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Meet With Senators, Congressmen

Two visitations to the halls of Congress have been made by delegations of Archons during the past year to inform Congressional leaders about the historical status of the Ecumenical Patriarchate. The visits also served to alert key members of Congress about the persecutions and lack of human rights that exist in Turkey for not only Greeks, but other minorities as well.

The first visitation took place late last fall and was led by Commander Anthony Borden accompanied by Archons George Charles, Lambros Siderides and Ernest Villas. They visited Senators Paul Sarbanes, Edward Kennedy, Charles Percy, Paul Tsongas, and Congressmen Edward Derwinski, Gus Yatron and Nicholas Mavroules. These meetings resulted in plans for a breakfast meeting of Congressional leaders which took place last spring at which Professor Deno Geanakoplos addressed the group on the conditions and plight of the Ecumenical Patriarchate and the Greek Orthodox minority in Turkey. Present at this meeting also were Archon Andrew Athens, President of the United Hellenic American Congress, and Fr. Alexander Karloutsos, Director of the Archdiocese Communications Department.

"Most of us in Congress are unaware", stated Congressman Edward Derwinski, "that these conditions presently exist, and we are appreciative of your enlightening us with this information". Copies of the remarks by Prof. Geanakoplos were subsequently sent to Congressman Derwinski who distributed them to key members of Congress.

It is essential that the Order of St. Andrew continue to expand its efforts in educating the public officials and the general public concerning the abuse of human rights in Turkey. For precisely these reasons the Archon Council is constantly seeking ways and means of expanding the Archon Office so as to better fulfill the responsibilities we bear as Archons of the Ecumenical Patriarchate.

Archon George Christopher Appointed U.N. Delegate

President Ronald Reagan has appointed former San Francisco Mayor George Christopher a member of the United States Delegation to the 36th United Nations General Assembly. The former Mayor of San Francisco arrived in New York in September to take up his duties at the U.N.

George Christopher is one of the outstanding laymen of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese, and has been involved in many projects and activities of the Church over the years. He has been honored by several foreign governments for his contributions to international goodwill, and is an Archon Megas Protonotarios of the Order of St. Andrew.

A Call To Archons

As Archons of the Ecumenical Patriarchate our responsibility has just begun. Our elevation by His Eminence Archbishop lakovos, acting on behalf of His Holiness Patriarch Demetrios, makes us chosen laymen of our Church. The Offikion that was bestowed upon us is a reward for leadership, activity and support to the Greek Orthodox Church of the Americas. It is now time for us to demonstrate our sincere love and devotion to the guiding light of Orthodoxy, the Ecumenical Patriarchate of Constantinople. Our task has just begun.

We must pursue our allegiance to the Patriarchate by continuing to offer our help economically, publicly, socially. The instrument created for this outreach is the "Order of St. Andrew the Apostle" of which each of us is an integral part. Our constant cry is a call for the granting of human rights to our "persecuted Hierarchs of the Church" and the deliverance from extinction of our Greek Orthodox brothers and sisters in Turkey.

We look to you as a member of our Order to help it financially with your gifts, publicly with a constant flow of correspondence to your elected officials, and socially by making known to our fellow men, especially the Greek Orthodox, that we possess an everlasting faith in correcting the continuing injustices shown to the Patriarchate.

Let us not fail to take hold of this responsibility, given to us not only by our title, "Archon", but by active membership in our Order. We anxiously await your response to our plea, and for your active participation as a layman of the Church who proudly carries the venerable title, "Archon of the Ecumenical Patriarchate".

Theodore P. Demetriou, Member Archon Council

Historic Photograph



This is a 1926 photograph of our late Patriarch Athenagoras when he was the Metropolitan of Corfu. With him is the Acting Senior Secretary of the American YMCA Commission to Greece, Archon Herbert Lansdale, Jr. who now resides in Palo Alto, California.

Have You Responded?

Have you responded to the personal appeal made last summer by His Eminence Archbishop lakovos to all Archons for an annual commitment to the Order of St. Andrew? There has been a generous response on the part of many Archons, but there are also many who have not as yet replied. A reminder letter has been sent, and your Archon Council urges you to send your-personal response directly to His Eminence Archbishop lakovos.

Silver Cross of Order of St. Andrew

The Silver Cross of the Order of St. Andrew the Apostle was adopted as an official emblem of our Order at the annual meeting on the Sunday of Orthodoxy. It is a copy of the Cross of the Emperor Justin from the 6th century, and was created for our Order by Designer and Archon Chris Daphnides.

The silver Cross has a sapphire surrounded by zirconiums mounted in each arm of the Cross, and comes with a red velvet neckband. Cost of this beautiful Byzantine Cross is \$200, and no more than one Cross can be purchased by each Archon.

There has been a delay in filling orders for the Cross due to the fact that a suitable red velvet neckband and silver clasp also had to be designed. These have been completed, and the silver Cross is now being mailed to all those who have ordered them.



Silver Cross of The Order of St. Andrew.

The Cross does not displace the gold medallion and chain of St. Andrew, but these are no longer available. On official occasions Archons can wear either the Cross or the St. Andrew medallion as official emblems of the Order. If you wish to obtain a silver Cross send your check for \$200 payable to the Order of St. Andrew, 8 East 79 Street, New York, NY 10021.

The Historic Archon Album

The Archon Album is fast rolling along toward completion. Nearly every Archon who has sent in his questionnaire and photograph for the Album has received by return mail a copy of his 250 word biography for approval. This biography and photograph will appear in the Album.

The Album will also include a layman's history of the Ecumenical Patriarchate, a brief history of the Archdiocese and our Order of St. Andrew, a listing of all of the names and dates of our venerable Patriarchs and other materials and photographs. Those Archons who do not send in their photographs and biography will only be listed by name. Act now, the Archon Album will be a beautiful and historic publication that every Archon and his family will treasure. Do not be omitted from this recognition you deserve. If you have any doubts concerning the inclusion of your photo and biography please call the Archdiocese Laity Dept. 212/570-3500.

Order of St. Andrew Contributions

The report of financial contributions by the Order of St. Andrew submitted by the Treasurer, Dr. Chris Philip, at the annual Archon meeting on the Sunday of Orthodoxy included the following:

From 1977 through December 1980 \$22,000 was sent to the Ecumencial Patriarchate; \$17,600 to Balukli Hospital; \$7,000 to Hellenic College for scholarships; \$5,000 to the Patriarchate of Antioch; \$5,000 to the St. Photios Shrine; \$2,500 to the Patriarchal Orphanage; \$2,000 to Clergy-Laity Congress Albums, and \$750 to St. Basil Academy and St. Michael's Home.

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1600th Anniversary of The Second Ecumenical Council

This year the 1600th anniversary of the convening of the historic Second Ecumenical Council was observed throughout the Orthodox world. One of the four speakers at the convocation sponsored by the Archdiocese commemorating this event was Archon Deno Geanakoplos, Professor of Byzantine and Orthodox Church History at Yale University. The following is a brief description by Dr. Geanakoplos of the Second Ecumenical Council.

First Four Councils

The fundamental doctrines of the Orthodox faith are expressed in the decisions of the first four Ecumenical Councils, assemblies of ecclesiastics convoked by Byzantine emperors to establish dogma for the church. It was these four councils that correct belief was set forth concerning the Holy Trinity (Father, Son, and Holy Spirit) and on the relation-



Prof. Deno Geanakoplos Archon Didaskalos Tou Genous.

ship between the divinity and humanity in Christ. The first such council ("synod" in Greek), convoked by Emperor Constantine in 325 at Nicaea (near Constantinople) in order to combat the heresy of Arianism, declared that Father and Son are of precisely the same substance (homoousios) rather than unlike or even similar in substance. (The latter view would in effect entail acceptance of not one but two Gods). At this First Council, that of Nicaea, the Son was

declared to be born of the Father in eternity (not in time) and the Father to be the archid (or original) source for the Godhead (the Trinity). The dogmas pronounced at Nicaea have ever since been referred to as the "Nicene Creed" (Pistevo).

Place of the Holy Spirit

No explicit definition, however, was given at Nicaea of the place of the Holy Spirit in the Trinity. The declaration of the equal Divinity of the Holy Spirit with Father and Son was made at the Second Ecumenical Council convoked in Constantinople in 381 by Emperor Theodosius I. The Holy Spirit was now declared to "proceed" (ekporevetai) from the Father, while the Son (as declared at Nicaea) was eternally "generated" by the Father.

The completion of the Nicene Creed with the statement about the Holy Spirit at the Second Council of Constantinople henceforth constituted the official Niceno-Constantinopolitan creed still accepted by all major branches of the Christian church, including Catholics and most Protestants. Sometime later the Western church unilaterally added to this creed the statement that the Holy Spirit proceeds from the Father "and from the Son" (filioque), a phrase vigorously opposed by the Orthodox church as heretical. It was also at the Council of Constantinople that the Archbishop of Constantinople was granted by the entire church the primacy of honor over all Christian churches of the East (over Alexandria, Antioch, Ephesus, and Asia Minor in general). In a certain sense, then the Second Council of Constantinople may be considered the "Birthdate" of the Patriarchate of Constantinople.

At the Third and Fourth Ecumenical Councils (held at Byzantine Ephesus in 431 and at nearby Chalcedon in 451) the question of the personality of Christ, that is of the precise relationship of his divine and human natures, was definitely clarified.

The present year 1981, marks the 1600th anniversary of the highly significant Second Ecumenical Council of Constantinople. And it is fitting that, as Archons of St. Andrew of the Ecumenical Patriarchate of Constantinople, we commemorate this Council which is so meaningful for the entire Orthodox Church and for the Orthodox faithful of America in particular.

John Brademas Inaugurated 13th President of New York University



Among the national dignitaries at Lincoln Center for the inauguration of Archon John Brademas as President of New York University, were, from left: Rev. Theodore Hesburgh, President of Notre Dame, Hugh L. Carey, Governor of New York, Bishop James K. Mathews, United Methodist Church, Archbishop lakovos, President John Brademas of New York University, New York Mayor Edward I. Koch.

Archon John Brademas, for twenty-two years one of the outstanding leaders in the U.S. Congress, was inaugurated as the 13th President of New York University on October 14. The magnificent ceremony took place in Avery Fisher Hall in Lincoln Center with representatives of the top Universities and Colleges of the Nation in attendance.

Archbishop lakovos delivered the inaugural prayer, and was also one of ten distinguished national personalities to receive the outstanding leadership award of the University along with the President of Harvard University, Derek Bok, President of Notre Dame, Theodore Hesburgh, Speaker of the House of Representatives, "Tip" O'Neill, and others of like stature. It was a glorious and proud day for our Greek American heritage, and likewise for the nation's largest privately endowed University in acquiring the leadership of one of our top Americans, John Brademas.

Annual Sunday of Orthodoxy

The 1981 Sunday of Orthodoxy observance was the largest and most inspiring to date. Over 80 Archons attended the annual meeting of the Order of St. Andrew at the Waldorf-Astoria followed by an audience of nearly 300 persons at the Sunday of Orthodoxy banquet. Principal speaker was the Ambassador of Greece His Excellency John Tzounis who skillfully contrasted the spirit and ethos of eastern and western Christendom in his address.

The next morning an Archieratical Divine Liturgy was celebrated at the Archdiocesan Cathedral, followed by the

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AIMS AND PURPOSES OF THE ORDER OF ST. ANDREW

- 1. To support the Ecumenical Patriarchate of Constantinople and its philanthropic institutions.
- 2. To assist the Ecumenical Patriarchate in furthering the Ecumenical leadership of the Mother Church of Constantinople.
- 3. To uphold and defend the historical status of the Ecumenical Patriarchate.
- 4. To contribute to the support and maintenance of philanthropic and educational institutions in the United States.
- 5. To inculcate and educate the Faithful of the Holy Orthodox Church and the friends of Orthodoxy everywhere with a deeper insight into the historical role of the Ecumenical Patriarchate in the development of both eastern and western Church relations.

Memory Eternal, Costas Maliotis

The Regional Commander of The Order of St. Andrew for New England, and one of the Great Benefactors of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese, Archon Megas Exarchos Costas Maliotis, died in Boston on September 19th after a lengthy illness. Mr. Maliotis was a life long Trustee and Officer of Hellenic College and Holy Cross Theological School, and made possible the creation of the Maliotis Cultural Center, a magnificent edifice on the campus of Hellenic College. Costas Maliotis was truly one of the outstanding Greek Orthodox laymen in America.

Other distinguished Archons whose deaths were reported to the Order over the past months include: Archon Megas Protonotarios Phrixos Papachristides, Montreal, Canada; Archon Depoutatos John Hadges, New York, NY; Archon Depoutatos Harry Apostolaris, Tenafly, NJ; Archon Depoutatos James Ashford, Chicago, IL; Archon Nicholas Rethymnis, Rye, NY. We salute the memory of our late fellow Archons with "Eonia I Mnimi Afton, May their memory be eternal".

Archon Pilgrimage to Holy Land and Patriarchate Planned for 1982

A 1982 pilgrimage to the Holy Land and Patriarchate is being planned by the Archon Council. Chairman of the Pilgrimage Committee, Dr. Kimon Doukas, has outlined plans that call for a post-Easter pilgrimage that would proceed directly to Jerusalem for visitations to the most sacred Shrines in Christendom. Nearly all the Christian Shrines in the Holy Land are under the Jurisdiction of the Greek Orthodox Patriarchate of Jerusalem.

The 10-day pilgrimage will depart on April 23, 1982 and return on May 2nd. The pilgrimage will also include a visit to the Patriarchate and an audience with His All Holiness Patriarch Demetrios plus visitations to the unforgettable sites of our heritage and history in Constantinople.

A flight and stopover in Athens will conclude the pilgrimage before returning to New York. Cost per person is still being negotiated, but will be approximately \$1,850 and include transportation, hotels and most meals.

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Regional and State Commanders Now Being Appointed

The appointment of State and Regional Commanders for the Order of St. Andrew are now being made by the Archon Council in consultation with His Eminence Archbishop lakovos and the respective Diocese Bishops. Names of all of these new officers will appear in the next issue of the Newsletter.

The terms of office of our current Regional Commanders have expired, and in assessing the need for expanding the Order it was determined that, depending upon the number of Archons in a given area, both Regional and State Commanders should be appointed. "We will look to the leadership and vitality of the newly appointed Commanders", stated National Commander Anthony Borden, "to strengthen the Order of St. Andrew in local and regional areas of the Archdiocese".

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procession of icons, and the reception for newly elevated Archons which concluded with the weekend of events.

Ambassador Tzounis Addresses Archons



A gift is presented to the Ambassador of Greece, John Tzounis, by Commander Anthony Borden following his principal address at the Sunday of Orthodoxy banquet. His Eminence Archbishop lakovos responded to the address and climaxed the banquet with his inspiring remarks.

Sunday of Orthodoxy 1982

Plan now to be part of the annual gathering of Archons at the Sunday of Orthodoxy weekend program in New York March 6—7, 1982. This beautiful and inspiring weekend should be experienced by every Archon and the members of his family. Mark your calendar now.

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