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The Patriarchal administration buildings, for which there are plans to rebuild.



Constantinople—The Patriarchate courtyard and the Church of St. George in the background.

TURKISH GOVERNMENT AGREES TO REBUILDING OF ECUMENICAL PATRIARCHATE

On October 25, 1985, Archbishop Iakovos announced to the Archdiocesan Council which convened at the Waldorf-Astoria that the central building on the grounds of the Ecumenical Patriarchate in Constantinople, Turkey, the Phanar, which was destroyed by fire in 1941, "will be rebuilt." In announcing this, His Eminence Archbishop Iakovos, emotionally moved, said that the rebuilding permit would be issued soon by the government of Turkey.

The assurance that the Patriarchate
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1986 PILGRIMAGE TO CONSTANTINOPLE AND MYRA TO BE LEAD BY BISHOP IAKOVOS OF CHICAGO

Fr. Efthimiou announced that His Eminence Archbishop Iakovos has appointed Bishop Iakovos of Chicago to lead the 1986 Pilgrimage to Constantinople, Smyrna, Antalya and Myra from November 28-December 12, 1986. (Details of the trip and cost will be sent to all

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THE ATHENAGORIAN AWARD FOR HUMAN RIGHTS

This year, the National Council of the Order of St. Andrew, upon the recommendation and motion of Archon Konstantine Vellios, voted unanimously to establish the Athenagorian Award for Human Rights. The award is named for the great Ecumenical Patriarch Athenagoras whose 100th birthday is being celebrated this year.

The award will be presented every year to a person or organization which has consistently exemplified by action, purpose and dedication their concern for the basic human rights and religious freedom of all people, regardless of race, color or creed.

The award is a small bust of his Holiness as suggested by Archon Christo Daphnides and sculptured by sculptor Nikolas Ikaris. It will be presented at the annual Banquet of The Order of St. Andrew The Apostle.

The National Council of Archons shall be presented with a list of nominees for the award. Each candidate will have his qualifications approved and reviewed by a sub-committee of the Council. The recommendation for the recipient of this award will be presented to the National Council and the Archbishop for final approval.

The first recipient of the Athenagorian Award will be His Eminence Archbishop

NEW CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS OF THE ORDER OF ST. ANDREW

Under the chairmanship of Archon Ak-touarios Dr. Chris Philip, 2nd Vice-Commander of the National Council of the Order of St. Andrew, the new Constitution and By-laws was finalized, and has been printed. These have been sent out to each Archon in preparation for the Annual Meeting which will be held at the Waldorf-Astoria, March 22, 1986, at which time new candidates will be recommended to the National Council by the Nominating Committee headed by Archon Depoutatos John Linakis of the National Council. The Committee has been meeting for two years in updating the original constitution and by-laws. The proposed constitution and by-laws, which is outstanding in design prepared by Archon Christo Daphnides, has gone through numerous drafts and re-writes with the final copy submitted to His Eminence Archbishop Iakovos for approval. Hopefully the new constitution and by-laws will answer many of the questions which many Archons have and especially those concerns of the role which all Archons play as "Defenders of the Faith."

Iakovos in recognition of his struggle and continued efforts against all violations committed against religious freedom and human rights.

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ARCHONS TO HOST A GALA SUNDAY OF ORTHODOXY WEEKEND MARCH 22-23, 1986



Archons attending the General Meeting with the Archbishop participating.



Archons getting ready for the Icon Procession on the Sunday of Orthodoxy in New York.

Once again, New York will be the center of attention in observance of the Sunday of Orthodoxy when Archons and their families and friends throughout the United States and Canada will gather in order to celebrate the first Sunday of Lent with the triumph of Orthodoxy, the symbolical historical event of the restoration of the holy icons in the 8th century, the event which best describes the commitment in the 20th century of all Archons to be "Defenders of the Faith." On Saturday, March 22, 1986, at the Waldorf-Astoria, all Regional/State Commanders will gather for a luncheon/meeting at 12 noon. At this meeting, the Offikiali Archons will meet to exchange ideas on an informal basis on recent developments relative to the Ecumenical Patriarchate, Turkey and United States. A major topic of discussion will be the rebuilding of the Ecumenical Patriarchate. (See article elsewhere in this Newsletter relative to this event.)

The regular meeting of all Archons will follow from 2-5 p.m., at which time the National Commander will give his annual report, and the newly selected candidates will receive their charge and ecclesiastical induction to the rules and regulations of the Order from His Eminence Archbishop Iakovos, who is also the Exarch of the Ecumenical Patriarchate. Following the meeting, the evening's festivities will begin with cocktails at 6 p.m. and the banquet at 7:30 p.m.

Among the many honored guests at the banquet, the main speaker will be Dr. Arie R. Brouwer, General Secretary, National Council of Churches, and the Master of Ceremonies will be the popular Congressman from Pennsylvania George Gikas, a devout Greek Orthodox Christian and active communicant of his parish.

On Sunday morning, at the New York Holy Trinity Archdiocesan Cathedral, 319 East 74th Street, a hierarchical Divine Liturgy will take place with Archbishop Iakovos officiating, with the assistance of many of the Bishops of our Archdiocese, as well as priests and deacons. Highlight of the morning's religious services will be the investiture by His Eminence Archbishop Iakovos, on behalf of the Ecumenical Patriarchate, of the individuals who have been deemed worthy by their local parish, their bishop, Archbishop Iakovos, the National Council of Archons, and the Ecumenical Patriarch to receive their Offikia and be inducted into the Order of St. Andrew the Apostle. This year's candidates are as follows:

Cosmas S. Georgilakis, Potomac, Md.
 Depoutatos
 Peter G. Pappas, Bethesda, Md.
 Exarchos
 George J. Kevgas, Methuen, Ma.
 Depoutatos
 Angelo A. Stamoulis, Holliston, Ma.
 Notarios

George Toumpouras, Cohasset, Ma.
 Depoutatos
 Michael C. Carlos, Atlanta, Ga.
 Ekdikos
 Mayor John Rousakis, Savannah, Ga.
 Hartophylax
 John E. Livaditis, Atlanta, Ga.
 Depoutatos
 Andrew C. Carlos, Atlanta, Ga.
 Notarios
 Michael Bilirakis, W. Palm Beach, Fla.
 Notarios
 Theodore T. Cambouris, Flushing, N.Y.
 Exarchos
 Ilias J. Lalaounis, New York, N.Y.
 Exarchos
 Dr. John Lingas, Portland, Ore.
 Aktouarios
 George Possas, Huntington, N.Y.
 Depoutatos
 James Tsairis, Westbury, N.Y.
 Exarchos
 Peter M. Dion, Valley Stream, N.Y.
 Depoutatos
 Dr. Dina Anagnost, New York, N.Y.
 Exarchos
 Constantine P. Kanakis, Birmingham, Ala.
 Notarios
 John Demos, Atlanta, Ga.
 Depoutatos
 Thomas L. Chase, Columbus, Ohio
 Depoutatos
 George Carlos, Atlanta, Ga.
 Exarchos
 John W. Galanis, Elm Grove, Wis.
 Notarios
 Constantine Cassis, Massapequa Park, NY
 Depoutatos
 Michael C. Savvides, Virginia Beach, Va.
 Exarchos
 William X. Gamvas, Manchester, N.H.
 Notarios
 E.P. Terry Mitchell, Niantic, Conn.
 Depoutatos
 Although many celebrations sponsored by the Archons take place nation-wide, the center of attention will be in New York because all Regional and State Commanders are urged to attend the New York meeting and religious services. In any event, all Archons are requested to wear their full regalia of sashes, medals, pins, crosses, emblems, etc., so that now that the Order has become a major voice in the affairs of the Ecumenical Patriarchate, the visible presence of the members of the Order at various functions throughout the United States would enhance the overall objective of bringing the local community and civic leaders' attention to the needs and existence of the Ecumenical Patriarchate, headquarters of World Orthodoxy. The banquet will be held in the Starlight Room of the Waldorf-Astoria on Saturday evening, March 22nd. Reservations are \$75 per person, and reservations along with a check payable to the "Order of St. Andrew" should be mailed to: Order of St. Andrew, 8 E. 79 Street, New York, NY 10021. Program chairman of the evening is Archon Depoutatos Anastasios Manessis.

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Bishop Iakovos of Chicago with His Eminence after being appointed as leader of the pilgrimage.

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Regional and State Commanders as well as to all Archons who wish to participate in this year's historic pilgrimage.)

The highlights of this year's trip will be: Attendance at the Patriarchal Divine Liturgy on November 30, 1986, Feastday of St. Andrew the Apostle. This will take place at the Church of St. George at the Phanar with all members of the Holy Synod assisting His All Holiness Patriarch Dimitrios I. A two day trip to

Smyrna and Ephesus, with visits to the church, now in ruins, of St. John the Theologian where his tomb still exists. Also a visit to the alleged house of the Virgin Mary. A two day symposium in Antalya (Southern Turkey), with side visits to ancient sites in Southern Turkey highlighted by the pilgrimage to the Church of St. Nicholas of Myra (50 km. from Antalya) where the Hierarchical Divine Liturgy will be officiated by His Eminence Metropolitan of Chrysostom of Myra over the tomb of St. Nicholas. In attendance will be Roman Catholic representatives from the Vatican.

In addition to His Grace Bishop Iakovos of Chicago, the group will be led this year by the National Commander Dr. Anthony G. Borden and, as in the past, Fr. Milton B. Efthimiou, Executive Officer of the Order. Since this year's group will be a limited number, if you have any intention of going, please inform the National Office at (212) 570-3550. To insure your place, you may send \$100 as down payment which will be applied to the total amount necessary for the trip. Checks should be made out to: "Order of St. Andrew" Pilgrimage.



Father Milton Efthimiou addressing the Turkish Governor of Antalya Region, on behalf of the U.S. Delegation and Archons.

present in order to exchange greetings, on behalf of Pope John Paul, with Patriarch Dimitrios.

The itinerary in Istanbul included visits to Aghia Sophia, Kahriye Mosque (Moni tis Horas), Topkapi Palace, where the sarcophagus of Alexander the Great was on display, as well as relics of St. John the Baptist, the Theological School of Halki, and an emotional visit to Balukli Hospital where a tour of the hospital and the Greek Orthodox patients was led by the director of Balukli, Dr. T. Karamuratoglou who also accepted, on behalf of the Board of Trustees of the Hospital, monetary gifts from the National Council of Archons headed by the National Commander, Dr. Anthony G. Borden as well as from New England Archons. On December 1st, the group visited Ismir (Smyrna) and Ephesus as well as the ancient church of St. John the Theologian whose remains were buried in the altar sanctuary of the ancient church. On December 3rd, the group arrived in Antalya where participants from many European nations gathered for the symposium on St. Nicholas. Many outstanding scholars and historians expounded on the person of St. Nicholas, as well as aspects of iconography, early church history, archaeological and Christian excavations in Turkey, as well as topics relating to Chris-

TRAVEL IMPRESSIONS BY

REV. DR. M.B. EFTHIMIOU

PILGRIMAGE TO CONSTANTINOPLE
AND ST. NICHOLAS SYMPOSIUM
AT MYRA, 1985

"We have once again gathered in Antalya/Myra, to breathe this air of refreshing vibrance, to come together as brothers and sisters, but more important to witness to the truth of one man's life, a bishop of the early church. And this is why we have come all the way from the U.S.A. led by His Grace Bishop Philotheos of Mela, Assistant to His Eminence Archbishop Iakovos, to celebrate St. Nicholas, here where his legend begins."

With these words, Rev. Dr. Milton B. Efthimiou, Executive Officer of the Order of St. Andrew, the Archons, and Executive Director of the Department of Church and Society, opened the festivities for the 3rd International St. Nicholas Symposium in Antalya, Turkey, on December 4, 1985. With him at this auspicious occasion was His Grace Bishop Philotheos of Mela, spiritual leader of the pilgrimage, and 15 people, 3 of whom were Archons of the Great Church of Christ, who accompanied Bishop Philotheos and Fr. Efthimiou, and who were led by His Eminence Metropolitan Chrysostomos of Myra of the Holy Synod of the Ecumenical Patriarchate, and in whose legendary See the symposium and the celebration of St. Nicholas on December 6th took place. Those attending the pilgrimage were as follows: His Grace Bishop Philotheos and Rev. Dr. Milton B. Efthimiou from the Greek Orthodox Arch-

diocese in New York City; Fr. Evagoras Constantinides from Indiana; Fr. Theodore Chelpon from Virginia; Fr. George Kaloudis from Illinois; Rev. Cyril Loeb from California; Prof. Harry Psomiades from New York City; Dr. Kirk Kalemkeris from New Jersey; Mr. & Mrs. Harry Magafan from Maryland; Mr. & Mrs. George Jameson from New Jersey; Mrs. Christine Mamakos from West Virginia; Mrs. Angela Varlas from West Virginia; Mrs. Pamela Makricosta from West Virginia.

Upon the arrival at the airport in Istanbul, Turkey, the pilgrims were met by representatives of the Ecumenical Patriarchate. An audience was held with His All Holiness, Patriarch Dimitrios, and on November 30th, the Feastday of St. Andrew the Apostle, a Patriarchal Divine Liturgy with all of the members of the Holy Synod participating was held in the church of St. George at the Phanar, where representatives from the Vatican were also



Participants in the Symposium of St. Nicholas of Myra, Antalya, Turkey.

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CHICAGO ARCHONS CELEBRATE NATIONAL FEASTDAY OF ST. ANDREW

Last year's celebration of the Feastday of St. Andrew the Apostle, Patron Saint of the Archons was celebrated in Chicago, Il.

Under the auspices of the Diocese of Chicago, with Bishop Iakovos as Chairman assisted by the Regional and State Commander Andrew Kopan, and other prominent Archons of Illinois, vespers were held at the St. Andrew Church officiated by His Eminence Archbishop Iakovos and area clergy in attendance. A program followed honoring the memory of St. Andrew the Apostle.

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tian-Muslim relations from a historic perspective.

Representing America in a scholarly paper was Dr. Harry J. Psomiades, Professor of Political Science, and Director for the Center for Byzantine and Modern Greek Studies, City University of New York, Queens College. His topic was, "Some Remarks on Christian/Muslim Relations in the Balkans and Anatolia." Highlights of Dr. Psomiades' presentation were: the political triumph of Islam and the influx of Muslim Turkish settlers; the Ghazzi tradition, the Ahkis, dervish propaganda and missionary efforts; the political and economic dislocations caused by Muslim Turkish invasions and the fragmentation of Byzantine power and authority, including the church authority; the destruction of the Greek Church as an effective social, economic and religious institution in Anatolia; and the isolation of Greek Christian communities from the cultural and religious center of the Greek world. Dr. Psomiades' paper was well received by those in attendance.

On December 6th, the titular Bishop of Myra (Demre) and successor to St. Nicholas himself, Metropolitan Chrysostomos, officiated at the Divine Liturgy assisted by clergy from both the Ecumenical Patriarchate and America. In attendance was also representatives of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Bari, Italy where most of the remains of St. Nicholas lie following the bringing of these remains to St. Nicholas Church in Bari, Italy, in the 11th century. For the pilgrims, this was the highlight of the trip since we stood in the very basilica, built in the 6th century, over the remains of St. Nicholas. Last year was the first time this liturgy was performed in 1200 years, and the church is opened once a year, December 6th, for the celebration to take place. It was apparent to all present that the Christian roots and spirit of "Santa Claus", was, indeed, St. Nicholas as was brought out at the symposium, and one truly got the feeling that Christmas indeed emanated from this very spot as one contemplated and meditated on St. Nicholas, truly a bishop of the early church who was involved in helping society, and not the mystical, secular and even commercial figure that he has come to be known in the western civilization.

Following this true spiritual journey, the travelers returned to Istanbul and from there on to Athens, Greece where after a few days rest from the tiring but uplifting trip to Turkey, everyone departed for home in the United States.

members of the Holy Synod were unharmed. On September 22, 1941, the Holy Synod convened to give thanks to God for protecting the Patriarch from harm, and established a committee to reorganize the offices of the Patriarchate.



Archbishop Iakovos officiating at St. Andrew Church in Chicago.

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would be issued a building permit was given to the Archbishop by Turkish Prime Minister Turgut Ozal at a meeting at the Turkish Mission to the United Nations that Friday morning, October 25, 1985. The news was made public by the Archdiocesan Press and Information Office the same day, and the Archdiocesan Council applauded the Archbishop at length following his emotional announcement to them.

During the Pilgrimage sponsored by the Order of St. Andrew, the Archons, to Constantinople, Smyrna, Antalya and Myra from November 27-December 12, 1985, Fr. Efthimiou, Executive Officer of the Order met with several officials of the Holy Synod who informed him that the Patriarch Reconstruction Fund which was established a number of years ago by the Archdiocese has in its treasury approximately 2.5 million dollars—a sizable

amount, but which was not enough for the rebuilding and renovation of the venerable center of Orthodoxy. Upon his return, Fr. Efthimiou, along with Dr. Kirk Kalemkeris, National Council leader of this year's Pilgrimage, asked that the Order of St. Andrew make it a priority to seek additional funds for the rebuilding of the Patriarchate. Dr. Anthony G. Borden, National Commander, announced at one of its recent meetings that the National Council will play a major role in rebuilding the Patriarchate and volunteered to lead the Pilgrimage for 1986 in order to be present at inauguration ceremonies at the Phanar this fall.

HISTORY OF THE FIRE IN 1941

The central building of the Ecumenical Patriarchate and part of the stone building dedicated to Patriarch Constantine V were destroyed by fire in September 1941. According to newspaper reports published by the Patriarchate at that time, the fire broke out in the Synodical offices of the central building at 4:30 p.m. on September 20, 1941.

The flames spread rapidly throughout the wooden structure despite the efforts of the local fire department.

Destroyed in the fire were the meeting rooms of the Holy Synod, the official office of the Patriarch, the offices of the Metropolitan of the Throne, the office of the Secretariat and the office of the Archdeacon.

Miraculously, the Patriarchal Church of St. George, the Patriarchal Chapel of St. Andrew and the private quarters of the Patriarch were spared by the flames. His All Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Benjamin and all the

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