

Order's Banquet Will Highlight Season As Philoptochos Cops Human Rights Award

The individual Archons of the Order of St. Andrew and their families are looking with great anticipation towards the March 14th date of the Annual Banquet with a very good reason. For the first time in its seven year history, the Athenagoran Human Rights award will be bestowed collectively on an organization rather than an individual. Traditionally it has been awarded during the Annual Banquet to a person who has made substantial contributions in the struggle for Human Rights and Religious Freedom. The Seventh Annual Athenagoras award, a bust of the late Ecumenical Patriarch Athenagoras, will be presented to four ladies, all of which have served as Presidents of the National Ladies Philoptochos Society. The four chosen to accept the award for the recipient organization are current National President Dina Skouras-Oldknow of California and Past Presidents Dionisia Ferraro of New York, Catherine Pappas of Boston, MA, and Beatrice Marks of Chicago, IL, as well as Presvytera Helen Basil Efthimiou, who at age 98, is the oldest living Presvytera, who was active in the Philoptochos for many years, and one of the organizers of the First Philoptochos Convention in Boston, 1935.

In selecting the Philoptochos to receive the 1992 coveted

award, Dr. Chris Phillip, National Commander of the sponsoring organization declared that he could conceive of no better choice, and lauded the individual Archons for their unanimous decision. It must be noted that the National Ladies Philoptochos Society ranks second in the United States in size of contributions among religious and philanthropic organizations. Both nationally and internationally, the Philoptochos has historically provided extraordinary financial assistance at times of critical need. It has come to the aid of Ethiopia's hungry, Cyprus' refugees, Hurricane Hugo's victims, the San Francisco, Mexican and Armenian quakes, cancer stricken children at Sloan-Kettering, not to mention a very large contribution to the Statue of Liberty Refurbishing Fund.

Among Philoptochos' most outstanding achievements are the Saint Basil's Academy undertaking during the late Patriarch Athenagoras' tenure as Archbishop of the Americas. Another grand project was the financial backing of the Holy Cross Theological Seminary at its founding days in Pomfret, CT.

The Ladies Philoptochos evolved from an early localized effort undertaken in 1894 by the pastor of the church which

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Bartholomew I Forges Ahead As World Orthodoxy's New Spiritual Leader

In a ceremony replete with ritual and pageantry dating back to the days of the early Byzantium, Metropolitan Bartholomew I who occupied the senior Metropolis of Chalcedon only since January 1990, was installed on November 2, 1991 as the 270th successor to the throne of St. Andrew the Apostle.

According to the official announcement, he was elected unanimously at a meeting of the Holy Synod of the Ecumenical Patriarchate of Constantinople. He succeeds Ecumenical Patriarch Dimitrios I, who died October 2, as Metropolitan of Chalcedon. Bartholomew I a close associate of Dimitrios I, has presided over meetings of the Holy Synod and has also been in charge of relations with all Orthodox jurisdictions. He served as director of Dimitrios' Patriarchal Office.

As Ecumenical Patriarch, Bartholomew I will be the symbolic leader of 300 million Orthodox in fourteen independent

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Newly installed Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew I conferring with his late predecessor Dimitrios I during their visit to the U.S. in 1990.

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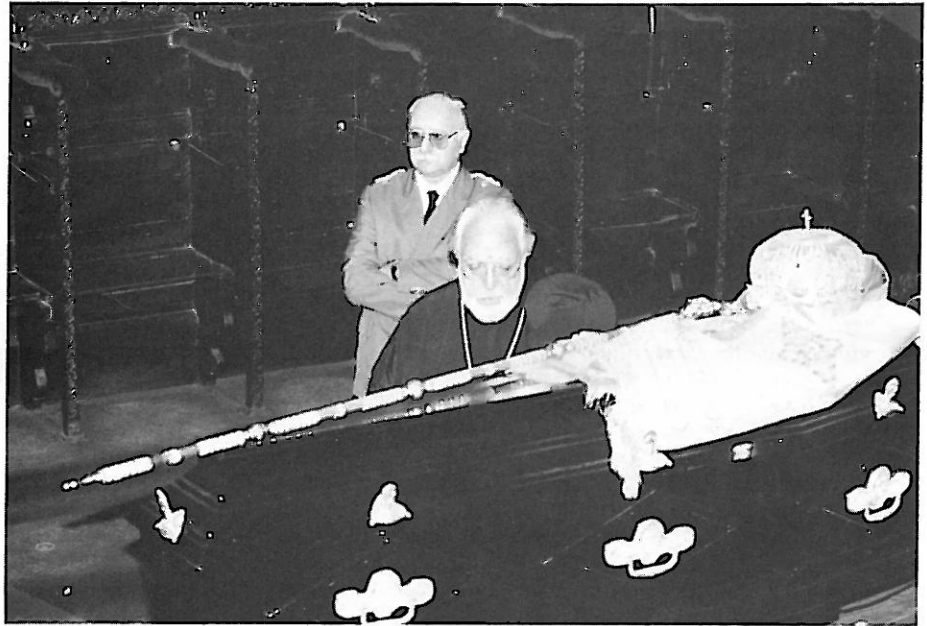
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Successor to Throne of St. Andrew Patriarch Dimitrios Dies At Age 77

The spiritual leader of the world's 300 million Orthodox Christians, and the 269th successor to the throne of St. Andrew the Apostle, Patron Saint of the Order, succumbed to a heart attack October 2 at the American Admiral Bristol Hospital in Constantinople, his See. He was 77.



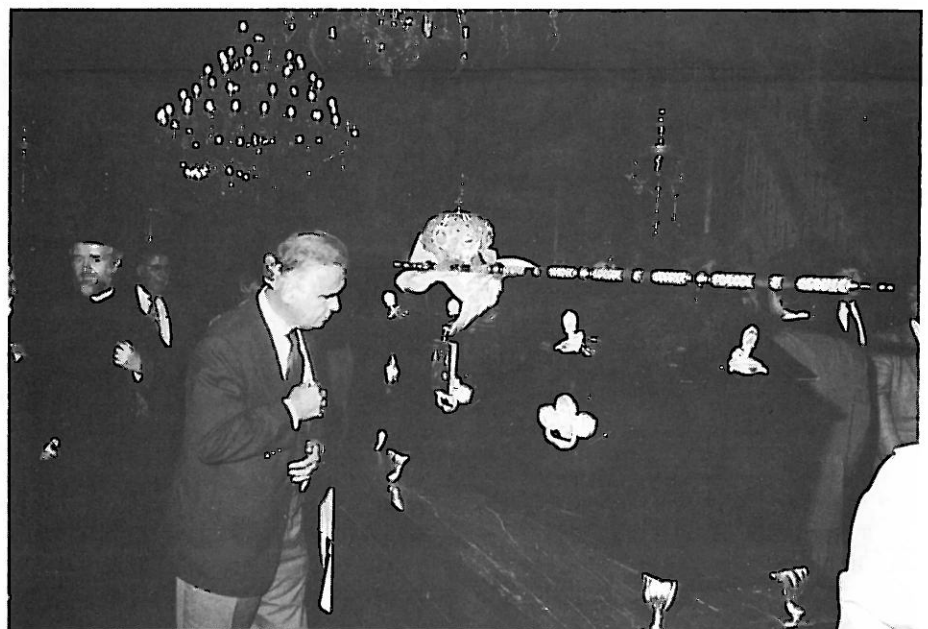
At the St. George Church, Phanar, Archbishop Iakovos paying last respects to the late Patriarch Dimitrios I, lying in state.

Ecumenical Patriarch Dimitrios, assumed his duties in 1972 after his predecessor, Athenagoras I passed on. He was considered **First Among Equals** sharing religious authority with other Patriarchs and ecclesiastical leaders of autocephalous and autonomous Orthodox churches.

The world religious leader made a 27 day visit to the United States last year, 1990, during which he visited Eastern Orthodox communities across the continent blessing the faithful during Patriarchal Liturgies and Services. He was the first Ecumenical Patriarch to visit the United States.

He was born in Constantinople on September 8, 1914, and received his early

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National Commander Dr. Chris Philip at the Patriarch's Bier.

The Order's Dr. Kiriakopoulos Involved In Disney Production's World War II Docudrama

Those who happened to watch **World War II: A Personal Journey**, a Disney Channel presentation which aired early in December in four one-hour parts may have noticed something extraordinary about the miniseries. The man credited with having written the screenplay is none other than Archon Dr. George C. Kiriakopoulos. In fact, if one had the opportunity to watch the docudrama miniseries on December 7, 8, 9, and 10, one couldn't help but see him being interviewed in the two last episodes about his participation as a combat veteran. Dr. Kiriakopoulos saw action in the European theater from D-Day through the battle of the Bulge to the end of the conflict. Also interviewed on the series were former president Gerald Ford, correspondent Mike Wallace, actors Eli Wallach, Jason Robards and Carl Malden, Senator Inouye and others.

Hosted by Glen Ford, **WWII: A Personal Journey**, has been produced by Disney and depicts the history of the war from Pearl Harbor through Victory in Europe and Japan.

Now a professor at Columbia University, Dr. Kiriakopoulos is a much decorated combat veteran of WWII, having received the DSC, the Silver and Bronze Stars. A member of the National Council of the

Order of St. Andrew the Apostle he has authored several books and written numerous articles on the worldwide conflict. His first book, **Ten Days to Destiny—The Battle for Crete** has become an international best-seller, in addition to being acclaimed the most authoritative documentation of the battles that took place, by those who actually fought them.

His second book, **The Guns of Defiance**, a vivid account of the dramatic events that took place on Crete during the four years of German occupation, is awaiting publication. Consistent with the subject matter of his previous books, his third, **When Duty Whispers Low**, a collection of first-person stories about American soldiers and their involvement in WWII, is just about completed, with a scheduled publication date in 1992. The latest feather in his cap is a screenplay currently undertaken for Orion Pictures based on his first book, **Ten Days To Destiny**.

Besides being an Archon in the National Council of the Order, Dr. Kiriakopoulos is also a fellow of the Royal Society of Health, a title bestowed on him by Queen Elizabeth of the U.K., and a past president of the professional and cultural organization Krikos. He is a member of the Board of the American Red Cross,



Prof. George C. Kiriakopoulos

an Ahepan, and is listed both in *Who's Who in America* and *Who's Who in The East*. He belongs to the parish of the Cathedral of St. John The Theologian in Tenafly where he served as past president and is a benefactor. He resides in Fort Lee, NJ with his wife, the former Virginia Demos and their daughter Stephanie.

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education at the Greek Schools of THERAPIA. At age 17, Dimitrios Papadopoulos entered the Theological School of Halki and in 1937 graduated with honors. Ordained a deacon in 1937, he was attached to the Metropolis of Edessa, Greece. He was ordained a priest in 1942 and served the Church in Greece, Turkey and Iran, prior to his election as Patriarch in 1972.



The National Commander signs the Register.

ORDER'S EXEC. OFFICER ONCE TACKLED ATLANTIS

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tion's sociological problems. The Theory involved a number of problem-attacking groups communicating the ideas and suggestions submitted by committees of people into a nerve center at the Kennedy Space Center. The Center was then to telecast these solutions to national problems to the entire nation, as well as submitting them for consideration to Congress and the President.

Fr. Efthimiou is still preoccupied with national issues albeit of a more specific nature. As the representative of His Eminence Archbishop Iakovos, he will travel with the Religious Alliance Against Pornography's Executive Committee to Geneva, where on January 27, 1992 the World Council of Churches will take up issues concerning pornography and its impact on the world. Accompanying Fr. Efthimiou will be the Committee's Chairman Dr. Jerry Kirk and the National Council of Churches' Dr. Eileen Lindner. One of the topics will be the formation of similar anti-pornography groups throughout Western and Eastern Europe in order to form a world-wide strategy against this plague.

The executive director of the Order will then fly to the Holy See January 29 and 30 for similar consultations.

At his funeral at the Phanar, the Order of St. Andrew was represented by many Archons led by the National Commander, Dr. Chris Phillip, and the Executive Officer, Rev. Dr. Milton B. Efthimiou.

BARTHOLOMEW I FORGES AHEAD
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Orthodox Churches around the world.

The Orthodox community represents the Eastern branch of Christianity, which split with Rome in 1054 over questions of theology, politics and church policy. The Orthodox tradition has a large following in a wide range of national and ethnic groups in Eastern Europe and the Soviet Union, including Albanians, Bulgarians, Georgians, Greeks, Romanians, Russians, Serbs and Ukrainians.

In the United States, the predominant Orthodox churches are the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese, with a membership of about 2 million, and the Orthodox Church in America, which has Russian roots and a membership of about 1 million.

The Ecumenical Patriarchate was founded when Constantinople, now called Istanbul, was the capital of the Byzantine or Eastern Roman Empire. Since the city fell to the Turks in 1453, Turkey has considered the Patriarchate a Turkish institution and has required that any Patriarch be a Turkish citizen.

The Archons, who were well represented at both the funeral of Patriarch Dimitrios and the enthronement of Bartholomew I, sent a message at the time of his election, congratulating Bartholomew that said, "We wish that Almighty God strengthen you for many years of a suc-



Archbishop Iakovos and the future Patriarch Bartholomew I with Archons, including Archon John Plumides.

cessful patriarchal ministry."

Bartholomew, born Dimitrios Archon-tonis in 1940, graduated from Halki Theological School in Constantinople and continued studies in Rome, where he completed a Ph.D. dissertation on canon law. He was named Metropolitan of Philadelphia in 1973 and since 1974 has been a member of the Holy Synod. He has served as chairman of the World Council of Churches' Commission on Faith and Order

and has represented the Ecumenical Patriarchate in formal discussions with other faith groups.

He is adept in Greek, Latin, English, French, German, Italian and Turkish.

Representing the Archons of the Order of St. Andrew at the enthronement were Rev. Dr. Milton B. Efthimiou, Executive Officer of Order, John Mavroudis, for the National Council, as well as numerous other Archons.

ORDER'S BANQUET WILL HIGHLIGHT SEASON AS PHILOPTOCHOS COPS HUMAN RIGHTS AWARD

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later became Holy Trinity Cathedral. It was there that for the first time nearly one hundred years ago a committee of women was formed to assist the newly arriving immigrants. Soon after committees sprang up in many parishes. The first formal Ladies organization by the name Greek Orthodox Ladies Philoptochos Adelphotis (Fraternity) was legalized in 1928 with the State of New York granting it a Charter. The national organization did not come into existence until November 1931, when the newly arrived Archbishop Athenagoras proposed to the Fourth Clergy-Laity conference the establishment of such an entity. It used as a nucleus the 300-odd chapters already in existence by then.

The philanthropic mission of the Greek Orthodox Ladies Philoptochos Society underwent a major transformation following the arrival of His Eminence Archbishop Iakovos in 1959. With his inspiration, the women were motivated to seek new horizons and to undertake meaningful and productive programs in rendering assistance to the community. With the influx of new immigrants from Greece in the early Sixties, the Philoptochos became active in the newly formulated Archdiocesan Department of Social Welfare to assist newcomers in meeting the challenge, raising big sums for this purpose. When the Greek Government asked the Archdiocese to become the adoption agency for Greek children, once again the Archbishop turned to the Philoptochos. Thusly was formed the first Adoption Committee of the Philoptochos.

When the Ladies were asked for funds for the charitable organizations of the Patriarchate, they launched in 1963 the annual collection on the Feastday of Saints Cosmas and Da-

mianos, the patron Saints of the Society. Three dorms for girls were constructed at St. Basil's Academy in Garrison, NY, a most ambitious project which cost in excess of \$1 million.

The Open Heart Surgery program, perhaps one of the most significant undertakings of the Society was launched in 1968 and was officially named the National Philoptochos Children's Cardiac Program. The establishment of the annual Patriarch Athenagoras Scholarship for a student pursuing theological studies at Holy Cross, donations to the Kidney Foundation of New York and the Sycarides Institution for Retarded Children in Greece are all projects initiated in the Seventies. The Eighties have seen the birth of programs such as relief programs to the Cyprus refugees. As an offshoot of the Aid to the Cyprus refugees, the Caress program offered financial relief to the displaced Greek Cypriot children, with more than \$1.5 million spent within the first year of displacement.

The Philoptochos has also been involved in Ecumenical Relations, establishing ties with SCOBA (Standing Conference of Canonical Orthodox Bishops of America) and its women's organizations, and representatives were appointed by Hierarchs to serve on a Pan-Orthodox committee to create a spiritual program for Orthodox women.

First recipient of the Athenagoras Award was His Eminence Archbishop Iakovos of North and South America in recognition of his struggle and continued efforts against all violations committed against religious freedom and human rights. Second recipient was former U.S. President Jimmy Carter, followed by Nobel Prize recipient Mother Teresa. The fourth Athenagoras Award went to Commander Emeritus Dr. Anthony G. Borden, and the fifth to former NYU President John Brademas. Last year's recipient was Andrew A. Athens of Chicago.

Pilgrimage Takes Place Much Closer: At Babylon Shrine!

The anticipated journey to the Saint Nicholas Shrine in Myra, Turkey may have not taken place this year, but a great number from the ranks of the Archons of the Order of Saint Andrew did take part in the pilgrimage just the same. The Pilgrimage to the Saint Nicholas Shrine and Church in West Babylon, NY, where Vespers were held on the eve of the Saint's nameday, and a Hierarchal Liturgy was celebrated on that day.

Built to replace a smaller church which was damaged by fire several years ago, the house of worship was designed by the Order's National Treasurer, Archon Ostriarios, architect Steven P. Papadatos. The church is the faithful replica in measurements and design to that in which Saint Nicholas, Bishop of Myra of-

ficiated in the early days of Christianity.

It is an official Shrine of the Faith, with Relics of the saint being kept in a crypt within the church. The relics were given to the Babylon church by the Abbot of the Saint Nicholas Cathedral in Bari where the body of the saint has been resting since the 11th century A.D., after Norman sailors removed his remains from Myra and transported them to the Italian peninsula. The Abbot presented the relics to the church's pastor, the Rev. Maximos Moses and architect Papadatos, themselves on a journey at the time to seek the blessing of the Shrine's architectural plans by the late Ecumenical Patriarch Dimitrios I in Constantinople and Pope John Paul in the Vatican.

Order's Exec. Officer Once Tackled Atlantis, Problem-Solving Theories

Looking at the Rev. Dr. Milton Efthimiou, Ecumenical Officer for the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of North and South America and Executive Officer of the Order of St. Andrew, one would never guess the projects he has been involved in his younger years. But the widely-respected cleric who participated in the World Council of Churches has once worked with world-famous researcher Jacques Cousteau on his search of the lost Continent of Atlantis. The project was a series of National Geographic-sponsored television specials, which took him on a visit to the island of Thera (Santorini),

Crete, as well as Cyprus. There is the site where the famous tidal wave occurred 2000 years ago after the underground volcano erupted.

The Miami and Boston University graduate who completed studies at Holy Cross also has a less adventurous side of accomplishments. He closely participated with Warren Avis, the affable owner of Michigan-based Avis Rent-A-Car Corporation in developing the "Shared Participation" theory of National Problem-solving, which at the time was heralded an effective way of coping with the na-

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Regional Commander Andrew Athens pays his last respects.

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**Regional Commanders

The Patriarch's life in Pictures

● With President Bush....



In July 1991, President Bush flanked by the late Patriarch and the future Patriarch Bartholomew I, and members of the Holy Synod of Constantinople, at the White House.

● His Eminence and Archons....



Patriarch Dimitrios and Archbishop Iakovos with Dr. Chris Philip and Dr. Anthony G. Borden.

V.I.P.'s Send In Congratulations

During the National Council's November meeting, National Commander Dr. Chris Philip reported that several personalities in the Hellenic American world reacted favorably to the Order's dinner honoring Past Leaders. The V.I.P.s were U.S. Ambassador to Greece Michael Sotirhos, Congressman Gus Yatron, and Peter Kourides all sent their warm congratulations and commendations on the Archon's undertaking.

The Dinner, honoring all Past Commanders which was attended by His Eminence Archbishop Iakovos and a host of Dignitaries representing the Greek Government, including Minister Hatzigakis, Consul General Doukas and GNTD Director Davakis was held September 19, 1991 at the Cathedral Center.

It was noted that the good will generated by this extraordinary affair contributed in timely responses for the annual appeal. It is the only explanation as to why a sizeable amount of funds was received as contribution for this cause in a very short time. It must be noted that Washingtonian Archon Harry Magafan was able to collect \$6,000 with an additional \$2,000 pending. Mr. Magafan was duly congratulated for his efforts on behalf of the Order.

Order's Historian In Renaissance Lecture

The Order's Historian, retired Yale professor and Byzantologist Deno J. Geanakoplos was one of seven speakers during the Historical, Cultural Relations, and Musical facet of a recent Symposium on Medieval Naples. Dubbed Naples, The Lost Renaissance, and hosted by the Graduate School and University Center (CUNY) and La Università di Napoli, it was held in several locations November 21 and 22.

Professor Geanakoplos' subject was very appropriately *Byzantine Humanists in Quattrocento Naples*, passing onto his audience knowledge pertaining to Byzantines of the 14th Century who came in contact with the Neapolitan culture. Other subjects in the series were given by professors of the University of Naples, City University of N.Y., and the University of Hawaii.

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