

Annual Banquet Honors Douris

With a multitude of luminaries from the worlds of Religion, Government and the Professions in attendance, in the splendor of the Marriott Marquis' Grand Ballroom, Archbishop Iakovos, primate of the Greek Orthodox Church of the Americas, bestowed on behalf of the Ecumenical Patriarch the coveted Athenagoras Human Rights Award to Archon George Douris. The event took place on Sunday evening, March 6, 1993, and was followed by an Archierarchical Doxology the next day at the Holy Trinity Cathedral celebrating the Sunday of Orthodoxy, during which 32 new Archons-candidates were inducted into the Order of Saint Andrew the Apostle and invested with an offikion (Byzantine citation). The ceremony of the Investiture dates back to the Byzantine era and is full of color and pomp. In addition to the officials who attended the Banquet, U.S. Ambassador to Greece, the Honorable Michael Sotirhos attended the induction of the new Archons into the Order. The ceremony of ritual and mysticism culminated two days of celebration by the Order associated with the Sunday of Orthodoxy commemorating the re-instatement of the Icons to their former glory in the House of Worship. The events began with the presentation of the Athenagoras award during the annual Banquet on Saturday night.

Douris, sitting in the dais alongside his wife Evangeline, was overcome with emotion as he accepted the award. "This award belongs to you, officers and members of the Hellenic American Neighborhood Action Committee, for it is through your work that it was earned," he said. He then continued to recount his experiences in the Seventies that led to legislation against the Turkish take-over of Cyprus, his vehement opposition and fight against it through his office in Ahepa and the eventual creation of HANAC to aid in a multifold way the Hellenes of the metropolitan area. He also announced the inaugural opening of the Archbishop Iakovos Senior Citizen Home in Astoria happening days later, and brought to everyone's attention the bigger than-life-size statue of His Eminence in its courtyard.

The Athenagoras award is bestowed by the Archons of the Order of Saint Andrew the Apostle annually on the person best personifying the ideals for crusading and guarding against Human Rights violations and for Religious Freedom throughout the world.

The program opened with the introduction of the dais officials

executed by the National Council Treasurer, Archon Ostiarios Steven P. Papadatos. The National Anthems of Greece and the United States were then sung by Soprano Christine Andreou, accompanied on the piano by Josephine Parascandolo-Gailing.

Following the Invocation by His Eminence assisted by the Rev. Paul Palesty of the St. Demetrios Church in Merrick, L.I., the Chairman of the Banquet Committee, Archon Depoutatos Anastasios E. Manassis welcomed from the podium those in attendance

and then turned over the proceedings to the evening's Master of Ceremonies, Archon Depoutatos Andrew Manatos of Washington, DC.

Both U.S. Senator, Archon Megas Logothetis, the Honorable Paul Sarbanes of Maryland and the Order's National Commander, Archon Aktouarios Chris Philip D.D.S. delivered remarks and were applauded repeatedly by the capacity audience which came close to one thousand. Hinting that this was his last term in the U.S. Senate for Sarbanes, Dr. Philip and other speakers encouraged the Legislator to continue to work as a public figure because America and his special people, the Greek Americans still need him. This statement was met by thunderous applause from the audience.

Following the introduction came a very erudite address by the Director of the Alexander S. Onassis Center for Hellenic Studies at NYU, Professor Speros Vryonis, Jr. He presented a detailed study of "The Patriarchate and its Officials in Byzantium" giving his listeners a very clear view of the Church's functioning during that glittering era and how the title of Archon was utilized.

The Primate of the Greek Orthodox Church in the Americas, Archbishop Iakovos was the first recipient of the much-coveted award in recognition of His inexorable and unrelenting battle to eliminate violations committed against religious freedom and human rights. Former U.S. President Jimmy Carter was the second, followed by Nobel Prize winner Mother Teresa of Calcutta. Commander Emeritus Dr. Anthony G. Borden received the fourth Athenagoras award, while the fifth was given to former N.Y. University President John Brademas. The sixth recipient was Andrew A. Athens and the seventh was awarded collectively to the National Philoptochos and presented on the benevolent organization's behalf to four of its former presidents.

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1993 Award recipient George Douris (left) is poised to receive the statue of the late Ecumenical Patriarch from His Eminence Archbishop Iakovos (center) who is assisted by the Order's Executive Director, the Rev. Dr. Milton B. Efthimiou (right) while the Order's National Commander, Dr. Chris Philip looks on.

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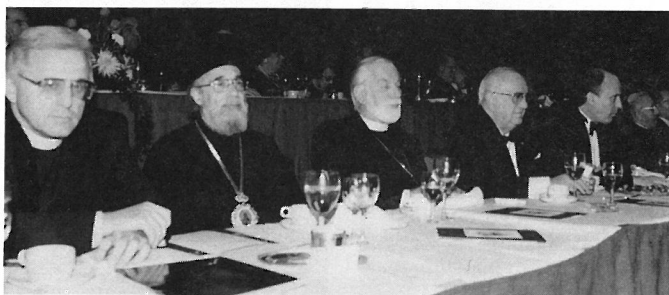
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The eighth recipient of the Athenagoras award is a man whose identity became synonymous to a miracle worker in the field of philanthropy and of the Hellenic ideals. The seminal role Douris has played in the founding of HANAC and its continuing success is characteristic of the dynamism and natural leadership ability he has brought to every activity he has undertaken. He started in Astoria in 1973, with a group of Greek-Americans who began offering services to fellow-immigrants in need. Twenty years later, the Hellenic American Neighborhood Action Committee or



His Eminence stands between the honoree, George Douris (left), and attending officials: Brooklyn Borough President Howard Golden (3rd from left), New York State Lt. Governor Stan Lundine (4th from left) and Bronx Borough President Fernando Ferrer.

HANAC, has so broadened its scope of services, it now is firmly entrenched as a multi-faceted social ser-



The lower tier of the dais (from left): Rev. Dr. Milton Efthimiou, Bishop Philip (OCA), Bishop Iakovos of Chicago, Andy Athens, Consul General of Greece Stratos Doukas, His Grace Metropolitan Silas.

vice organization reaching out to all people regardless of ethnicity. It provides services to senior citizens,



Archbishop Iakovos flanked by National Commander Chris Philip, D.D.S. (right) and Commander Emeritus Anthony G. Borden, M.D. (left).

crime victims, the unskilled and untrained, youths, substance abusers, families in need of counseling, and more.

Douris has undertaken several trips to Greece and Cyprus for the sole purpose of seeking justice for the Patriarchate and the Hellenes of Constantinople, and he has delivered many a fiery speech condemning the Turkish atrocities in Cyprus.

His official biography begins by describing him as a "politician with the city as his office, a public relations consultant with contacts at his fingertips, and a humanitarian with a heart of gold." Just when most people are calling it a career and settling down in the autumn of their lives, George Douris set out to conquer new territory and scale new mountains.

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Interfaith Council of UN cites Archon Royce for Human Rights work

At a recent Board meeting of the Interfaith Council to the United Nations, Nicholas Royce, Archon Depoutatos was cited for the work that he has done for the Ecumenical Patriarchate of Constantinople, as well as for his efforts on behalf of Human Rights.

Several organizations have responded to Archon Royce's appeals which include: the reopening of the Theological School of Halki; the return of St. Sophia in Constantinople to the status of a viable house of worship; and the return of all Greek Orthodox religious Foundations to the Ecumenical Patriarchate by the Turkish government.

Responding to these appeals have been such organizations as: Church Women United; Southern California Ecumenical Council; U.N. Association of the USA;

United Methodist Church; National Councils of the Churches of Christ in the USA; First African Methodist Episcopal Church. Numerous other organizations and churches appealed to the Center for Human Rights at the United Nations in response to Archon Royce.

Since the 1970's, Nicholas Royce has been an advocate for the equal status of Eastern Orthodoxy in the United States. In recognition of these efforts of appealing to world public opinion on behalf of the Ecumenical Patriarchate and Human Rights that he was bestowed with the Offikion of Archon Depoutatos in 1985.

Members of the National Council also cited and commended Archon Royce in regard to his efforts for the Orthodox minorities in Turkey.

Tom Bartzos honored by St. Spyridon

Archon Ekdikos Thomas H. Bartzos, a member of the National Council of the Order and a 30-year member of the Saint Spyridon Church in Upper Manhattan, was honored by that parish during a Gala Dinner-Dance held on February 27, 1993 at the Marriott Glen Point in Teaneck, N.J.

In appreciation of his many services to the church and community, Mr. Bartzos was presented with an icon of the patron saint of Saint Spyridon, the work of celebrated Byzantine iconographer and Archon, Constantine Theodosios Youssis. In addition, on behalf of the Order of Saint Andrew the Apostle, he is receiving the Order's two-headed Eagle plaque from the National Council.

Active in many facets of volunteer work in his community in more than a third of a century, Thomas Bartzos has also served on the Parish Council until his recent illness.

Yale's only Father & Son Teacher Team, May Try for Third Generation

Deno J. Geanakoplos, who holds the Bradford Durfee Chair of Byzantine and Orthodox Church history at Yale University, has just become a grandfather for the first time. His son John Geanakoplos, Professor of Mathematical Economics at Yale — and John's wife Anne, professor of 19th Century French art history at Wellesly College, — have just had a son who has been named Constantine (after his grandfather Konstantinos). The elder and younger Geanakoplos are known at Yale following President Bart Giamatti's report in the Yale Calendar six years ago that they are "the only father and son pair in Yale's entire three century history to occupy posts as full professors at the same time at Yale."

Deno Geanakoplos, official historian of the Archons of St. Andrew, delivered a very instructive address at the last annual meeting of the Archons on the Sunday of Orthodoxy titled "The Phanariotes and the Ecumenical Patriarchate." This constitutes a chapter in the book he is writing for the Archons of St. Andrew "The Ecumenical Patriarchate through the Centuries: Historical Episodes, Personalities, and Orthodox Theology".

His recent book Constantinople and the West, has appeared in paper back, published by Wisconsin University Press. The translation of his book published by Yale, Introduction of the Sibling Byzantine and Western Cultures in Middle Ages and Renaissance, has just appeared in Athens in Greek translation issued by Hestia Press, Athens' leading publisher.

His study, A Short History of the Ecumenical Patriarchate of Constantinople 330-1990, written for the Order was translated into Greek by Prof. P. Chrestou of the Patriarchal Foundation for Patristic Studies in Thessaloniki. It has recently been issued by the Greek government's Ministry of Foreign Affairs to all diplomats of the Greek government to provide useful and needed information on the Ecumenical Patriarchate.



Senator Paul Sarbanes makes point during the Banquet.

Old and New World Archons to meet this Fall in Athens

The planned conference between the Archons of the Order of Pammakaristos, the European counterpart of the Order of Saint Andrew the Apostle, and their brethren in America came one step closer with the finalization of itineraries in the three countries of the scheduled Pilgrimage to the Holy Land, Constantinople, and Greece, on September 7th, 1993.

Steps are currently being taken for the coordination of the planned meeting when the Archons from America finally arrive in Athens on the last leg of the twelve day journey.

There are possibilities of last minute cancellations of the Pilgrimage if conditions in the nations to be visited are unstable. Security is paramount, so all Archons will be advised well ahead.

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His qualities were instilled in him by his immigrant parents while growing up in Astoria. He served the now defunct Long Island Star-Journal as a sports assistant even as he was a student at Bryant High School. After serving in Korea and graduating from L.I. University, he became a reporter, racing through reporting assignments to the enviable position of City Hall Bureau Chief.

Because of the high esteem in which he was held by colleagues, he was elected at times as President of the National Reporters Association, the New York Press



His Eminence is flanked by Queens Family Court Judge Yorke Linakis to his right and former National Philoptochos Ladies Society president Beatrice Marks of Chicago.

Club, and the Inner Circle, an organization of leading political writers. When the newspaper folded in 1977,



The Icon procession: Archontisses Antoniaides and Papageorge, National Commander Dr. Philip (left of Altar), Archbishop and clergy, Commander Emeritus Dr. Borden, Archons Sotirhos (Ambassador) and Mr. Lalaounis, and Consul General Doukas (right).

George packed thirty years experience in a venture called Urban Public Relations, a firm which came to



Archons in procession upon entering the Cathedral, Arthur Anton, Sam Nakis, Peter Dion, George Chimples, Nick Smyrnis, Dr. Dennis Dickos.

represent leading unions, public and corporate as well as hospital clients.

Never forgetting his origin nor wavering in championing the cause for his fellow-Hellenes, he was moved to action by the Turkish invasion of Cyprus, and became a leader in the struggle for Human Rights and justice for the Cypriot people. He also served AHEPA as its Governor of Empire District #6. He has garnered countless awards and is a member of the Order of St. Andrew The Apostle, bearing the title of Archon Hartophylax.

George Douris is a devoted husband and father to his lovely Evangeline and their two children, Tom and Litsa.

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Class of '93 inductees pose with the National Council

Judge Tsoucalas recipient of Charles Froessel award

Judge Nicholas Tsoucalas of New York was honored by the New York Law School which awarded him the Charles W. Froessel Award, given annually to a distinguished member of the legal community.

Judge Tsoucalas began his career on the bench in 1968 when he was appointed Judge of the Criminal Court of the City of New York. From 1975 to 1982 he served as acting supreme Court Justice for King and Queens counties and from 1982 to 1986 he resumed his service on the Criminal Court. In 1986 he

was appointed by President Ronald Reagan and confirmed by the Senate for a seat on the U.S. Court of International Trade. He also sits, by designation, in many Federal District Courts across the country.

He has served as president and parish council member of the Evangelismos Parish in New York. Judge Tsoucalas and his wife Catherine (Aravantinos) are the parents of two daughters. He also serves on the National Council of the Order.

Archons and Philanthropy

The Archons are not only concerned with the need of the Ecumenical Patriarchate. Philanthropy is also high on their agenda. In his ongoing program of philanthropy and benevolence, Archon Gregory Demetrakas of Rhode Island, a member of the National Council, has made a large donation of school supplies to the Saint Basil Academy in Garrison, N.Y. The supplies donated to the Orphanage for Orthodox children included crayons, coloring books, pencils and other necessary items.

Archon Demetrakas has forwarded packages containing badly needed vegetable seeds to the famine-ravaged African nation of Kenya. Through the years, he has also sent medical supplies to African nations. Archons are beginning to emulate his example. If you have such inclinations, contact the National Office.

Annual Lecture at Archons Meeting

Through the efforts of the Order's Historian, Archon Didaskalos Tou Genous Deno Geanakoplos, Marios Philippidis, professor of Classics at the University of Amherst in Massachusetts, will be the lecturer for the benefit of the Archons during the next rank and file meeting, Wednesday, May 19, 1993. The gathering will also commemorate the Fall of Constantinople on May 29, 1453.

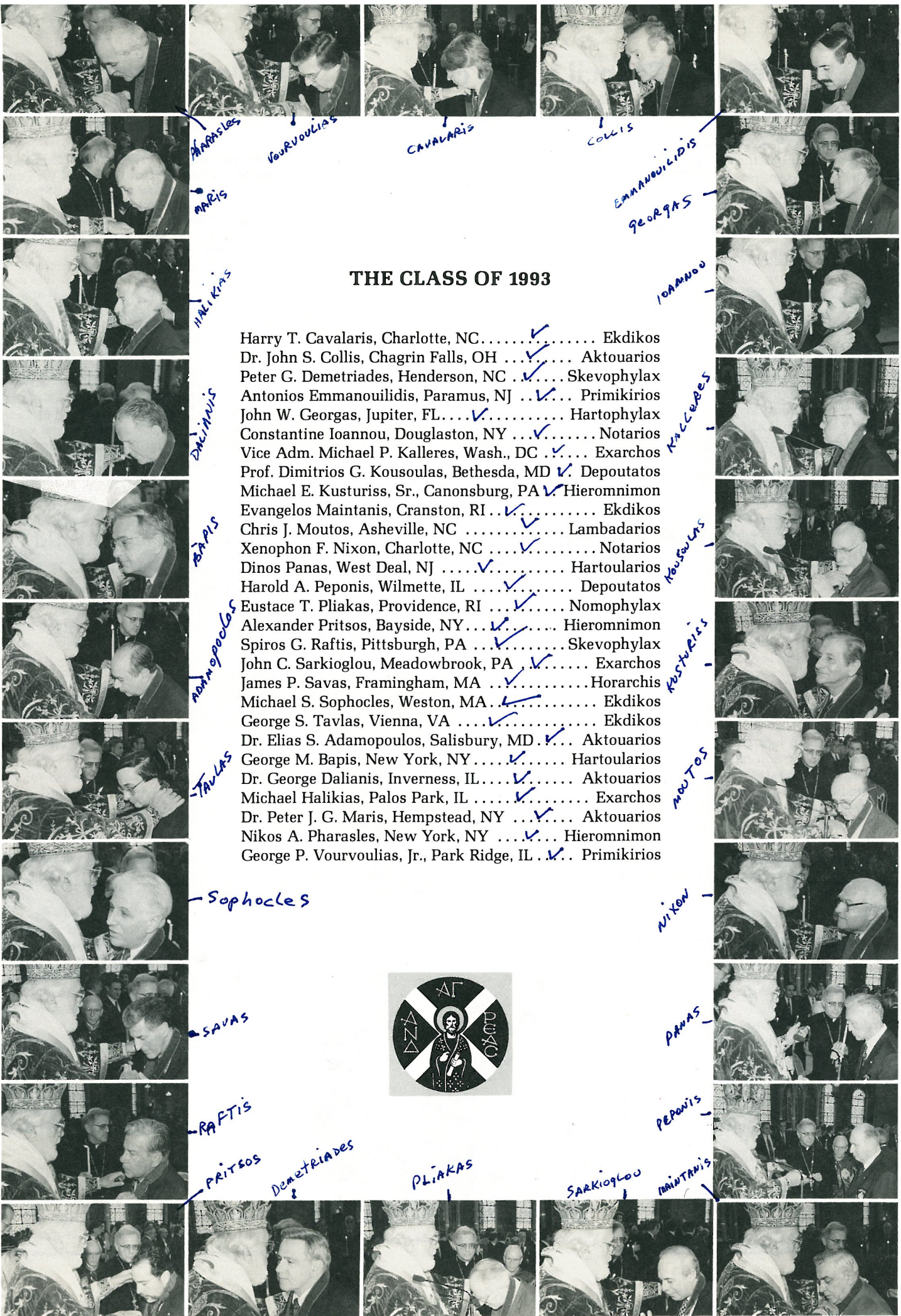
The lecture will take place in the Auditorium adjacent to the Cathedral, and will commence at exactly 7 p.m. The subject of Mr. Philippidis' lecture will be **The Ecumenical Patriarchate and Sultans Bayaz and Selim.**



The Archbishop blesses recipient upon receiving Icon, during Sunday of Orthodox procession.

Focus on Human Rights Violations

At the April meeting a discussion of the National Council focused on the issues of Human Rights violations and Religious Freedom transgressions. The Archons referred to the violations of this nature in several troublespots around the world, namely in the Iraqi north inhabited by the Kurds, in the war between Armenia and Azerbaijan, the discrimination of the Copts in Egypt; and the conflict in Bosnia Herzegovina and Serbia. Turkey was also cited, as brought out in the book "Helsinki Watch", and Papers of Amnesty International.



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