

The Archon Mission

The Order of St. Andrew the Apostle is comprised of Archons of the Ecumenical Patriarchate in America who have been honored for their outstanding service to The Orthodox Church by having a Patriarchal title, or "offikion," bestowed upon them by His All-Holiness, Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew. Those upon whom this title of the Mother Church has been conferred are known as "Archons of the Great Church of Christ," and the titles are personally conferred by the Exarch of the Ecumenical Patriarchate in America, His Eminence Archbishop Demetrios.

The Order's fundamental goal and mission is to promote the religious freedom, wellbeing and advancement of the Ecumenical Patriarchate, the Spiritual Center of the world's 300 million Orthodox Christians, which is headquartered in Istanbul, Turkey.

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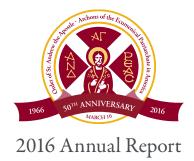
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To the honorable members of the Order of St. Andrew, esteemed Archons of the Ecumenical Patriarchate serving in America, our beloved in the Lord: Grace be unto you and peace from God.

It is on the occasion of your Annual Meeting and the official presentation of the Annual Report of the Order of St. Andrew for 2016 that we address all of you, dear sons of the Ecumenical Throne, with sentiments of great paternal love and joy.

"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God." (Matthew 5:9) Today, with so much brokenness and division rampant in our world, these sacred words of our loving Master are ever so vivid. As we all know from the divine services of our Church, especially the Liturgy, peace is something we all seek in every dimension of our lives with great fervor. In general, we strive to have peace at home and at work, and even when we pray. We want peace to be established in all of our communities and also across the whole world. The peace, though, that we ultimately desire is only granted from above. Essentially, it is a heavenly peace that we are after, and nothing else will bring us true satisfaction.

Of course, this brings to our minds and our hearts the champions *par excellence* of peacemaking throughout the history of the world; we are, of course, referring to the saintly martyrs of our Church. For all of us, these resilient men and women have forever transformed the very meaning of the term peace. Having been transformed by the grace of God, through the holy sacraments and their own personal asceticism, they armed themselves with heavenly peace within their hearts. In turn, then, the martyrs—without bearing any weapons—transformed the weapons of their persecutors, as they proved useless against the holiness that became their invincible shield. Thus, with Christ and His Cross as their unconquerable power, they made the mighty weak and unarmed those with arms.

In such turbulent times, beloved Archons, we entreat you to continue *fighting* for peace in this Christ-like manner. We thank you for all of your heartfelt service and sacrifice, and pray that the power of the venerable and life-giving Cross be with all of you and your families.

Conveying to you our Patriarchal blessings and prayers, we beseech our loving Master to bless all of you with every good and perfect gift from above.

At the Ecumenical Patriarchate, the fourteenth of October, 2016

Your fervent supplicant before God,

₩ BARTHOLOMEW

Archbishop of Constantinople-New Rome and Ecumenical Patriarch



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October 14, 2016

Dear Archons of the Order of Saint Andrew the Apostle,

I greet you with the love of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ as I lift my heart to the Lord in deep and profound gratitude for each of you... (Ephesians 1:15).

In this year of the Lord's favor, the Church rejoices in the momentous milestone of 25 years of apostolic ministry by His All Holiness, our Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew. I know that you, the dedicated Archons of the Holy Ecumenical Patriarchate, reaffirm your support to the Holy Mother Church as defenders of the Faith and join in the prayers of the pleroma of the Ecclesia beseeching God for the protection of His All Holiness as he leads the Church from an environment not offering comfort to Christian minorities.

A half a century of service to the Holy Mother Church of Constantinople by you, her beloved spiritual sons, has contributed decisively and substantively to the advancement of the sacred mission of Orthodoxy. I thank God for the many fruits of your good works. I pray that Our Lord and Savior grant eternal rest to the Archons now departed from our midst who served the Church with humility and unwavering dedication.

I must express once more my heartfelt appreciation and gratitude to our National Commander Dr. Anthony Limberakis for his exemplary leadership in organizing the continuous and valued initiatives of the Archons, to Father Alexander Karloutos, Spiritual Advisor, for his indefatigable work in guiding the work of the Archons, and to the members of the National Council and Metropolis Commanders of the Order of Saint Andrew.

I pray for your continued inspiration in this sacred undertaking and wish you a weekend filled with spiritual enrichment and recommitment to the importance and urgency of your calling as ardent *defenders of our precious Orthodox Faith*.

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With paternal love and esteem in Christ,

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Archbishop of America



THE ORDER OF SAINT ANDREW THE APOSTLE ARCHONS OF THE ECUMENICAL PATRIARCHATE

October 15, 2016

His All-Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew
His Eminence Archbishop Demetrios,
Geron of America
Members of the Holy Eparchial Synod
His Eminence Metropolitan Antony of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA
His Grace Bishop Gregory of Nyssa of the Carpatho-Russian Orthodox Diocese of the USA
Reverend Clergy and beloved Presvyteres and
Brother Archons of the Ecumenical Patriarchate in America

2016 marks the 25th Anniversary of His All-Holiness Bartholomew as Ecumenical Patriarch, the 269th direct successor of St. Andrew the First Called Apostle and spiritual leader of the world's 300 million Orthodox Christians. His is an extraordinary ministry highlighted by his milestone contributions in a myriad of consequential arenas. His efforts to promote religious freedom and human rights, his initiatives to advance religious tolerance among the world's religions, together with his work toward international peace and environmental protection have justly placed him at the forefront of global visionaries, peacemakers and bridge-builders as an apostle of love, peace and reconciliation. Harper-Collins has published a seminal biography of His All-Holiness authored by Fr. John Chryssavgis, Archdeacon of the Ecumenical Patriarchate which will be released on October 11, 2016. Entitled **Bartholomew: Apostle And Visionary** the Foreword of the biography was written by His Holiness Pope Francis.

2016 also marks the 50th Anniversary of the Order of Saint Andrew the Apostle which initially was organized on the Sunday of Orthodoxy, March 10, 1966 when His Eminence Archbishop lakovos conferred upon thirty outstanding laymen of the Church the various Offikia or Offices of the Ecumenical Patriarchate on behalf of His All Holiness Patriarch Athenagoras of blessed memory. The ancient order of Archons is, in fact, the oldest and most prestigious honor that can be bestowed upon a layman in the entire Christian world. On the occasion of our 50th Anniversary, we take this opportunity under the inspired leadership of Archbishop Demetrios, Geron of America, to recommit ourselves to defend the Holy and Great Church of Christ the Ecumenical Patriarchate of Constantinople and continue to relentlessly fight for its religious freedom and institutional human rights.

In commemoration of the 25th Anniversary of His All-Holiness and the 50th Anniversary of the Order, the National Council commissioned the publication of a scholarly reference book on the Patriarchal Archon Offikia, under the supervision of Historian Archon Prof. George E. Demacopoulos. Authored by Rev. Dr. Milton Efthimiou and Dr. Matthew Briel, and published by Holy Cross Orthodox Press the book reviews the history and ecclesiastical significance of the various Patriarchal Archon Offikia, which were first developed in Ancient Greece and later adopted by the Roman and Byzantine Empires, including the Ecumenical Patriarchate. The book will be released during Archon Weekend.

2016 will have extraordinary significance as the year the Autocephalous Orthodox Churches gathered in Crete, for the Holy and Great Council presided by His All-Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew, the first such meeting since the Seventh Ecumenical Council that took place in 787 in Nicea. It was in Crete,

where St. Paul the Apostle to the Nations hallowed the land with his footsteps and his preaching that the Autocephalous Orthodox Churches, with the exception of four, came together in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit to deliberate how to best serve the Apostolic legacy and breathe new enthusiasm into the lives of the Faithful everywhere. The Order's National Commander Dr. Limberakis and National Secretary Hon. B. Theodore Bozonelis had the extraordinary honor to serve as Observers of the Holy and Great Council which commenced on the Sunday of Pentecost, June 19 and concluded on Sunday, June 26, 2016.

The continued rebuilding of the Saint Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church and National Shrine enabling its resurrection marks another milestone event for 2016. The \$1 million commitment the Order made towards its rebuilding marked a significant demonstration of the collective Archon Stewardship supporting the triumph of good over evil, light over darkness. In this spirit, we Archons have taken the "ecumenical" in the Ecumenical Patriarchate and made it resound throughout our community, for Saint Nicholas will belong to the Nation and to the world, as a living embodiment of the highest values of the Great Church, and Her martyric, peace-loving presence in the oikoumene. Indeed, we look forward to the Thyranoixia!

The ensuing pages of our 2016 Annual Report offer a pictorial summary of the activities of the Order of Saint Andrew the Apostle, Archons of the Ecumenical Patriarchate in America under the inspired leadership of the Exarch Archbishop Demetrios, Geron of America.

The Report reviews the multifaceted, domestic and international initiatives of the Order in our relentless pursuit of religious freedom for the Ecumenical Patriarchate. Archon Congressman Gus Bilirakis leads the Washington presence of the Order assisted by the Manatos team and Archon John A. Catsimatidis chairs the Religious Freedom Committee. In the European Union arena, the Order works closely with the Liaison Office of the Orthodox Church to the European Union. The major components of our strategy include the following:

- Washington, DC Initiative, coordinated by Regional Commander Archon Andrew E. Manatos and Archon Mike Manatos
 - · White House
 - State Department
 - Congress, including meetings with Speaker Paul Ryan and Congressional Foreign Policy leaders
 - United States Commission on International Religious Freedom
- Archon 50-State Religious Freedom Legislative Resolutions Initiative, coordinated by Archon Stephen P. Georgeson, Esq.
- Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE) Initiative, coordinated by Archon Constantine G. Caras, Esq and Archon Dr. Stamatios Kartalopoulos.
- Legal Committee Initiative, including the European Court of Human Rights, coordinated by Archon Christopher Stratakis, Chair and Archon Hon. B. Theodore Bozonelis, Vice Chair
- Patriarchal Properties and Minority Concerns Initiative, coordinated by Archon Hon. B. Theodore Bozonelis
- Social Media Initiative, coordinated by Archon John C. Metaxas, Esq. and initially generously funded by Archon Michael G. Psaros and developed by Archon Theo Nicolakis, Archon James D. Speros and John Mindala
- · European Union Initiative
- Regional Religious Freedom Presentations throughout the United States

This Annual Report also reviews the spiritual, educational and philanthropic activities of the Order reviewed during Archon Weekend, as well, including the Athenagoras Human Rights Award Banquet. The 2015 Athenagoras Human Rights Award was presented to Vice President Joe Biden. Of the 47 Vice Presidents since the founding of the United States of America 239 years ago, one stands out as an advocate of religious liberty and a true friend of the Ecumenical Patriarchate: the Honorable Joseph R. Biden our beloved Vice President. He is the only sitting Vice President to visit the Phanar, not once but on two occasions (December 3, 2011 and November 23, 2014) offering encouragement and support to His All-Holiness and symbolically sending a clarion message championing religious freedom and human rights.

Integral to Archon Weekend is the presentation of the Nicholas J. Bouras Award for Extraordinary Archon Stewardship, named after the beloved and deeply admired late National Vice Commander Nicholas J. Bouras, for whom a lasting tribute was developed six years ago with the establishment of the Award. This year the Bouras Award will be presented to Archon Theofanis V. Economidis, Archon Ekdikos. Archon Bouras of blessed memory through his extraordinary stewardship empowered and continues to empower the Order to pursue its extensive domestic and international religious freedom initiatives that have been effective over the years, but costly. His constant encouragement, advice and exemplary personal conduct as churchman, philanthropist, war hero and patriot will continue to inspire all who had the privilege to know him, and those who will learn of his remarkable life in the years to come.

On behalf of the Order, we extend our deep gratitude to Rev. Alexander Karloutsos, Protopresbyter of the Ecumenical Patriarchate and our Spiritual Advisor who indefatigably offers his enormous efforts and guidance to the Order, as the Archons pursue the institutional rights and religious freedom of the Ecumenical Patriarchate.

To our National Archon Office Team, headed by Presbytera Xanthi Karloutsos and joined by Graphic Designer John Mindala II, Administrator Christa Pourou and Administrator Elpida Poumprou we extend our heartfelt gratitude.

In closing, the foundation and strength of an organization is based on its membership and its leadership team. It is a great personal honor for me to work side-by-side with the devoted officers of the Order, National Vice Commander John Halecky, Jr., Treasurer James C. Fountas and Secretary Hon. B. Theodore Bozonelis; our hardworking functionaries, Historian Prof. George Demacopoulos, Legal Counselor Christopher Stratakis, Sergeant-At-Arms Alexander Pritsos and Assistant Treasurer Andreas D. Comodromos, CPA; Members of the National Council, including our the Regional Commanders, Archon Michael G. Psaros Athenagoras Human Rights Award Chairman and Banquet Underwriter along with the Bouras Foundation, Archon John Zavitsanos who reorganized the Annual Exarch's Appeal, Archon John C. Metaxas coordinator of our Social Media Initiative and the hundreds of Archons throughout America who offer their *Time, Talent and Treasure* so that one day, the bells of religious freedom will be heard around the world emanating from the Patriarchal Cathedral of Saint George and we will continue our Agonas until that day has come!

In the Service of the Ecumenical Patriarchate,

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Anthony J. Limberakis, MD

Archon Aktouarios

National Commander

The 5 Issues of Concern for the Ecumenical Patriarchate



Government Interference in Patriarchal Elections

The Turkish government imposes restrictions on the election of the Ecumenical Patriarch and hierarchs who vote for him by requiring that they must be Turkish citizens. In fact, the government arbitrarily can veto any candidate for the position of Ecumenical Patriarch.

With the dwindling population of hierarchs and Orthodox Christians in Turkey, we may not be able to elect an Ecumenical Patriarch in the not too distant future. This is tantamount to the asphyxiation of the leadership of the Holy Mother Church and a clear illustration of the direct intervention of the Turkish government in ecclesiastical matters.



No Legal Identity

The lack of a legal identity is a major source of problems for the Ecumenical Patriarchate including non-recognition of its ownership rights and the non-issuance of residence and work permits for "foreign" (i.e. - non-Turkish) priests who are essential to the continuity and functioning of the Ecumenical Patriarchate. The Turkish authorities do not allow the Ecumenical Patriarchate to own any property - not even its churches! The Patriarchal house itself is not recognized as the Patriarchate's property.



Confiscation of Property

The Turkish Government has confiscated thousands of properties from the Ecumenical Patriarchate.

Through various methods, the Turkish authorities have confiscated thousands of properties from the Ecumenical Patriarchate and the Greek Orthodox community over the years including our monasteries, church buildings, an orphanage, private homes, apartment buildings, schools and land. Left unchecked, the remaining Greek Orthodox community of Constantinople (present day Istanbul) - the cultural heirs of the Byzantine Empire - will be threatened and ultimately be no more.



Non-Recognition of "Ecumenical" Status

The Turkish government does not recognize the "Ecumenical" status of the Patriarch and Patriarchate.

Turkish authorities do not allow the use of the term or title of "Ecumenical" for any religious activity whatsoever despite the fact that it has been used since the 6th century A.D. and recognized throughout the world. Turkey regards the Patriarchate as an institution whose leader is seen as the spiritual head of Orthodox Christians in Turkey alone rather than the leader of 300 million Orthodox Christians worldwide.



Forcible closure of Halki Seminary and Inability to Train New Clergy

The Ecumenical Patriarchate is unable to train new clergy in Turkey and its theological school was forcibly closed down by the Turkish Government.

The Theological School of Halki was forcibly closed down by Turkish authorities in 1971. Since its closure, the Ecumenical Patriarchate has had to send the young men from its community desiring to enter the priesthood to one of the theological schools in Greece. In many instances, they do not return given the onerous restrictions in getting work permits and the general climate of intimidation. Despite promises by the Turkish government to re-open our theological school, there has been no progress. Left unresolved, the administrative functioning and future of the Ecumenical Patriarchate is imperiled.

The Archon Arena

Spiritual Leadership

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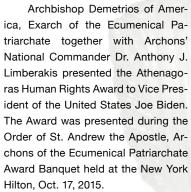
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The Athenagoras Human Rights Award

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Vice President

Joe Biden



The Order of St. Andrew "is honored to honor you," said National Commander Limberakis to the Vice President as he presented the award. Dr. Limberakis spoke of the history and the meaning of the Award, the personality and the ministry of the "spiritual giant" Ecumenical Patriarch Athenagoras of blessed memory who toiled as a partner of the United States in defense of freedom and liberty. He further presented the fight of the Order of St. Andrew in defense of human rights, religious freedom and the rights of the Ecumenical Patriarchate.

"The core of the spiritual mission of the Ecumenical Patriarchate," he said, "is freedom, freedom in Christ to live at the utmost of our human potential."

Dr. Limberakis praised Vice President Biden as "a constant friend and a voice of advocacy of the free exercise of the spiritual mission of the Ecumenical Patriarchate."

"We thank you for all you have done and all you will do in the future for the Ecumenical Patriarchate," he concluded.

A video message of His All-Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew followed in which the Ecumenical Patriarch paid tribute to the Vice President.

"This is maybe the greatest honor I have ever received in my public life," said the Vice President in accepting the Award. Biden recounted the fulfilling and moving spiritual experience of his two visits to the Ecumenical Patriarchate, praised Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew and said that he is the most blessed man he has ever met in his life, a saintly man. The Vice President said that throughout his career, the absolute commitment to freedom of religion as something we posses simply because we are children of God, has been a guiding principle. Speaking about the Ecumenical Patriarchate, he said that the Greek Orthodox Church must have the right to control its own destiny free of the influence of any government at all.

Archbishop Demetrios, in his response, congratulated and praised Vice President Biden as worthy "Axios" of the Athenagoras Human Rights Award.

"The Vice President is someone

who fights for freedom in the real sense," said the Archbishop and explained "freedom has just one limit, my freedom is absolute up to the point it infringes upon the freedom of the person next to me; the next person is the limit of my freedom. If there is no such a limit, then freedom loses value and meaning and becomes an arbitrary thing causing lots of problems."

His Eminence citing the French philosopher Jean Paul Sartre who had written that "the other person is my enemy," asked rhetorically why and answered: "Because he or she -the other person- limits my freedom."

The Archbishop maintained that, "the other is not your enemy, but someone who is enhancing your freedom, preventing this freedom from becoming something uncontrolled and arbitrary," and added: "This Vice President exemplifies this kind of freedom, freedom but with respect to the other person, so there is mutuality in our freedom; and the Athenagoras Award has this principle as its basis."

Archon Michael Psaros introduced the dais guests at the beginning of the program, the national anthems were sung by Eva Agathis. Vice Commander John Halecky, Jr. offered the welcoming remarks. Archon Mike Emanuel, Chief Congressional and Senior Political Correspondent of FOX News was the Master of Ceremonies.



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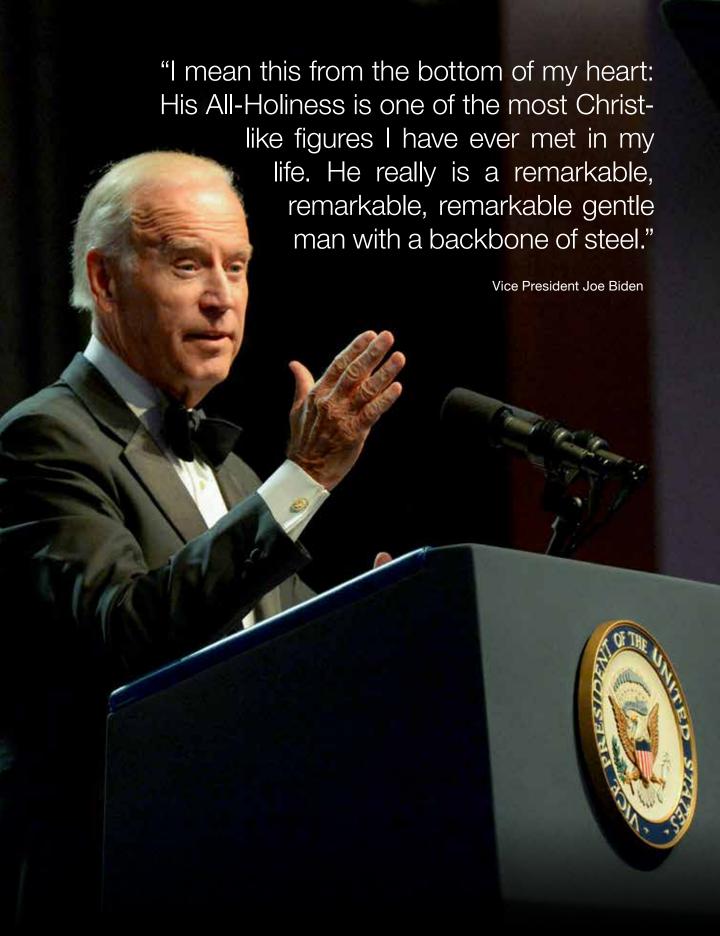
Vice President Joe Biden







Vice President Joe Biden with Archon Michael Psaros, left, with National Commander Dr. Anthony J. Limberakis and his family, middle, and with Archon William Doucas, right.















"The right to decide who the Patriarch is, is not the business of any State to determine. Period. Period. The right to reopen Halki Seminary is basic. And the protection of the holy places and the heritage sites in Turkey is absolutely necessary. It is basic. It is the essence of religious freedom."

Vice President Joe Biden



The Nicholas J. Bouras Award for Extraordinary Archon Stewardship

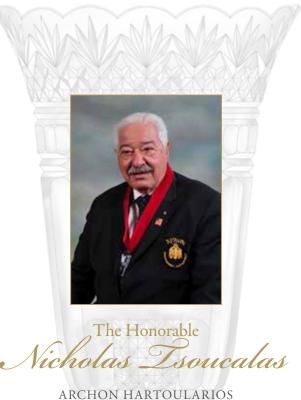
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The National Council of the Order of Saint Andrew unanimously voted in 2010 to establish the Nicholas J. Bouras Award. The Award is presented annually to an individual who has demonstrated extraordinary and incomparable stewardship to the Order, enabling Archons to vigorously pursue securing religious freedom for the Mother Church of Constantinople.

The Award is named after the late National Vice Commander Nicholas J. Bouras, Archon Depoutatos, who himself had demonstrated remarkable leadership as a faithful son of the Ecumenical Patriarchate and exemplary steward of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America.

Churchman, Industrialist, World War II hero, devoted husband of his beloved late wife Anna, Philanthropist, devout Christian and Archon par excellence are terms that have all described the life of Nicholas J. Bouras.







His Eminence Archbishop Demetrios of America joined the Order of Saint Andrew in honoring Hon. Nicholas Tsoucalas by bestowing upon him the "Nicholas J. Bouras Award for Extraordinary Archon Stewardship." The Award was presented during a special celebratory dinner dance held at the New York Hilton Hotel, which launched the Annual Archon Weekend on Friday, October 16, 2015.

Archon Nicholas' was joined by his daughter, Georgia, along with his family as he received the prestigious Award.

In April 1968, Nicholas was appointed a Judge of the Criminal Court of The City of New York. He was appointed Acting Supreme Court Jus-

tice for Kings and Queens Counties between January 1975 and January 1982, after which he resumed service as Judge of the Criminal Court.

President Reagan nominated Judge Tsoucalas to the Court of International Trade, which nomination was confirmed by the U.S. Senate in June 1986. In addition to his judicial duties with this Court, Judge Tsoucalas has served as a visiting judge in U.S. district courts throughout the country and in the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second circuit. He became a Senior Judge on September 30, 1996.

In 1996, Archbishop Spyridon appointed Judge Tsoucalas and others on an Advisory Committee at Transfiguration in which he served on the committee for several years.

Judge Tsoucalas was named an Archon with the offikion Hartoularios in March 1987. He is a member of the National Council and was appointed as a chairman of the Nominating Committee in 1998 and continues to serve this post proudly.

Judge Tsoucalas and his wife Catherine have two daughters, Stephanie Turriago, a teacher in the New York public schools, and Georgia Argyrople, an attorney who has worked for the American Cancer Society. Judge Tsoucalas also has five grand-children, Victoria, Nicholas, Catherine, Vivian and Christina.



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Archon George E. Safiol



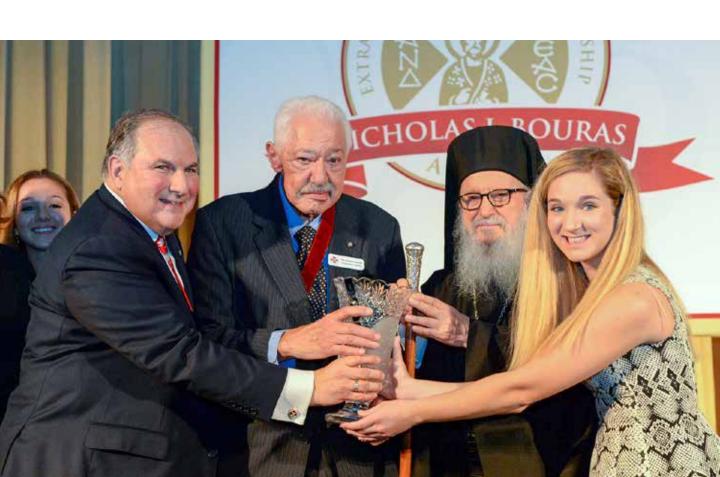
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Archon Nikiforos Mathews



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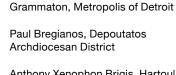






On Sunday morning, Oct. 18, Archbishop Demetrios presided at the Divine Liturgy at the Cathedral of the Holy Trinity in New York City. Following the Divine Liturgy the ceremony of investiture of the new Archons took place.





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John Peter Calamos, Sr., Eftaxias Metropolis of Chicago

James Constantine Catrickes, Maestor Metropolis of New Jersey

William Paul Doucas, Notarios Metropolis of Chicago

Poti George Doukas, Hymnodo Metropolis of Denver

George Dean Gigicos, Hartophylax Metropolis of Atlanta

Demitrios Vasilios Halakos, Skevophylax Metropolis of New Jersey

Efstathios Karadonis, Hypomnematografos Metropolis of New Jersey

Theodore Demetrios Konopisos, Hieromnimon, Metropolis of San Francisco

Elias John Lambiris, Nomophylax Archdiocesan District

Nikitas Nicholas Manias, Depoutatos Metropolis of Atlanta

Theodore Maniatakos, Dikaiophylax Metropolis of San Francisco

Constantine Michael Rogdakis, Skevophylax, Archdiocesan District

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Nicholas Emanuel Terezis, Ekdikos Metropolis of Pittsburgh

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The Archons represent the nobility of the Church, both in Byzantine and modern times, and with this noble characterization is associated an extraordinary responsibility, noblesse oblige, as His Eminence Archbishop Demetrios has exhorted, to continue sustained and distinguished service to the Church. It is the Archon who is the most ardent supporter of the Ecumenical Patriarchate and serves as a goodwill ambassador of the Phanar in his daily life.





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Commemorative biography issued on the accomplishments of His All-Holiness

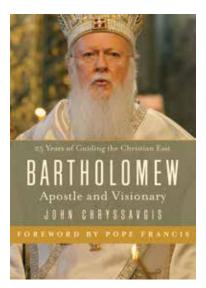
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Bartholomew: Apostle and Visionary is the first-ever detailed biography of one of the world's foremost Christian leaders, Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew, who oversees the Orthodox Church, which boasts 300 million members worldwide. In one of the most remarkable tenures of the patriarchate, it has been more than twenty-five years since Bartholomew first accepted this ministerial position, which is considered "first among equals" of all Orthodox leaders around the world.

The biography authored by John

Chryssavgis, is officially sanctioned and supported by the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America with unfettered access to church files, Bartholomew's personal notes, and the patriarch himself. For the first time in Vatican history, the book includes a foreword by the leader of the Roman Catholic Church, Pope Francis as well as a contribution by Pope emeritus Benedict XVI and other heartfelt contributions from world dignitaries, influencers, and religious leaders.

Available wherever books are sold October 11, 2016.



The following quotes are pulled from: BARTHOLOMEW: Apostle and Visionary by John Chryssavgis, Archdeacon of the Ecumenical Patriarchate



"I consider it to be both a grace and a privilege to walk together with Patriarch Bartholomew in the hope of serving our one Lord Jesus Christ I express to His All-Holiness Patriarch Bartholomew my heartfelt and fraternal good wishes for a long life in the love and consolation of the Triune and One God."

-His Holiness Pope Francis

"But what impressed me most is the way His All-Holiness embodies our Christian faith—thoroughly and completely. To put it simply, he is one of the most Christlike men I have ever met."

 Joseph R. Biden Jr.,
 Vice President of the United States





"... profoundly rooted within his own heritage and yet whose branches reach out as widely as possible, providing fruit for all. Such is the blessing, intellectual and spiritual, that His All-Holiness Patriarch Bartholomew brings both to his own community and also to the world at large."

Rabbi David Rosen, KSG, CBE, International Director of Interreligious Affairs, American Jewish Committee



"Bringing to the office a profound spiritual maturity and theological sophistication, His All-Holiness Patriarch Bartholomew has shown how a hierarchical office that is without most of the conventional trappings of executive power can act as a means of theological witness, a potent sign, an office that holds up before the world (Orthodox and non-Orthodox) the central vision of faith ... in the crucified and glorified Word of God"



Rowan Williams, Master of Magdalene College, Cambridge, and Former Archbishop of Canterbury



"His All-Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch
Bartholomew has made it his life's work
to remove the barriers that separate
people from one another, from their
Creator and from the creation, of which
we are an integral part."

Al Gore Jr., Former Vice President of the United States

"His All-Holiness Bartholomew is a truly ecumenical patriarch in every sense of this word. In fraternal solidarity with Pope Francis, he is making additional important steps on the path to unity."

-Benedict XVI Pope Emeritus





Jane Goodall, PhD, DBE, UN Messenger of Peace

"I was immensely heartened by the strong commitment of His All- Holiness to the protection of the environment. His vision is holistic: he links scientific facts about our destruction of natural resources with the religious ethic: God surely did not mean for us to destroy, for short-term profit, the rich biodiversity of His creation."

"In the twenty-five years since his election as ecumenical patriarch, Bartholomew has propelled the ancient Church of the East into the modern world. ... His All-Holiness has tackled the thorniest issues of our age: confronting intolerance and religious violence, preaching stewardship of our planet's fragile ecology, engaging in prayerful dialogue across the borders of Christendom and Islam."



George Stephanopoulos, Chief Anchor, ABC News

His All-Holiness meets with Scholars at the Phanar

ISTANBUL | JANUARY 4-5, 2016



The Ecumenical Patriarchate hosted a meeting of thirty scholars on January 4-5, 2016. The purpose of the encounter was to establish connections with theologians and academics working in various disciplines and ministries throughout the world in order to become better acquainted with their interests and aspirations for the church.

Professor Archon George Demacopoulos and Professor Archon Aristotle Papanikolaou, co-founders of the Orthodox Christian Studies Center at Fordham University, along with Dr. Elizabeth Prodromou, Former Vice Chair, U.S. Commission on International Religious Freedom and speaker at the 2013 Archon International Conference on Religious Freedom in Berlin, were among many of the scholars present.

Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew And Pope Francis Meet With Refugees

LESVOS, GREECE | APRIL 16, 2016



Pope Francis accepted an invitation from His All-Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew in Lesvos to meet with the refugees fleeing the war-torn Syria and Iraq. The two Church leaders, along with Archbishop leronymos of Athens and All Greece, sign a Joint Declaration, above, during their April 16, 2016 visit to the island.

"We, Pope Francis, Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew and Archbishop leronymos of Athens and All Greece, have met on the Greek island of Lesvos to demonstrate our profound concern for the tragic situation of the numerous refugees, migrants and asylum seekers who have come to Europe fleeing from situations of conflict and, in many cases, daily threats to their survival. World opinion cannot ignore the colossal humanitarian crisis created by the spread of violence and armed conflict, the persecution and displacement of religious and ethnic minorities, and the uprooting of families from their homes, in violation of their human dignity and their fundamental human rights and freedoms."



Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew receives Honorary Doctorate by the Sophia University Institute

VAL D'ARNO, ITALY | OCTOBER 27, 2015

His Holiness Pope Francis sent a message on Monday, October 27, 2015 on the occasion of the conferral of an honorary doctorate to His All-Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew of Constantinople. The Honorary Doctorate in the Culture of Unity was granted to the Ecumenical Patriarch by the Sophia University Institute "for his service to the unity of the human family."

In his message, the Pope said, "I am pleased with this award which, besides being a rightful recognition of his commitment to the promotion of the culture of unity, contributes favourably to

the common journev of our churches towards full and visible unity, to which we tend with dedication perseverance."

It is the first doctorate in the

Culture of Unity awarded honoris causa by the Institute. The Sophia University Institute (IUS) is an academic center for education and research in which life and intellectual inquiry, different cultures and diverse disciplines, meet up in a context



permeated by a strong relational dimension. Sophia Institute is an expression of the Focolare Movement (Work of Mary), developed through the inspiration of its founder, Chiara Lubich, and an international advisory group of scholars from different disciplines.



Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew visits Ecumenical Lacinical Archbishop Justin Welby of Canterbury

At the invitation of the Archbishop of Canterbury, His All-Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew paid a formal visit to Lambeth Palace from November 2-4, 2015. The occasion was in response to Archbishop Justin's visit to the Ecumenical Patriarchate last year.

"Fellowship in Christ between our churches is so vital in our world"

Archbishop Justin Welby







A Tribute in honor of our 50th Anniversary By National Commander Anthony J. Limberakis, MD

The Order of St. Andrew of the Ecumenical Patriarchate was organized on the Sunday of Orthodoxy, March 10, 1966 when His Eminence Archbishop lakovos of blessed memory conferred upon thirty outstanding laymen of the Church the various Offikia or Offices of the Ecumenical Patriarchate on behalf of His All Holiness Patriarch Athenagoras of blessed memory. They were honored because of their love, loyalty

and support of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese and the Ecumenical Patriarchate.

The Offikia for the Order of St. Andrew derive from some of the most prestigious offices of the ancient world. Originating in the Ancient Greek City-States, these

civic offices were transformed when the Roman Empire embraced the Christian faith during the fourth century. As a consequence of this transition, not only were the office-holders important leaders of the Christian community, the offices themselves took on specific religious responsibilities for the service and promotion of the faith in the Roman Empire. The ancient order of Archons is, in fact, the oldest and most prestigious honor that can be bestowed upon a layman in the entire Christian world. The Order, under the supervision of its historian will be publishing an official, scholarly academic reference book on the Archon Offikia, including their derivation and historical development which will be released during Archon Weekend, October 14 ~ 16, 2016.

On the occasion of our 50th Anniversary, we take this opportunity to recommit ourselves as Defenders of the Faith to the Spiritual Center of world Orthodoxy, the Ecumenical Patriarchate under the extraordinary leadership of His All-Holiness Bartholomew, who observes his 25th Anniversary as Ecumenical Patriarch on November 2, 2016. We recommit ourselves to fighting for religious freedom and the vitality of Saint Andrew's See, notwithstanding the oppressive environment where it is located and where religious free-



dom does not exist in that entire part of the world.

The Order is looking forward to support the efforts of His All-Holiness as he convenes the Holy and Great Council this June in Crete, the first such assembly of Orthodox prelates since 787 AD, the Seventh Ecumenical Council that took place in Nicaea, as well as all his initiatives from protecting the environment to promoting reconciliation among warring factions to unity among all Christians.

On this our 50th Anniversary, the Archons of America under the inspired leadership of His Eminence Archbishop Demetrios Geron of America, express our profound love and respect to His All-Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew, our worldwide spiritual father, now for 25 years and with the anticipation that he will continue for many, many more years his pious, intrepid and Christ-like spiritual leadership.





The Commander of the Knights of St Andrew with Patriarch Ignatios of Antioch and other Knights.







During trips to the Ecumenical Patriarchate, frequent visits were made to the patients at the Balukli Hospital and Home for the Aged in Constantinople. The Balukli Hospital is a health care institution established in the 18th century and continues its service under the auspices of the Ecumenical Patriarchate.





The Knights of St Andrew during the Sunday of Orthodoxy Liturgy at Holy Trinity Cathedral.



Father Milton Efthimiou and National Commander Chris Philip with the Archon Class of 1992.



Archbishop lakovos with Commander Dr. Anthony Borden on his right and National Council of the Order of St. Andrew.

Spiritual Leadership and Advisors



+Archbishop lakovos (1959-1996)



Archbishop Spyridon (1996-1999)



Archbishop Demetrios (1999-Present)



+Archon Ernie Villas (Secretary from 1967–1982)



Fr. Milton Efthimiou (1981–1996)



Fr. Eugene Pappas (1997)



Fr. Alexander Karloutsos (2004–Present)

National Commanders of The Order



+Pierre DeMets (1966-1975)



+Anthony G. Borden, MD (1976–1989)



+Chris Philip, DDS (1989-1998)



Anthony J. Limberakis, M.D. (1998-Present)



The convening of the Holy and Great Council of the Orthodox Church on the island of Crete was a cause of celebration and profound gratefulness to God throughout the Orthodox and Christian world – indeed among all people of good will and faith. Through the patience and perseverance of His All-Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew, the fifty-five year-long pro-

cess of Inter-Orthodox preparation for theCouncil was coming to its meet and proper fruition. It was the direct result of his vision, leadership, and deep and abiding love for the good order of the Church, and of the honest and forthright leadership of the majority of the participating Churches.

The ancient Patriarchates of Constantinople, Alexandria and Jerusa-

lem, together with the Autocephalous Churches of Serbia, Romania, Cyprus, Greece, Poland, Albania, Czech Lands and Slovakia demonstrated faithfulness, integrity, and a commitment to the People of God by their insistence that the Council proceed. This, despite the regrettable decision by four autocephalous churches not to be part of this historic Council in spite of the





The image of the Throne of Preparation, known as the Hetoimasia, has long served as a symbol of the Holy Trinity, from at least as early as the 5th century. The Throne refers to the Father, the Gospel Book represents the Son and the Dove stands for the Holy Spirit. Within the circular border of this emblem there are 14 Crosses signifying the 14 autocephalous Orthodox Churches participating in the Holy and Great Synod.



National Commander Limberakis and National Secretary Bozonelis escort His All-Holiness.



National Commander Limberakis speaks with Bishop Kevin Farrell of the Vatican who was an Observer.



His Eminence Archbishop Demetrios of America, top, with Metropolitans of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America and the American Carpatho-Russian Orthodox Diocese.



Father Alexander Karloutsos, Archon Spiritual Advisor, with the assistance of Presbytera Xanthi, coordinated the intricate and comprehensive logistics of the 12-day Council and 325 Bishops attending.



Archons Theo Nikolakis and Nicholas Furris address media logistics with the Council press officer.



National Commander Limberakis with Metropolitan Kalistos Ware and Metropolitan Ambrosios of Korea.



National Commander Dr. Limberakis and National Secretary Hon B. Theodore Bozonelis attend as Observers the closing session of the Holy and Great Council.



Archbishop Demetrios with Archons following the closing dinner hosted by the Order in honor of His All-Holiness and the participants of the Holy and Great Council, held at Firkas Fortress in Chania.



Archon Alexander Pritsos, the Order's Sergeant of Arms, instructs stewards prior to the beginning of the Holy Council. The Stewards were students from Hellenic College Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology.



Archon Michael Karloutsos speaks with His All-Holiness.



Archon Nicholas Furris with His Beatitude Patriarch Theodoros of Alexandria and All Africa.



































US Foreign Policy Leaders Praise Great Council

Many of the United States' top foreign policy leaders put statements in the Congressional Record and on social media praising Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew and the historic Holy and Great Council that convened in Crete, Greece June 19-26. Below are excerpts from these statements and links to their full remarks.

"After the September
11, 2001 attacks, the
[Ecumenical] Patriarch
organized a gathering of
religious leaders including
Muslim Imams to condemn



the attacks as an anti-religious act. Mr. Speaker, the over one million Orthodox Christians in the United States represent diverse backgrounds and cultures. I join them in celebrating this historic meeting."

Chairman of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, Congressman Ed Royce

"Ecumenical Patriarch
Bartholomew is a renowned
person and is no stranger
to America where he has
been recognized many
times for his noteworthy



accomplishments. Many will recall that he brought about the world's first statement by Muslim and Christian leaders denouncing the 9/11 attacks as an 'anti-religious' act."

Chairman Emeritus of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, Congresswoman Ileana Ros-Lehtinen

"All people of faith should welcome the convening of the first Holy and Great Council of the Orthodox Christian Church in over 1,200 years by His All-



Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew. I have had the privilege of seeing Patriarch Bartholomews spiritual leadership for myself, and am hopeful that the Council will renew ties that have frayed through the centuries because we are stronger together."

Former US Secretary of State and Democratic Nominee for President, Secretary Hillary Clinton

"The Patriarch has a record of reaching out and working for peace and reconciliation among all faiths, and has fostered dialogue among Christians, Jews and Muslims.



His All-Holiness has received awards from the United Nations, the United States and other nations for providing moral leadership throughout modern history's greatest tests. His efforts to convene this Holy and Great Council are a testament to his continued leadership at a time when it is greatly needed."

Ranking Member of the Senate Appropriations Committee, Senator Barbara Mikulski



"All Christians and all men and women of faith and peace should focus on this Great and Holy Council and the individual who convened the various hierarchs, Ecumenical



Patriarch Bartholomew. He possibly more than any other Christian leader understands the Muslim world; during his life he has seen Muslim cruelty toward Christians, which has greatly diminished the number of Christians in the Republic of Turkey."

Member of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, Congressman Lee Zeldin

"Mr. President, Greek-Americans, hailing from 500 churches across this nation, including many in my home state of New Jersey, believe deeply that this Great and



Holy Council is a fateful gathering that can have a dramatic impact on their religion and civilization for one thousand more years, that The Council's deliberations will hold great meaning and great promise for a better life for all of us, for peace on this planet, and for the greater good of generations to come."

Former Chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, Senator Bob Menendez "The Ecumenical Patriarch has an unsurpassed record for steering cooperative effort, adding this remarkable Council to his record of success. Often



referred to as the "first among equals" by his followers, the Ecumenical Patriarch maintains collegial relations with other Patriarchs and hierarchical leaders. His effectiveness as a leader is complemented by his gracious and generous spirit."

Ranking Member of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, Congressman Eliot Engel

"Our world today is in need of this exceptional moral courage, and I applaud Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew for convening this Holy and Great Council of the Orthodox Christian Ci



of the Orthodox Christian Churches in Crete, Greece."

Ranking Member of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, Senator Ben Cardin:

SAINT NICHOLAS Built Before the Eyes of the World!

NEW YORK, NY | 2015-2016

As the work at our National Shrine continues, it is important to pause for a moment and consider the true importance of our cause. We are building the equivalent of our own Hagia Sophia for the New World.





\$1 MILLION Pledge balance \$106,539 \$893,461 Collected as of Sep 16, 2016



The implications for the Shrine are MONUMENTAL,

as the foot traffic through the park will doubtless lead tens of thousands into the Church. Just one more very important reason for us to be prepared as a community to welcome many new friends to the experience of Orthodoxy







September 2015 December 2015 January 2016



Archon Jerry Dimitriou, above, speaks to different parishes and organizations around the country, gaining support for the rebuilding of Saint Nicholas. Archon Dimitriou and Fr. Alexander Karloutsos, Archon Spiritual Advisor, brief His Eminence with a birds-eye view from atop of Saint Nicholas.



The Archons of the Ecumenical Patriarchate in America are leading the rebuilding effort of St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church and National Shrine. Not only is the Order raising \$1,000,000 from its members but many Archons have answered the call above and beyond the Order's \$1,000,000 pledge. Altogether, Archons and their families have committed at least \$22,567,865 and those who have pledged/given \$1M or more directly to St. Nicholas are:

Michael Jaharis Family (\$5M)
Nicholas J. Bouras Foundation
John Calamos Family
George Coumantaros Family
William Doucas Family
John Georges Family

George Marcus Family
Dean Metropoulos Family
John Pappajohn Family
Michael Psaros Family
Alexander Spanos Family
Nicholas Tsakalos Family

Further supporting the rebuilding, Archons are donating work and materials at St. Nicholas, free of charge. Archon Peter Pappas Sr., is donating all the HVAC work, which is worth \$1.3M. Archon Paul Bregianos is donating \$1.4M worth of electrical work and materials at our Shrine.

The Order of St. Andrew is proud to support this beacon of Orthodoxy in Lower Manhattan at Ground Zero.







February 2016 April 2016 September 2016

Archons brief Washington Leaders on Muslim Prayers held at Hagia Sophia

WASHINGTON, D.C. | JULY 2016

Known throughout the world as The Great Church of Christ, but Deputy Prime Minister Arinc is hoping to convert the musem into mosque



A delegation of the Order of Saint Andrew the Apostle traveled to Washington, D.C. to brief the Obama Administration, Congressional leaders and the United States Commission on International Religious Freedom (USCIRF) regarding the status of religious minorities in Turkey and the recent Muslim prayers recited at

Hagia Sophia.

The meeting occurred during the Archons' trip to Washington, before the political turmoil in Turkey. However, it highlighted important issues that still exist with religious minorities in Turkey even after the welcome reaffirmation of Turkish democracy.

Dr. Anthony J. Limberakis, National Commander of the Order of St. Andrew said, "We are gratified that democratic rule has been reaffirmed in Turkey. With that, we also reaffirm the need for respect for the rights and existence of religious minorities in Turkey." In addressing the Archons meet-











ing with USCIRF, he stated, "We were pleased that all seven Commissioners met with us to discuss these important issues. We are grateful that they remain mindful of the plight of religious minorities in Turkey."

The conversations centered on the recent Muslim prayer readings held at the Museum of the Hagia Sophia in Istanbul (a UNESCO World Heritage Site) and the creeping Islamization of Hagia Sophia and other Christian cultural sites in Turkey.

The meeting followed an expression by His All Holiness, Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew, of "respect" for Islam, with a concurrent call for the same courtesy to be paid to "places of worship of our forefathers." His All Holiness was referring to the Koran prayer readings transmitted live from Hagia Sophia every night of Ramadan, which ended earlier this month.

The delegation met with Dr. Colin Kahl, Deputy Assistant to the Pres-

ident and National Security Advisor to the Vice President. Meetings were also held with House Foreign Affairs Committee Ranking Member Eliot Engel (D-N.Y.), as well as senior policy advisors for Senate Foreign Relations Committee Chairman Bob Corker (R-Tenn.), Senate Foreign Relations Committee Ranking Member Ben Cardin (D-Md.) and House Foreign Affairs Committee Chairman Ed Royce (R-Calif.)

The Archons also met with US-CIRF Chair Rev. Thomas J. Reese, S.J., Vice Chairs Dr. Daniel Mark, and Dr. James J. Zogby, and Commissioners Kristina Arriaga de Bucholz, Sandra Jolley, Dr. John Ruskay, and Ambassador Jackie Wolcott.

The Archon delegation included Dr. Limberakis; the Honorable B. Theodore Bozonelis, National Secretary of the Order of St. Andrew; Archons Andrew Manatos, Mike Manatos and John Metaxas and the Order's spiritual advisor, the Rev. Alexander Karloutsos.



Haghia Sophia was a mosque from May 29, 1453 until 1931. It was then secularized and opened as a museum on February 1, 1935.

The Archon Social Media Campaign

NEW YORK CITY | AUGUST 2015-2016

The Order of St. Andrew the Apostle, Archons of the Ecumenical Patriarchate launched a social media initiative through the generous philanthropic efforts of Archon Michael Psaros to help promote religious freedom for the Ecumenical Patriarchate and get the word out about the oppression our church still suffers in Turkey.

The Archons believe the use of social media can help project this important message for religious freedom to a potential worldwide audience.

The Archons are requesting that all members of your communities who participate in social media kindly follow @OrderStAndrew on Twitter, and "Like" the Order of St. Andrew Face-

book page.

With the help of our faithful parishioners in "sharing", "liking" and "re-tweeting" Archon social media content, we hope to build a vibrant online community that can help bring to light the plight of The Ecumenical Patriarch to as many people as possible.

IMPORTANT TWEETS OF THE YEAR FROM @ORDERSTANDREW



.@EcuPatriarch calls for mutual respect between religions after Koran is read from Hagia Sophia. #archons5issues http://bit.ly/29GNnDS



Prof. Elizabeth Prodromou tells @ TheEconomist: Holy & Great Council enables "robust theology of global engagement."



.@EcuPatriarch met @tsipras_eu on #WHSummit and had a discussion on the re-opening of @Halkischool #Archons5issues



We brief Obama Admin on recent Muslim prayers in #hagiasophia & creeping #Islamization of Christian sites in #Turkey



.@EcuPatriarch wants 2 meet
#Erdogan to discuss events in Turkey
& their negative effect on Halki reopening http://bit.ly/1TgAAGW



"Religious freedom starts at home, Mr. Erdogan" says US Congressman to Turkish Pres in @WashingtonPost letter http://bit.ly/1Pype83



.@EcuPatriarch is the 269th successor of St. Andrew the Apostle, founder of the Church of Constantinople http://bit.ly/ArchonsHistory



3 things you can do to #TakeAction today to protect #ReligiousFreedom for The Ecumenical Patriarchate http://bit.ly/1TTQEn6

Archons represented at Groundbreaking Social Media and Minorities Conference in Istanbul

ISTANBUL | NOVEMBER 13, 2015

More than 100 professionals in social media, the news industry and members of academia attended the conference







Two Archons played a role in a groundbreaking conference in Istanbul, giving voice to the use of social media by religious minorities in Turkey.

The Nov. 13 conference — "Between Freedom of Expression and Hate Speech: Minorities and Social Media" — focused on research findings of the Social Media and Minorities Project. The Project is co-financed by the Republic of Turkey and the European Union and is the first such EU project ever implemented by minorities foundations.

Archon Laki Vingas of Istanbul spearheaded the conference, delivering one of the keynote addresses in his roles as Manager of the Social Media and Minorities Project and President of Istanbul's Yeniköy Virgin Mary Greek



"We applaud efforts to give religious minorities a voice in Turkey."

- Archon John Metaxas

Orthodox Church and School Foundation. The Foundation co-hosted the conference with the Istanbul Bilgi University Human Rights Law Research Center on the University's campus. Vingas also serves as the representative of Non-Muslim Foundations, General Directorate of Foundations.

Archon John Metaxas of New York travelled to the conference to represent the Order. In his presentation, Archon Metaxas elaborated on the plight of the Ecumenical Patriarchate, the role of an Archon and how social media should be used in a respectful dialogue and debate. Said Archon Metaxas, "We applaud efforts to give religious minorities a voice in Turkey."

More than one hundred professionals in social media, the news industry and members of academia attended the conference, which was part of the Civil Society Dialogue Programme.



Archon Lenten Retreat

SOUTHAMPTON, NEW YORK | APRIL 2016

With the blessings of His Eminence Archbishop Demetrios of America, the Order of Saint Andrew, Archons of the Ecumenical Patriarchate in America, was pleased to have Reverend Dr. Stefanos Alexopoulos as its retreat master for the 13th Annual Archon Lenten Retreat, April 15-16, 2016. The retreat was held at the Dormition of the Virgin Mary Greek Orthodox Church of the Hamptons, hosted by Father Alexander Karloutsos, Archon Spiritual Advisor and Father Constantine Lazarakis, Pastor.

Some seventy Archons, spouses

and participants attended the retreat which allowed everyone to grow in their spirituality, join together in fellowship and prayer, and allowed Archons to reenergize their commitment in the pursuit of religious freedom for the Mother Church of Constantinople.

The two-day retreat focused on the topic, "The Power of Worship: Insights From Liturgical History, Liturgical Theology, & Liturgical Anthropology" outlining and dissecting the Byzantine Liturgy and offering insights from Liturgical theology and anthropology. Participants

had the opportunity to engage in breakout sessions and also worship during an evening Akathist service along with a celebration of the Divine Liturgy the following morning, led by Father Constantine Lazarakis, rector, and visiting retired cleric Father Constantine Mathews.

National Commander Anthony J. Limberakis, together with Archons Peter J. Skeadas, Michael G. Psaros--co-chairs of the Spirituality Committee--and members of the National Council, thanked Fr. Stefanos at the conclusion of the retreat. ■











Archon leadership organize lectures to educate faithful on The Holy and Great Council and Religious Freedom Issues around the Country



The Archons of the Greek Orthodox Metropolis of Chicago held their first ever Archon Retreat on May 7, 2016 at the St. Iakovos Retreat Center in Kansasville, Wisconsin. Father David Bissias of Hammond, Indiana delivered the Keynote Address entitled "Primus Inter Pares: The Ecumenical Patriarchate and the Conciliar Tradition of the Church" and centered around the upcoming Holy and Great Council.



The Church of the Annunciation in Elkins Park, PA was the setting for the Philadelphia region's fifth Archon Symposium/Lenten Retreat on Saturday, April 2nd. The topic of the Holy and Great Council of the Orthodox Church was addressed by Fordham University Professor of Theology, and the Order of Saint Andrew's Historian Archon George E. Demacopoulos, Ph.D.



The Archons of South Florida hosted a religious freedom symposium, entitled, "Christian Rights and Freedom" on March 19, 2016 at Saint Katherine Greek Orthodox Church in Naples, FL. Jay Alan Sekulow, PhD, JD, past recipient of the Athenagoras Human Rights Award and Chief Counsel of the ACLJ and ECLJ delivered a presentation on Christian Genocide.



The Order of Saint Andrew co-sponsored a presentation on the refugee crisis and the resettlement process. The presentation, entitled, "America's Noblest Tradition ... Welcoming Refugees to our Shores - How the Refugee Settlement Program Works in Connecticut" was delivered by Mr. Chris George, Executive Director of Immigrant Refugee Integrated Services (IRIS), a not-for-profit refugee resettlement agency.



On Sunday, March 6, 2016, the Archons of the Greek Orthodox Metropolis of Chicago and members of the Order of Saint Andrew hosted the second of a series of regional symposia at St. Demetrios Greek Orthodox Church in Elmhurst, IL around religious freedom in Turkey and the "5 Core Issues" facing the Ecumenical Patriarchate.

Archon Family Reception held at the 43rd Clergy Laity Congress

NASHVILLE, TN | JULY 3, 2016

On Sunday, July 3, 2016, the Order of Saint Andrew held its Archon Family Reception at the 43rd Clergy Laity Congress in Nashville, TN. Archon Regional Commander Lazaros E. Kircos served as the Master of Ceremonies. Remarks and a special presentation were offered by Archon Treasurer James C. Fountas as they honored His Emiennce Archbishop Demetrios Geron of America, His Eminence Metropolitan Nicholas of Detroit, His Eminence Metropolitan Ambrosios of Korea and His Eminence Metropolitan Damaskinos of Kydonia and Apokoronos.











Archon Nicolaos Georgiafentis honored

CHICAGO, IL | OCTOBER 18, 2015

On October 18, 2015 the Assumption Greek Orthodox Church in Chicago, IL celebrated their 90th anniversary with a gala fellowship evening. The evening's program included honoring Archon Nicolaos Georgiafentis for his dedicated service of 50 years as psalti of Assumption and 34 years as protopsalti of the Metropolis of Chicago. (Left to Right: Bill Vranas, Louis Malevitis, Nicolaos Georgiafentis, Harold Peponis and Theodore Sepsi)

Archons meet with Speaker Paul Ryan

NEW YORK, NY | MAY 2016



Archon Leadership met with Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives Paul Ryan to address important religious freedom issues surrounding the Ecumenical Patiarchate.



Archon Andrew E. Manatos receives Lifetime Achievement Award

WASHINGTON, D.C. JUNE 4, 2016

The Alpha-Omega Council of Boston honored Archon Andrew E. Manatos with the Lifetime Achievement Award at its 33rd Annual Banquet which was held on June 4.



Religious Freedom Issues of Ecumenical Patriarchate presented by Archons at annual OSCE Human Rights Conference

WARSAW, POLAND | SEPTEMBER 27, 2016

Since 2005, the Order has sent a delegation to the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE) meetings, the largest human rights gathering in Europe to present the violations of human rights and religious freedom asphyxiating the Ecumenical Patriarchate perpetrated by the Republic of Turkey. Archons Constantine G. Caras, Esq. and Dr. Stamatios V. Kartalopoulos represented the

Order at this year's 2016 OSCE Conference in Warsaw, Poland. Archons Caras and Kartalopoulos had a private meeting with the State Department delegation of the United States and provided them with the most current information regarding the status of our Ecumenical Patriarchate in Turkey, the major issues of which we are all aware, the most recent developments and current documents of the Order.

Order of St. Andrew condemns fraudulent, dangerous articles targeting His All-Holiness

NEW YORK, NY | AUGUST 25, 2016

The Order of St. Andrew, Archons of the Ecumenical Patriarchate today condemned recent attempts to threaten the well being of His All-Holiness Ecumenical Patriarchate Bartholomew through the posting of fraudulent articles online under the name of Ambassador Arthur Hughes. Ambassador Hughes had nothing to do with their content and has been working with the Archons to remove such posts and inform others that they are not his work.

In mid-august, Oriental Review Magazine published online an article

titled "Does Turkey Need Patriarch Bartholomew?" supposedly written by Ambassador Hughes. The article described His All-Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew as having close ties to Fethullah Gulen, the Turkish religious leader (who lives in the US), who Turkish President Tayyip Erdogan has accused of being the leader of the recent failed military coup in Turkey. Following the protest of Ambassador Hughes, the article was taken down.

On August 17 Euractiv.com published a second spurious article

wrongly attributed to Ambassador Hughes, making similar accusations, titled "Will Ankara Take Aim at Patriarch Bartholomew?"

National Commander Limberakis strongly condemned such efforts on behalf of the Order. "Not only are these articles fraudulent, they are dangerous attempts to disparage His All-Holiness. We call on all media outlets to more responsibly confirm the source of articles submitted with regard to His All-Holiness."

Below is the message from Ambassador Arthur H. Hughes:

On August 16, 2016, an organization known as Oriental Review, www.orientalreview.org, placed on its website an article concerning the Patriarch of Constantinople and attributed it to me. I can state categorically that I did not write this article, contribute it to Oriental Review, nor do I have any knowledge of the statements alleged in the article. Mr. Andrey Fomin, Founding Editor of Oriental Review, has acknowledged by email that they did not verify whether I in fact had sent the article, expressed regret and removed it from their website. Despite my repeated requests to Mr. Fomin, Oriental Review has not posted a statement indicating that the article in question and my alleged authorship were indeed a fabrication.

Arthur H. Hughes
United States Ambassador (Retired)

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