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# 2019 Annual Report



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Despite world-wide recognition of the of His All-Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew as the spiritual leader of the world's 300 million Orthodox Christians, the government of Turkey:

Does <u>not</u> legally recognize the Ecumenical Patriarchate as a corporate entity with legal personality. It will <u>not</u> allow the complete freedom for the election of his successor as Ecumenical Patriarch.

It will <u>not</u> allow the local training of his clergy and the opening of the Halki Theological Seminary. It will <u>not</u> allow the return of all Greek Orthodox confiscated properties he needs to oversee without restrictions.

His religious freedom remains constrained although the history of his country is tied to the historical doctrines and origins of Christianity.





# BARTHOLOMEW

By the Mercy of God, Archbishop of Constantinople, New Rome and Ecumenical Patriarch

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 with sentiments of joy and affection that we address all of you with these heartfelt words of paternal love and embrace on the occasion of your Annual Meeting and the official presentation of the Annual Report of the Order of St. Andrew for 2019.

As we reflect upon your manifold good works and achievements over this past year, we are filled with much delight, as we witness your unwaning and ever-growing desire to promote and uphold the venerable ideals of the Mother Church of Constantinople and of the Orthodox Church as a whole. Your God-pleasing outreach and various initiatives for the advancement of our Christian presence and witness in today's world have truly known no boundaries. And it is precisely in this respect that we are, indeed, greatly pleased. For, in your selfless dedication and sincere willingness to work together in a harmonious spirit of fraternal solidarity — as one united body in Christ — you are also distinguished by your endeavor to make manifest throughout the oikoumene the all-encompassing universality of Christ's salvific message.

Dear sons, you remain a source of great pride for us personally, as well as for the Ecumenical Patriarchate collectively. We entreat you to continue your steadfast ways, and to "aim at righteousness, godliness, faith, love, steadfastness, and gentleness." (1 Tim. 6:11) May you receive strength from above to be firm in all of your commitments and duties, and may you join with your new spiritual shepherd, Archbishop Elpidophoros of America, in continuing the praiseworthy efforts of all your blessed predecessors, who labored ever so diligently to sow the spiritual seeds of the faith both in the United States and abroad.

Extending to you and your dear families our Patriarchal blessings and wholehearted prayers for health and strength, peace and spiritual prosperity, we beseech our Good and Loving Lord to bless and protect you, inspiring you always to do good works and to "fight the good fight of the faith." (1 Tim. 6:12)

At the Ecumenical Patriarchate, the 18th of October, 2019

Your fervent supplicant before God,

✤ BARTHOLOMEW Archbishop of Constantinople-New Rome and Ecumenical Patriarch



GREEK ORTHODOX ARCHDIOCESE OF AMERICA

Office of the Archbishop

Beloved Archons of the Ecumenical Patriarchate:

I greet you with with every blessing for your noble mission and with great pride in your many accomplishments. The Annual Report of the Order of Saint Andrew is much more than a record of your accomplishments; it is a testament of your love and dedication to the Mother Church of Constantinople. As I read this record of devotion, I am struck by the dignity and grace of your manifold efforts to be of real and tangible service to the Great Church of Christ, our Most Holy Ecumenical Patriarchate.

The Order of Saint Andrew follows the paradigm of the Mother Church, and the most virtuous example of His All-Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew, because although you are a  $\tau \dot{\alpha} \gamma \mu \alpha$  of the United States, you traverse the globe on behalf of the human rights and the religious liberty not only of the Great Church, but of all Christians who are oppressed and persecuted in their own lands.

The transnational character of the Archons is reflected in the pages that follow, pages that contain a narrative of earnest and skillful efforts for justice, peacemaking, and the constant and upright edification of our Holy Orthodox Faith. Your work is a cornerstone of our Holy Archdiocese of America and central to our ongoing mission of service and evangelization.

With the Tomos of Autocephaly granted to the Orthodox Church of Ukraine by the Holy and Sacred Synod of the Ecumenical Patriarchate, under the presidency of His All-Holiness Bartholomew, we have entered an era when the Mother Church and Her prerogatives established by the Ecumenical Councils will be challenged by forces inside and outside the Church. We must continue to be vigilant and watchful, and persevere as guardians of our Holy Mother Church.

May our Lord Jesus Christ ever preserve and keep the Order of Saint Andrew, through the intercessions of the Theotokos and Ever-Virgin Mary.

With paternal blessings in our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ,

Archbishop Alpidophoros

+ Archbishop Elpidophoros of America



# THE ORDER OF SAINT ANDREW THE APOSTLE Archons of the Ecumenical Patriarchate

October 18, 2019

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

From the onset, let us all offer our profound gratitude to His All-Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew, in his 28th year as our worldwide spiritual father for selecting His Eminence Elpidophoros as Archbishop of America and to the Holy Synod for their unanimous election of this true son of the Ecumenical Patriarchate. From the day of his election on May 11, 2019 at the Phanar to his Enthronement on June 22, 2019 at the Archdiocesan Cathedral of the Holy Trinity, The Order pledges to continue to work hard in service to the Holy Mother Church and in support of the ministry of our spiritual father in America, Archbishop Elpidophoros. Archbishop Elpidophoros brings unique charismata to his office, as a true son of the Ecumenical Patriarchate having served at the Phanar for 25 years, first as deacon, then as priest/monk, then as Metropolitan and Abbot and now, as Exarch of the most important Eparchy of the Ecumenical Patriarchate, the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America. We see in the countenance of His Eminence a sense of reassurance and confidence that everything that currently confronts us as challenges will be addressed and transformed into great achievements for the good of our Holy Archdiocese of America and Holy Mother Church of Constantinople.

The 28th year of the patriarchal ministry of His All-Holiness Bartholomew, the 269th direct successor of Saint Andrew the First Called Apostle has been extraordinary. His decisions to grant autocephaly to the Orthodox Church of Ukraine, to select new primates in the Churches in America, Great Britain and Australia, to continue his strong advocacy to preserve God's creation and the protection of the environment and to promote the brotherly dialogue with all faiths, especially with Pope Francis have been intrepid and inspiring. Let us not forget that His All-Holiness lives in a country noted for its profound religious freedom deficit and the number of journalists it has imprisoned (the most in the world).

One of the most significant and impactful initiatives of the Order of St. Andrew for the year 2019 was the establishment of The St. Andrew Ecumenical Patriarchal Fund, Inc. (Fund), an independent non-profit religious corporation established under the laws of the State of New York in January 2019. The Fund was established to financially assist the worldwide ministry of the Spiritual Center of World Orthodoxy, the Ecumenical Patriarchate of Constantinople. We anticipate final approval of the Fund Bylaws by His All-Holiness the Ecumenical Patriarch and the Exarch, shortly after which its Board of Trustees will meet and formally launch the Fund which now has over \$1M generated from the 2018 Athenagoras Human Rights Award Banquet honoring Fr. Alexander Karloutsos and Presbytera Xanthi.

The activities of the Order of Saint Andrew promoting religious freedom and the institutional human rights of the Ecumenical Patriarchate continue relentlessly. Our multifaceted efforts have been directed to the White House Administration, the State Department, Congress, the United States Commission on International Religious Freedom, each of the 50 states of our beloved nation, the OSCE (Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe based in Warsaw, Poland) and the European Union where Turkey still seeks admission.

The Order is proud of our fulfilled \$1 million commitment towards the rebuilding of the Saint Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church and National Shrine which has temporarily paused but undoubtedly will re-start. The collective Archon Stewardship supporting St. Nicholas is a demonstration of our commitment to the triumph of good over evil, light over darkness and freedom over tyranny...and that, Brother Archons, will never be paused or put on hold.

The ensuing pages of our 2019 Annual Report reviews the 5 Issues of Concern that constitute the profound religious freedom deficit in Turkey, the major activities and initiatives of His All-Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew and a pictorial summary of the local and national activities of the Order of Saint Andrew the Apostle, Archons of the Ecumenical Patriarchate in America. The Report reviews the myriad domestic and international initiatives of the Order seeking religious freedom for the Holy Mother Church. Archon Congressman Gus Bilirakis leads the Washington presence of the Order assisted by the Manatos Team and Archon John A. Catsimatidis who 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.

Highlights of the past year include the following:

- The initiatives the Order established in support of the decision of the Ecumenical Patriarchate to grant autocephaly to the Ukrainian Orthodox Church including
  - Establishment of Ad Hoc Committee on Ukrainian Autocephaly chaired by Archon Theodore J. Theophilos, Esq.
  - Establishment of first-ever International Town Hall Conference Call with Metropolitan Emmanuel of France and three academic theologians to answer questions and offer clarity to the autocephaly process
  - Publication of an eBook on The Ecumenical Patriarchate and Ukraine Autocephaly edited by Archon Evagelos Sotiropoulos of Toronto, Canada containing articles written by scholars offering historical, canonical and pastoral perspectives on Autocephaly
- Successful Religious Freedom Mission to EU Presidency Nation of Austria
- Continued refinement of Archon website: archons.org
- Prodigious social media posts on Twitter, Facebook, Flickr, YouTube and Instagram, including christianpersecution.com

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 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 that has now concluded and which had obtained 58 resolutions adopted by 46 states representing 93% of the United States population.
- Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE) Initiative, coordinated by Archon Constantine G. Caras, Esq and Archon Rocky Sisson.
- Patriarchal Properties and Minority Concerns Initiative, coordinated by Archon Hon. B. Theodore Bozonelis
- Social Media Initiative, Chaired by Archon Rocky Sisson and initially generously funded by Archon Michael G. Psaros and expanded by Archon Theo Nicolakis, Archon James Gabriel, Fr. Constantine Lazarakis, Elizabeth L. Limberakis, MBA, social media coordinator Tsesme Consulting and Archon John Mindala
- European Union Initiative
- Regional Religious Freedom Presentations throughout the United States by Regional Commanders

The 2018 Athenagoras Human Rights Award was presented to our beloved Spiritual Advisor Fr. Alex and dearest Presbytera Xanthi for their extraordinary ministry of selfless diakonia devoted to the Mother Church, the Ecumenical Patriarchate of Constantinople, the Holy Archdiocese of America and their magnificent Church of the Dormition in the Hamptons, as well as to the countless individuals and families this dynamic couple has helped. Their accomplishments in administration and public affairs have led the way in ensuring that our Church and the Order's issues regarding the religious freedom of the Ecumenical Patriarchate are heard in the halls of secular power around the world. Their commitment to the GOA has enabled the Saint Nicholas National Shrine to rise like a phoenix from the ashes at Ground Zero so that for generations it will serve as a testament that good will always triumph of over evil and light over darkness… and be rest assured, St. Nicholas will be completed. In addition, during Archon Weekend 2018 twenty-seven worthy churchmen were invested by the Exarch as Archons of the Great Church of Christ, the Ecumenical Patriarchate and to each of them we again proclaim 'Aξιος!

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 during his lifetime nine years ago with the establishment of the Award. The 2018 Bouras Award reviewed in this Annual Report was presented to Archon George E. Safiol the Order's outstanding chair of the Committee to establish the St. Andrew Ecumenical Patriarchal Fund for the exclusive use to support the worldwide ministries of the Ecumenical Patriarchate. The 2019 Award will be presented to the Archon John Socrates Zavitsanos, Esq., a most worthy honoree. 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, Vicar General of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America and our Spiritual Advisor who indefatigably offers his efforts and guidance to the Order, as the Archons pursue the institutional human rights and religious freedom of the Ecumenical Patriarchate. To our National Archon Office Team, headed by Presbytera Xanthi Karloutsos and joined by Graphic Designer Archon John Mindala II, Administrator Christa Pourou and consultant Archon Andrew Veniopoulos we extend our heartfelt gratitude.

To our beloved Archbishop Demetrios former of America, we offer heartfelt thankfulness for the dedicated two decades of service he offered to the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America. Indeed, it was a great honor and privilege for me to serve under his leadership for the past 20 years.

In accordance with our *raison d'être* to support the initiatives of the Mother Church, the Order formed an Ad Hoc Committee regarding the Ukrainian Autocephaly issue to ensure the accurate, authentic and objective enlightenment of the world community and to counter prevarications initiated by propagandists. The Committee, Chaired by Archon Theodore J. Theophilos, Esq. and comprised of leading theologians, scholars and Archons had prepared a comprehensive memorandum on Ukrainian Autocephaly, published an e-book on the subject and organized an international Town Watch Conference Call in which faithful around the world could have their questions answered by theologians, scholars and Metropolitan Emmanuel of France who represented the Ecumenical Patriarchate during the process of His All-Holiness granting the Tomos of Autocephaly.

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., National Secretary Hon. B. Theodore Bozonelis whom we call upon for his sage advice and National Treasurer Peter J. Skeadas; our hardworking functionaries, Historian Prof. George Demacopoulos, PhD, Legal Counselor Christopher Stratakis, Sergeant-At-Arms Alexander Pritsos and Assistant Treasurer Andreas D. Comodromos, CPA; Members of the National Council and the Regional Commanders, including our Religious Freedom Chair Archon John A. Catsimatidis, Archon Michael G. Psaros Athenagoras Human Rights Award Chair and Banquet Underwriter along with Archons William P. Doucas and George E. Safiol and the Bouras Foundation; Archon John Zavitsanos who reorganized the Annual Exarch's Appeal and is the 2019 Nicholas J. Bouras Award for Extraordinary Archon Stewardship recipient; Archon Rocky Sisson coordinator of our Social Media Initiative, Peter Kakoyiannis, Esq. who chairs the Audit Committee; Constantine G. Caras, Esq. who chairs the Archon Selection Committee and the hundreds of Archons throughout America who offer their *Time, Talent and Treasure* in service to the Great Church of Christ.

At this time, it is fitting to pay tribute to three Archons who not only serve the Ecumenical Patriarchate with distinction, but have selflessly served our beloved nation, as well: Archon Reince Hercules Priebus, former White House Chief of Staff, Archon George D. Gigicos, former Deputy Assistant to the President and Director of White House Advance and Archon Michael A. Karloutsos, former Acting Chief of Protocol, State Department! We all share in heartfelt brotherly pride in the ecclesiastical and patriotic achievements of these exemplary Archons!

The Archons of America, under the leadership of the Exarch Archbishop Elpidophoros of America again pledge to all that we will relentlessly pursue the institutional human rights of the Ecumenical Patriarchate so that one day, the bells of religious freedom will be heard around the world emanating from the Patriarchal Cathedral of Saint George and may that sacred day soon come!

In the Service of the Ecumenical Patriarchate,

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Anthony J. Limberakis, MD Archon Aktouarios National Commander



The Church of Constantinople was founded by St. Andrew, the first-called Apostle. The feast day of its patron is November 30. The first Bishop of Byzantium was Stachys (38-54), Andrew's disciple.

Following its establishment as capital of the Roman Empire in 330, the status of "Constantinople-New Rome" was elevated to its current position. The 2nd Ecumenical Council (381) conferred on its Bishop second rank after the Bishop of Rome; the 4th Ecumenical Council (451) granted Constantinople equal ranking to Rome, expanding its jurisdiction.

The Ecumenical Patriarchate is referred to as the "Great Church of Christ," being the reference point for liturgical and administrative matters. It is also called the "Phanar" (or "lighthouse"), referring to the old Greek Orthodox neighborhood in Istanbul. Moreover, it is known as "the Great Monastery," functioning as a monastic brotherhood under the spiritual direction of the Ecumenical Patriarch.



The 15<sup>th</sup> Autocephalous Orthodox Church

# THE CHURCH of UKRAINE

#### A New Dawn

The sun rises upon the Kyiv Pechersk Lavra Orthodox Monastery in Ukraine

The fullness of the time has come for the Ukrainian people.

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# Ukrainian Orthodox Church is granted its Autocephaly

In the presence of Metropolitan Epiphanios of Kiev and of all Ukraine, the President of Ukraine Petro Poroshenko and his family, hierarchs and clergy, a multitude of Ukrainian state and government officials, and officials and media representatives from all over the world, His All-Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew, in a special session held in the Patriarchal Church in the Phanar, signed the Tomos document, the official recognition and proclamation of the Autocephaly of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church.

"The pious Ukrainian people have awaited this blessed day for seven entire centuries. And, behold, the fullness of time has come for them, too, just as so many Orthodox peoples beforehand, to enjoy the sacred gift of emancipation, independence and self-governance, becoming free from every external reliance and intervention, which have not always been nurturing and respectful of their own identity," the Ecumenical Patriarch said in his speech immediately after the reading of the Tome by the Archimandrite Joachim of the Holy and Sacred Synod. His All-Holiness noted that today the new Autocephalous Church takes its place "in the choir of the fourteen sister Churches that comprise 'the whole institution' of our holy Orthodox Church."

This is a world-historical event of immense significance for all Orthodox Christians. The question of autocephaly (self-governance) has for an immense period of time divided the sacred unity of Orthodox Christianity in the Ukraine. The Ecumenical Patriarch has now taken the pastoral initiative to heal these divisions and grant independence to the Church in Ukraine.



#### **Signing the Tomos**

His All-Holiness signs the Tomos of Autocephaly, January, 5, 2019, thereby granting full independence to the Church of Ukraine.



66 As all Orthodox peoples have received their autocephaly, this right also belongs to the millions of Ukrainians who have been living for years in a situation of absurd schism. And to satisfy their will and their just request, they addressed the Mother Church of Constantinople, as all the other peoples have done in the past." -His All-Holiness



Constantinople will not interfere with the internal affairs of the Church of Ukraine. It is completely independent and autocephalous."

His All-Holiness in meeting with President of Ukraine, Volodymyr Zelensky, August 8, 2019

### "It is Right"

Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew declares these words, as he sits with Metropolitan Epiphaniy of Kyiv and All Ukraine, the head of the autocephalous Church of Ukraine, at the Phanar.



# <sup>66</sup> It is now the turn of Ukraine,

which will receive the status of autocephaly... it is the right, and indeed the exclusive prerogative of our Ecumenical Patriarchate to grant autocephaly, just as it has granted this to all the newer Orthodox churches, beginning with Russia in the 16th century and most recently to the Church of the Czech Lands and Slovakia."

-His All-Holiness

# The Autocephalous Orthodox Churches



"We believe that granting autocephaly is doing the right thing. We believe that it is [the Ukrainians] right to have their own autocephaly, which all the countries and peoples of the Balkans have obtained precisely from Constantinople."

# NOTABLE VISITS



## The US Secretary of Commerce

The Secretary of Commerce of the USA, Wilbur Ross, visited the see of the Ecumenical Patriarchate on September 8, 2019.

Secretary Ross was accompanied by his wife and the new US Ambassador to Ankara, David Satterfield, as well as by politicians and officials of the Commerce Department and the US government, including James G. Rockas, Deputy Director of Policy and Strategic Planning of the Department of Commerce, who facilitated the visit.



# The US Consul General in Istanbul

The new US Consul General in Istanbul, Daria Darnell, visited the seat of the Ecumenical Patriarchate on July 16, 2019 and was welcomed by His All-Holiness, with whom she had a long discussion on current issues and the initiatives of the Mother Church of Constantinople, the Greek People and the Orthodox believers in Turkey, as well as Orthodoxy in the United States, on the occasion of the enthronement of the new Archbishop Elpidophoros of America.



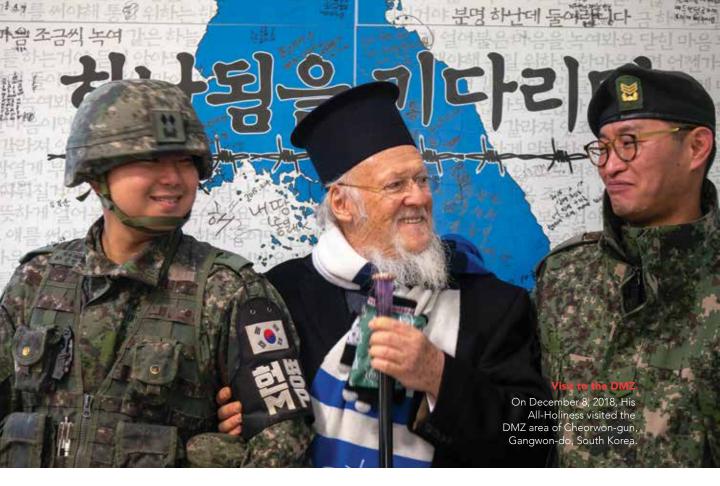
## The President of New Democracy

On April 25, 2019, the head of the main opposition party of Greece, Kyriakos Mitsotakis, the President of New Democracy, attended the service of the Holy Passion of Christ in the Patriarchal Church. Mr. Mitsotakis, who was later elected Prime Minister of the Hellenic Republic in July 2019, was accompanied by the Consul General of Greece in the city, Georgia Sultanopoulou.



The Deputy Foreign Minister of Canada

Canada's Deputy Foreign Minister Ian Shugart had a meeting and a long conversation with Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew on January 30, 2019. Mr. Shugart was accompanied by the Director of Eastern Europe & Eurasia at Global Affairs Canada, Alison Grant; the Canadian Ambassador to Ankara, Chris Cooter; and the Canadian Consul General in the city, Ulric Shannon.



# SOUTH KOREA



**50th Anniversary** On the feast day of St. Nicholas, His All-Holiness celebrated the Divine Liturgy at St. Nicholas Cathedral.

### **Ecumenical Patriarch visits South Korea**

His All-Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew visited South Korea on December 3-8, 2018, to take part in the 50th anniversary of the construction of St. Nicholas Cathedral in Seoul and participate in an International Symposium on the Environment, entitled, "Ecology, Theology, and Human Dignity in the Orthodox Christian Tradition."

# SAINT PETER'S RELICS

# For the first time, a Pope donates a relic of St. Peter outside Rome

An unprecedented gesture: Pope Francis, following the established ceremony repeated each year by the representative of the Ecumenical Throne and the Pope at the Church of Rome's Thronic Feast, both went to worship at the tomb of Apostle Peter in St. Peter's Basilica.

There, the Pope whispered to Archbishop Job of Telmessos that he wanted to send a gift to Constantinople to his brother Bartholomew, a gift for which his inspiration came during the evening prayer on the day of the Thronic Feast.

These were relics of St. Peter, contained in a reliquary placed in the pontifical chapel of the papal apartments of the so-called Vatican Apostolic Quarter. "During prayer last night, I thought to myself: this reliquary would be better in Constantinople. Take the relics with you. Give them to my brother Bartholomew. This gift is not from me, but it's from God."

-Pope Francis, addressing Archbishop Job of Telmessos





Thanking the Pope His All-Holiness traveled to Rome to and thanked the Pope, September 17, 2019.



An Archon, is a layman honored by His All-Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew for his outstanding service to the Church, and is a well-known distinguished, and well-respected leader of the Orthodox Christian community.

It is by the grace of God that he, has been able to offer his good works and deeds of faith. Further, it is the affirmation of each Archon to defend and promote the Orthodox Christian faith and tradition. His special concern and interest is to serve as a bulwark to protect and promote the Sacred See of St. Andrew the Apostle and its mission. He is also concerned with the inalienable rights of human kind wherever and whenever they are violated - and the well-being and general welfare of the Christian Church.





Archons of the Ecumenical Patriarchate in America



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## October 2018–October 2019

Elias Betzios, Depoutatos Offikion date: 1/1/76

Dr. Theodore Bogdanos, Hartoularios Offikion date: 7/4/82

Panagiotis Contos, Aktouarios Offikion date: 10/22/06

Jerry A Costacos Exarchos Offikion date: 7/4/82

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Dr. Peter C. Gazes, Aktouarios Offikion date: 3/4/90

Thomas G. Jordan, Notarios Offikion date: 10/31/10

Constantine Limberakis, Primikirios Offikion date: 3/16/97

John A. Mehos, Kastrinsios Offikion date: 2/18/01

James S. Nicholas, Kastrinsios Offikion date: 3/10/02

Harry L. Pappas, Lambadarios Offikion date: 3/3/96

George Stephen Pappas, Ostiarios Offikion date: 10/28/07

Harold A. Peponis, Depoutatos Offikion date: 3/7/93

Arthur P. Sakellaris, Orphanotrofos Offikion date: 10/31/10 John Sakellaris, **Hypomnematografos** Offikion date: 10/16/11

Dr. Peter Scamagas, Aktouarios Offikion date: 10/28/07

Michael Serko, Mousikodidaskalos Offikion date: 3/5/00

Hon. Michael Sotirhos, Depoutatos Offikion date: 1/1/74

Constantine Stamis, Megas Depoutatos Offikion date: 1/1/73

Sirio Tonelli, Exarchos Offikion date: 3/11/84

Dimitris Kaloidis, Hartoularios Offikion date: 3/20/94

# **Spiritual Leadership**

- His Eminence Archbishop Elpidophoros of America, Exarch of the Ecumenical Patriarchate
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More than 1,300 people attended the Athenagoras Human Rights Award Banquet, as Metropolitan Emmanuel of France and National Commander Limberakis bestow the Award upon Father Alex and Presbytera Xanthi Karloutsos.



**66** His All-Holiness Bartholomew, the Green Patriarch, who inspired me by his living example from the first time we met in 1983, to place Christ and His Church above everything else."

**Father Alex Karloutsos** 

The master of ceremonies was Fox News Chief Congressional and Senior Political Correspondent, Archon Mike Emanuel.

"Being in Washington over the past seventeen years," said Emanuel, "I've heard Presidents from both parties mention Father Alex – a recognition of his talent. And three Archbishops have depended heavily on him over the decades....His focus and determination are legendary."

Metropolitan Emmanuel of France, the Personal Representative of His All-Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew, affirmed: "They have never let us down, Father Alex and Presbytera [Xanthi], not even once." He praised "their spiritual care for every person they have encountered over their decades of service in ministry, from the least, to their parish, to the greatest, in the halls of secular power."

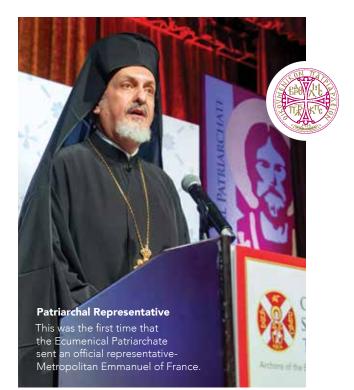
In a video message recorded for this event, His All-Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew addressed the Order, saying: "You have rightly chosen to recognize and honor the unwavering dedication and selfless service they have demonstrated the last five decades to Orthodoxy in the United States and throughout the entire world...Father Alex has deeply

#### The Vice President

Former Vice President Biden made a surprise visit to Athenagoras Human Rights Award Banquet, and offered remarks.

66 Your family is family to the Biden family. Your decency, loyalty and love will always be remembered. Your prayers meant so much to the Bidens at the death of Beau."

Vice President Joe Biden



### OVER **\$1 MILLION** raised that evening

The proceeds will be used exclusively and prudently for the worldwide ministries of the Ecumenical Patriarch.



66 Each act of service has been special because of our love for our Ecumenical Patriarchate, and especially His All-Holiness, receiving this honor is really special."

Presbytera Xanthi Karloutsos



impacted and enriched many souls around the globe in search of spiritual refuge and guidance."

In his response to receiving the Award with his wife, Father Alex replied, "Although we are not the most worthy recipients of this Award, we are immensely aware and humbled by its worth. For us, Patriarch Athenagoras was a visionary for our Church in America and the Ecumenical Patriarchate. The infrastructure of our Archdiocese, which is the bedrock of all that we enjoy, was bequeathed to us by this prophetic Prelate.

"Even our political ties to the Oval Office began when then Archbishop Athenagoras was called in November 1948 to lead the Sacred See of Saint Andrew as part of the Truman Doctrine and Marshall Plan to keep the First Throne of Orthodoxy from being trapped behind the Iron Curtain and falling into the communist hands of Stalin's Soviet Union."

Father Alex emphasized the role his wife has played in his service to the Church:

"Together, my wife Xanthi and I have worked and served in the holy priesthood for over 48 years. While I was processing with Popes and Patriarchs, my unseen co-worker was sorting suitcases at airports; while I was in receiving lines with Presidents and First Ladies at the White House, Presbytera Xanthi was arranging chairs at the State Department; when I celebrate the Divine Liturgy and enjoy the first seat in our Church, my co-disciple takes the last pew to ensure proper discipline in the Narthex and Nave; while I'm the maître de superstar at our Hamptons Greek Festival, my privileged Presbytera is peeling onions, washing pans and baking baklava.

"Without Xanthi, there would be no Father Alex. Everything I have done, or became, I owe to the love my life. That is why, Presbytera, as the songwriter sang, 'I love you more today than yesterday, less than tomorrow'."

In her comments to the assembled guests, Presbytera Xanthi expressed her gratitude for the recognition they received, adding "as grand as this evening is, it is even more humbling, because whatever we have achieved together, we did it because it was what we truly believed," noting that her and Father Alex have been given unique opportunities to serve the Church they love so much.

"Each act of service has been special because of our love for our Ecumenical Patriarchate, and especially His All-Holiness, receiving this honor is really special," she said. "I remember hearing about the legendary Patriarch Athenagoras since I remember the time I was a little girl and received his blessing while visiting Corfu. He was so impressive and imposing, and to receive this Award with his name and image is so very meaningful to us."

Former Vice President Joe Biden also made a surprise appearance at the Banquet to honor its recipients. The former Vice President singled out His All-Holiness for particular praise, noting that "one of my greatest honors of my life" was meeting the Ecumenical Patriarch several times including in America, Greece and Turkey.

Biden expressed support for the Ecumenical Patriarchate's decision to grant autocephaly to the Orthodox Church of Ukraine, "because people in every part of the world should be free to worship as they choose, and it falls to us to protect that freedom."

Said Biden: "We have to continue to work together around the world to ensure the Greek Orthodox Church can not only control its destiny, but be free of the influence of governments."

Biden also emphasized that the holiest Orthodox sites in Turkey need to be protected, as well as Muslim communities in Greece, adding that "protecting freedom of religion and universal rights never ends."

Biden, his voice breaking, recounted the prayers and support that Father Alex and Prebytera Xanthi offered to the Biden family during the illness and death of Biden's son Beau. "Your family is family to the Biden family," said Biden. "Your decency, loyalty and love will always be remembered. Your prayers meant so much to the Bidens at the death of Beau," who died of brain cancer in 2015 at the age of 46.



### Over 1,300 in attendance

The largest gathering in the half century history of the Archons of the Ecumenical Patriarchate



#### THE WHITE HOUSE WASHINGTON

October 27, 2018

The Reverend Alexander Karloutsos and Presbytera Xanthi Karloutsos

Southampton, New York

Dear Father Alex and Presbytera Xanthi,

I am pleased to join your family and community in congratulating you on receiving the 2018 Athenagoras Human Rights Award.

Throughout your lives, you have been devoted advocates of human rights and religious freedom. Faith is at the foundation of our great Nation, and we must continue to diligently guard, preserve, and cherish our God-given right to practice it freely. Your leadership has been integral to the tremendous progress our country has made to defend our families, our values, and our religious liberty.

I am deeply grateful for your wisdom and legacy of unwavering faith. Melania joins me in sending our best wishes to you on this momentous occasion.

May God bless you, the Order of Saint Andrew the Apostle, Archons of the Ecumenical Patriarchate, and the Dormition of the Virgin Mary Greek Orthodox Church of the Hamptons.

Sincerely, Amil Sump











Words of Gratitude

L-R: Archon Michael Psaros, Banquet Chair; Father Peter Karloutsos and James Karloutsos, brothers of Father Alex; Archon Mike Emanuel, Master of Ceremonies; Father Kosmas Karavellas, brother to Presbytera Xanthi; and Archbishop Demetrios, former of America.



# THE BOURAS AWARD

George E. Safiol honored with the Nicholas J. Bouras Award for Extraordinary Archon Stewardship **Axios!** Archon Safiol is joined by officers and past recipients of the Award.



George E. Safiol, Archon Archiophylax, was the 2018 recipient of The Nicholas J. Bouras Award for Extraordinary Archon Stewardship for his outstanding service to the Orthodox Church as an Archon of the Ecumenical Patriarchate of Constantinople.

The Award was presented to Mr. Safiol on October 26 by Archbishop Demetrios, former of America and National Commander Dr. Limberakis, in a ceremony at the New York Athletic Club as part of the Order of Saint Andrew the Apostle's annual three-day assembly.

At the ceremony, National Commander Anthony J. Limberakis, M.D., praised Archon Safiol's "tremendous stewardship of time, talent and resources in support of the Mother Church of Constan66 I am personally honored, humbled and happy to receive this Award, particularly considering for whom the Award has been established, Nicholas J. Bouras."

### George E. Safiol

tinople, the Orthodox Christian Church throughout the United States, and to the mission of the Order of Saint Andrew in which all children of God should be granted religious freedom as a fundamental, inalienable human right."

"I am personally honored, humbled and happy to receive this Award, particularly considering for whom the Award has been established, Nicholas J. Bouras," Mr. Safiol said in an interview after the ceremony, adding that he treasured his long friendship with Mr. Bouras, noting they served together on three boards, the Archdiocesan Council Executive Committee, the Archon Council and the Leadership 100 board. Humorously, he added, "he treated me like a kid brother even though I was only ten years younger."



### First Lieutenant

Archon Safiol, middle, was awarded a Certificate of Achievement for his performance during his service and assignment as First Lietenant at the U. Army Engineer Depot, from 1955-1957 United States Army Engineer Depat, Chinon Certificate of Achievement awarded to:

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## GEORGE E. SAFIOL

### **Achievements & Accomplishments**

- Instrumental in launching \$10 million Hellenic College Holy Cross School of Theology Million Dollar a Year Sponsorship Program
- Involved in "Sen. Olympia Snowe Roadway" and "Nicholas J. Bouras Driveway" project at Saint Basil Academy.
- An Archon since 1997
- Served nearly 20 years on the National Council
- Chairman of the Archon Audit Committee
- Chairman of the Nicholas J. Bouras Award for Extraordinary Archon Stewardship.
- 1954 graduate of New York University of College of Engineering.
- Served as first lieutenant in the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers with distinction.

- Significant benefactor of New York University and its College of Engineering where he has endowed several scholarship awards.
- Serves on the Board of Advisors of the University of Mississippi
- Guest lecturer at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology Sloan School of Management
- Has been director of seven industrial/electronic companies.
- Received the coveted Ellis Island Medal of Honor Award
- He was married to Demetra Karambelas Safiol, of blessed memory, for nearly 60 years.
- The Safiol Family Foundation has donated generously to the Orthodox Church and institutions of higher education and medicine.



### **Paying Tribute**

National Commander Limberakis and Secretary Hon. B. Theodore Bozonelis, above, offered remarks, while friends and family, below, gather to honor Arcon Safiol, as he shows his gratitude, bottom.











# THE CLASS of 2018

### **Twenty-Seven Archons Invested**

On Sunday, October 28, 2018, the Archon Class of 2018 was invested at the Archdiocesan Cathedral of the Holy Trinity in New York following the Divine Liturgy.

It is the Archon, who is the most ardent supporter of the Ecumenical Patriarchate...

Robert A. Buhler, Referendarios Lake Forest, IL

Emanuel J. Cotronakis, Esq., Dikaiophylax Juno Beach, FL

Harry G. Dimopoulos, PhD, Hartophylax Naples, FL

Fotios J. Frangakis, Skevophylax Hermitage, PA

Sam E. Galeotos, Depoutatos Cheyenne, WY John C. Harbilas, Eftaxias Camp Hill, PA

Phillip M. Kafarakis, Depoutatos Silver Spring, MD

George M. Koulianos, DVM, Ostiarios Tarpon Springs, FL

Louis J. Laros, Protonotarios Champaign, IL

George E. Loucas, Esq., Referendarios North Royalton, OH

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William Marusich, DDS, Hartoularios Johnson City, NY

John J. Mindala II, Notarios New York, NY

Matthew Mirones, Aktouarios Staten Island, NY

Anthony F. Pantazopoulos, Orphanotrofos Lower Gwynedd, PA

George F. Pappas, Esq., Nomophylax Washington, DC Steve J. Paragioudakis, MD, Ostiarios Wayside, NJ

John Patzakis, Esq., Protekdikos San Marino, CA

Michael P. Psyllos, Esq., Kastrinsios Port Washington, NY

Dimitrios P. Rozanitis, Maestor Philadelphia, PA

Nicholas Seketa, DPM, Ritor Johnson City, NY

Sarantos Vallas, Eftaxias Brooklyn, NY James D. Vavas, Maestor Brooklyn, NY

Howard E. West, Jr., Notarios Carnegie, PA

Chris G. Yiantsou, MD, Aktouarios Colleyville, TX

Steve E. Zeis, Skevophylax Asheville, NC

...and serves as a goodwill ambassador of the Phanar in his daily life.

## The ENTHRONEMENT

### Archons offer assistance in Enthronement preparations of Archbishop Elpidophoros, Exarch of the Ecumenical Patriarchate

His Eminence Archbishop Elpidophoros of America was enthroned at the Archdiocesan Cathedral of the Holy Trinity on Saturday, June 22, in New York City. It was an immense honor for the Order of Saint Andrew the Apostle, Archons of the Ecumenical Patriarchate, to participate in the Enthronement and the luncheon that followed. Over 1,700 people attended the luncheon and over 1,300 the Enthronement.





### **Key Figure**

Archon George Gigicos was a key figure in the organization of the Enthronement's minute-by-minute execution.



#### **Arrival Preparations**

Archons Nicholas J. Furris, Alexander Pritsos, Sergeant at Arms, and Michael Karloutsos discuss logistics for the Archbishop's arrival at JFK Airport.



### Getting the Word out

Archon Theo Nicolakis gets assistance from his daughter, Ephemia, on live streaming the Archbishop's arrival to JFK Airport and during the Enthronement.



### A Warm Greeting

Archon Andrew Veniopoulos instructs the youth on greeting the Archbishop outside the Cathedral as he arrives for his Enthronement.



### **Luncheon Speakers**

Some of the Archons who spoke at the luncheon included Archon C. Dean Metropoulos, Chairman, Faith Endowment; Anthony J. Limberakis, M.D., National Commander, Order of Saint Andrew; and Archon Mike Emanuel, Master of Ceremonies.

# TOWN HALL METING

<sup>66</sup> We are not doing a revolution. We are just applying the canons."

-Metropolitan Emmanuel

### Archons host Virtual Town Hall Meeting on Ukrainian Autocephaly

The first-ever Virtual Town Hall Meeting hosted by the Order of Saint Andrew the Apostle was a resounding success. Hundreds of Orthodox faithful from all over the world dialed in on Saturday, January 26, 2019, to hear an illuminating, edifying, and balanced discussion of the issues surrounding the autocephaly of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church and the prerogatives and responsibilities of the Ecumenical Patriarchate.

An expert panel delved into a wide range of questions from listeners regarding the autocephaly of the Church in Ukraine, cutting through complexities, explaining highly controverted issues, and placing this much-debated issue within its proper spiritual, ecclesiastical, theological, and geopolitical contexts.

The panelists included His Eminence Metropolitan Emmanuel of France; the Rev. Nicholas E. Denysenko, PhD; and Vera Shevzov, PhD; moderating was Archon George E. Demacopoulos, PhDof Fordham University, the Co-Director of the Orthodox Christian Studies Center and Historian of the Order.



Dr. Demacopoulos Town Hall Moderator Fordham University, Co-Director, Orthodox Christian Studies Center, Moderator For 27 years, we had a situation of division in Ukraine...The Ecumenical Patriarchate as the Mother Church was really interested in finding a solution. It was not about



Metropolitan Emmanuel Representative of the Ecumenical Patriarchate

politics, or geopolitics. It was about doing something for those people who were there and were divided."

### The

autocephalous movement in Ukraine "originated in 1917. From 1917 to 1921, supporters of autocephaly sought Ukrainization



**Dr. Denysenko** Valparaiso University, Emil and Elfriede Jochum Professor and Chair

of Church life, primarily the use of vernacular Ukrainian for the Liturgy, and the restoration of certain customs that had disappeared since the eighteenth century."

The historical complexities of the distant past... are overshadowed and outweighed by the more immediate Soviet atheist past and its legacy....It is the impact of the Soviet experience



**Dr. Shevzov** Smith College, Professor of Religion, Russian, East European and Eurasian Studies

on Orthodoxy which informs the ecclesial sensibilities and realities on the ground in today's Ukraine." The Virtual Town Hall Meeting demonstrated that the Order of Saint Andrew's dedication to informing the Orthodox faithful about the key issues confronting our Mother Church,



Anthony J. Limberakis, MD National Commander, Order of Saint Andrew

and our commitment to hosting open, balanced and enlightening discussions in the service of the Ecumenical Patriarchate and all Orthodox Christians. Truly this was a groundbreaking initiative."

## CONDEMNATIONS

## The Order decries Erdogan's statement regarding converting the Hagia Sophia to a mosque

Turkish authorities have declared for several years now their intention to convert Hagia Sophia into a mosque. On March 24, 2019, Erdogan was asked in an interview whether the Hagia Sophia would be converted to a mosque. He replied: "This is not unlikely. We might even change its name to Ayasofya Mosque." The Order urgently requested that the United Nations and the U.S. State Department and Commission on Religious Freedom act to prevent this, given the Hagia Sophia's importance for Christians and the deleterious effect this change would have upon Turkey's embattled Christian minority. Converting the Hagia Sophia to a mosque would further undermine the position of the Christians of that nation, making their situation all the more precarious. We ask instead that the government of Turkey affirm its commitment to religious freedom and discard all plans to change the status of the Hagia Sophia.



To the editor:

### Responding to Washington Post Op-Ed by Turkish President Erdogan

The Washington Post published an oped by Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan on March 19 on the attacks on mosques in New Zealand. Erdogan wrote: "I categorically reject any attempt to associate last week's terrorist attacks with the teachings, morals or maxims of Christianity." Dr. Anthony J. Limberakis, National Commander submitted the following Letter to the Editor to the Washington Post in response to Erdogan. Until Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan stops assaulting the religious freedom of the Spiritual Head of the second largest Christian Church in the world, Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew of Orthodox Christianity, who is headquartered in Istanbul, he has no right to opine as a friend of Christianity in an Op Ed in the Washington Post.

Described by a major American leader as "one of the two most Christlike people I have ever met," Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew is the 269th direct successor of Christ's first Apostle Andrew, who preached in what is today Turkey. His All-Holiness was the first religious leader to move Muslim leaders to condemn 9/11 as an "anti-religious act," and one of the few to receive the US Congress' highest award, the Congressional Gold Medal.

Yet President Erdogan refuses to: return thousands of confiscated properties back to the Church; recognize the Ecumenical Patriarch as more than a local bishop; or reopen the Patriarchal seminary of Halki. President Erdogan's treatment of the Ecumenical Patriarch has created an atmosphere in Turkey such that death threats have been all too frequent.

Until President Erdogan changes his dangerously anti-Christian treatment of the Ecumenical Patriarch, he has no credibility on the world stage.

### Reproductive Health Act is 'An Act of Barbarism'

The Order of Saint Andrew the Apostle, Archons of the Ecumenical Patriarchate, strongly condemns the State of New York's new Reproductive Health Act that was passed on January 22, 2019. This new law allows abortions up to the moment of birth and gives people who are not doctors the right to perform abortions.

The Order also deplores the celebratory atmosphere su-

### Hailed as progress?

To commemorate the passing of the Reproductive Health Act, the Freedom Tower at the World Trade Center was lit up in pink.

rrounding the new law, as One World Trade Center was lit pink to commemorate the passage of the law, as if it represented a great advance for the rights of women. The rights of no human being are ever advanced at the expense of another. The State of New York will not truly have respect for the rights of women until it once again restores legal protections for every human being, from his or her first moment of existence until natural death.

Hailed as progress, New York's Reproductive Health Act is not actually an advance, but a regression, a return to a time of barbarism when the weak were at the mercy of the strong and had no protection from legal structures or governing authorities.

The Order implores New York's legislators to reconsider this dangerous new law and reinstitute protections for all human life, no matter how weak and vulnerable. Only when such protections exist can any society truly prosper.

#### by Rev. Alexander Karloutsos

Protopresbyter of the Ecumenical Patriarchate, Spiritual Advisor of the Order

# HONORS & AWARDS



### Archon Patterson honored with Fordham University's Fordham Founders Award

At the 18th annual Fordham Founder's Dinner at Fordham University Archon Solon P. Patterson and his wife Marianna were honored with the Fordham Founder's Award on on March 25, 2019.



### Archon Catsimatidis honored with the Deus Caritas Award of Catholic Charities

On April 4, at the Tenth Annual Gala of Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of New York, Archon John A. Catsimatidis was honored with the Deus Caritas Award by His Eminence Timothy Michael Cardinal Dolan.



### Archon Cherpelis honored by Archdiocesan Cathedral

On March 8, the Archdiocesan Cathedral of the Holy Trinity celebrated its 84th annual Cathedral Gala which honored Archon Stephen Cherpelis.



## Archon Marcus is Grand Marshal of NY's Greek Parade

Archon George M. Marcus was chosen to be the Grand Marshal of the 2019 Greek Independence Day Parade, which was held on April 14.

### Archbishop Elpidophoros appoints Father Alexander Karloutsos as Vicar General of the Archdiocese

His Eminence Archbishop Elpidophoros of America appointed the Rev. Protopresbyter Alexander Karloutsos, our Archon Spiritual Advisor, to be the Vicar General of the Holy Archdiocese of America. The office of Vicar General is an extraordinary office, one which is used only at the discretion of the Archbishop. The last Vicar General of the Archdiocese served under the late and blessed Archbishop lakovos. Father Alex has served our Holy Archdiocese and Ecumenical Patriarchate with distinction for over forty years. His service as Vicar General recognizes his unique abilities and role to advance the mission of the Church."

### **Archbishop Elpidophoros**

Speaking of the appointment, His Eminence said: "Father Alex, as he is known to all, has served our Holy Archdiocese and Ecumenical Patriarchate with distinction for over forty years. His service as Vicar General recognizes his unique abilities and role to advance the mission of the Church. I look forward to his continuing fruitful ministry to our Church."



## SYMPOSIUMS, Lectures & Retreats

## Rev. Dr. Perry Hamalis leads National Archon Lenten Retreat in Southampton

The Order was pleased to have Rev. Deacon Perry T. Hamalis, Ph.D., Cecelia Schneller Mueller Professor of Religion, 2015-16 Fulbright Scholar, Yonsei University (Seoul, Republic of Korea), as its retreat speaker on the topic "Lent as Liberation," for the 16th Annual Archon Lenten Retreat, April 12-14, 2019. The retreat brought together over 100 Archons, spouses and participants which allowed everyone to grow in their spirituality, join together in fellowship and prayer, and reenergize their commitment in the pursuit of religious freedom for the Mother Church of Constantinople.



**Spirituality Chairman** Peter J. Skeadas, National Treasurer







### National Secretary Judge Bozonelis presents Lenten Lecture

On March 13, 2019, the Hon B. Theodore Bozonelis, National Secretary of the Order, presented The Ecumenical Patriarchate: The Struggle for Religious Freedom, at St. Nicholas Church. The lecture covered the history of the Orthodox Christian Church, persecution of Christians and Archon initiatives.



### Reviving The Female Diaconate In The Orthodox Church

An Archon symposium was held at the St. Sophia, Sts. Faith, Hope and Agape Greek Orthodox Church in Jeffersonville, PA on March 30, 2019, focusing on the historical, canonical and ecctlesiastical status of the female diaconate, including a fresh look at the role of deacons in the Orthodox Church and an examination of whether the Church will lose young women if questions around the female diaconate are not addressed.

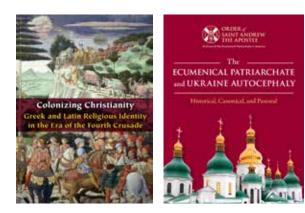
The symposium was organized by Regional Commander Dr. Cary J. Limberakis and moderated by the Order's Historian Archon George E. Demacopoulos, Ph. D. with lectures presented by the Rev. Dr. John Chryssavgisk; Teva Regule, PhD, of Boston College; Kyra Limberakis, M.T.S., Director of the CrossRoad Summer Institute and Assistant Director of the Office of Vocation & Ministry at Hellenic College Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology; and Carrie Frederick Frost, PhD, of Saint Sophia Orthodox Seminary (UOC of USA).



### Archons of the Metropolis of Chicago hold business retreat

The Metropolis of Chicago Archons held their 4th Annual Archon Business Retreat at the St. Iakovos Retreat Center in Kansasville, Wisconsin on March 2. Prior to the commencement of the meeting, His Eminence Metropolitan Nathanael held a Memorial Service and read the names of the 61 Metropolis of Chicago Archons who have fallen asleep in the Lord.

## NEW RESOURCES



### Archon Demacopoulos authors new book on 'Colonizing Christianity'

The Orthodox Christian Studies Center of Fordham University announced the publication of a new book in the Fordham University Press series Orthodox Christianity and Contemporary Thought.

Colonizing Christianity employs postcolonial critique to analyze the transformations of Greek and Latin religious identity in the wake of the Fourth Crusade. Through close readings of texts from the period of Latin occupation, this book argues that the experience of colonization splintered the Greek community over how best to respond to the Latin other while illuminating the mechanisms by which Western Christians authorized and exploited the Christian East. The experience of colonial subjugation opened permanent fissures within the Orthodox community, which struggled to develop a consistent response to aggressive demands for submission to the Roman Church.

### Archon Sotiropoulos, editor for Ukraine Autocephaly book

The Order presented 'The Ecumenical Patriarchate and Ukraine Autocephaly: Historical, Canonical, and Pastoral Perspectives' in portable eBook format.

The goal of this eBook was to present information regarding the Ecumenical Patriarchate and Ukraine Autocephaly that edifies and imparts grace to its readers (cf. Ephesians 4:29). In the words of Archon Evagelos Sotiropoulos, editor, "The articles in this essay will hopefully add a measured quantity of love and hope – and fact – on the issue of the Ecumenical Patriarchate and Ukraine Autocephaly."

### Archons sponsor five powerful explainer videos on key issues relating to the Ecumenical Patriarchate today

The Order developed a unique fivevideo series that provided solid, concise, and readily understandable information on some of the key issues regarding the Ecumenical Patriarchate.

This video series, available in English, Ukrainian, and Russian, explores five core issues of crucial importance for the Mother Church and for Orthodox Christians worldwide today. These brief but comprehensive videos help grasp the issues at stake, understand why there are controversies and what the disagreements are all about, and explain clearly and simply the position of the Ecumenical Patriarchate.

**First Among Equals** 



Advocate to the Christian World

Bridgebuilder to Other Faiths



The Green Patriarch

The Current Situation in Ukraine





# EFFORTS IN EUROPE

### Ecumenical Patriarchate's Religious Freedom issues presented by Archons Caras and Sisson at annual OSCE Human Rights Conference in Warsaw, Poland

The Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE) convenes its Human Dimension Implementation Meeting (HDIM) in Warsaw, Poland each year. HDIM is Europe's largest annual human rights and democracy conference. Approximately 2,000 usually attend. The meeting is organized as a platform for the 57 OSCE participating nation states, international organizations and other relevant actors to assess OSCE human dimension commitments, discuss associated challenges, share good practices and make recommendations for further improvement. This year the meeting took place in September.

Archons Constantine G. Caras and Franklin Rocky Sisson, representing the Order, submitted written statements, and presented oral arguments detailing the discrimination and impediments to religious freedom faced by the Ecumenical Patriarchate in Turkey today. The Turkish ambassador to the OSCE, who attends during presentations by the Order, is offered the opportunity to respond, and your representatives then may enter into further off-site dialogue as warranted. The Archons representing the Order always confer with the participating U. S. State Department representatives, so that they may

understand the issues, the Ambassador of the Greek Republic to the OSCE, and others in attendance sympathetic to the Ecumenical Patriarchate.

Archon Sisson addressed the Conference on September 19, focusing on the denial of religious freedom imposed upon the Ecumenical Patriarchate and Orthodox Christians by the Turkish Government, and on September 24 Archon Caras spoke about discrimination by the Turkish Government against the Ecumenical Pa-



triarchate and Orthodox Christians because of their religious beliefs and practices.



### **OSCE in Warsaw**

The OSCE has a comprehensive approach to security that encompasses politicomilitary, economic and environmental, and human aspects. It therefore addresses a wide range of security-related concerns, including arms control, confidence- and security-building measures, human rights, national minorities, democratization, policing strategies, counter-terrorism and economic and environmental activities. All 57 participating States enjoy equal status, and decisions are taken by consensus on a politically, but not legally binding basis.

### EFFORTS IN Europe

Archons delegation makes mission to Austria– Current seat of European Union Presidency

With the blessings of His All-Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew and His Eminence Archbishop Demetrios, former of America, a delegation of the Order of Saint Andrew the Apostle, in a continuation of the Archons' Religious Freedom Mission, visited Vienna, Austria, the current seat of the European Union Presidency; and Budapest, Hungary, from November 3 to November 10, 2018. The Order's delegation was comprised of National Commander Dr. Anthony J. Limberakis, National Secretary Hon. B. Theodore Bozonelis and Spiritual Advisor Fr. Alexander Karloutsos, who were all accompanied by their wives, Dr. Maria A. Limberakis, A. Helen Bozonelis and Presbytera Xanthi Karloutsos.

Joining and leading the delegation were His Eminence Metropolitan Emmanuel of France and His Eminence Metropolitan Arsenios of Austria and Exarch of Hungary and Central Europe. They planned and coordinated an intensive schedule that included 14 separate meetings with religious leaders, heads of state, and diplomats. The delegation focused on the message of advocating religious freedom for the Ecumenical Patriarchate in Turkey and Orthodox Christians worldwide, human rights, and the right of self-determination for the Ukrainian Orthodox Church in the grant of autocephalous status by His All-Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew. In this regard, it was most propitious that Metropolitan Emmanuel led the delegation, as he was intimately involved in the Autocephalous process for the Orthodox Church in Ukraine, having represented His All-Holiness in Moscow, Kiev and at the 14 Autocephalous Orthodox Christian Churches.



**First President** Archon delegation with First President of the Austrian Parliament, Mag. Wolfgang Sobotka.



### A Spiritual and Inspired Beginning

The Order began its Religious Freedom Mission upon arrival in Vienna. His Eminence Metropolitan Arsenios hosted a welcoming reception for the delegation at the historic Metropolis of Austria followed by a meeting with His Excellency Catholic Bishop Agidius J. Zsifkovics of Eisenstadt. Issues discussed at the meeting included the venerable history of the Orthodox Christian Church in Austria; and the mutual cooperation, respect and assistance between the Orthodox Christian and Catholic Churches in Austria, including land grants to the Metropolis of Austria by the Catholic Church.

The delegation sought spiritual guidance at and attended a concert in the Metropolis' beautiful Holy Trinity Cathedral and visited the Chapel of Saint John Chrysostom in Vienna's historic Greichenviertel (Greek Quarter). The Greek Quarter also houses some of Austria's oldest buildings including the site where the world's first newspaper in Greek was published and where Greek revolutionary leaders met to plan for the War of Independence in 1821.

The following day, on Sunday November 4, 2018, the delegation led by Metropolitan Arsenios attended Divine Liturgy and participated in a procession of Icons at the re-



Secretary General Thomas Greminger of the OSCE



**U.S. Ambassador to Austria** The Honorable Trevor D. Traina



#### **Roman Catholic Bishop**

On Saturday, November 3, 2018, the Archon delegation met with His Excellency Bishop Ägidius J. Zsifkovics of Eisenstadt at the Metropolis of Austria, led by His Eminence Metropolitan Arsenios of Austria.

cently founded Orthodox Christian Church in the town of Traiskirchen to the south of Vienna, where the Liturgy was chanted in the vernacular, German. This was followed by a luncheon where the Order offered a donation to the Parish to assist in its ministry.

During the week, Metropolitan Arsenios led the delegation on a journey to Budapest, Hungary to visit the Exarchate of Hungary of the Ecumenical Patriarchate and the new building donated by the Hungarian government that will become the centre of the Exarchate in Hungary. While in Hungary. Metropolitan Arsenios also led the delegation to the village of Szigetszententmiklos (St. Nikolaus Island) on the Danube River, south of Budapest, to visit a newly renovated Orthodox Christian parish. It was purchased in a residential area where the volunteer Priest whose lay profession is a teacher of Information Technology, Father Robert Szentirmai, built the Iconostasios by hand, as he is a master woodcarver. The Order, inspired by his dedication and the visionary leadership very apparent in the Metropolis, offered a donation to Metropolitan Arsenios to complete the purchase of the church edifice, a converted home.

### Meetings with the Heads of State of Austria

With Austria holding the current rotating presidency of the European Union, the delegation, with the important assistance of Metropolitan Arsenios and Metropolitan Emmanuel, was privileged to meet with the heads of state of Austria. Discussions focused on the religious freedom issues for the Ecumenical Patriarchate in Turkey, persecution of Christians worldwide, and human rights for all faiths.

Most important, the delegation was honored to meet with the Chancellor of Austria, Sebastian Kurz, the head of state. The Chancellor is 32 years old and the youngest head of state in Europe. His political party and political views are Christian-democratic and conservative. He has combated radical Islam and ended the foreign state funding of mosques and imams' salaries in Austria. With the presidency of the European Union, the Chancellor has championed security and the fight against illegal immigration as a central issue. In discussions with the delegation, the Chancellor fully supports the Order's religious freedom issues on behalf of the Ecumenical Patriarchate and has a close working relationship and respect for Metropolitan Arsenios.

The delegation also met with the First President of the Austrian Parliament, Mag. Wolfgang Sobotka. His position is similar to the Speaker of the House in the U.S. Congress. He is the presiding officer of Austria's National Council. The meeting was held as an official visit with the Austrian government attended by various government officials and staff which indicated the respect for the Order's issues and the high priority that the Austrian government places on religious freedom. The First President expressed an understanding of the restrictions on the religious freedom, the lack of legal status for the Ecumenical Patriarchate, and the need for the European Union to be vigilant.

A subsequent meeting was also held with the Third President of the Austrian Parliament, Anneliese Kitzmuller, who also indicated her political party's strong support for religious freedom and the need to both counter the persecution of Christians and protect the Christian faith.

### **Diplomat Meetings**

### **Embassies**

In Vienna, the delegation met with the Honorable Trevor D. Traina, bilateral Ambassador of the United States to Austria. The delegation advocated for the strong support of the United States as to the religious freedom issues faced by the Ecumenical Patriarchate in Turkey, persecution of Christians worldwide, and the canonical and political significance of granting autocephalous status for the Ukrainian Orthodox Church. Ambassador Traina was knowledgeable and receptive to the Order's concerns.

Two additional and separate meetings followed on these issues with Her Excellency Elena Rafti, Ambassador of the Republic of Cyprus in Austria and with His Excellency Nikolaos Sapountzis, Charge d' Affaires a.i.,of the Hellenic Republic in Austria.

### Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE)

The OSCE is an important component of the multifaceted international religious freedom initiatives of the Order, as each year the Order sends a delegation to the OSCE annual human rights meetings held in Warsaw, Poland. The OSCE is headquartered in Vienna and the Order had significant meetings with the current holder of the OSCE Presidency (Italy), the incoming OSCE Presidency beginning in January (Slovakia) and the Secretary General of the entire OSCE. Consonant with our mission, the Order concentrated its efforts to promote human rights and religious freedom for the Ecumenical Patriarchate and all Orthodox Christians in six separate meetings during the week. The mission of the OSCE is to work for stability, peace and democracy among the 57 participating countries. The meetings emphasized the importance of the recognition of the systematic persecution of Christians in Turkey, and the understanding of the grant of autocephalous status



### **Cooperation Among All Faiths**

National Commander Limberakis with His Excellency Fahad Abualnasar, Director General of the KAICIID Dialogue Centre

for the Ukrainian Orthodox Church.

Meetings were held with the Honorable Harry Kamian, Charge d' Affaires a.i., to the U.S. Mission to the OSCE; Ambassador Alessandro Azzoni (Italy), Chairperson of the OSCE Permanent Council; Ambassador Bohac, Permanent Representative of the Slovak Republic to the OSCE: Ambassador Alexis Zannos, Greek Permanent Mission to the OSCE; Ambassador Ioannis Vrailas, Permanent Representative of the European Union to the OSCE; and an overall analysis and final meeting with Secretary General Thomas Greminger of the OSCE.

Encouraged by Ambassador Bohac, the delegation also travelled to nearby Bratislava, the capital of Slovakia, along the Danube River and there had an impromptu visit with the Counsel of the Embassy of Greece in Slovakia.

### Interfaith Dialogue

The delegation also had a meeting and luncheon with His Excellency Fahad Abualnasar, Director General of the KAICIID Dialogue Centre (King Abdullah bin Abdulaziz International Centre for Interreligious and Intercultural Dialogue) in Vienna to discuss cooperation, respect and understanding among Muslims and Christians, and all faiths. The Centre promotes interreligious and intercultural dialogue. Metropolitan Emmanuel is a member of the Board of Directors as the representative of our Orthodox Christian faith. At the meeting a poignant exchange took place regarding the unique concerns of Muslim women in the United States in the context of medical care with Director General Abualnasar and Dr. Maria Limberakis, a primary care physician.

### The Ministry of Presence

Leaving the comfort of our homes and safety in the United States and traveling half way around the world to meet in personwith these religious and government leaders, diplomats, and organizations was and continues to be the most effective form of communication and the transmission of our message. It allowed a meaningful dialogue to advocate for the protection and preservation of the Ecumenical Patriarchate. The mission of the Order of Saint Andrew the Apostle requires no less, and the delegation was honored to accept this responsibility on behalf of the Order.

# EFFORTS IN AMERICA

### Archons attend Religious Freedom Ministerial; Host Religious Freedom Sidebar at U.S. Capitol with Speaker Nancy Pelosi, Members of Congress and Diplomats

The Order held a sidebar during the U.S. Department of State Ministerial to Advance Religious Freedom at the United States Capitol Visitor Center led by Archbishop Elpidophoros, on July 17. In attendance were numerous members of Congress, including Nancy Pelosi (D-CA), Speaker of the United States House of Representatives. The Order was invited to present a sidebar during the State Department Ministerial by U.S. Ambassador for International Religious Freedom Sam Brownback at a previous dinner meeting the ambassador had with the Archon leadership.



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## Many of the Notable Speakers at the Archon Sidebar



His Beatitude Theophilos Patriarch of Jerusalem



Archon Congressman Gus Bilirakis U.S. Representative



**Rep. John Sarbanes** House Energy and Commerce Committee

Nancy Pelosi Speaker of the House of Representatives



**Rep. Chris Smith** House Foreign Affairs Global Rights Subcommittee



**Rep. Nita Lowey** Chair of the House Committee on Appropriations



**Eliot Engel** Chairman of the House Committee on Foreign Affairs



His Eminence Archbishop Angaelos of London Coptic Orthodox Church



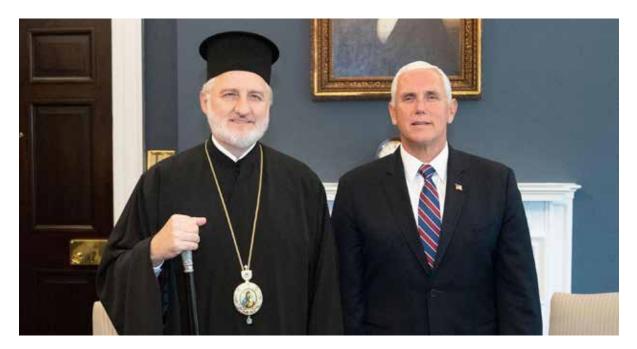
**Chris Van Hollen** United States Senator





### **New York**

Shortly after his enthronement, Archbishop Elpidophoros met with Secretary Alex M. Azar II, United States Secretary of Health and Human Services, who represented the President at his enthronement. This meeting helped pave the way for His Eminence's July 2019 visits with the President of the United States and other government officials.



### Washington, D.C.

During his visit for the State Department's Ministerial to Advance Religious Freedom, Archbishop Elpidophoros met with senior government officials and politicans.





### Meeting with D.C. Leaders

Archbishop Elpidophoros meets with President Donald J. Trump in the Oval Office, below; Wilbur Ross, United States Secretary of Commerce, above left; Senator Chuck Schumer, United States Senate minority leader, above; and Brian Bulatao, Under Secretary of State for Management.







### EFFORTS IN America

### Washington, D.C.

Special Advisor to the Vice President for Europe and Russia L. Gabrielle Cowan and Deputy Counsel to the Vice President Eleni M. Roumel, above, and Judge Gregory G. Katsas of the D.C. Circuit Court of Appeals, right, organized by Archons Andrew and Mike Manatos.

### **New York**

On February 27, Holy Cross/Hellenic College seminarians gathered at the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese where they had the opportunity to become further educated on the work of the Order of Saint Andrew. National Vice Commander John Halecky, Archon Alexander Pritsos, Sergeant at Arms and Archon George Tsougarakis offered presentations on the work of the Order.







### Chicago

On July 3, Regional Commanders Gus M. Pablecas and John G. Manos addressed the 97th AHEPA Supreme Convention in Chicago, IL. on "Religious Freedom and Christian Persecution in the 21st Century."



### **New York**

Archbishop Elpidophoros of America, Exarch of the Ecumenical Patriarchate, had a meeting with the President of the Republic of Turkey Recep Tayyip Erdogan at Manhattan's Cipriani Hotel, September 25, 2019.

The meeting was cordial and the discussion revolved around issues of minorities in Greece and Turkey, the need of restoration of the Orphanage on the Island of Prinkipos (Buyukada) and the prospects of reopening the Theological School of Halki.

His Eminence emphasized all issues concerning the total protection of Religious Freedom and Human Rights in general.



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