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Introducing the...



ECUMENICAL PATRIARCH BARTHOLOMEW FOUNDATION

For the Sacred See of Saint Andrew

A WATERSHED, NEW INITIATIVE

Granting economic independence to the Ecumenical Patriarchate to fulfill its apostolic missionin perpetuity.

The time has come for Orthodox Christians around the world to come together and ensure that the voice of the Apostolic Throne of Andrew never goes silent and the Spiritual Center of our Faith is able to lead Christ's Holy Church for generations to come. In honor of His All-Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew's upcoming 30th Enthronement Anniversary, we are establishing the Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew Foundation as a global initiative to:



Grant Economic Independence

Provide financial resources to sustain, in perpetuity, the religious, educational and philanthropic institutions of the Mother Church.



Increase Orthodox Christian Presence on Global Stage

Offer support to the Ecumenical Patriarchate to encourage their presence around the globe. This will increase opportunities for dialogue with various world, environmental, and religious leaders, without being asphyxiated by financial constraints.



Foster Increased Inter-Orthodox Dialogue

Supply economic assistance necessary for the Sacred Throne of Andrew to sponsor international conferences and meetings, amongst all jurisdictions, thereby strengthening the unity of the worldwide Orthodox Church.



Expand Charitable and Humanitarian Aid

As the Ecumenical Patriarch represents the Orthodox faithful throughout the world, we offer His All-Holiness our prayers and financial support, so he may extend philanthropia on our behalf to those in need.



Archbishop Elpidophoros gives presentation on Bartholomew Foundation to the Synaxis of Hierarchs at the Phanar

On September 2, 2021, His Eminence Archbishop Elpidophoros of America delivered a multimedia presentation to the Synaxis of Hierarchs of the Ecumenical Throne gathered from around the world concerning the foundation and progress of the Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew Foundation, which to date has raised over 15 million dollars to secure the financial foundation of the Holy Mother Church in perpetuity.

His Eminence Archbishop Elpidophoros explained: "The core mission of the Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew Foundation is fundamental to our Holy Church: sustaining the Ecumenical Patriarchate of Constantinople and securing its financial stability for future generations. The Hierarchs' support for the Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew Foundation is the quintessential fulfillment of this mission." The Archbishop's presentation reflected his longstanding desire and dream to establish a Patriarchal Endowment. From the very beginning of his Archpastoral Ministry in America when he was fully apprised of this watershed initiative, he embraced it wholeheartedly and has promoted it among the Metropolises of the GOA and all the major organizations of the Diaspora in America.

Dr. Anthony J. Limberakis, National Commander of the Order of Saint Andrew the Apostle, Archons of the Ecumenical Patriarchate, and Chair of the Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew Foundation, stated: "The presentation of His Eminence Archbishop Elpidophoros that was given to the Synaxis at the invitation of the Ecumenical Patriarch is consonant with the strategic plan to develop



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the Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew Foundation into a global initiative. We are encouraged that Hierarchs around the world under the omophoreon of the Ecumenical Throne will lead their flocks, parishes and metropolises to become essential constituents of this watershed undertaking of the Order of Saint Andrew, Archons of the Ecumenical Patriarchate in America, to ensure the financial foundation of the Holy Mother Church."

Dr. Limberakis added: "The establishment of the Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew Foundation by the Order truly is a watershed response to a deep and longstanding need to establish a solid financial foundation for the Ecumenical Patriarchate. Indeed, the time has finally come for Orthodox Christians around the world to join together and ensure that the voice of the Apostolic Throne of Andrew never goes

silent and the Spiritual Center of our Faith is able to lead Christ's Holy Church for generations to come. We are gratified that the Synaxis of Hierarchs was fully apprised of this global initiative by Archbishop Elpidophoros to establish a reliable, substantial charitable foundation to fund the worldwide salvific ministries of the Ecumenical Patriarchate; increase the Orthodox Christian presence on the global stage; foster increased inter-Orthodox dialogue; and expand charitable and humanitarian aid."

Concluding his remarks, Dr. Limberakis said: "We are all inspired by the words of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ: 'I am the vine, you are the branches; he who abides in Me and I in him, he bears much fruit, for apart from Me you can do nothing.'" (John 15:5)

THE VITAL NEED FOR THE ECUMENICAL PATRIARCH BARTHOLOMEW FOUNDATION

BY THEODORE KALMOUKOS



The National Herald: Dr. Limberakis, tell us about the Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew Foundation.

Dr. Limberakis: I have been looking forward to answering that question for almost 20 years! Thanks you so much Mr. Kalmoukos for the opportunity to do so!

A patriarchal foundation exclusively dedicated to fortify the financial underpinnings of the Ecumenical Patriarchate, the Spiritual Center of World Orthodoxy, has been the desire of many individuals for decades: Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew himself, Archbishop Elpidophoros even as a deacon, Fr. Alex Karloutsos and many Archons. In fact, it has been my dream to initiate this ever since my appointment as National Commander in 1998 because the Ecumenical Patriarchate has never had a reliable and consistent charitable foundation or endowment to fund its worldwide ministries, as do all other major faiths. However, over the years the Order prioritized addressing the existential threat of the egregious Religious Freedom deficit asphyxiating the Mother Church and our efforts were concentrated in that threatening realm. Nevertheless, in May 2018 I established a formal committee of the National Council of the Order of St. Andrew chaired by Archon George E. Safiol and co-chaired by Archon John A. Catsimatidis and Michael G. Psaros to seek the ways and means to establish a formal Patriarchal Foundation. The original committee was comprised of the Officers of the Order (Vice Commander John Halecky, Jr., National Secretary Hon. B. Theodore Bozonelis and National Treasurer Peter J. Skeadas) and Archons Tom Constance, Peter Kakoyiannis and Chris Stratakis who all had expertise in various fields: legal, financial and busi-

ness. Spiritual guidance was offered by Fr. Alex, the Order's Spiritual Advisor, who actively participated in all the committee meetings, many of which were held in the board room of the company of Archon John A. Catsimatidis, the Order's Chair of the Religious Freedom Committee. These monthly committee meetings were detailed, substantive, and comprehensive.

When Fr. Alex and Presbyteria Xanthi Karloutsos were selected to receive the 2018 Athenagoras Human Rights Award, the National Council voted to earmark all donations that would be raised from that event for the exclusive use of the Ecumenical Patriarchate, an event which raised a record \$1.4 million and it was these monies which in essence established the initial funding of the Foundation. This milestone Athenagoras Human Rights Award Banquet was attended by individuals from around the world, including His Eminence Metropolitan Emmanuel of France (and now Geron of Chalcedon) and former Vice President and now President Joe Biden. By January 28, 2019 the Foundation was formally incorporated as a charitable entity in the State of New York, with our subsequent application to the IRS as a 501c3 application approved on August 26, 2020.

The election of His Eminence Elpidophoros of America on May 11, 2019 and his enthronement in New York City on June 22, 2019 assured the success of the Foundation. His Eminence is a true son of the Ecumenical Patriarchate, having spent his entire ecclesiastical life at the Phanar first as deacon, then as priest-monk, then as Metropolitan of Bursa, and finally as Abbot of the Holy Trinity Monastery on Halki (founded by St. Photios the Great

In this exclusive interview with the National Herald, Dr. Anthony J. Limberakis, the National Commander of the Order of Saint Andrew the Apostle, Archons of the Ecumenical Patriarchate and chair of the Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew Foundation, explains the mission of the Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew Foundation, the circumstances of its founding, the vital need it addresses, and why every Greek Orthodox Christian should support it. This illuminating and informative interview provides a concise explanation of the crucial importance of this new initiative.



The Vital Need

in the 9th century) and Dean of the Halki School of Theology, which has been forcibly closed by the Turkish government for 50 years. His Eminence Archbishop Elpidophoros is the official representative of the Ecumenical Patriarch and is a voting member of the Board of Trustees.

The initial name of the Foundation was the St. Andrew Ecumenical Patriarchal Fund but it was later changed by the Board of Trustees to the Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew Foundation, as a lasting tribute to His All-Holiness Bartholomew, the longest serving Ecumenical Patriarch, Archbishop of Constantinople-New Rome in history. In fact, the central element of the Foundation's logo is the official ecclesiastical logo of His All-Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew; so in 50 or 100 years, when the Foundation has hundreds of millions of dollars, the oikumene will always be reminded of the extraordinary and historic legacy of Bartholomew, in perpetuity.

When the organizing committee was deliberating on the various details of the Foundation, the members all felt strongly that the Foundation's Board of Trustees must include women and two outstanding Orthodox women now serve in that capacity: Maria Allwin and Aphrodite Skeadas.

The establishment of the Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew Foundation by the Order truly is a watershed response to a deep and longstanding need to establish a solid financial foundation for the Ecumenical Patriarchate. Indeed, the time has finally come for Orthodox Christians around the world to join together and ensure that the voice of the Apostolic Throne of Andrew never goes silent and the Spiritual Center of our Faith is able to lead Christ's Holy Church for generations to come. It is a global initiative to:

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- Increase the Orthodox Christian presence on the global stage;
- Foster increased inter-Orthodox dialogue; and
- Expand charitable and humanitarian aid.

TNH: How can someone participate in this effort to assist the Mother Church?

Dr. Limberakis: Everyone can directly participate in the Foundation to ensure the economic strength of the Ecumenical Patriarchate.... From modest donations to the FOUNDING MEMBER level of \$100,000. Simply go to our website (on which we are still working) at www.bartholomew.foundation, download our outstanding informative brochures, complete a pledge card and email it back to info@bartholomew.foundation. Soon, you will be able to directly make contributions on the actual website. The Bartholomew Foundation enables each and every person to directly and very easily benefit the Spiritual Center of World Orthodoxy by making a contribution according to his or her abilities.

TNH: Why the delay of establishing such a Foundation? Don't you think it should have been established decades ago?

Dr. Limberakis: As much as there was a real necessity to establish a Patriarchal Foundation, the timing was never perfect, and it was put off while the Order was fighting in hand-to-hand combat for Religious Freedom for the Mother church here in the United States and overseas, as the lack of religious freedom was an existential threat to the Ecumenical Patriarchate and required urgent and immediate attention. Never forget the substantive and numerous initiatives of the Order:

1. 50 State Religious Freedom Resolution Project (Chaired by Archon Stephen Georgeson, Atlanta)
2. White House, State Department, Congressional, US Commission on International Religious Freedom Initiatives (Coordinated by Archons Andy and Mike Manatos)
3. European Union Initiatives, traveling to countries serving as rotating EU presidency nations
4. European Court of Human Rights Archon presence (assisted by Jay Sekulow, JD, PhD and Archon Andrew Ekonomou, JD, PhD)
5. The Three Archon International Religious Freedom Conferences held in the European Parliament (2010, Chaired by Archon George C. Rockas, Berlin, Germany

(2013, Chaired by Archon George C. Rockas) and Washington DC (2017, Chaired by Archon Mike Manatos)

6. The Order of St. Andrew Side Bar with Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi held during the administration of President Trump State Department Ministerial, organized by Secretary of State Mike Pompeo (2019, Chaired by Archons Andy and Mike Manatos).
7. Innumerable local symposia and conferences organized by Archon Regional Commanders throughout the United States
8. The Annual Athenagoras Human Rights Award weekends, drawing the world's attention to luminaries in religious freedom and human rights

So you see, Mr. Kalmoukos, the Archons have been fighting around the world and here in the United States for the religious freedom of the Ecumenical Patriarchate and now we have just begun to fight for its FINANCIAL FREEDOM!

TNH: How much money do you anticipate to raise and in what timeframe? And I understand the response in these few weeks since the announcement of the Foundation has been very encouraging. How much money has been raised thus far and by how many participants?

Dr. Limberakis: In the few short weeks after sending out our fundraising brochures and pledge cards, we have raised \$6.75 Million, a remarkable feat which includes the extraordinary \$1,458,000 direct contribution from the Order of St. Andrew, the vast preponderance of which was raised during the 2018 Athenagoras Human Rights Award Banquet honoring Fr. Alexander Karloutsos and Presbyteria Xanthi and the \$1,000,000 Matching Grant from the Nicholas J. and Anna K. Foundation. The Order of St. Andrew is designated as the FOUNDING BENEFACTOR and a FOUNDING MEMBER of the Foundation, along with 46 FOUNDING MEMBERS, as of April 10, 2021.

Ultimately, it is our dream and our aspiration as a Board of Trustees to raise \$30,000,000 by the end of the year in honor of the unparalleled 30-year ministry of His All-Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew.

TNH: Can you please explain to the average Greek-American why it is important to support this Foundation?

Dr. Limberakis: The Ecumenical Patriarchate of Constantinople is the Mother Church of the One Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church, the Orthodox Christian Church, that is the Original Christian Church, unchanged for two millennia due to the vigilance and leadership of the Ecumenical Patriarchate. From the Ecumenical Patriarchate and the Ecumenical Patriarch who holds the status of *primus inter pares* (first among equals) world Orthodoxy receives guidance and inspiration through His All-Holiness Bartholomew's Martyria and Diakonia. His All-Holiness seeks peace and reconciliation among all peoples, advocates the preservation and sanctity of God's Creations, the environment, seeks common ground and dialogue with the Roman Catholics and other Christian denominations, speaks urgently against the heinous human trafficking that confronts the world's innocent victims and granted religious independence to the Orthodox Faithful of Ukraine when he issued their Tomos of Autocephaly on January 5, 2019.

By supporting the Foundation, one supports the Mother Church and ultimately the Word of God ... In accordance with the Ten Commandments, honor thy Father and thy Mother; and that Mr. Kalmoukos is exactly what we are doing, Honoring our Holy Mother Church! Thank you so much for giving the Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew Foundation this tremendous opportunity to convey our message!

TNH: Who is going to oversee and manage the Foundation?

Dr. Limberakis: The Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew Foundation will be managed by its Board of Trustees. The Members of the Board of Trustees of the Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew Foundation are as follows: His Eminence Archbishop Elpidophoros of America, Patriarchal Representative and Exarch of the Ecumenical Patriarchate; Father Alexander Karloutsos, Spiritual Advisor; Anthony J. Limberakis, MD, Chair; George E. Safiol, Vice Chair; Peter Kakoyiannis, Esq., Secretary; Michael G. Psaros, Treasurer; Maria Allwin, Hon. B. Theodore Bozonelis; Thomas S. Cappas,



His All-Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew is greeted by Dr. Anthony J. Limberakis, National Commander of the Order of Saint Andrew and Chair of the Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew Foundation.

Esq.; John A. Catsimatidis; Thomas E. Constance, Esq.; Aphrodite Skeadas; Christopher Stratakis, Esq.

The Board is responsible for the stewardship of all funds donated which will be exclusively used for the worldwide ministry of the Ecumenical Patriarchate. The funds will be managed by the Board of Trustees and its Investment Committee chaired by Archon John A. Catsimatidis.

The Founding Members of the Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew Foundation are as follows (April 9, 2021):

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Hierarchs, Metropolises, Parishes and Organizations become FOUNDERS

These notable FOUNDERS have personally and institutionally committed to ensuring the financial security of the Holy Mother Church the Ecumenical Patriarchate of Constantinople by pledging \$100,000 over 10 years! We wholeheartedly welcome them to the Bartholomew Foundation Family with open arms, as each of them has a noble history of serving our Holy Orthodox Faith.



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Audit Committee

In order to ensure the responsible management of the funds it raises to enable the Ecumenical Patriarchate to fulfill its apostolic mission in perpetuity, the Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew Foundation has now established an Audit Committee. The Chair of the new committee is Mrs. Maria Allwin.

This committee will ensure financial transparency and accountability, which are essential principles for the Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew Foundation. This transparency and accountability will reassure the FOUNDERS, who have each pledged at least \$100,000, and encourage more of the Greek Orthodox faithful to support this noble initiative in service of the Holy Mother Church.

Also serving on the Audit Committee

are Archon Carl R. Hollister and Archon-elect Chris E. Tsamutalis, CPA.

His Eminence Archbishop Elpidophoros of America said: "The formation of the Audit Committee of the Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew Foundation is a vivid demonstration of how seriously the Foundation takes its responsibility to God and His people. This committee will ensure complete accountability in all the initiatives of the Foundation."

Dr. Anthony J. Limberakis, National Commander of the Order of Saint Andrew the Apostle, Archons of the Ecumenical Patriarchate, and Chair of the Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew Foundation, remarked: "The Audit Committee shows our unshakeable com-

mitment to ensuring absolute transparency in all the activities of the Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew Foundation, which will give confidence to current and future donors. We have a fantastic Audit Committee with an outstanding Chair in Maria Allwin, and Committee Members who make us all proud!"

Mrs. Allwin stated: "The focus of the Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew Foundation is on ensuring the ongoing financial stability and security of our Holy Mother Church of Constantinople. The Audit Committee comprises an essential aspect of this mission, as it will provide those who wish to come to the aid of His All-Holiness with the information that need to be sure that their donations are being put to worthy use."

MARIA ALLWIN, Chair

Mrs. Allwin is an extraordinary and devout Orthodox Christian with family roots in Imvros, the birthplace of His All-Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew. She is a graduate of Hunter College and worked at Morgan Stanley early in her career, before becoming active in the nonprofit arena. Together with her late husband, James M. Allwin, she formed Aetos Capital LLC and The Allwin Family Foundation. She serves on the Dartmouth College and Bucknell University Parents Board, the Committee for Education and Technology at the Museum of Modern Art, and is a volunteer at the Metropolitan Museum of Art. She has assisted the Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History, the New York Women's Foundation and Communities in Schools, a not-for-profit organization dedicated to dropout prevention. Keeping her late husband's legacy, she has been involved with the Allwin Initiative at the Tuck School of Business at Dartmouth College. She serves on the Archdiocesan Council of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America and as Secretary of the Leadership 100 Board of Trustees.



CARL R. HOLLISTER

Archon Hollister has superlative experience in the world of finance as president of L.M. Kohn & Company, an Investment Advisory and Brokerage firm in Cincinnati, Ohio, managing 60 branch offices with more than \$3.5 billion in client assets. With more than 20 years of experience in the Securities Industry, Hollister holds a Master's Degree in Finance from Webster University and a Bachelor's Degree in Economics from Grove City College. He is a retired U.S. Army Major with 21 years of active and reserve service, of which 17 years were in Special Operations, with tours of duty in Central America and Central Asia. As commander of the Khost Provincial Reconstruction Team, Afghanistan, he was awarded the Bronze Star in 2005 for distinguished achievement. Archon Carl's service as Supreme President of AHEPA, including his service as an executive board member on the AHEPA National Housing Corporation, and his heroic service to our nation, is truly exemplary and inspirational. He also serves on the National Council of the Order of Saint Andrew, and is a member of the Royal Bank of Canada (RBC) Correspondent Services Advisory Council.



CHRIS E. TSAMUTALIS, CPA

Chris E. Tsamutalis, founder and Senior Partner at Tsamutalis & Company, began his career at Merrill Lynch where he specialized in foreign securities accounting. Mr. Tsamutalis also worked for a multi-national forensic accounting firm and later was the controller of an industrial machine concern. He subsequently formed an accounting partnership and rolled it into a full-service accounting and consulting firm. Mr. Tsamutalis is a business advisor and entrepreneur with diverse experience in business consulting, corporate investment, business valuation, mergers and acquisitions, real estate investment, and entity management. His areas of specialization include corporate and partnership income taxation, preparation of reviewed and compiled financial statements, general business consultation and management advisory services.





Investment Committee

In line with its mission to ensure the economic independence of the Ecumenical Patriarchate so that it may fulfill its apostolic mission in perpetuity, the Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew Foundation has established an Investment Committee. The Chair of the new committee is Archon John S. Koudounis.

Serving as Vice Chair of the Investment Committee is Archon Robert A. Buhler. Other Committee members include Christopher F. Allwin; Michael N. Bapis; Frank D. Catricket; John A. Catsimatidis, Jr.; and William H. Spell. Ex officio members are John A. Catsimatidis; Anthony J. Limberakis, MD; and Michael G. Psaros.

His Eminence Archbishop Elpidophoros of America stated: "The Investment Committee of the Ecumenical

Patriarch Bartholomew Foundation is a further step to ensure that the Holy Mother Church of Constantinople will be able to function long into the future, and to continue to be a light and blessing for Orthodox Christians everywhere, and for the world at large."

Dr. Anthony J. Limberakis, National Commander of the Order of Saint Andrew the Apostle, Archons of the Ecumenical Patriarchate, and Chair of the Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew Foundation, said: "Our gratitude to our Lord Jesus Christ and His All-Holy Mother is immense, as He has enabled us to undertake this holy initiative for the Ecumenical Patriarchate, and to see it come to fruition. The Investment Committee constitutes an additional blessing of our mission to provide for the Holy Great Church of Christ."

Archon Koudounis noted: "I'm honored to serve as the Chair of the Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew Foundation's Investment Committee. Pursuant to the Foundation's goal of ensuring the financial stability and independence of the Ecumenical Patriarchate, we will be doing everything we can to ensure that the Foundation's investments are managed properly and with an eye toward the ability for the Ecumenical Patriarchate to fulfill its sacred mission." Archon John Koudounis is CEO of Calamos Investments. He serves on the Board of Directors for The Hellenic Initiative and the National Hellenic Museum. He is an active member of Leadership 100 and a major donor to the St. Nicholas National Shrine and Panhellenic Scholarship Foundation.

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—Maria Allwin, Chair, Audit Committee



His All-Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew and Maria Allwin (far right), taken in 1996 at the Phanar.



His All-Holiness and Archon John S. Koudounis.

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JOHN S. KOUDOUNIS, Chair

Archon John S. Koudounis is CEO of Calamos Investments. He serves on the Board of Directors for The Hellenic Initiative and the National Hellenic Museum. He is an active member of Leadership 100 and a major donor to the St. Nicholas National Shrine and Panhellenic Scholarship Foundation.



ROBERT A. BUHLER, Vice Chair

Archon Robert A. Buhler is Chairman of the Board of Directors of the PanHellenic Scholarship Foundation. He is President and Chief Executive Officer of Open Pantry Food Marts of Wisconsin, Inc. He is also a member of Leadership 100 and a lifetime member of the Hellenic American Women's Council.



CHRISTOPHER F. ALLWIN

Christopher F. Allwin is the CEO of Aetos Capital, a diversified alternatives manager. Aetos Capital provides institutional capabilities for niche asset classes including distress and carbon. Christopher chairs the Investment Committee of Aetos Capital. Christopher also sits on the National Board of Directors of Communities in Schools. He earned his BA from Yale University and his MBA from Columbia Business School.



MICHAEL N. BAPIS

Archon Michael N. Bapis is a member of Leadership 100. He has served extensively as member of the Board of Directors of Leadership 100 and as the director of the Young Professionals group within Leadership 100. He volunteers for the Greek Division of the Ronald MacDonald House, a residence for the parents of hospitalized children.



JOHN A. CATSIMATIDIS, JR

John A. Catsimatidis, Jr. is a Principal at the Red Apple Group, which owns and operates assets in the energy, real estate, finance, insurance, and supermarket industries. In addition to his involvement in the operations of portfolio companies, John also leads the investment team which looks at both private and public opportunities. John is involved in all of the philanthropic activities of the Catsimatidis Family Foundation, which supports organizations such as the Police Athletic League and the Alzheimer's Association.



FRANK D. CATRICKES

Archon-elect Frank D. Catricketes is an executive of Wellington Financial Management and a member of Leadership 100. He offers much time to the Orthodox Christian Mission Center, where he serves as an active member of the OCMC Board. He currently serves as the Chair of the Investment Committee for a \$75 million endowment of an educational institution in the Boston area.



WILLIAM H. SPELL

Archon William H. Spell is a fulfilled member of Leadership 100 and a major contributor to the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America. Through the Spell Family Foundation, he also supports many other philanthropies. Archon Spell is a private equity investment manager.



Ex-Officio Committee Members

John A. Catsimatidis, Anthony J. Limberakis, MD and Michael Psaros will serve as ex-officio Committee members on the Investment Committee.



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Why We Became FOUNDERS

"Service to our Church has marked our entire adult lives. Leon's mother's side is from Constantinople so the Patriarchate is especially dear to us. This Foundation is the perfect vehicle to continue this service while helping to build a formable capacity to insure its survival for many years to come."

—Mr. and Mrs. Leon and Robyn Andris
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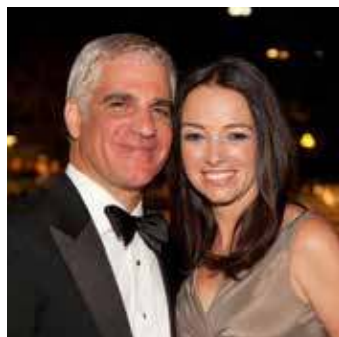


"Our Cathedral community stands next to the Ecumenical Patriarch in his mission of spreading Orthodoxy throughout the world. Now we make our support tangible with more than just words — we do so with this commitment to our beloved Center of Orthodoxy, under the paternal leadership of His All-Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew."

—Proistamenos, Saints Constantine and Helen Cathedral
Brooklyn, NY

"To offer what we are able to preserve, sustain, and further the mission of the Holy Mother Church in Constantinople and the Ecumenical Patriarchate is what motivated us to become Founders."

—Dr. and Mrs. Cary J. and Alexis D. Limberakis
Ambler, PA



"Our Patriarchate is facing unprecedented external, and even internal, threats. As Orthodox Christians, and an Archon of the Ecumenical Patriarchate, we have a duty to defend and protect our Mother Church and do everything possible to further its sacred mission. The Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew Foundation's singular purpose is to galvanize Orthodox Christians throughout the world in the united support of this global initiative. How could we not join?"

—Mr. and Mrs. Joseph and Anna Kokolakis
Dunedin, FL

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"The health and survival of our Ecumenical Patriarchate has always been a priority of our family. Being blessed by our Ecumenical Patriarch with the offikion of an Archon of the Great Church of Christ only confirms this call to action and unwavering support. We are honored to become members of the foundation and are blessed that our Lord has given us the strength to do so."

-Dr. and Mrs. Nicholas and Susan Loutsion
Canonsburg, PA



"We are a family of faith with the focus on educating and helping Christians throughout our community. We believe that becoming founding members and joining this outstanding group of leaders that we will all be able to help our church to provide generations & generations of christians the financial underpinings of the Patriarchate."

-Mr. and Mrs. Michael and Meropi Neamonitakis
Brooklyn, NY

"The Church has been one of the largest influences in my life. Becoming an Archon one of the greatest honors I could receive. In 2015 my family met His All Holiness outside the Phanar. In a beautiful moment he saw my children, stopped and spent time with them. Our family photograph of this celestial moment was profound for all of us. Becoming a Founding Member fulfills my continued desire to support the work of His All Holiness and Mother Church in Constantinople."

-Mr. Nicholas Scandalios
New York, NY



"Our lives revolve around the Greek Orthodox Church. We endeavor to support our faith by contributing out talents, time, and resources. We believe that the Bartholomew Foundation is a beautiful way to support the Patriarchate and our Faith."

-Mr. and Mrs. William and Tiki Spell
Minneapolis, MN



Apostolic Visit

OCTOBER 23–NOVEMBER 3, 2021

WASHINGTON, D.C. WEIRTON SOUTH BEND NEW YORK CITY

His Eminence Archbishop Elpidophoros of America will welcome His All-Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew to the United States for an official visit which will begin on October 23, 2021 and continue through November 3, 2021. The visit, originally scheduled for May 2020, was postponed due to the worldwide pandemic. This is the third official visit of Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew to the United States.

The official visit will begin in Washington, DC and is expected to include meetings, luncheons, and official dinners with the **President of the United States, Joe Biden**, Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi, Secretary of State Antony Blinken, Ambassador of Greece to the United States Alexandra Papadopoulou, and Turkish Ambassador to the United States Hasan Murat Mercan.

On October 27, the official delegation will arrive at Pittsburgh International Airport for an official welcome and then visit Evgenia's House of Hope in Weirton,

WV. Following will be a Doxology at the Church of All Saints in Weirton and a luncheon hosted by the Psaros family with local clergy and lay leaders.

Later that same day, the visit will continue at South Bend International Airport in South Bend, IN, with an Official Welcome and dinner with Archon Merkourios and Libby Angeliades.

On Friday, October 29, the Official Delegation will travel to New York City, where **Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew** will address the Archdiocesan Council, National Philoptochos Board, and the Order of St. Andrew National Council. The Nicholas J. Bouras Award and Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew Foundation Dinner for Founders will be held in the evening, where **Former Secretary of State Mike Pompeo** will be the keynote speaker presenting an address on religious freedom.

The following day, Saturday, October 30, the Official Delegation will meet with clergy and presvyteres of the Archdiocese and students of Holy Cross

School of Theology at the Chiotas Family Hall of Archdiocesan Cathedral of the Holy Trinity. In the evening, the Delegation will attend the Patriarch Athenagoras Human Rights Award Banquet honoring **Albert Bourla, DVM, PhD, Uğur Şahin, MD, PhD & George Yancopoulos, MD, PhD** at the Grand Ballroom, New York Hilton Hotel with toast master, former Secretary of Health and Human Services, the **Honorable Alex Azar**.

On Sunday, October 31, the Patriarchal Divine Liturgy with Archbishop Elpidophoros and members of the Holy Eparchial Synod of the Archdiocese will be celebrated at the Archdiocesan Cathedral of the Holy Trinity, followed by the Investiture of the 2020/2021 Archon Classes of the Order of Saint Andrew by His All-Holiness.

On Tuesday, November 2, His All-Holiness will preside at the Thyranixia (Opening of the Doors Ceremony) at St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church and National Shrine.

ARCHON WEEKEND ATTIRE

Attire for all events is Business, with the exception of the Founders Dinner and Athenagoras Award Banquet, which are both Black Tie.

Archon Emblems for all events:

- Lapel Rosette
- Double-Headed Eagle Pocket Insert
- Cross of The Order of Saint Andrew

ARCHON WEEKEND SCHEDULE • 10/29-31

PATRIARCHAL EXHORTATION

FRIDAY, OCT 29 • 11:30AM-12PM

New York Hilton Midtown, Grand Ballroom • His All-Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew will offer a Patriarchal Exhortation, prior to the Joint luncheon with the Archdiocesan Council, National Philoptochos, the Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew Foundation Board of Trustees and the Order of St. Andrew National Council and Regional Commanders. All spouses are invited to attend.

JOINT LUNCHEON WITH HIS ALL-HOLINESS

FRIDAY, OCT 29 • 12:30-2PM

New York Hilton Midtown, Grand Ballroom • Joint luncheon with the Archdiocesan Council, National Philoptochos, the Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew Foundation Board of Trustees and the Order of St. Andrew National Council and Regional Commanders, hosted by the Order of St. Andrew. All spouses are invited to attend.

ECUMENICAL PATRIARCH BARTHOLOMEW FOUNDATION FOUNDERS DINNER

FRIDAY, OCT 29 • 6PM Cocktails • 7PM Dinner

New York Hilton Midtown, Rendezvous Petit & Trianon Ballroom • An elegant dinner exclusively reserved for Founders and their families who have completed or made their pledges to the Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew Foundation. In the presence of His All-Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew himself, the Hon. Michael R. Pompeo, former U.S. Secretary of State, is slated to give the keynote address.

BREAKFAST MEETING OF THE NATIONAL COUNCIL AND REGIONAL COMMANDERS

SATURDAY, OCT 30 • 8AM-10AM

New York Hilton Midtown, Petit Trianon • Private breakfast meeting with members of the National Council and Regional Commanders who will offer an overview and briefing of regional Archon activities in their respective Metropolis.

ORIENTATION FOR ALL ARCHONS-ELECT AND THEIR SPOUSES

SATURDAY, OCT 30 • 10:30AM

New York Hilton Midtown, Rendezvous Trianon • Archons-elect and their spouses will gather for an orientation presentation by the National Commander who will offer a multi-media program reviewing the awesome responsibilities and roles of Archons, who are advocates of religious freedom and serve as Defenders of the Faith. After the Q & A session, a Τρισάγιον will be offered for the repose of the souls of those Archons who have fallen asleep in the Lord this past year.

AGAPE LUNCHEON

SATURDAY, OCT 30 • 12:30PM

New York Hilton Midtown, Trianon Ballroom • National Council, Regional Commanders, Archons-elect and all Archons and their spouses are invited to join for a fellowship luncheon. Dr. Maria A Limberakis will offer commentary on the role of an Archon from a family perspective: *All In the Archon Family, Living the Mission of the Order as a Family*. We are honored to announce that the world renowned architect Santiago Calatrava, who designed the St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church and National Shrine at the World Trade Center, will be our featured speaker at the Agape Luncheon.

ATHENAGORAS HUMAN RIGHTS AWARD BANQUET

SATURDAY, OCT 30 • 6PM Cocktails • 7PM Dinner

New York Hilton Midtown, Grand Ballroom • The black-tie gala is the Archon premier event and fundraiser which begins with a one-hour cocktail reception, followed by the introduction of the dais and the presentation of the 2021 Athenagoras Human Rights Award by His All-Holiness upon three scientists: Albert Bourla, DVM, PhD of Pfizer; Uğur Şahin, MD, PhD of BioNTech and George D. Yancopoulos, MD, PhD of Regeneron, whose extraordinary efforts led to worldwide covid vaccines and therapeutics saving millions of lives. The Hon. Alex M. Azar II, former U.S. Secretary of Health and Human Services, will serve as master of ceremonies.

MATINS AND PROCESSION OF ARCHONS AND ARCHONS-ELECT

SUNDAY, OCT 31 • 8:30AM

Archdiocesan Cathedral of the Holy Trinity, Cathedral Undercroft • Archons and Archons-elect will assemble in Cathedral undercroft for a group portrait and additional instructions. Then all Archons will process into the Cathedral together for Matins, Divine Liturgy and the Archon Investiture service.

PATRIARCHAL DIVINE LITURGY AND ARCHON INVESTITURE

SUNDAY, OCT 31 • 9:45AM-1PM

Archdiocesan Cathedral of the Holy Trinity • The morning begins with the celebration of the Patriarchal Divine Liturgy by His All-Holiness with Archbishop Elpidophoros and members of the Holy Eparchial Synod of the Archdiocese participating. At the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy, the Archon Classes of 2020 and 2021 will be invested and presented with their Offikia and Cross of Saint Andrew.

ARCHON FELLOWSHIP RECEPTION

SUNDAY, OCT 31 • 1PM

Cathedral Center Ballroom • Following Divine Liturgy and the Investiture of the Archon Classes, an Archon Fellowship Reception of Thanksgiving hosted by the Order of Saint Andrew will be offered in the adjacent Cathedral Center ballroom.

Secretary Pompeo to Deliver Keynote Address at Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew Foundation FOUNDERS Banquet

In the presence of His All-Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew himself, the Hon. Michael R. Pompeo, former U.S. Secretary of State, is slated to give the keynote address at the FOUNDERS Banquet of the Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew Foundation in New York City on Friday, October 29, 2021. Pompeo will discuss the persecution of Christians and the state of religious freedom around the world.

Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew is scheduled to be present at the Banquet during his October visitation to the United States, during which he will be honored for his historic and unparalleled 30-year ministry as Ecumenical Patriarch.

During his tenure as Secretary of State, on November 17, 2020 Pompeo visited the Phanar and met with His All-Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew. Prior to that meeting, on September 24, 2020 Pompeo also met with His Eminence Archbishop Elpidophoros of America to discuss issues involving the Ecumenical Patriarchate, Turkey, Greece, and Cyprus.

His Eminence Archbishop Elpidophoros stated: "I am pleased that Secretary Pompeo is going to give the keynote address at the Founding Members Banquet. When we met in 2020, I was grateful for his ready ear to listen to concerns around security for the Ecumenical Patriarchate, peace in the Mediterranean, and the seizure of Hagia Sophia. He had sincere and informed concern for the rights of the Ecumenical Patriarchate and minorities in Turkey."

Dr. Anthony J. Limberakis, National Commander of the Order of Saint Andrew the Apostle, Archons of the Ecumenical Patriarchate, and Chair of the Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew Foundation, said: "Secretary Pompeo's visit to the Ecumenical Patriarchate last November was an honor for all those who love and revere the Mother Church of Constantinople. During his visit to the Phanar, the Secretary discussed with His All-Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew issues of fundamental rights and religious freedom. He



is a superb choice to give the keynote address at the Founding Members Banquet."

The Banquet is being held under the auspices of the Nicholas J. and Anna K. Bouras Foundation, which is itself a Founding Member of the Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew Foundation. The Nicholas J. and Anna K. Bouras Foundation has pledged to match the Founding Member donation of each Metropolis of the Archdiocese of

America, up to one million dollars. This was made possible through the efforts of the National Secretary of the Order of Saint Andrew, the Hon. B. Theodore Bozonelis, who stated: "Secretary Pompeo's meeting with His All-Holiness made clear his commitment to international religious freedom and understanding of the importance of the Ecumenical Patriarchate to the Church and the world. We look forward to his keynote address with joyful anticipation."



The Center of Orthodoxy

Prior to their hour-long meeting in November 2020 at the Phanar, a tour was offered on the Patriarchal Cathedral's rich history and the holy relics and spiritual items treasured in it.



A Warm Welcome

Secretary of State Pompeo, and his wife Susan, are welcomed by His All-Holiness, back in November 2020.

2021 Athenagoras Human Rights Award to be Bestowed Upon Three Scientists whose Extraordinary Efforts Led to Covid Vaccines

On Saturday October 30, 2021, His All-Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew will present the Athenagoras Human Rights Award to three scientists: Dr. Albert Bourla, DVM, Ph.D., Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Pfizer; Dr. Uğur Şahin, M.D., Co-Founder and Chief Executive Officer of BioNTech; and Dr. George D. Yancopoulos, MD, Ph.D., Founding Scientist, President and Chief Scientific Officer of Regeneron. They are being honored for their organizations' efforts in developing Covid-19 vaccines with extraordinary efficiency and rapidity.

His Eminence Archbishop Elpidophoros hailed the choice: "I am personally grateful, and grateful on behalf of the entire Church and all human beings of good will, to these brilliant scientists. Through their leadership, the hard work of their teams and by the grace of God, they have been leaders in producing and delivering life-saving vaccines. No one this year is more deserving of this prestigious award than these three men, who have done so much to bring the world out of this scourge that has devastated so very many lives."

In recognizing the contributions of

Drs. Bourla, Sahin, and Yancopoulos to bringing an end to the global pandemic, National Commander Limberakis noted: "As a physician myself, I have seen the horrors of Covid-19 up close, and so I am deeply aware of the great good that these men have accomplished by bringing these vaccines and therapeutics to the world quickly and safely. The service they have performed is truly transformative, and has given hope back to the world. We all owe them a profound debt of gratitude."

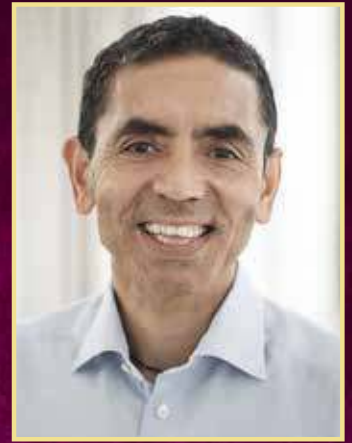
"I am personally grateful, and grateful on behalf of the entire Church and all human beings of good will, to these brilliant scientists."

—Archbishop Elpidophoros of America



ALBERT BOURLA, DVM, PhD has been Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Pfizer since January 2019. He led his team of scientists and manufacturing colleagues, in partnership with BioNTech, to accomplish the unprecedented feat of developing and distributing the world's first COVID-19 vaccine in under 300 days. He has held several other leadership positions at Pfizer, including Chief Operating Officer and Group President of Pfizer Innovative Health which included the Consumer Healthcare, Inflammation & Immunology, Internal Medicine, Oncology, Rare Disease and Vaccines business groups. He also created the Patient and Health Impact group, dedicated to increasing patient access, demonstrating the value of Pfizer's medicines, and business model innovation. He is a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine and holds a Ph.D. in the Biotechnology of Reproduction from the Veterinary School of Aristotle University. He is a native of Thessaloniki, Greece.

UĞUR ŞAHİN, MD, PhD, BioNTech's CEO, is a physician, immunologist and leader in the development of novel approaches to fight cancer and infectious diseases. Şahin initiated and oversees "Project Lightspeed," the historic development of the first mRNA vaccine for COVID-19, moving from lab and clinical testing to conditional approval within an unprecedented 11-month period. He is also Chairman of the Scientific Management Board of the Helmholtz Institute for Translational Oncology (HI-TRON), also in Mainz.



GEORGE D. YANCOPOULOS, MD, PhD, has built Regeneron alongside Len Schleifer as its President and Chief Scientific Officer for the past 30 years. Regeneron invents life-transforming medicines for people with serious diseases. He is the holder of more than 100 patents and a principal inventor of Regeneron's nine FDA-approved medicines and foundational technologies. He is the key driver of Regeneron's unique science-driven culture and successful drug discovery and development engine, which includes the company's COVID-19 program to address the ongoing pandemic with an investigational antibody cocktail. He received his M.D. and Ph.D. from Columbia University and became a professor of biology by age 28. He was born in 1959 to Greek immigrants.

Former HHS Secretary Azar to Be Master of Ceremonies at Athenagoras Human Rights Award Banquet

The Hon. Alex M. Azar II, former U.S. Secretary of Health and Human Services, is slated to serve as master of ceremonies at the 2021 Athenagoras Human Rights Award Banquet on October 30, 2021, in New York City.

A strong defender of religious freedom during his tenure as Secretary of Health and Human Services, Secretary Azar, an Orthodox Christian, spoke at the enthronement of His Eminence Archbishop Elpidophoros of America at the Archdiocesan Cathedral of the Holy Trinity on June 22, 2019.

Archbishop Elpidophoros said: "As our brother in the Orthodox Faith, former Secretary of Health and Human Services Alex Azar is the ideal Master of Ceremonies for the

Athenagoras Human Rights Award Banquet. Secretary Azar is committed simultaneously to the eternal truths of the Gospel and the highest ideals of the American dream. I admire his commitment to both – to Jerusalem and to Athens, for they are the foundation of our civilization."

Dr. Limberakis, stated: "Secretary Azar has a deep understanding of and appreciation for the important role Greek Orthodox Church has played over the course of American history. His commitment to our Faith and to human rights in our country and around the world are deep and long-standing, and will shine forth powerfully at the Athenagoras Human Rights Award Banquet."

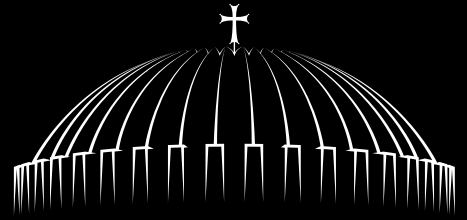


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"The day of 9/11 was nothing less
than the Passion and Crucifixion of our Nation.
And the rebuilding of Saint Nicholas
is our Resurrection."



SHINES!



**Message From
Archons Dennis Mehiel, Chairman
Michael Psaros, Vice-Chairman
Friends Of St. Nicholas**

On September 10, 2021, the evening before the Twentieth Anniversary of the 9/11, the Saint Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church and National Shrine was lit from the interior for the first time. Archbishop Elpidophoros, led bereaved families in our annual Memorial Service, and then with candles held high, lit the Church with that golden glow that only Pentelic Marble, from the same vein that built the Parthenon 2,500 years ago, can provide. It was a moment that we have all longed for. A moment that moved us in the depths of our souls. A moment whose impact is truly inexpressible.

Several Archons attended the lighting ceremony at the World Trade Center.



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Mehiel & Psaros message continued...

This testimony of Faith was made possible by the generosity of those whose vision extends well beyond their own horizon. We are looking to a future whose children have names that we do not know, but whose Orthodox Faith will be strengthened, and whose purpose in life will be focused, by the work we do today at Ground Zero.

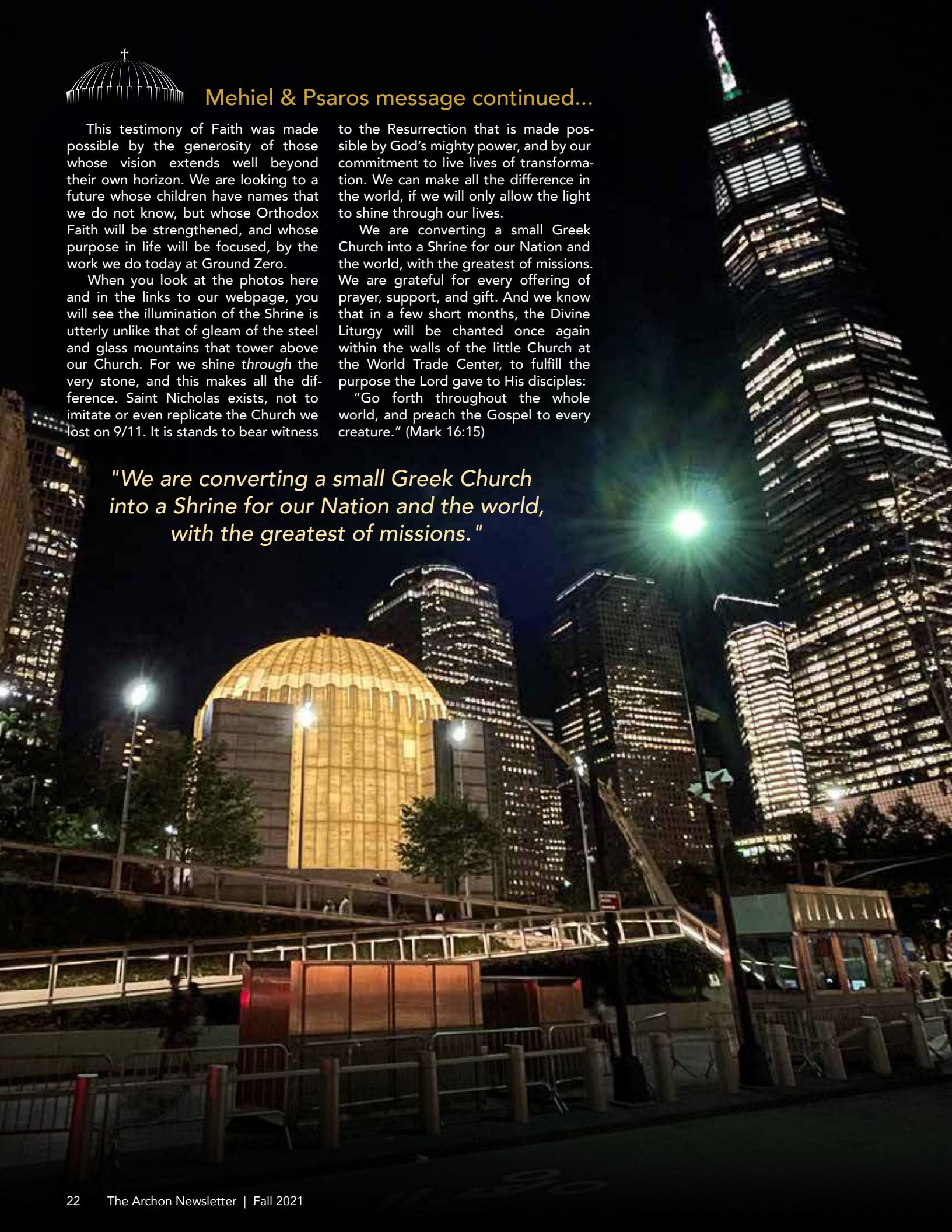
When you look at the photos here and in the links to our webpage, you will see the illumination of the Shrine is utterly unlike that of gleam of the steel and glass mountains that tower above our Church. For we shine *through* the very stone, and this makes all the difference. Saint Nicholas exists, not to imitate or even replicate the Church we lost on 9/11. It stands to bear witness

to the Resurrection that is made possible by God's mighty power, and by our commitment to live lives of transformation. We can make all the difference in the world, if we will only allow the light to shine through our lives.

We are converting a small Greek Church into a Shrine for our Nation and the world, with the greatest of missions. We are grateful for every offering of prayer, support, and gift. And we know that in a few short months, the Divine Liturgy will be chanted once again within the walls of the little Church at the World Trade Center, to fulfill the purpose the Lord gave to His disciples:

"Go forth throughout the whole world, and preach the Gospel to every creature." (Mark 16:15)

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National Commander Anthony J. Limberakis and Dr. Maria, with National Secretary Hon. B. Theodore and Helen Bozonelis.



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Archons George Gigicos and Andrew Veniopoulos with Father Evagoras Constantinides and Father Panagiotis Papazafiropoulos.



Archon John and Marisa Payiavlas and family.



Archon John and Alexandra Kassimatis.

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A Joint Message for the PROTECTION of CREATION

For the first time in the two-thousand-year history of Christianity, the Ecumenical Patriarch of Constantinople, the Pope of Rome, and the Archbishop of Canterbury have issued a joint statement. On September 1, His All-Holiness **Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew**, His Holiness **Pope Francis**, and His Eminence **Archbishop Justin Welby** of Canterbury published this



"Joint Message for the Protection of Creation," calling for urgent action to deal with the worldwide crisis of climate change and environmental degradation. Explaining with pastoral urgency the lessons of Scripture, they issue an urgent call for an effective collective response to this global threat.

For more than a year, we have all experienced the devastating effects of a global pandemic—all of us, whether poor or wealthy, weak or strong. Some were more protected or vulnerable than others, but the rapidly-spreading infection meant that we have depended on each other in our efforts to stay safe. We realised that, in facing this worldwide calamity, no one is safe until everyone is safe, that our actions really do affect one another, and that what we do today affects what happens tomorrow.

These are not new lessons, but we have had to face them anew. May we not waste this moment. We must decide what kind of world we want to leave to future generations. God mandates: 'Choose life,

so that you and your children might live' (Dt 30:19). We must choose to live differently; we must choose life.

September is celebrated by many Christians as the Season of Creation, an opportunity to pray and care for God's creation. As world leaders prepare to meet in November at Glasgow to deliberate on the future of our planet, we pray for them and consider what the choices we must all make. Accordingly, as leaders of our Churches, we call on everyone, whatever their belief or worldview, to endeavour to listen to the cry of the earth and of people who are poor, examining their behaviour and pledging meaningful sacrifices for the sake of the earth which God has given us.

The Importance of Sustainability

In our common Christian tradition, the Scriptures and the Saints provide illuminating perspectives for comprehending both the realities of the present and the promise of something larger than what we see in the moment. The concept of stewardship—of individual and collective responsibility for our God-given endowment—presents a vital starting-point for social, economic and environmental sustainability. In the New Testament, we read of the rich and foolish man who stores great wealth of grain while forgetting about his finite end (Lk 12.13–21). We learn of the prodigal son who takes his inheritance early, only to

squander it and end up hungry (Lk 15.11–32). We are cautioned against adopting short term and seemingly inexpensive options of building on sand, instead of building on rock for our common home to withstand storms (Mt 7.24–27). These stories invite us to adopt a broader outlook and recognise our place in the extended story of humanity.

But we have taken the opposite direction. We have maximised our own interest at the expense of future generations. By concentrating on our wealth, we find that long-term assets, including the bounty of nature, are depleted for short-term advantage. Technology has unfolded new possibilities for progress but also for accumulating unrestrained wealth, and many of us behave in ways which demonstrate little concern for other people or the limits of the planet. Nature is resilient, yet delicate. We are already witnessing the consequences of our refusal to protect and preserve it (Gn 2.15). Now, in this moment, we have an opportunity to repent, to turn around in resolve, to head in the opposite direction. We must pursue generosity and fairness in the ways that we live, work and use money, instead of selfish gain.

The Impact on People Living with Poverty

The current climate crisis speaks volumes about who we are and how we view and treat God's creation. We stand before a harsh justice: biodiversity loss, environmental degradation and climate change are the inevitable consequences of our actions, since we have greedily consumed more of the earth's resources than the planet can endure. But we also face a profound injustice: the people bearing the most catastrophic consequences of these abuses are the poorest on the planet and have been the least responsible for causing them. We serve a God of justice, who delights in creation and creates every person in God's image, but also hears the cry of people who are poor. Accordingly, there is an innate call within us to respond with anguish when we see such devastating injustice.

Today, we are paying the price. The

extreme weather and natural disasters of recent months reveal afresh to us with great force and at great human cost that climate change is not only a future challenge, but an immediate and urgent matter of survival. Widespread floods, fires and droughts threaten entire continents. Sea levels rise, forcing whole communities to relocate; cyclones devastate entire regions, ruining lives and livelihoods. Water has become scarce and food supplies insecure, causing conflict and displacement for millions of people. We have already seen this in places where people rely on small scale agricultural holdings. Today we see it in more industrialised countries where even sophisticated infrastructure cannot completely prevent extraordinary destruction.

Tomorrow could be worse. Today's children and teenagers will face catastrophic consequences unless we take responsibility now, as 'fellow workers with God' (Gn 2.4–7), to sustain our world. We frequently hear from young people who understand that their futures are under threat. For their sake, we must choose to eat, travel, spend, invest and live differently, thinking not only of immediate interest and gains but also of future benefits. We repent of our generation's sins. We stand alongside our younger sisters and brothers throughout the world in committed prayer and dedicated action for a future which corresponds ever more to the promises of God.

The Imperative of Cooperation

Over the course of the pandemic, we have learned how vulnerable we are. Our social systems frayed, and we found that we cannot control everything. We must acknowledge that the ways we use money and organize our societies have not benefited everyone. We find ourselves weak and anxious, submersed in a series of crises; health, environmental, food, economic and social, which are all deeply interconnected.

These crises present us with a choice. We are in a unique position either to address them with shortsightedness and profiteering or seize this as an opportunity for conversion and transformation. If we think of humanity as a family and

work together towards a future based on the common good, we could find ourselves living in a very different world. Together we can share a vision for life where everyone flourishes. Together we can choose to act with love, justice and mercy. Together we can walk towards a fairer and fulfilling society with those who are most vulnerable at the centre.

But this involves making changes. Each of us, individually, must take responsibility for the ways we use our resources. This path requires an ever-closer collaboration among all churches in their commitment to care for creation. Together, as communities, churches, cities and nations, we must change route and discover new ways of working together to break down the traditional barriers between peoples, to stop competing for resources and start collaborating.

To those with more far-reaching responsibilities—heading administrations, running companies, employing people or investing funds—we say: choose people-centred profits; make short-term sacrifices to safeguard all our futures; become leaders in the transition to just and sustainable economies. 'To whom much is given, much is required.' (Lk 12:48)

This is the first time that the three of us feel compelled to address together the urgency of environmental sustainability, its impact on persistent poverty, and the importance of global cooperation. Together, on behalf of our communities, we appeal to the heart and mind of every Christian, every believer and every person of good will. We pray for our leaders who will gather in Glasgow to decide the future of our planet and its people. Again, we recall Scripture: 'choose life, so that you and your children may live' (Dt 30:19). Choosing life means making sacrifices and exercising self-restraint.

All of us—whoever and wherever we are—can play a part in changing our collective response to the unprecedented threat of climate change and environmental degradation.

Caring for God's creation is a spiritual commission requiring a response of commitment. This is a critical moment. Our children's future and the future of our common home depend on it.

New Regional Commanders appointed



With the blessings of His Eminence Archbishop Elpidophoros of America, and in consultation with His Eminence Metropolitan Savas of Pittsburgh and His Eminence Metropolitan Gerasimos of San Francisco, Dr. Anthony J. Limberakis, National Commander of the Order of Saint Andrew the Apostle, has appointed four new Regional Commanders of the Order for the Metropolis of Pittsburgh, the Pacific Northwest, and Southern California.

Archon Nicholas E. Terezis and Archon-elect Nicholas J. Tranto have been appointed Regional Commanders for the Metropolis of Pittsburgh. They will be joining the current Regional Commander, Archon Peter Clyde Papadakos in executing the duties of the Regional Commander for this Metropolis. Archon Theodore D. Konopisos has been appointed Regional Commander for Southern California, and Archon Isidoros Garifalakis for the Pacific Northwest.

His Eminence Archbishop Elpidophoros expressed his pleasure at all four appointments. He stated of the appointments for the Metropolis of Pittsburgh: "In Archon Peter, Archon Nicholas, and Archon-elect Nicholas, the Order of Saint Andrew the Apostle in the Metropolis of Pittsburgh has a peerless and highly qualified team at the helm."

Of Archon Konopisos, His Eminence

declared: "We all continue to be abundantly blessed by the devoted people who give so much of their time and their resources for the life and flourishing of our Holy Orthodox Faith. Archon Theodore Konopisos is one of these selfless servants of our Holy Church." He said of Archon Garifalakis: "This is an excellent appointment. Archon Isidoros Garifalakis is a true disciple of the best Teacher: our Lord Jesus Christ. He has demonstrated over the years that he practices our faith with sincerity of heart and honest intention."

"I'm deeply honored and pleased to be able to make these appointments," added Dr. Limberakis. "Regional Commanders are recognized leaders in their communities, and do a great deal to set the tone for the activities of the Order in their region. It is in large part up to them to organize their fellow Archons and energize them to be worthy Defenders of our Holy Faith. In these three Archons and Archon-elect Nicholas, I know the Order has just the men for this sacred work: dynamic local leaders who have abundantly demonstrated their love for our Holy Mother Church. I am also proud to note that Archon Isidoros and Archon Theodore have committed to becoming FOUNDERS of the Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew Foundation."

"This is an immense honor," noted Archon Terezis. "At the same time, I'm aware that the title of Regional

Commander is not just an honorific. This is a great responsibility, as well as a wonderful opportunity to serve the Order, the Metropolis, the Archdiocese of America, and the Holy Mother Church. I am humbled and grateful to God to have been considered worthy of this great work."

Archon-elect Tranto said: "Regional Commanders are tasked with planning annual Archon gatherings in their region, and with encouraging all Archons to participate in various activities of the Order. I consider this a sacred work our Holy Mother Church, and am deeply honored to accept this appointment."

Archon Konopisos commented: "With profound humility and trust in the Lord and His All-Holy Mother, I am honored to accept the great responsibility this confers upon me. I am extremely honored to continue my service to the Order of Saint Andrew and the Holy Center of our Orthodox Faith, the Ecumenical Patriarchate, by becoming a Regional Commander."

"It has been my honor to serve the Order and our Mother Church for the past 17 years as an Archon the Ecumenical Patriarchate," remarked Archon Garifalakis. "I accept this new responsibility as Regional Commander with gratitude, and with deep commitment to further the mission of the Order. It is my goal to explore new opportunities for the Archons in the Pacific Northwest while

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Archon Terezis was invested as Archon on October 18, 2015 and conferred with the offikion Ekdikos. He is the founding partner of Marathon Strategic Advisors, LLC, and has acted as the company's President and Chief Investment Officer since its inception in 1999. Archon Terezis also currently serves as Chairman of the IOCC's Pittsburgh Metropolitan Committee. He is a Trustee of Eastern Gateway Community College Foundation; and an Investment Committee Member of his parish, Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church of Steubenville, Ohio.

Archon-elect Tranto was named an Archon in 2020 but his investiture was delayed by the Covid-19 pandemic. He will be invested as Archon and conferred with an offikion in October 2021, during the visit of His All-Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew to the United States. Archon-elect Tranto led a distinguished 36 year career with the US Treasury Department of the Internal Revenue Service as a senior Tax Policy Manager in Washington DC and upon retirement founded a consulting firm spe-

cializing in domestic and international excise taxes. He has served his parish and the Metropolis for many years in various capacities and has been the president of his parish council for the past 4 years.

A parishioner of the St. Paul Church in Irvine, CA, Archon Konopisos was invested as Archon in 2015 and conferred with the offikion Hieromnimon. Archon Konopisos is a major benefactor of the Holy Metropolis of San Francisco and of his parish, where he has served extensively on the parish council. He manages real estate properties.

A parishioner of the Holy Trinity Church in Portland, Oregon, Archon Garifalakis was invested as Archon on October 10, 2004 and conferred with the offikion Depoutatos. Archon Garifalakis is the principal owner of Omega Industries in Vancouver, Washington. His company fabricates steel for all kinds of uses, especially for the railroad industry. He is a member of the Metropolis Council for the Metropolis of San Francisco, and chairman of its Faith Forward annual drive. He and his family are generous supporters of their parish in Portland, of the St. John the Forerunner Monastery in Goldendale, Washington, St. Nicholas Ranch and Retreat Center, and other

Orthodox institutions.

According to the Bylaws of the Order of Saint Andrew the Apostle, Archons of the Ecumenical Patriarchate, the Order's National Commander, following the election of the National Council officers, is to appoint Regional Commanders to serve for a period of one year. Each Regional Commander serves as the representative of the National Council in the region in order to carry out the purposes, objectives and principles of the Order.

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

The Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew Foundation: For the Sacred See of Saint Andrew, has been established as an endowment by the Archons of the Ecumenical Patriarchate. FOUNDERS of the Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew Foundation have committed to ensuring the financial foundation of the Holy Mother Church, the Ecumenical Patriarchate of Constantinople, by pledging \$100,000 over 10 years.

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Regional Commander for the Pacific Northwest

Art of Ancient Greece, Rome and the Byzantine Empire George D. and Margo Behrakis Wing, Level 2 Opens December 18, 2021

Five newly transformed galleries at the heart of the MFA's George D. and Margo Behrakis Wing for Art of the Ancient World invite visitors to explore nearly 550 objects from one of the finest and most comprehensive collections of Classical art in the world.

Bringing to life the richness of the Greek, Roman and Byzantine worlds, these five galleries provide fresh perspectives on an era that provided inspiration for our own modern society. The new spaces will complete a renovated suite of 12 Classical galleries transformed since 2009—most recently, “Daily Life in

Ancient Greece” in 2017. The MFA will offer free admission on opening day, December 18, to celebrate the debut of the five new galleries and the reopening of seven galleries in the Behrakis Wing for Art of the Ancient World that have been closed for the past two years to accommodate construction.

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Denver Archon Dinner Reception

On August 28th, 2021 an Archon Dinner Reception was hosted by Regional Commander Dr. Gregory Papadeas to enjoy fresh-caught fish in Alaska. Dr. Papadeas took the opportunity to update all that attended in regards to the upcoming Archon weekend in N.Y.C., St. Nicholas Shrine, and the Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew Foundation. An evening of fellowship, food and drink, enjoyed by all.



Archbishop Elpidophoros meets with Archons in Houston

On Memorial Day Weekend, 2021, Archbishop Elpidophoros traveled to Houston, TX to attend the GOYA Basketball Tournament. At the conclusion of Divine Liturgy, he gathered with Regional Commander Dr. Gregory G. Papadeas and other Denver Metropolis Archons. Mr. George Gazis, Dr. Nick Kyriazi, Mr. Richard McGee, Mr. Chris Pappas, Mr. Frank Mihalopoulos, Mr. John Johns, Mr. Ted Koinis.

IN MEMORIAM List from Apr–Oct 8, 2021

Remembering Archon John G. Rangos, Sr.

Those who knew Mr. John G. Rangos Sr., Archon Exarchos, know that he spent a lifetime committed to Christ and to serving others. International Orthodox Christian Charities (IOCC), the humanitarian agency he co-founded, was honored to be one of his beloved causes. In the face of any disaster, emergency, or a particular need around the world, Mr. Rangos never hesitated

to fund IOCC's responses. Through his charitable foundation, through the years, Mr. Rangos gave over \$3 million in monetary and in-kind support to IOCC's global work. At almost 92 years old, in the last month of his life, he worked relentlessly to help IOCC raise money for Greece. From IOCC's first airlift in 1992, through the co-founding of IOCC, and until his last breath, Mr. Rangos lived the

mission to serve people in need. He was a pillar of IOCC, inspiring and guiding the organization's leaders and key to its establishment, development, and growth.



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Depoutatos
Palm Beach, FL
Departed on 9/11/2021

Dr. Marinos Hionis
Aktouarios
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Depoutatos
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John G. Patronis
Depoutatos
Atlanta, GA
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John G. Rangos, Sr.
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Megas Hieromnimon
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Peter G. Stavropoulos
Depoutatos
Marco Island, FL
Departed on 6/20/2021

May their memory be eternal!

HALKI SEMINARY

50 YEARS CLOSED

1971-2021

The Theological School of Halki was closed on July 29, 1971, making the training of clergy for the Ecumenical Patriarchate extremely difficult, and imperiling its administrative functioning and future. On the fiftieth anniversary of this unjust closure, the U.S. State Department has issued the following call to the Turkish government to respect the freedom of religion and allow for the seminary's reopening. The Order of Saint Andrew the Apostle, Archons of the Ecumenical Patriarchate, urgently hopes that the Turkish authorities will heed this call.

THE STATE DEPARTMENT

Press Statement by Ned Price, Department Spokesperson on the 50th Anniversary of the Closing of Halki Seminary

Today [JULY 29, 2021] marks 50 years since the Turkish Constitutional Court ruled that all institutions of higher education must either nationalize or close, resulting in the closure of the Theological School of Halki, a seminary of the Ecumenical Patriarchate of the Eastern Orthodox Church. The Halki Seminary had operated for 127 years, and its closing deprived the Ecumenical Patriarchate of a training school for Orthodox clergy in Turkey, its home for 1,690 years. Since Halki's closure, those wishing to become Orthodox clergy have been forced to go abroad for their training.

The United States continues to urge the Turkish government to respect the right to freedom of religion or belief as enshrined in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, and allow the reopening of the Halki Seminary. Moreover, we call upon the government of Turkey to allow all religious groups to again train their clergy within the country.





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