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SAINT ANDREW  
THE APOSTLE

Archons of the Ecumenical Patriarchate in America

**2021 Annual Report**





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### PERSISTENT RELIGIOUS FREEDOM DEFICIT IN TURKEY

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.	Does <u>not</u> allow the free election for the selection of the Ecumenical Patriarch.	Does <u>not</u> allow the local training of Orthodox clergy and the opening of the Halki Theological Seminary since 1970.	Does <u>not</u> allow the lawful return of all Greek Orthodox properties confiscated by the Government
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## BARTHOLOMEW

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

To the esteemed members of the Order of Saint Andrew, Archons of the Ecumenical Patriarchate in America: may the grace, peace and love of the Incarnate Logos be with you always.

Upon the occasion of the Order of Saint Andrew's 2021 Annual Report, we wish to express, once again, our sincere gratitude to you, the dedicated Archons of our Ecumenical Throne, for your paradigmatic maintenance of Christ's Holy and Great Church both in the United States and in this, the Queen of Cities, and for your palpable love for God, Whom you serve through your ἀρχοντιά – your benevolence and nobility of character – and your dedication to His People and Creation.

Our mind is continually with you, our faithful and beloved children across the seas, who strive daily to make our cause your own, who respond to the call of our Lord, who hasten to "bandage the wounds, and pour oil and wine" (Lk. 10:34) upon the ever-suffering yet resolute martyric Church of Constantinople. Indeed, this is not a lofty aspiration, but a profound commitment, for to be an Archon is not merely a distinction of honor, but a vocation. It is a promise of blameless service toward the communion of saints, and a foreshadowing of your future elevation – God willing – within the ranks of the Just, before the sublime Throne of our Creator.

Now, as we begin to celebrate the Nativity of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, and beholding the sun rising slowly from the East, heralding a new and hope-bearing year, we offer you these paternal words of encouragement, that you may know, most cherished children, that your Patriarch is at your side, praying for you, for your families, for your good deeds, for your strength and for your support. Go, therefore, and hold firm your faith in God, for all His "blessings will come upon you and accompany you," (Deut. 28:2) and by His grace, "the Church shall triumph in all things, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it." (Mat. 16:18)

With joyful wishes upon the Feast of our Lord's Incarnation and the forthcoming year of 2022, with gratitude abounding and hopeful and assured anticipation of your unceasing love toward the Mother Church of Constantinople, we remain,

At the Ecumenical Patriarchate, the 27th of December, 2021

Your fervent supplicant before God,

† BARTHOLOMEW  
Archbishop of Constantinople-New Rome  
and Ecumenical Patriarch



## GREEK ORTHODOX ARCHDIOCESE OF AMERICA ΙΕΡΑ ΑΡΧΙΕΠΙΣΚΟΠΗ ΑΜΕΡΙΚΗΣ

OFFICE OF THE ARCHBISHOP  
Ο ΑΡΧΙΕΠΙΣΚΟΠΟΣ

December 23, 2021  
Forefeast of the Nativity

To the esteemed Order of Saint Andrew the Apostle  
Archons of the Ecumenical Patriarchate in America

Beloved brothers in the Lord,

As we come to the end of a truly remarkable year, and the record of the Order of Saint Andrew is inscribed for all the world to see in this Annual Report, I express my profound gratitude to these champions of the Holy Great Church of Christ, the Archons of the Ecumenical Patriarchate. This year, the dream of an institutional endowment for the Mother Church of Constantinople was realized in a dramatic way. Nearly twenty million dollars were raised in a single year, and the fund was named the "Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew Foundation." This leadership role of the global Order of Archons allowed me to bring this good news to the Synaxis of Hierarchs of the Ecumenical Throne during the Indiction ceremonies around September 1 to help and inspire similar action.

Of course, adding to the joy of this amazing initiative was the fact that the Foundation was inaugurated during the Apostolic Visit of Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew to the United States — His All-Holiness' first visit in twelve years. As always, the Order of Saint Andrew supported this visit of our much beloved Spiritual Father and Leader of Orthodoxy throughout the oikoumene. In this Annual Report, then, the record of the Archons will show how they have actualized their devotion to the Great Church in diverse ways. And this record is one of accomplishment, for which the entire Church can be very proud.

Therefore, I wholeheartedly commend and congratulate the Order of Saint Andrew, Archons of the Ecumenical Throne. Your dedication to both Orthodoxy and Orthopraxy is an example to the pleroma of the Church. May you always be graced to serve the Mother Church with the same vigor and fervor that has marked this most significant year of 2021, through the prayers of the First- Called Disciple Andrew, and the intercessions of the Theotokos and Ever-Virgin Mary.

With blessings and gratitude in our Lord Jesus Christ,

† ELPIDOPHOROS  
Archbishop of America



# ORDER of SAINT ANDREW THE APOSTLE

Archons of the Ecumenical Patriarchate in America

February 2, 2022

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 and Friends,

In the ensuing pages of the 2021 Annual Report of the Order of St. Andrew you will note three historic developments in the history of the Order of St. Andrew:

1. **The dramatic growth of the Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew Foundation for the See of St. Andrew, raising nearly 20 million dollars, having been formally established on January 17, 2019 after many months of preparatory work;**
2. **The Apostolic Visit of His All-Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew to the United States, for the Centennial Celebration of the founding of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America 1922 – 2022, October 23, 2021 ~ November 3, 2021; the first such visit in twelve years highlighted by the FOUNDERS Dinner of the Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew Foundation featuring 70th Secretary of State of the United States Mike Pompeo in the presence of His All-Holiness and the 2021 Athenagoras Human Rights Award honoring those scientists whose extraordinary efforts led to worldwide Covid vaccines and therapeutics saving millions of lives presented by His All-Holiness. Those scientists honored included Albert Bourla, PhD, DVM, CEO of Pfizer; Uğur Şahin, MD and Özlem Türeci, MD, Co-Founders of BioNTech; and George D. Yancopoulos, MD, PhD and Christos Kyratsous, PhD of Regeneron Pharmaceuticals and the Honorable Alex M. Azar II, 24th U.S. Secretary of Health and Human Services and newly invested Archon who served as Master of Ceremonies.**
3. **The continued vitality of the Order of St. Andrew, Archons of the Ecumenical Patriarchate bringing into leadership positions new, younger Archons working together with the experienced, senior Archons. Noteworthy is the continued presence of our Spiritual Advisor Fr. Alex Karloutsos who indefatigably serves the Holy Mother Church and the Order with unparalleled distinction and the election of Officers and Functionaries of the Order:**
  - a. National Vice Commander: Archon Hon. B. Theodore Bozonelis
  - b. National Treasurer: Archon Peter J. Skeadas
  - c. National Secretary: Archon Gus M. Pablecas
  - d. Legal Counselor: Archon Peter Kakoyiannis, Esq.
  - e. Historian: Archon George E. Demacopoulos, PhD
  - f. Sergeant at Arms: Archon Alexander Pritsos
  - g. Assistant Treasurer: Archon Andreas D. Comodromos, CPA

It is with sadness that we note the passing of our beloved National Vice Commander, John Halecky, Jr on December 22, 2021, the same day that his predecessor fell asleep in the Lord, Nicholas J. Bouras (December 22, 2013). These legendary National Vice Commanders have set the standard for exemplary service to the Holy Mother Church, a standard that our newly elected National Vice Commander Hon. B. Theodore Bozonelis will surely meet in his own unique and incomparable manner. In Archon John's honor and memory, the Annual Archon Lenten Retreat will now be called the **John Halecky, Jr. Annual Archon Lenten Retreat**.

The Commander's appointment of four new Regional Commanders infuses energy and enthusiasm to the Order. There is already a new initiative emanating from the new Pittsburgh Metropolis Regional Commanders Archons Nick Tranto and Nick Terezis: **The Sprouts Program**, which will focus on teaching our youth the canonical, historical and ecclesiastical importance of the Ecumenical Patriarchate in the Metropolis Camps and in Catechism School.

2022 will be the year we hope to break out of the restrictive Covid 19 precautions so that we can freely travel throughout the United States and overseas to promote the religious freedom activities of the Order on behalf of the Great Church of Christ and grow the Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew Foundation.

We will also be working to encourage a grassroots approach to the Foundation Fundraising, with the establishment of the **Andrew's Appeal initiative**, patterned after the Vatican's 1000-year-old Peter's Pence program which will secure grassroots funding from all over the world to support the ministry of the Ecumenical Patriarchate through the Foundation.

**The Order congratulates His Eminence Archbishop Elpidophoros of America** for the monumental accomplishments of his ministry in America:

- The completion of the St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church and National Shrine;
- The restoration of Hellenic College / Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology to a sound financial footing and
- The resolution of the financial concerns of the Clergy Pension Plan

These achievements certainly bode well for the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese in America as it observes its Centennial Anniversary this year.

As we conclude the year 2021 let us give thanks to our Heavenly Father and to our Spiritual Father in America, His Eminence Archbishop Elpidophoros of America for the life-saving medical treatments His All-Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew received during his successful Apostolic Visitation to the United States. It was Divine Providence which intervened so that His All-Holiness could receive the highest medical treatment available in the world to ensure his continued good health and safety!

Glory be to God for All Things!

In the Service of the Holy and Great Mother Church of Constantinople,



Anthony J. Limberakis, MD  
Archon Aktouarios  
National Commander



# ORDER of SAINT ANDREW THE APOSTLE

Archons of the Ecumenical Patriarchate in America

# 743

Archons in the United States

**The ancient order of Archons is, in fact,  
the oldest and most prestigious honor that can be bestowed  
upon a layman in the entire Christian world.**

## 109

Archons in the  
Metropolis of Atlanta

## 53

Archons in the  
Metropolis of Boston

## 63

Archons in the  
Metropolis of Chicago

## 179

Archons in the  
Archdiocesan District

## 51

Archons in the  
Metropolis of Denver

## 45

Archons in the  
Metropolis of Detroit

## 126

Archons in the  
Metropolis of New Jersey

## 35

Archons in the  
Metropolis of Pittsburgh

## 72

Archons in the  
Metropolis of San Francisco

## 4

Archons in the  
American Carpatho-Russian  
Orthodox Diocese

## 1

Archon in the  
Antiochian  
Archdiocese

## 2

Archons in the  
Vicariate for the Palestinian/Jordanian  
Orthodox Christian Communities

## 3

Archons in the  
Ukrainian Orthodox Church  
of the USA

Statistics and lists as of February 12, 2022

*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.*



## Spiritual Leadership

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His Eminence Archbishop  
Elpidophoros of America,  
Exarch of the Ecumenical  
Patriarchate

Father Alexander Karloutsos  
Spiritual Advisor

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ARCHBISHOP OF CONSTANTINOPLE-NEW ROME  
AND ECUMENICAL PATRIARCH

The present Ecumenical Patriarch is the 269th successor of the Apostle Andrew to the throne of Constantinople. Over twenty centuries, the same throne has been occupied by an extraordinary range of churchmen: saintly theologians, great administrators, and many scarcely-remembered figures who had little choice but to preserve their ancient office as best they could, usually in dire conditions, for future generations. So it is fair to say that, when Patriarch Bartholomew was elevated to Archbishop of Constantinople—also known as New Rome—he could look to and stand on the shoulders of a chain of predecessors, who provided much more than role models; they represented a powerful image and symbol of an ancient Church in a modern world.



#### Archdiocese Visit

During his visit to the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America in New York, top, Archons and Archdiocesan Staff had the opportunity to greet and congratulate His All-Holiness (from top, left to right): George Tsougarakis, Christa Pourou and George Demos with his family.

However, when Patriarch Bartholomew was elected in 1991, the future for the Patriarchate in Turkey certainly looked precarious, if not bleak. Upon his installation, he was inheriting a position that promised more martyrdom than power. The movements of his immediate predecessor, Patriarch Demetrios, had been severely circumscribed by the Turkish authorities. Different difficulties with the Turkish government proved equally challenging for Bartholomew. So in many ways, the tenure of His All-Holiness still mirrors the story of the Ecumenical Patriarchate through the centuries. As British scholar Sir Steven Runciman once noted: "The great achievement of the Patriarchate was that, in spite of humiliation and poverty and disdain, the Orthodox Church endured and endures as a great spiritual force."

However, in the case of Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew, we have witnessed a vision and tenure that have proved both inspired and inspirational for the Church throughout the world as he has patiently and pastorally guided the Orthodox Church into the twenty-first century. After all, the thirty-year anniversary of his tenure—the longest in history—is matched only by that of Titus in the third century.

Having worked at the center of Orthodox Church administration, education and politics for over three decades, I can say without the slightest hesitation that there are very few leaders in our Church that understand the role and responsibility of Orthodoxy Christianity in the contemporary world like the Ecumenical Patriarch. Still, given his gentle demeanor and engaging personality, very few people could have foreseen in 1991 that Patriarch Bartholomew would become one of the best-known and most respected religious figures in the world—both the religious and the secular worlds—touching millions of people through the Orthodox Church and beyond.



Synaxis of Autocephalous Orthodox Churches at the Phanar, October 10–12, 2008.

What the Patriarch has achieved in his tenure is nothing less than phenomenal, if not miraculous. By focusing on problems of wider importance and global impact, he has managed to reinvest his ancient office with a moral authority and public profile, of which many religious leaders can only dream and for which his faithful can be proud. In the accurate testimonial of the former Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr. Rowan Williams: "Bartholomew has turned the relative political weakness of his office into a strength."

This strength through weakness and leadership through service are precisely what are needed at all levels of the Orthodox Church and in every Autocephalous Orthodox Church in order to meet the challenges for Orthodox Christianity today in a world that increasingly yearns for hope and healing.

#### **Portrait of a Patriarch**

Born Dimitrios Arhondonis, in 1940 on the island of Imvros in Turkey, His All-Holiness Bartholomew was elected in October 1991 as the 270th Archbishop of the 2000-year old Church founded by St. Andrew. Serving as Archbishop of Constantinople-New Rome and Ecumenical Patriarch, the personal experience and theological formation of the Ecumenical Patriarch have provided him with a unique perspective on ecumenical relations and environmental issues.

A citizen of Turkey, Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew, received his elementary and secondary education in Imvros and Istanbul. After completing undergraduate studies at the Theological School of Halki in Istanbul, His All-Holiness pursued graduate studies at the Pontifical Oriental Institute of the Gregorian University in Rome, The Ecumenical Institute in Bossey in Switzerland and the University of Munich. Today he holds numerous honorary doctorates from prestigious academic institutions, such as the Universities of Athens and Thessaloniki in Greece, Fordham and Georgetown in the United States, Flinders and Manilla in Australasia, as well as London and Moscow in Europe. On his thirtieth anniversary, an Honorary Doctorate of Laws was conferred on His All-Holiness by the University of Notre Dame.

Ordained to the diaconate in 1961 and to the priesthood in 1969, His All-Holiness served as assistant Dean at the Theological School of Halki from 1968 to 1972, before being appointed personal secretary to his predecessor, the late Ecumenical Patriarch Demetrios, as well as being elected metropolitan of Philadelphia in 1973 and metropolitan of Chalcedon in 1990. He was elected Archbishop of Constantinople-New Rome on October 22, 1991, and enthroned as Ecumenical Patriarch on November 2, 1991.



### **An Ecumenical Patriarch**

As Archbishop of Constantinople-New Rome, the Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew occupies the first throne of the Orthodox Christian Church worldwide, presiding in historical honor and fraternal spirit among all Orthodox primates. These include the ancient patriarchates of Alexandria, Antioch and Jerusalem, as well as the more recent patriarchates of Moscow, Serbia, Romania, Bulgaria, and Georgia. Beyond these, the Ecumenical Patriarch has the historical and theological responsibility to initiate and coordinate activity among the Orthodox Churches of Cyprus, Greece, Poland, Albania, the Czech lands and Slovakia, to which the Church of Ukraine was recently added.

His pastoral jurisdiction also includes various archdioceses and numerous metropolitan dioceses throughout the world, such as in America, Australia and Europe. His All-Holiness convened regular assemblies of Orthodox hierarchs of the Ecumenical Throne, the first being in 1992.

Moreover, the Ecumenical Patriarch has also presided over the historic restoration of the Autocephalous Church of Albania and the Autonomous Church of Estonia, while elevating the Church of the Czech Lands and Slovakia to the status of Autocephaly, thereby providing spiritual and moral support to many traditional Orthodox countries emerging from decades of wide-scale religious persecution behind the Iron Curtain.

Finally, he is responsible for convening Pan-Orthodox Councils or meetings facilitating interchurch and interfaith dialogues while serving as the focal point and the primary spokesman for the Orthodox Church and its unity as a whole. Transcending national and ethnic borders, the Ecumenical Patriarch is spiritual leader to more than 300 million Orthodox Christians worldwide. To this end, only weeks after



Pope Francis at the Phanar, November 30, 2014.

his enthronement, he held the first Synaxis of Heads of Autocephalous Orthodox Churches in 1992; the sixth took place in 2016. He was also the first Patriarch to consecrate the Holy Myron three times (1992, 2002, and 2012); in 2022, he will consecrate it for the fourth time.

### **Ecumenical Dialogue**

His All-Holiness has worked tirelessly for reconciliation among Christian Churches acquiring an international reputation for reinforcing ecumenical relations internationally, regionally and locally. In 2004, he oversaw the historic return of the Sacred Relics of his predecessors on the Throne of Constantinople, St. Gregory the Theologian and St. John Chrysostom, personally escorting them from the Vatican to the Phanar.

He has worked to advance reconciliation with the Roman Catholic Church and the Anglican Communion, as well as other confessions through theological dialogues and personal encounters with their respective leaders in or-

der to address issues of common concern. In September 2021, he initiated the first ever "joint message for the protection of creation" signed by Pope Francis, Archbishop Justin Welby of Canterbury, and himself.

In addition, he has consolidated bilateral dialogues between the Orthodox Church and the Ancient Oriental Churches, the Lutheran World Federation, the World Alliance of Reformed Churches, and the Old Catholics.

Closely involved with the World Council of Churches (WCC) and the Conference of European Churches (CEC), he has served on their executive and central committees as well as the faith and order commission of the WCC, while delivering the keynote addresses for the 70th anniversary of the WCC (in 2018) and the 60th anniversary of CEC (in 2019).

### **Interfaith Encounter**

Moreover, he has initiated numerous international meetings and conversations with Muslim and Jewish



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October 21, 1997



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November 3, 2009

leaders, in an effort to promote mutual respect and religious tolerance on a global level, thereby proving a pioneer in interfaith encounters throughout the world.

Emphasizing that Orthodox Christians have a 550-year history of co-existence with Moslems in the Middle East, he has initiated a series of meetings with Moslem leaders throughout the region in what he calls "a dialogue of loving truth." To strengthen that dialogue, he has traveled to Libya, Syria, Egypt, Iran, Jordan, Azerbaijan, Qatar, Kazakhstan and Bahrain and met political and religious figures in those countries, whom no Christian leader had previously visited.

The role of the Ecumenical Patriarch, as the primary spiritual leader of the Orthodox Christian world and transnational figure of global significance continues to grow increasingly vital. His All-Holiness has co-sponsored international peace conferences as well as meetings on the subject of racism and fundamentalism, bringing together Christians, Muslims, and Jews for the purpose of generating greater cooperation and mutual understanding. He co-chaired the first Peace and Tolerance Conference in 1994; a second followed in 2006. He has also been invited to address the European parliament, UNESCO, The World Economic Forum, as well as numerous national parliaments.

### The Green Patriarch

"To commit a crime against the natural world is a sin. For human beings to destroy the biological diversity of God's creation. For human beings to contaminate the Earth's waters, its land, its air and its life. All of these are sins." (Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew, Santa Barbara, 1997)

His All-Holiness has organized nine international, interfaith and interdisciplinary symposia, the last of which was held on the Saronic







### **Celebrating a Milestone**

His All-Holiness observed his 30th Anniversary as the longest serving Ecumenical Patriarch in history. He concluded his Apostolic Visit with a celebratory dinner in his honor, above, at The Loeb Boathouse in Central Park, offered by Archbishop Elpidophoros and generously hosted by Archon Dean Poll, right.







The Holy and Great Council of Crete

Islands of Greece ("Green Attica," June 5–8, 2018), as well as educational seminars and influential summits to address ecological problems pertaining to the light of rivers and seas, initiatives earning him widespread recognition (by Time magazine and The Guardian newspaper) and awards (from the United Nations and the Scenic Hudson) as well as the title "Green Patriarch."

Upon welcoming the Ecumenical Patriarch to the White House in 1997 to receive the Gold Medal of the United States Congress, Vice President Al Gore recognized him as an ardent champion of the sacredness of creation and an inspired advocate for the protection of the environment.

### The Holy and Great Council

His greatest achievement is arguably the convening of the Holy Great Council, which is deeply grounded on his responsibility for leading and coordinating the Autocephalous Orthodox Churches. Nowhere was this role more evident than in the decades-long preparation for the Holy and Great Council of Crete, which took place in June 19–26, 2016. The scale, scope and success of this council is unprecedented in the history of the Orthodox Church, especially in the last millennium. Despite many obstacles, resistance and criticism, His All-Holiness understood that the Church must engage the unique and urgent challenges of the modern world.

More than any other event in our lifetime, the Holy and Great Council

has opened new possibilities for Orthodox cooperation and a united Orthodox witness. Future historians researching and writing on the vision and mission of Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew will undoubtedly highlight the Council of Crete – along with his leadership on the world's response to climate change – as the two most defining and influential contributions of his ministry.

### Autocephaly in Ukraine

When we speak about the defense of religious freedom, what generally comes to mind is the protection of the religious rights of minority groups in vulnerable parts of the world. However, we have also seen the suppression of religious liberty assume other forms, such as in the case of the Orthodox Church in Ukraine. Following the fall of the Iron Curtain in the early 1990s, a new dawn of freedom emerged in Ukraine, despite continued constraint and control by the Russian Federation as the successor to the Soviet State.

Nonetheless, Ukraine's aspiration for national and political sovereignty was set on the course for religious and spiritual autonomy, especially after the election and enthronement of the present Ecumenical Patriarch in 1991. His All-Holiness spent over a decade fervently and earnestly mediating the rightful Ukrainian claims with the protests of the Moscow Patriarchate. However, confronted with an unrelenting territorialism

and unjustifiable expansionism, the Ecumenical Patriarchate pastorally and canonically asserted its historical and traditional authority, finally granting the Tomos of Autocephaly to the Orthodox Church of Ukraine on the eve of the Feast of Epiphany, January 5, 2019.

Today, as a result of the courage, conviction and commitment of His All-Holiness, the autocephaly of the Orthodox Church of Ukraine is a permanent reality that has enriched the family of Orthodox Churches throughout the world.

### A Pearl Anniversary

For thirty years, His All-Holiness has carved out fresh ways and new directions for the Orthodox Church to bear witness to the contemporary world about "the pearl of great price" (Mt 13.45–46) by preaching and proclaiming the gospel of reconciliation and unity in a time of uncertainty and division.

To this end, in 2020, the Ecumenical Patriarchate officially endorsed a statement, entitled For the Life of the World: Toward a Social Ethos of the Orthodox Church, providing social principles and guidelines for addressing contemporary issues. Moreover, in 2021, in response to the global pandemic, the Ecumenical Patriarchate established a formal feast commemorating Saintly Physicians of the Orthodox to honor the sacrifice of doctors, nurses and medical workers throughout the world.

His effort to promote religious freedom and human rights, his initiatives to advance religious tolerance among the world's religions, and his work toward international peace and environmental protection, have justly placed him at the forefront of global visionaries as an apostle of love, peace and reconciliation.

On this thirtieth anniversary of his patriarchal tenure, we wish him many healthy years of ongoing blessed ministry.

–Written by Fr. John Chrysavgis

**Come, Let us Worship**

Ecumenical Patriarch  
Bartholomew blesses the  
faithful during the Divine  
Liturgy in New York City.







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## **A Watershed Event in the History of the Ecumenical Patriarchate**

*By Anthony J. Limberakis, MD, Chair*

**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 launch this initiative ever since my appointment as National Commander in 1998 because unlike every other major faith, the Ecumenical Patriarchate has never had a reliable and consistent charitable foundation or endowment to fund its worldwide ministries. However, over the years the Order of St. Andrew prioritized addressing the existential threat of the egregious Religious Freedom deficit in Turkey asphyxiating the Mother Church and our efforts were



### **An Historic Inaugural Meeting**

On December 13, 2019, the inaugural meeting of the St. Andrew Ecumenical Patriarchal Fund, was held in the Conference Room of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America in New York City.

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 Archons 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 (National Vice Commander John Halecky, Jr., National Secretary

Hon. B. Theodore Bozonelis and National Treasurer Peter J. Skeadas) and Archons Tom Constance, Esq. Peter Kakoyiannis, Esq. and Chris Stratakis, Esq. who all had expertise in various fields: legal, financial and business. Our 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 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 Presbytera Xanthi were selected to receive the *2018 Athenagoras Human Rights Award*, the National Council of the Order voted to earmark all do-

nations that would be raised from that event, *for the exclusive use of the Ecumenical Patriarchate*. This event 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

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## 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.

Metropolitan Emmanuel of France and now Geron of Chalcedon and former Vice President and now President Joe Biden. By January 17, 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 subsequent 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 Archbishop Elpidophoros is the official representative of the Ecumenical Patriarch and as such is a full voting member of the Board of Trustees.

The initial name of the Foundation was *the St. Andrew Ecumenical Patriarchal Fund* but 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 100s of millions of dollars, the oikoumene 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 of St. Andrew 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. The Bartholomew Foundation has a global initiative 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.

As of this writing, over \$19 MILLION has been raised for the Foundation by 170+ FOUNDERS who have each pledged \$100,000, as well as a \$1 MILLION Matching Grant from the Nicholas J. and Anna K. Bouras Foundation.

"Glory to God for all things," in the words of St. John Chrysostom, Archbishop of Constantinople (398-404).



## 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.

# 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 Chris E. Tsamutalis, CPA.

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 is Archon Carl R. Hollister and James Pantelidis, 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 unshakable commitment 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 Chris Tsamutalis, and Committee Members who make us all proud!"

Chris Tsamutalis 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."

**Chris E. Tsamutalis,**  
CPA, Chair



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# 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. Catrickes; 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.

## His All-Holiness and Archon John S. Koudounis

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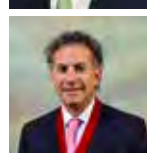
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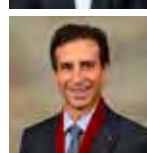
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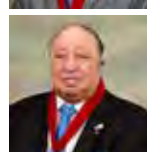
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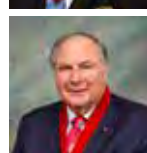
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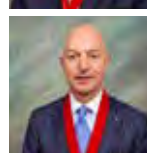
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Mr. George E. Safiol\*

Saints Constantine and Helen Cathedral of Brooklyn

Saint John the Theologian Cathedral of Tenafly, NJ

Saint Katherine Greek Orthodox Church of Naples, FL

Saint Mark Greek Orthodox Church, Boca Raton, FL, The Clergy and Archons of Saint Mark in Memory of Peter Dion

Mr. Nicholas Scandalios

Mr. Pericles Siatis

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## ECUMENICAL PATRIARCH BARTHOLOMEW FOUNDATION

*For the Sacred See of Saint Andrew*

# FOUNDING PARISHES

Several parishes within the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese have supported the Mother Church, including these communities:



**Saints Constantine  
and Helen Cathedral**  
Brooklyn, NY



**Holy Trinity  
Orthodox Cathedral**  
Carmel, IN



**Kimisis Theotokou  
Orthodox Church**  
Brooklyn, NY



**Saint Katherine  
Orthodox Church**  
Naples, FL



**Saint Mark  
Orthodox Church**  
Boca Raton, FL



**All Saints  
Orthodox Church**  
Weirton, WV



**Cathedral of Saint  
John the Theologian**  
Tenafly, NJ



**Holy Trinity  
Orthodox Church**  
Westfield, NJ



**Nativity of the  
Virgin Mary Church**  
Plymouth, MI

# FOUNDING ORGANIZATIONS

Several National organizations within the Greek Orthodox community have supported the Mother Church, including:



**All GOA  
Metropolises**



**Order of AHEPA**  
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**AHEPA Omega  
Chapter 371**  
Detroit, MI



**Leadership 100**  
New York, NY



**Order of St. Andrew**  
New York, NY



**National  
Philoptochos Society**  
New York, NY



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

"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." –Archbishop Elpidophoros of America, Sept. 2, 2021



ECUMENICAL PATRIARCH  
BARTHOLOMEW  
FOUNDATION  
*For the Sacred See of Saint Andrew*

# THE INAUGURAL *Founders* DINNER

In the presence of His All-Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew, the Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew Foundation For the Sacred See of Saint Andrew held its inaugural FOUNDERS Dinner in New York City on Friday, October 29, 2021. His Eminence Archbishop Elpidophoros of America offered remarks, and the Hon. Michael R. Pompeo, former U.S. Secretary of State, gave the keynote address. The Honorable B. Theodore Bozonelis, Archon Ekdikos, served as Master of Ceremonies.

After the Invocation by His All-Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew, 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, presented the vision of the Foundation.

Dr. Limberakis stated: "A

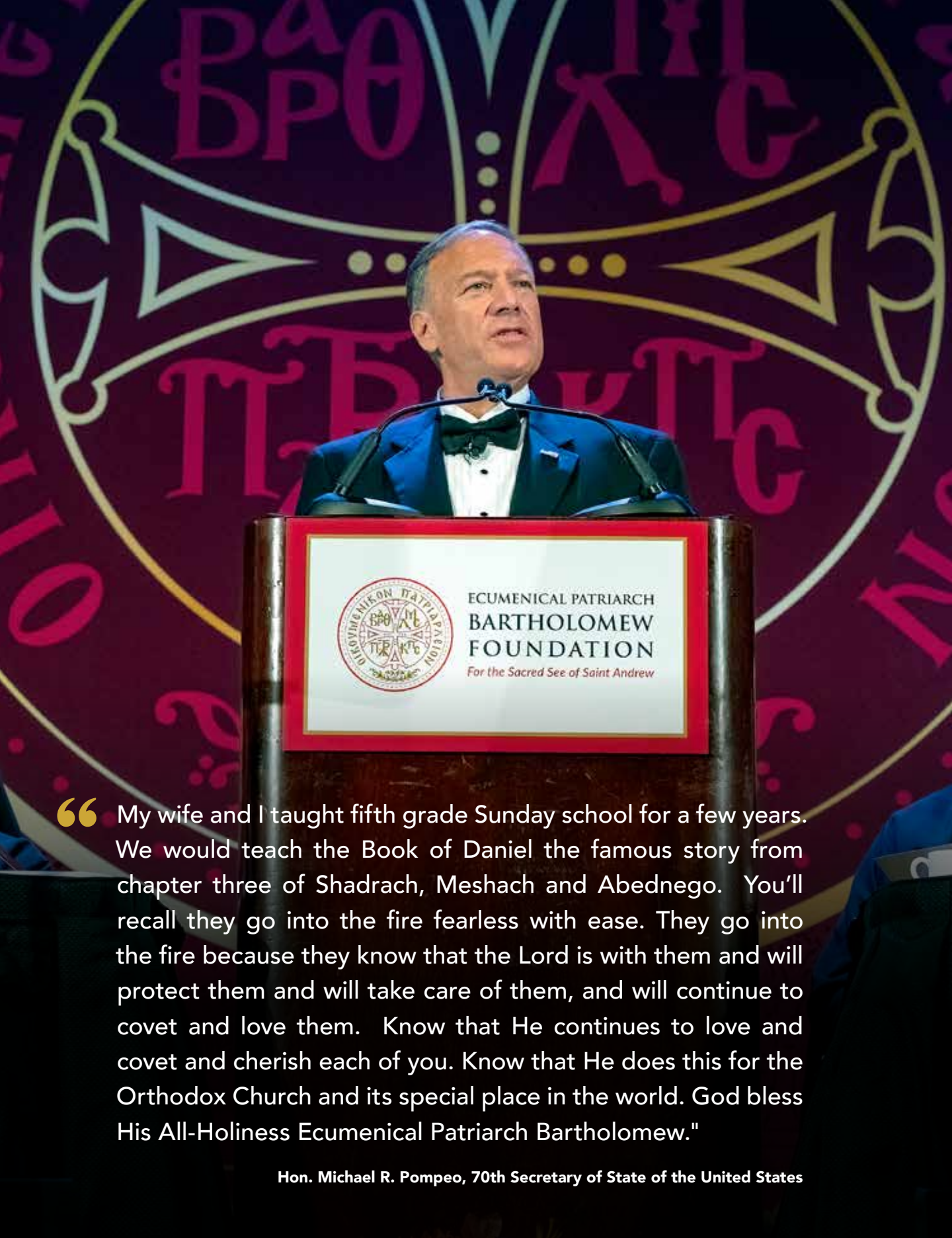
Patriarchal Foundation exclusively dedicated to fortify the financial underpinnings of the Ecumenical Patriarchate, the Spiritual Center of World Orthodoxy has been the desire of many individuals for decades: Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew himself, Archbishop Elpidophoros even as a deacon, Fr. Alex Karloutsos and many Archons. The establishment of the Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew Foundation by the Order of St. Andrew 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."

In addition, Dr. Limberakis announced that up to that point,

"\$18 million has been raised for the Foundation by 157 Founders who have each pledged \$100,000, as well as a \$1 million Matching Grant from the Nicholas J. and Anna K. Bouras Foundation." He added: "'Glory to God for all things,' in the words of St. John Chrysostom, Archbishop of Constantinople."

Keynote speaker Michael R. Pompeo was sworn in as the 70th Secretary of State of the United States on April 26, 2018. He previously served as Director of the Central Intelligence Agency from January 2017 to April 2018. During his tenure as Secretary of State, on November 17, 2020 Pompeo visited the Phanar and met with His All-Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew, the first such meeting ever by a sitting Republican Secretary of State. Under the auspices of Secretary Pompeo, the United States Department of State hosted a Ministerial for the Advancement of Religious Freedom





“ My wife and I taught fifth grade Sunday school for a few years. We would teach the Book of Daniel the famous story from chapter three of Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego. You'll recall they go into the fire fearless with ease. They go into the fire because they know that the Lord is with them and will protect them and will take care of them, and will continue to covet and love them. Know that He continues to love and covet and cherish each of you. Know that He does this for the Orthodox Church and its special place in the world. God bless His All-Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew.”

Hon. Michael R. Pompeo, 70th Secretary of State of the United States

in Washington, DC where over 1,000 representatives from around the world attended. 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.

An initiative of the Order of Saint Andrew the Apostle, the mission of the Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew Foundation is to grant economic independence to the Ecumenical Patriarchate so that it may fulfill its apostolic mission in perpetuity. Founding Members of the Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew Foundation have committed to ensuring the financial founda-

tion of the Holy Mother Church the Ecumenical Patriarchate of Constantinople by pledging \$100,000 over 10 years.

The Banquet was 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.



#### **His All-Holiness and Pompeo**

His All-Holiness thanks Mike Pompeo following his remarks.



#### **Private Luncheon with Pompeo**

Above: Dr. Anthony J. Limberakis offers words during a private luncheon which discussed issues pertaining to religious freedom and the Ecumenical Patriarchate, with the Hon. Michael R. Pompeo, his wife Susan and Archon leadership.

Left: Archons George Tsougarakis, the Hon. B. Theodore Bozonelis, Dr. Limberakis, Mike Pompeo, Peter Skeadas, Dean Poll, John Payiavlas and Fr. Alexander Karloutsos.





### Foundation Chair

Dr. Anthony J. Limberakis, Chair of the Foundation, with his wife Dr. Maria A. Limberakis, are photographed with His All-Holiness.



## FOUNDERS

Top row: Mr. and Mrs. John and Margo Catsimatidis; Mr. C. Dean (and Marianne) Metropoulos. Middle row: Maria Allwin; Mr. and Mrs. Andreas and Anna Comodromos. Bottom row: Mr. and Mrs. John and Elena Manos; Mr. and Mrs. Carl and Cynthia Hollister.





## FOUNDERS

Top row: Mr. George E. Safiol, Foundation Vice Chair. Bottom row: National Vice Commander the Hon. B. Theodore and Helen Bozonelis. National Treasurer Peter J. and Aphrodite Skeadas.





## FOUNDERS

Top row: Archon John Halecky III, accepting on behalf of his parents, John Jr. of blessed memory, and Sonia Halecky; Mr. and Mrs. Franklin and Constance Sisson. Middle row: Mr. John (and Joanne) Koudounis; Mr. and Mrs. Peter and Joanne Kakoyiannis. Bottom row: Mr. Stephen (and Arete) Cherpelis; Ms. Leah Kats, accepting on behalf of her mother, Mrs. Valerie Kats and Family.





ATHENAGORAS  
HUMAN  
RIGHTS  
AWARD

## Athenagoras Human Rights Award Bestowed Upon Scientists Whose Efforts Led to Covid Vaccines and Therapeutics

### Axios!

The Honorees of the Athenagoras Human Rights Award stand with Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew, Archbishop Elpidophoros, the Hon. Archon Alex M. Azar II and National Commander Anthony J. Limberakis, M.D.





On Saturday, October 30, 2021 His All-Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew and His Eminence Archbishop Elpidophoros of America joined by National Commander Dr. Anthony J. Limberakis presented the Athenagoras Human Rights Award to those scientists whose extraordinary efforts led to worldwide Covid vaccines and therapeutics saving millions of lives. Those scientists honored included Albert Bourla, PhD, DVM, CEO of Pfizer; Uğur Şahin, MD and Özlem Türeci, MD, Co-Founders of BioNTech; and George D. Yancopoulos, MD, PhD and Christos Kyratsous, PhD of Regeneron Pharmaceuticals and the Honorable Alex M. Azar II, 24th U.S. Secretary of Health and Human Services and newly invested Archon who served as Master of Ceremonies. Nearly 1,000 Archons and guests were in attendance.

## Honoring Those Scientists Whose Efforts Led To Worldwide Covid Vaccines And Therapeutics Saving Millions Of Lives



Albert Bourla,  
DVM, PhD  
Pfizer



Uğur Şahin,  
MD, PhD  
BioNTech



Özlem Türeci,  
MD  
BioNTech



George D. Yancopoulos,  
MD, PhD  
Regeneron



Christos Kyratsous,  
PHD  
Regeneron



Albert Bourla, PhD, DVM, CEO of Pfizer



George D. Yancopoulos, MD, PhD and Christos Kyratsous,  
PhD of Regeneron Pharmaceuticals

“It is no accident that our recognition through the Athenagoras Human Rights Award is of distinguished and eminent scientists who have labored to mitigate the deadly effects of the pandemic. These pioneers have made monumental contributions to their own fields, and most importantly, to the global campaign to end the scourge of Covid. Their recognition by the Archons of the Ecumenical Throne demonstrates that what unites the human family is far more significant than accidents of birth and the legacy of ancestry. They also manifest for us the global significance of the migration of peoples to new lands and new opportunities.”

**Archbishop Elpidophoros**





“ We join together, in body and spirit, to celebrate the best of humanity – men and women from all walks of life, who have struggled selflessly and sacrificially to combat the severe threat of the Coronavirus pandemic on all levels, ranging from nurses, doctors, and medical professionals who came face to face with the disease, to lawmakers and civil authorities who strove to contain and prevent its spread, to clergymen, academics and notable persons who reminded us of the inestimable value of human life, and of our responsibility towards one another. These people – true exemplars and models – are justly honored by the Order of St. Andrew through the commendation of five leaders of the pharmaceutical and biotechnological fields, each representing thousands of individuals, who all played a vital role in creating the saving vaccine and in preserving the lives of countless beings throughout the world.”

**Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew**



“ As a practicing radiologist at Thomas Jefferson University Health System in Philadelphia, every single day I witness daily firsthand the devastation that COVID causes in patient’s lungs on chest x-rays and CT scans. From the early days when there were no lifesaving vaccinations and therapeutics, to the current situation in which the non-vaccinated are primarily the victims of this catastrophic plague, we continue to observe the COVID cataclysm. For extraordinary contributions to the oikoumene by special modern-day Extraordinary Children of Abraham, the Order is honored to present these scientists with the 2021 Athenagoras Human Rights Award through the hands of His All-Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew and His Eminence Archbishop Elpidophoros of America.”

**National Commander Anthony J. Limberakis, MD**





“What a unique evening this is. Think how, by the grace of God, the efforts of the organizations represented on this dais, and the work of many others, have enabled us to be here tonight, in New York City, in person, and indeed likely have saved the lives of many of us in this room.

... I extend my warmest appreciation and congratulations to the leaders of Pfizer, BioNTech, and Regeneron on their receipt of the Ecumenical Patriarch Athenagoras Human Rights Award."

**Hon. Alex M. Azar II, Master of Ceremonies**

24th U.S. Secretary of Health and Human Services and author of "Operation Warp Speed" a public-private partnership which enabled the creation of life-saving vaccines by January 2021, in record time.





### Evening Highlights

Top row: Prior to the Banquet, a moment is shared with the honorees along with the Hon. Archon Alex M. Azar II, far right, who served as Master of Ceremonies; Middle row: Uğur Şahin, Md, Phd and Özlem Türeci, MD offering their acceptance remotely; George D. Yancopoulos, MD, PhD and Christos Kyratsous, PhD of Regeneron; Albert Bourla, DVM, PhD of Pfizer offering acceptance speeches; Bottom row: The Hon. Theodore B. Bozonelis, National Secretary offers welcoming remarks; Michael Psaros introduces dais guests.











### **National Council, Regional Commanders Joint Meeting**

On Saturday, October 30, 2021, a joint meeting was held between the National Council and Regional Commanders of the Order of Saint Andrew at the New York Hilton Midtown, as part of the annual Archon Weekend.

### **Orientation for Archon-elects**

On Saturday, October 30, 2021, National Commander Anthony J. Limberakis, M.D., delivered a multimedia presentation to the Archons-elect classes of 2020 and 2021 on the role and responsibilities as a Defender of the Faith.



### **Presbytera Xanthi Honored**

On Saturday, October 30, 2021, Dr. Maria A. Limberakis, together with the wives of National Council members, honored Presbytera Xanthi Karloutsos for her many years of hard work.

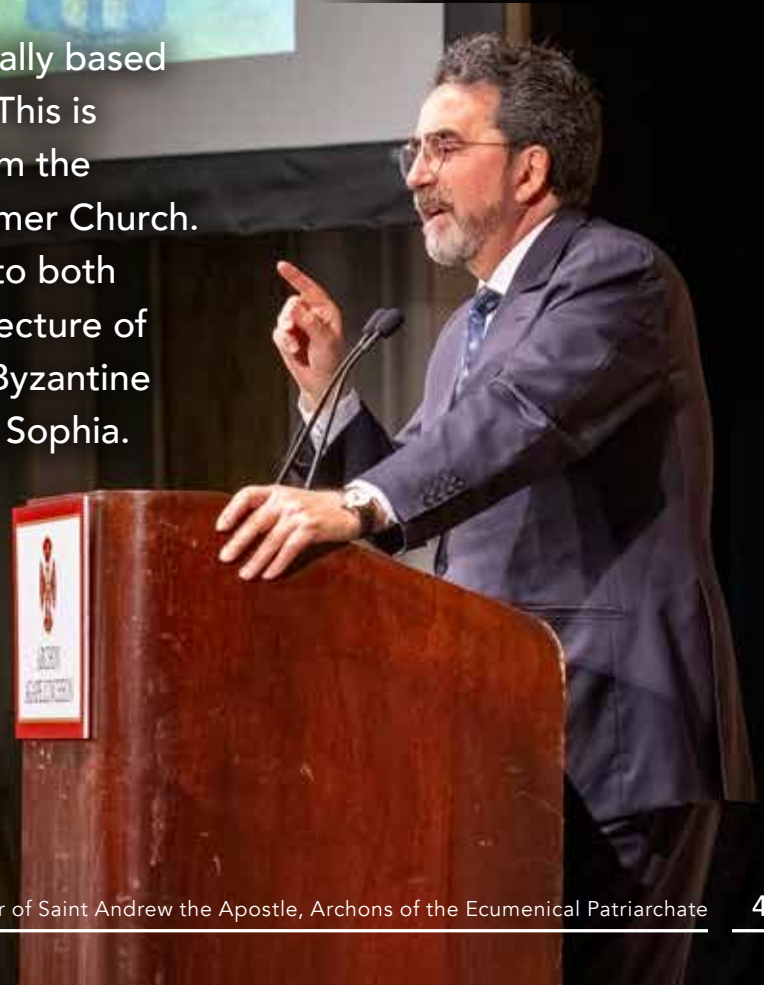


#### **Santiago Calatrava featured speaker at Agape Luncheon**

On October 30, 2021, Santiago Calatrava, architect of the St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church and National Shrine, was the featured speaker at the Archon Agape Luncheon, chaired by Dr. Maria A. Limberakis. Dr. Limberakis offered 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*. Later, Calatrava was presented with the first Archon Sophia Award, "for his inspirational vision in the rebuilding of the Saint Nicholas National Shrine at the World Trade Center grounded on the Holy Wisdom of God."

“The new Church is principally based around a central Cupola. This is purposefully different from the rectilinear lines of the former Church. Indeed, it hearkens back to both the Greek classical Architecture of the Acropolis and to the Byzantine Architecture of the Hagia Sophia. The new Saint Nicholas will stand as both a Parthenon and Hagia Sophia for the Greek Orthodox Community.”

**Santiago Calatrava**







## Ecumenical Patriarch Invests Eighteen New Archons into the Class of 2020; adds 35 Distinguished New Members into the Class of 2021

### Azar Invested

The Hon. Archon Alex M. Azar II, an Orthodox Christian and strong defender of religious freedom during his tenure as 20th Secretary of Health and Human Services, is among those invested into the Class of 2021.

His All-Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew, in the presence of His Eminence Archbishop Elpidophoros of America, presided at the Investiture of thirty-five new Archons from throughout the United States, following the Divine Liturgy at the Archdiocesan Cathedral of the Holy Trinity, on Sunday, October 31, 2021. The new Archons have dedicated themselves to the protection and defense of the Mother Church of Constantinople.



# THE CLASS *of* 2021

Nicholas Anagnostopoulos  
Archon Hartoularios  
West Nyack, NY

Constantine James Kalaris  
Archon Laosynaktis  
Annapolis, MD

Dean George Pappas, Esq.  
Archon Protekdikos  
Houston, TX

Soterios Theodore Argeroplos  
Archon Eftaxias  
Ellicott City, MD

Ilias Katsos  
Archon Depoutatos  
Southampton, NY

Fotios Piniros  
Archon Protonotarios  
Rye, NY

Hon. Alex Michael Azar II  
Archon Aktouarios  
Washington, DC

Dennis Demosthenes Kokenes, MD,  
Archon Asingritis  
Charlotte, NC

George G. Harry Poulon  
Archon Depoutatos  
Brooklyn, NY

Nicholas Mtanios Azar  
Archon Orphanotrophos  
Casper, WY

Demetrios Kokotas  
Archon Referendarios  
Brooklyn, NY

Gregory Saad  
Archon Nomodotis  
Mobile, AL

George Kostas Bovis, MD  
Archon Ostiarios  
Northbrook, IL

Steve Sava Kontos  
Archon Notarios  
Tenafly, NJ

Anis Nicola Shamiyeh, Esq.  
Archon Notarios  
Walnut Creek, CA

Richard T. Browne  
Archon Referendarios  
Westchester, NY

Hon. Michael J. Kotsakas Kratsios  
Archon Kastrinsios  
Washington, DC

Demetrios Gregory Skedros, MD  
Archon Maistor  
Salt Lake City, UT

Spyros Catechis, PhD  
Archon Maistor  
Houston, TX

Kyriacos Charles Kyriacou, Esq.  
Archon Ekdikos  
Los Angeles, CA

George John Spanos  
Archon Ostiaros  
Camp Hill, PA

Hon. Steven George Counelis  
Archon Nomophylax  
Anaheim, CA

Angelo Harry Magafan  
Archon Laosynaktis  
Washington, DC

Col. Michael Leonidas Therianos, Jr.  
Archon Asingritis  
Colorado Springs, CO

Michael Efthimios Economou  
Archon Skevophylax  
Upper Darby, PA

Vasilios Mathews, MD  
Archon Referendarios  
Houston, TX

Stephen Donald Tibbs  
Archon Orphanotrophos  
Irvine, CA

John George Gumas  
Archon Hartophylax  
San Francisco, CA

Pantelis Michalos, MD  
Archon Aktouarios  
Southampton, NY

Chris Evan Tsamutalis, CPA  
Archon Skevophylax  
Tenafly, NJ

Elias Anthony Iliadis, MD  
Archon Exarchos  
Cherry Hill, NJ

George K. Moutis  
Archon Hartophylax  
Ocean City, NJ

Chris Vasilakis, MD  
Archon Imnodos  
Morgantown, WVA

Theodore Michael Kakoyiannis, Esq.  
Archon Dikaiophylax  
New York, NY

Petros Neomanitakis  
Archon Hartoularios  
Brooklyn, NY





## THE CLASS *of* 2020

Frank Demetrios Catricken  
Archon Kastrinsios  
Watertown, MA

Anastasios George Papademetriou  
Archon Didaskalos Tou Genous,  
Egg Harbor, NJ

Paul Peter Skoutelas  
Archon Referendarios  
Washington, DC

Hon. Jeffrey George Chrones  
Archon Dikaiophylax  
Glenview, IL

Nicholas Papain, Esq.  
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James George Rockas  
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Archon Protekdikos  
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Terry Sarantou, MD  
Archon Hartoularios  
Charlotte, NC

Christopher Paul Tsavoussis  
Archon Laosynaktis  
Nassau, Bahamas & Clearwater, FL

Mark George Moraitakis  
Archon Ekdikos  
Atlanta, GA

Michael Seremetis  
Archon Skevophylax  
Brooklyn, NY

Theodore Homer Vagelos  
Archon Eftaxios  
Boca Raton, FL



Archon Theodore Vagelos



The Hon. Archon Michael Kratsios



The Hon. Archon Steve Counelis



Archon James G. Rockas



Archon Frank D. Catricken



Archon Peter Michalos, MD

“ It is none other that His All-Holiness himself who chose the title for you, out of his love for you and appreciation of your dedication to the Great Church of Christ.”



**Archbishop Elpidophoros  
of America**







## *Apostolic Visit*

### MOMENTS

#### **Meeting with President Biden**

President Joseph R. Biden, Jr. met with His All-Holiness and congratulated him on thirty years of moral and spiritual leadership as Ecumenical Patriarch. The President expressed relief at the Ecumenical Patriarch's speedy recovery. They discussed efforts to confront climate change, steps to end the global COVID-19 pandemic, and the importance of religious freedom as a fundamental human right. Their meeting underscored the critical role that faith communities play in confronting the range of global challenges we all face, as well as the decades-long friendship and partnership.







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ΠΑΤΡΙΑΡΧΗΣ  
Κ.Κ.  
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### Presenting the Shrine to Saint Nicholas

Given the special presence and presiding role of His All-Holiness in the Thyranoxia service, it is most appropriate that this historic event be memorialized visually and be incorporated within the iconographic program of the Shrine in keeping with the long-standing pictorial repertoire of the Byzantine/Orthodox Church. Here, on behalf of all the faithful-clergy and people, Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew presents our international Shrine to Saint Nicholas who is the Heavenly Patron of this Shrine.



# THE OPENING OF THE DOORS



SAINT NICHOLAS GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH AND  
NATIONAL SHRINE AT THE WORLD TRADE CENTER

*His All-Holiness offered the following message during the Thyranixia of the Saint Nicholas Shrine, on November 2, 2021.*

We stand here today, on this Hallowed Ground at the World Trade Center, where the world changed in a cruel and terrible moment twenty years ago.

We stand here, before Church and National Shrine of Saint Nicholas, the Wonder-working Archbishop of Myra in Lycia, whose historical See is an integral part of the Holy Mother and Great Church of Christ: our Ecumenical Patriarchate of Constantinople.

We stand here today, before a Church resurrected by faith and devotion, and extraordinary toil and labor.

We stand here today, as we celebrate the Thirtieth Anniversary of our Enthronement as the Successor to the Holy Apostle Andrew, the First-Called Disciple of the Lord Jesus Christ.

And we stand here today, celebrating the Patronal Feast of our spiritual son, His Eminence Elpidophoros, to whom we have entrusted the hopes of our Eparchy in this Great Nation, the Holy Archdiocese of America.

This Sacred Ground of the

American experience, is where the Orthodox Christian Faith will take the lead in manifesting to the world that there is more good than evil, that there is life beyond death, and that love will always triumph over hatred.

We have come to this place to open Doors on Greek Orthodoxy to the American Consciousness of what the best in religion can be.

We have come to this place to open Doors on the Ecumenical Patriarchate, Her Spiritual Mission and History.

We have come to this place to open Doors on the story of the Immigrants who came to these



## Opening the Doors

His All-Holiness recites prayers before the doors are opened for the first time.



shores in the shadow of Lady Liberty, searching for a new life and new opportunities.

We have come to this place to open Doors to promote inclusion, tolerance, and mutual understanding among all peoples of faith and good will.

We have come to this place to open Doors of Saint Nicholas the Worker of Miracles, because he is the patron of all sojourners – from those who died on 9/11, to those who mourn their loss, to the pilgrims who will enter this National Shrine.

From the Lands of the Seven Ecumenical Councils, that established the Christian Faith throughout the Oikoumene,

From the Queen of Cities – Constantinople, which preserves the authentic Traditions of Scripture,

#### **Friends in Procession**

Archons Michael Psaros and Dennis Mehiel, chairman of the Friends of St. Nicholas, walk in procession towards the Church, as His All-Holiness, below, prays and blesses the grounds.

Monasticism, and is the guardian of the Holy Mountain Athos,

From the Domain of Saint Nicholas the Wonderworker himself, we bring his physical and spiritual presence, in the Sacred Relic of his Holy Hand, which will find an eternal resting place within this National Shrine.

And we bring our paternal and Patriarchal Blessing to this Special Opening of the Doors, that inaugurates the countdown to the day when the Shrine will be fully open to all people, and for all people.

A short time ago, we blessed and raised Cross of Christ to be permanently affixed atop the dome.

This crowning of the Church by the Exaltation of the Holy Cross is our sign and symbol of victory, for Νικόλαος means: "Victory of the People." The cowardly attack that wrought so much death in this place does not have the final word.

From the first moments of the destruction, brave men and women rushed in to where even Angels feared to tread. They risked their lives. They sacrificed their lives.







#### Archon Efforts

Above: Archons Bozonelis, Koudounis, Limberakis, Georges and Helen Bozonelis with Prince Pavlos, Crown Prince of Greece. Above, right: Fr. Alex Karloutsos holding the Gospel next to Bishop Athenagoras. Right: Archons George Gigicos and Andrew Veniopoulos were absolutely essential in the execution and public relations of the Thyranixia event.



They knew the love that is greater than any hatred, the same love that brought our Lord Jesus Christ to the Cross.

He ascended the the Cross on Golgotha to create a ladder to Heaven for all humanity. The brave souls who ascended the stairs of the Towers that day, created, by their love and by their sacrifice, numberless ladders to heaven. The Angels carried their precious souls to the heights, even as their bodies were lost among the ruination of that fateful day.

Today, the Cross of our Lord reminds each and every one of us that through death, He has conquered death. And the resurrection of the Saint Nicholas Church as this Shrine for the Nation is an affirmation of our Hope of the Resurrection and life Eternal through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

We bestow our sincere thanks and abundant blessings upon the Friends of Saint Nicholas, who have come together with our dear friends and spiritual sons, Archbishop Elpidophoros and Father Alexander Karloutsos, to make possible this resurrection of

Saint Nicholas at Ground Zero.

We give thanks to all civil authorities, and especially former Governors Pataki and Cuomo, and our dear friends of the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey, who made the path clear for this rebuilding effort that we celebrate today.

And we give thanks to all of you – the faithful of the Parish, and those from around the country and the globe who have given of themselves in prayer and fasting, in gifts both great and small, to make this dream of Saint Nicholas a reality.

May His precious Relic, his miracle-working hand extend over you all and grant you health, prosperity, and every spiritual blessing.

And May this resurrected Saint Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church and National Shrine, shine the light of Christ throughout this City of New York and around the world, as a beacon of Hope, of Faith, of Love – the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ!

Lord, establish forever this holy house!

Τοῦτον τὸν Οἶκον  
στερέωσον, Κύριε! Ἀμήν.

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#### The Crowning of the Cross

After blessing the Cross, His All-Holiness watches the dramatic raising of the permanent Cross atop Church, and the presentation of the Precious Relic of Saint Nicholas the Wonderworker at the “Opening of the Doors.”









Following the Door Opening service, His All-Holiness was warmly greeted by (from top, left to right): Mr. and Mrs. Robert and Violetta Buhler, Mr. and Mrs. Michael and Robin Psaros and Mr. and Mrs. Dean and Susie Spanos.

National Treasurer Peter J. Skeadas and his wife Aphrodite greet His All-Holiness after his 30th anniversary celebration.

Alexander Pritsos, Sergeant At Arms, greets His All-Holiness upon arrival in New York City.



ARCHON  
SUPPORT

The Order expended some **\$650,000** in support of the Apostolic Visit to the United States of His All-Holiness, including all Archon Weekend events, hotel rooms of the Patriarchal entourage and Metropolitans of the Eparchial Synod of the GOA, transportation/limosine services and the extended stay of His All-Holiness for medical reasons.



# The Lighting of Saint Nicholas National Shrine



On the eve of the 20th anniversary of September 11, the St. Nicholas Shrine and Greek Orthodox Church at the World Trade Center was lit for the first time in a special ceremony led by Archbishop Elpidophoros. Several Archons attended the service including the National Commander, along with Archons George Stamas and Andrew Liveris, below left; John A. Catsimatidis and George Venizelos who broadcasted live on WABC Radio Program, below middle; and John Kassimatis, a hero of September 11th.





## *Apostolic Visit*

### MOMENTS

#### **"Let Your Light So Shine"**

Ecumenical Patriarch  
Bartholomew lights a  
candle with the daughter  
of Father Eleftherios  
Constantine, as he visits  
the Greek Orthodox  
Archdiocese of America.









# STATE DEPARTMENT REPORT SLAMS TURKEY

on Ecumenical Patriarchate,  
Hagia Sophia

**Turkish government “continued to restrict efforts of minority religious groups to train their clergy”**

The US State Department slammed Turkey on its record on religious freedoms citing the pressures exerted on the Ecumenical Patriarchate and the limitations on the rights of non-Muslim religious minorities in the country in its new report for 2020.

The report said that the Turkish government “continued to restrict efforts of minority religious groups to train their clergy,” and the Greek Orthodox Halki Seminary remained closed, while it “continued not to recognize Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew I as the leader of the world’s approximately 300 million Orthodox Christians, consistent with the government’s stance that there was no legal obligation for it to do so.”

The government’s position remained that the Ecumenical Patriarch was only the religious leader of the country’s Greek Orthodox minority population. The government continued to permit only Turkish citizens to vote in the Ecumenical Patriarchate’s Holy Synod or be elected patriarch but continued its practice of granting citizenship to Greek Orthodox metropolitans under the terms of the government’s 2011 stopgap solution intended to widen the pool of candidates eligible to become the next patriarch.

“The government did not recognize the leadership or administrative structures of non-Muslim minorities, such as the Armenian Apostolic Patriarchate of Constantinople, the Ecumenical Patriarchate of Constantinople, and Chief Rabbinate, as legal entities, leaving them unable to buy or hold title to property or to press claims in court,” the report continued.

The report also noted that senior US officials, including the Secretary of State, called on the Turkish government to allow the reopening of Halki Seminary and for the training of clergy members from all communities in the country. In June, the Ambassador at Large for International Religious Freedom called for the government to keep Hagia Sophia’s status as a museum.



**Official Visit of the US Deputy Secretary of State to the Ecumenical Patriarchate**

The Deputy Secretary of State of the United States of America, Ms. Wendy R. Sherman, visited the Ecumenical Patriarchate on May 29, 2021.



**US State Department official visits the Ecumenical Patriarchate**

On November 19, 2021, Her Excellency Karen Donfried, a senior US State Department official in charge of European and Eurasian Affairs, visited the seat of the Ecumenical Patriarchate in the Phanar.

# 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.

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."

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

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We lost two generations of priests and clergy and bishops of the Church, who are not educated in the only school that the Ecumenical Patriarchate has in Istanbul.”

—Archbishop Elpidophoros, former Dean of the Theological School, in an interview with *Ekathimerini* on the importance of the Halki Seminary and the impact of its closure on the Church

# TURKEY'S WORSENING RECORD ON RELIGIOUS FREEDOM

## Recommended For Special Watchlist For Egregious Religious Freedom Violators



In its 2021 Annual Report, the U.S. Commission on International Religious Freedom (USCIRF) highlights the decline of religious freedom in Turkey over the last year, as epitomized by the conversion of Hagia Sophia and the Chora monastery to mosques. The Report details Turkey's intransigence and refusal to respond to international calls for religious freedom; its reckless policies of converting numerous ancient churches and other Christian sites to mosques; its failure to reopen Halki Seminary despite repeated promises to do so; the arbitrary abduction and imprisonment of Christians, including U.S. pastor Andrew Brunson; its denial of property rights to minority religious communities, and even the right to govern their own affairs, and much more.

This persecution of Christians and disregard for Turkey's rich Christian heritage is longstanding: USCIRF first added Turkey to its Watch List in 2009 as country "close monitoring due to the nature and extent of violations of religious freedom." In 2012, USCIRF recommended that Turkey be designated a "Country of Particular Concern" (CPC), that is, as one of the principal violators of religious freedom worldwide, a country in which such violations are "systematic, ongoing, and egregious."

In 2014, USCIRF returned Turkey to the Watch List, where it has remained until this year. In the new report, USCIRF recommends that the U.S. government include Turkey on the U.S. Department of State's Special Watch List for engaging in or tolerating severe violations of religious freedom pursuant to the International Religious Freedom Act (IRFA). The full report contains numerous details about the worsening plight of Christians in Turkey and elsewhere.



# The United States Sanctions Turkey



The following statement was issued on December 14, 2020 by former Secretary of State Michael Pompeo on the website of the U.S. Department of State:

*"Today, the United States is imposing sanctions on the Republic of Turkey's Presidency of Defense Industries (SSB) pursuant to Section 231 of the Countering America's Adversaries Through Sanctions Act (CAATSA) for knowingly engaging in a significant transaction with Rosoboronexport, Russia's main arms export entity, by procuring the S-400 surface-to-air missile system. The sanctions include a ban on all U.S. export licenses and authorizations to SSB and an asset freeze and visa restrictions on Dr. Ismail Demir, SSB's president, and other SSB officers.*

*The United States made clear to Turkey at the highest levels and on numerous occasions that its purchase of the S-400 system would endanger the security of U.S. military technology and personnel and provide substantial funds to Russia's defense sector, as well as Russian access to the Turkish armed forces and defense industry. Turkey nevertheless decided to move ahead with the procurement and testing of the S-400, despite the availability of alternative, NATO-interoperable systems to meet its defense requirements. This decision resulted in Turkey's suspension and pending removal from the global F-35 Joint Strike Fighter partnership.*

*Today's action sends a clear signal that the United States will fully implement CAATSA Section 231 and will not tolerate significant transactions with Russia's defense and intelligence sectors. I also urge Turkey to resolve the S-400 problem immediately in coordination with the United States. Turkey is a valued Ally and an important regional security partner for the United States, and we seek to continue our decades-long history of productive defense-sector cooperation by removing the obstacle of Turkey's S-400 possession as soon as possible."*

## Archons Sponsor New York Times Ad Decrying Turkish Aggression and Calling for Peace

Archons John A. Catsimatidis, Andrew Liveris, Dennis Mehiel, Michael Psaros and George P. Stamas recently sponsored an incisive and hard-hitting full page ad in The New York Times, calling out the Republic of Turkey for its repeated violations of the religious freedom of Christians and other religious minorities, as well as for its belligerent and destabilizing activities in Southeastern Europe and the Middle East.



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### Turkey And Greece CAN And MUST Live Together

Turkey has in recent months become a destabilizing factor in a wide area that includes South Eastern Europe and the Middle East, and has begun a series of geopolitical moves that create tension and potential conflict that does not represent the relationships that the Turkish people have with their neighbors and with the rest of the world.

The Turkish moves are happening on multiple fronts: The conversion of the most symbolic representation of Christianity and Islam, the Hagia Sophia, into a mosque, unlawful activity, backed by military force, in the Aegean and in the Eastern Mediterranean, provocative action in Famagusta that violates UN Security Council Resolutions, military involvement in Syria, Libya and Iraq and lately even interference in the conflict between Azerbaijan and Armenia in Nagorno-Karabakh.

The attempted destabilization of the wider region is also of great concern to countries like Israel and Egypt and merits urgent US attention.

Turkey's aggressive behavior negatively affects and undermines the positive relations and cross-border exchanges between the neighboring peoples of Turkey and Greece, which have enormous potential.

**WE ASK THAT:**

- The United States of America use all available means to prevent the escalation of tensions brought by Turkey.
- The United States of America endorse the position of Greece in favor of adherence to international law, including the law of the sea, and of improving relations through dialogue, while abstaining from threats of violence, military activity and belligerent rhetoric.
- Turkey and Greece can and must live together. Their peoples deserve a peaceful future of economic and cultural exchanges and cooperation as citizens of modern western democracies. That, after all, will be to the benefit of their neighbors and the wider region.

Respectfully,

John A. Catsimatidis, Andrew Liveris, Dennis Mehiel, Michael Psaros, George P. Stamas



# ARCHON MICHAEL G. PSAROS

An Extraordinary Man with an Extraordinary Heart

*Donates \$6.4M during Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew's Apostolic Visit to the United States of America*

Archon Michael G. Psaros Family Establishes the Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew Orthodox Chaplaincy at Georgetown University with 3 Million Dollar Donation Promoting Interfaith Unity



On October 25, 2021, His All-Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew, came to Georgetown University to bless the new Orthodox Iconostasis and Icons donated by the Psaros Family in the Chapel of Copley Crypt. At a dinner hosted by the Chairman of the Board of Trustees and President of the University, Archon Michael Psaros announced the establishment of the Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew Endowed Orthodox Chaplaincy at Georgetown University, endowed by the Psaros family.

The chaplaincy will support a full-time Orthodox chaplain to serve the pastoral and spiritual needs of the university's growing Orthodox Christian student community. The chaplaincy endowment is the first fully endowed chaplain's position in the university's Campus Ministry program.

In remarks announcing the Endowment, Archon Psaros said: "Today, on this historic visit by His All-Holiness to Georgetown University, my family is honored and humbled to announce the creation of 'The Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew Endowed Orthodox Chaplaincy, Endowed by the Michael Psaros Family.' The Orthodox Ministry at Georgetown will now last forever."

"It is fitting," Archon Psaros added, "that Georgetown University, is now in possession of a true Patriarchal Seat, in the name of Bartholomew. His All-Holiness is the longest serving Ecumenical Patriarch in history, and the greatest in modern history. The creation of this Patriarchal Seat is also in recognition of the recent 30th anniversary of His-All-Holiness' momentous Enthronement."



## Alexandra Psaros announcing “The Psaros Family Orthodox Church Charitable Fund”

In October 2021, in recognition of the Apostolic Visit of His All-Holiness, Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew, to All Saints Greek Orthodox Church in Weirton, West Virginia, Alexandra Psaros, daughter of Archon Michael Psaros, announced she and her brother, Leo and sister, Marina, established “The Psaros Family Orthodox Church Charitable Fund.” The Fund, with \$3 million donated by the Psaros Family, will provide funding for the Parish Priest’s compensation in perpetuity beginning in 2022. The annual donation by the Fund to the Parish will be in the name of His All Holiness, Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew. Archon Michael Psaros is from Weirton, West Virginia, and is a proud son of All Saints. On the occasion of the Apostolic Visit, Parish Council Members, Mary Ann Psaros and Harry Psaros announced that All Saints’ donation of \$100,000 to the Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew Foundation to become a Founding Member.”



## His All-Holiness visits All Saints Greek Orthodox Church in Weirton

Through the efforts of Archon Michael G. Psaros, His All-Holiness was welcomed to the parish of All Saints Greek Orthodox Church in Weirton, WV during his Apostolic Visit to the United States. In addition to Archon Psaros, His All-Holiness was also welcomed by Regional Commander Nick Tranto, Parish Council President, along with Archons Nick Latousakis, Fotios Frangakis and George Loucas.





# New Officers and Functionaries Elected

On Friday, January 21, 2022, at a meeting of the National Council of the Order of Saint Andrew the Apostle, Archons of the Ecumenical Patriarchate, three national officers were elected: a National Vice Commander, a

National Treasurer, and a National Secretary.

Hon. B. Theodore Bozonelis, Archon Ekdikos, was elected the new National Vice Commander, succeeding the late John Halecky, Jr., who fell asleep in the Lord on

December 22, 2021. Reelected as National Treasurer was Peter J. Skeadas, Archon Hieromnimon; and Gus M. Pablecas, Archon Ostiarios, was chosen as new National Secretary, succeeding Judge Bozonelis.



Archons of the Order of Saint Andrew the Apostle are honorees by His All-Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew for outstanding service to the Church, and are well-known distinguished, and well-respected leaders of the Orthodox Christian community. It is the sworn oath of the 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 Saint Andrew the Apostle in Constantinople, and its mission.



**Hon. B. Theodore Bozonelis**  
**National Vice Commander**

Archon Bozonelis has previously served as National Secretary and Executive Committee member of the Order. He served as vice chairman of the Order's Legal Committee and is Chairman of the Order's Patriarchal Properties and Minority Concerns Committee. Archon Bozonelis was a judge of the Superior Court of New Jersey from 1990 to 2011. He was presiding judge in the Criminal Court, Equity and Family Divisions. In 2003, he was appointed the assignment (chief) judge for Northern New Jersey Counties where he oversaw the administration of state courts and 56 municipal courts. In that capacity, Judge Bozonelis also served as a member and chairman of the State Judicial Council which supervises the overall state judiciary. He also currently serves as the Secretary and Executive Officer of the Archdiocesan Council.

“ The rich history of the Order of Saint Andrew the Apostle continues to be written every day. We thank all those Archons who have served and sacrificed for our Holy Mother Church of Constantinople over the years, and at the same time, we pray for wisdom and strength for those who are taking up new roles. We are confident that these leaders will work ceaselessly for the salvific ministry of the Ecumenical Patriarchate; I thank God for their service and look forward to our sacred work together.”

–Archbishop Elpidophoros



**Archon Peter J. Skeadas**  
**National Treasurer**

Archon Skeadas was first elected National Treasurer of the Order in January 2018. He also serves as Chair of the Order's Spirituality Committee and the annual Archon Lenten Retreat, and has served on the Order's National Council as well as the Order's Regional Commander for the Archdiocesan District. He is a member of the Archdiocesan Council, serving on the National Finance Committee and the Archdiocesan District Finance Committee.



**Archon Gus M. Pablecas**  
**National Secretary**

Archon Pablecas has served as the Metropolis of Chicago Council's First Vice President, Parish Council President; Chairman of Finance, Ways and Means, Budget; Metropolis Task Force Chairman; Chairman of Metropolis Clergy Laity and Real Estate Committees; member of the Archdiocesan Council and of the Metropolis of Chicago Building, Planning and Architectural Committee. He is President/CEO of a company active in real estate acquisitions and asset management and is a former FBI Special Agent.

# New National Council Functionaries

On Friday, January 21, 2022, at a meeting of the National Council of the Order of Saint Andrew the Apostle, Archons of the Ecumenical Patriarchate, four National Council Functionaries were elected: a Historian, a Legal Counselor, a Sergeant At Arms, and

an Assistant Treasurer.

George Demacopoulos, PhD, Archon Didaskalos Tou Genous, was reelected as the Historian of the Order. Elected as Legal Counselor was Peter Kakoyiannis, Esq., Archon Nomophylax; he succeeds Christopher Stratakis, Esq., Archon

Notarios, who is retiring after over twenty years of outstanding service. Sergeant At Arms Alexander Pritsos, Archon Heiromnimon, and Assistant Treasurer Andreas Comodromos, CPA, Archon Dikaiophylax, were also both reelected.



**Archon Prof. George E. Demacopoulos, PhD  
Historian**

Archon Professor George E. Demacopoulos, PhD performed expert research that resulted in the return to the Ecumenical Patriarchate of the relics of St. Gregory the Theologian and St. John Chrysostom from the Vatican. He has also been a frequent guest lecturer on Orthodoxy at clergy and lay gatherings of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America. Archon Demacopoulos is currently the Fr. John Meyendorff & Patterson Family Chair of Orthodox Christian Studies at Fordham University and Co-Director of the Orthodox Christian Studies Center at the same University. He was invested as Archon in 2010 and conferred with the offikion Didaskalos Tou Genous.



**Archon Peter Kakoyiannis, Esq  
Legal Counselor**

Archon Peter Kakoyiannis, Esq, a member of the law firm Eiseman Levine, is a graduate of the Herbert H. Lehman College of the City University of New York and St. John's University School of Law. He has extensive experience working on matters representing lending institutions in dealing with their commercial as well as real estate loan transactions. Mr. Kakoyiannis also has substantial experience in the acquisition, sale and development of real estate. His clients include real estate developers, domestic and foreign banks and foreign governments. Archon Kakoyiannis is a member of the bar of New York and Pennsylvania. He was invested as Archon in 1998 and conferred with the offikion Nomophylax.



“ The Order of Saint Andrew the Apostle is made up of faithful Orthodox Christians who have determined to safeguard and defend the Holy Center of our Faith, the Mother Church of Constantinople. These new Functionaries will further strengthen that sacred effort, to the benefit of the entire human family, under the one God Who reigns supreme above all.”

–Archbishop Elpidophoros



**Archon Alexander Pritsos**  
**Sergeant at Arms**

Archon Alexander Pritsos has served as co-chair of the Athenagoras Human Rights Award Banquet and Archon weekend and co-chair of the committee to establish the website Archons.org. He also serves on the 2020-2022 Archdiocesan Council. He was an essential Archon volunteer in executing the logistics of the historic Great and Holy Council of Crete. He served his country in the U.S. Army and worked in government logistics and surveillance. Archon Pritsos was invested as Archon in 1992 and conferred with the offikion Hieromnimon.



**Archon Andreas D. Comodromos, CPA**  
**Assistant Treasurer**

Archon Andreas D. Comodromos, CPA is a successful accountant with his own firm, Comodromos Associates, PA, and nearly 40 years of accounting experience. Archon Comodromos serves as president and managing partner of Comodromos Associates, which is based in Paramus, New Jersey. He has served several positions on the Board of the Cyprus Federation of America and was elected Supreme President for two consecutive terms, from 1991 to 1995. Archon Comodromos was invested as Archon in 1996 and conferred with the offikion Dikaiophylax.

# 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.



**Archon Nicholas J. Tranto**  
**Regional Commander for Metropolis of Pittsburgh**

Archon Tranto was named an Archon in 2020 but his investiture was delayed by the Covid-19 pandemic. He was 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 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 specializing 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.



**Archon Nicholas Terezis**  
**Regional Commander for Metropolis of Pittsburgh**

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.

“ I’m deeply honored and pleased to be able to make these appointments. 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 four Archons, 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.”

–National Commander Limberakis



**Archon Theodore D. Konopisos**  
**Regional Commander for Southern California**

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.



**Archon Isidoros Garifalakis**  
**Regional Commander for the Pacific Northwest**

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.



# Archon National Council Confers Title of *Emeritus* Upon Retiring National Council members and Regional Commanders

**T**he National Council of the Order of Saint Andrew the Apostle, Archons of the Ecumenical Patriarchate, has conferred the honorary title of *Emeritus* upon five retired members of the National Council and Regional Commanders.

The five Archons upon whom this honor was bestowed were Christopher Stratakis, Esq., Archon Notarios, Legal Counselor, National Council; Stephen Cherpelis, Archon Dikaiophylax, National Council; Nikitas Drakotos, Archon Depoutatos, National Council; Theofanis Economidis, Archon Ekdikos, National Council; and James Kallins, MD,

Archon Exarchos, Regional Commander.

His Eminence Archbishop Elpidophoros stated: "These men have labored for a good part of their lives in distinguished service to the Order of Saint Andrew the Apostle, the Holy Mother Church of Constantinople, and the Holy Orthodox Church throughout then oikoumene. They richly deserve the honorary title of *Emeritus*, in recognition of their long and tireless years of work in the vineyards of our Lord and His All-Holy Mother."

Dr. Anthony J. Limberakis, National Commander of the Order of Saint

Andrew the Apostle, Archons of the Ecumenical Patriarchate, said: "The history of the last few decades of the Order of Saint Andrew the Apostle would have been quite different without the holy labors of these men. It is altogether fitting and proper for the honorary title of *Emeritus* to be conferred upon them, for the Order, the Ecumenical Patriarchate, and the entire Church has benefited from their efforts for so very long. They have done great service, and we hope that in retirement they may enjoy the fruit of their labors."



**Archon Christopher Stratakis, Esq.**  
**Legal Counselor Emeritus**

Archon Christopher Stratakis, Esq., a member of Leadership 100, is the longtime legal advisor of the Order of St Andrew, and a member of the National Council Executive Committee. He guided fundraising efforts to build the School of the Transfiguration Church, and served as school board president for 11 years. He was also the fundraising co-chairman for the Hellenic Cultural and Educational Center of St. Nicholas Church in Flushing, NY. He was invested as Archon in 1998 and conferred with the offikion Notarios.



**Archon Stephen Cherpelis**  
**National Council Member, Emeritus**

Archon Stephen Cherpelis has served as a Member of Leadership 100; the Archdiocesan Council; Vice President of the Direct Archdiocesan District; Archon Dikaiophylax of the Ecumenical Patriarchate; Emeritus Member of the National Council; Recipient of the Archdiocesan Medal of St. Paul; and Member of the Board of Trustees of the Archdiocesan Cathedral of the Holy Trinity, where he served as President for several years. Archon Cherpelis is a Founder of the Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew Foundation. He has received the Ellis Island medal, was honored by the St. Michael's Home for the Aged, and served as President of St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church of Flushing, NY, where the Hellenic School is named as Stephen and Areti Cherpelis School. He was invested as Archon in 2001 and conferred with the offikion Dikaiophylax.



### **Archon Nikitas Drakotos**

#### **National Council Member, Emeritus**

Archon Nikitas Drakotos, also a member of Leadership 100, has been honored for his outstanding contributions to Hellenism by The James Plevritis-Joseph C. Keane New Rochelle AHEPA Chapter No. 405. He has served as president of the Hellenic American Neighborhood Action Committee (HANAC) and of St. Michaels Home, and as a member of the Archon National Council. He is a recipient of the Ellis Island Medal of Honor and the Archangel Michael and St. Spyridon Awards. He was invested as Archon in 1985 and conferred with the offikion Depoutatos.



### **Archon Theofanis V. Economides**

#### **National Council Member and Regional Commander, Emeritus**

Archon Theofanis V. Economides has served as the regional Commander of the Archons of the Metropolis of San Francisco, and as a member of the National Council, as well as a member of Leadership 100 and a member of the Executive Committee of the Archdiocese of America. From 2008 to 2013, he was assigned by the Order to represent the Ecumenical Patriarchate and defend its Religious and Human Rights at the annual meeting of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE). Archon Economides was invested as Archon of the Ecumenical Patriarchate in 1996 and conferred with the offikion Ekdikos.



### **Archon James G. Kallins, MD**

#### **Regional Commander, Emeritus**

Archon James G. Kallins, MD had a long and successful career as a medical professional from 1959 until his retirement in 1997. He was an original founder of the Hellenic American Medical Society, and has also been a pillar in the Greek American Community of Southern California. Archon Dr. Kallins has also been an ardent supporter of the Greek Orthodox Metropolis, Archdiocese and Ecumenical Patriarchate. He has served as a Regional Archon Commander for the Metropolis, on the Metropolis and Archdiocesan Councils, and as the Supreme President of the Pan-Arcadian Federation. He was invested as Archon in 1996 and conferred with the offikion Exarchos.

# SHORT STORIES

A compilation of stories and events that transpired this past year.

## Father Alexander Karloutsos retires after 51 years of service from Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America

Continues in his role as Archon Spiritual Advisor

The Reverend Protopresbyter Alexander Karloutsos, beloved Archon Spiritual Advisor, announced his retirement from the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America. In his letter in December 2020, Fr. Alex states, "I am retiring, but I will not be retreating." He continued, "with the blessings of the Archbishop, I will continue to work with the Order of Saint Andrew to raise funds for the Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew Foundation." The Order, together with the Bartholomew Foundation, look forward to his continued support and direction to assist the Mother Church.



### Metropolis of Chicago Archons Awarded Grant to Inform Public About Issues Facing Ecumenical Patriarchate

The Metropolis of Chicago Archons were awarded a grant from The Renaissance Fund. This will allow the Archons to present Religious Freedom Symposiums and help provide educational programs to raise awareness about the key issues challenging the Ecumenical Patriarchate. Regional Commanders Archon John G. Manos and Gus M. Pablecas are commended for this outstanding initiative.

The Renaissance Fund is a not-for-profit organization that supports educational and humanitarian programs in the Greek Community within the United States, and the Orthodox Church.



### 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.



### Archon Papanikolaou Speaks at Episcopal Synaxis

At the invitation of His All-Holiness, Archon Prof. Aristotle Papanikolaou, Ph.D. addressed the Episcopal Synaxis on September 1, 2021, Hierarchs from around the world gathered at the Ecumenical Patriarchate for the Divine Liturgy celebrating the Indiction and the Ecclesiastical New Year, as well as the Synaxis of the Hierarchs of the Ecumenical Throne. Archon Telly was asked to speak about the production of the document "For the Life of the World: The Social Ethos of the Orthodox Church," which was published in March 2020, and about the ideas that lay behind it. This document was commissioned by His All-Holiness himself and was years in the making. "For the Life of the World" was the first-ever effort of the Ecumenical Patriarchate to speak to the challenges of the modern world, and it does so in a comprehensive and compelling manner.





### **Metropolis of Chicago Archons Hold Religious Freedom Presentation During the Clergy Laity Assembly**

On October 8, 2021, the Metropolis of Chicago Archons held a Religious Freedom Presentation during the Metropolis of Chicago Clergy Laity Assembly in St. Louis. Nearly 400 participants attended the assembly.

Regional Commanders Gus M. Pablecas and John G. Manos, accompanied by Archons John Balourdos, Stilianos Efstratiadis, John Fotopoulos, John Galanis, Alex Gianaras, John Hilaris, Tom Kanelos, Lou Laros, Johnny Mangouras, Perry Siatis, and Bill Vranas, delivered an engaging 45-minute PowerPoint presentation on the key issues facing our Patriarchate.



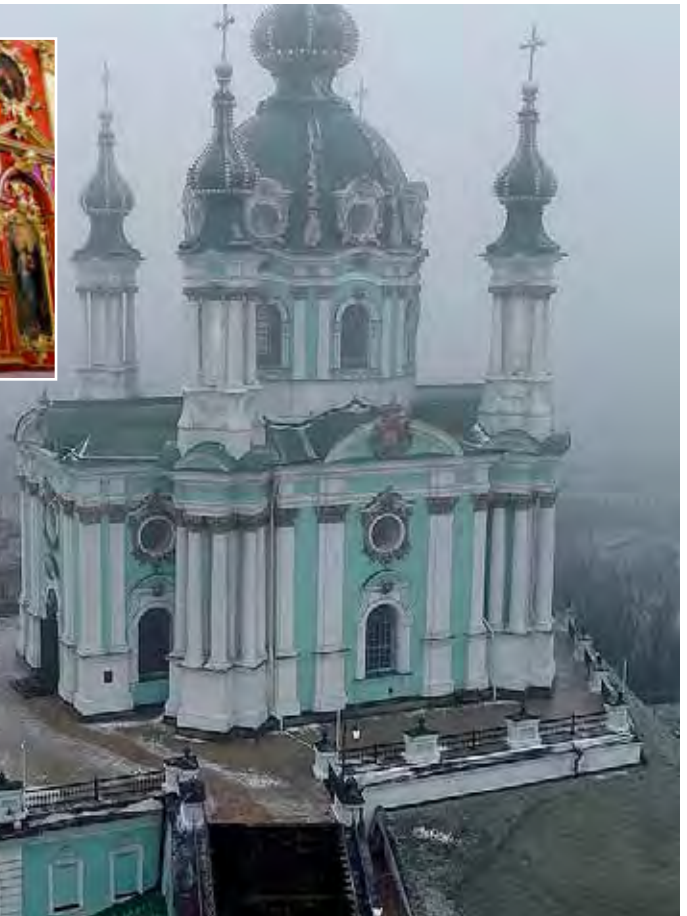
### **Archbishop Elpidophoros meets with Archons in Houston**

On Memorial Day Weekend, 2021, His Eminence Archbishop Elpidophoros of America 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.



### **The Opening of the Stavropygion of the Ecumenical Patriarchate in Kyiv**

With the blessing of His All-Holiness the Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew, a Delegation of the Mother Church, consisting of His Eminence Metropolitan Emmanuel of France and the Patriarchal Deacon Iakovos Krochak, went to Kyiv for today's celebration (according to the Julian calendar) of the memory of Saint Andrew the First-Called, whose name the Stavropygion honors. This historic Church was given to the Ecumenical Patriarchate by the Ukrainian State in 2018.



# Three Institutions Agree To Return Stolen Manuscripts

## Order contributes to litigation expenses, complimenting Archon Tsougarakis extensive pro-bono work

Several years ago, His All-Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew, with the assistance of Father Alex Karloutsos, called upon the Order to assist a small monastery in the north of Greece, the Monastery of the Theotokos Eikosiphoinissa, that was victimized in 1917 by an invading force of Bulgarian soldiers. For centuries, the library of the Monastery was highly regarded for its extensive collection of sacred manuscripts. However, on March 27, 1917, during World War I, the Monastery suffered a terrible atrocity at the hands of Bulgarian guerillas who stormed the Monastery, assaulted the monks and stole the most valuable manuscripts of its library. The stolen manuscripts were thereafter disseminated to dealers, book sellers, and auction houses across Central Europe. Many were kept by Bulgaria, but several of the manuscripts found their way to the United States.

This was the basis of His All-Holiness's request of the Order: to facilitate the return to the monastery of those stolen manuscripts that were located in the United States. Today, the Order is pleased to announce that three institutions have agreed to return the manuscripts in their collections that originated from the Monastery. These are:



Archon George A. Tsougarakis, represents the monastery on a pro bono basis.



The Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago which returned a rare 9th century manuscript that is the oldest complete minuscule manuscript (written in cursive script) of the Greek New Testament in the world.



The Museum of the Bible which has agreed to return a 10th century manuscript that contained the four Gospels



The Morgan Library & Museum which has agreed to return a 12th-century Greek manuscript containing the New Testament's Epistle to the Hebrews and Book of Revelation.

Despite this success, the fight continues. Two of the nation's most prestigious universities possess several of the Monastery's stolen manuscripts in their collections: Princeton University and Duke University. While we await a response from Duke with respect to the request that it return the stolen manuscripts, there is an active litigation against Princeton which has thus far refused to return the four manuscripts in its possession. The Order, which has funded the out of pocket expenses for the litigation, extends its gratitude to Archon Dikaiophylax, George A. Tsougarakis, who represents the monastery on a pro bono basis.

# Archon Educational Cards offer awareness on issues; cards available at no cost to you

**T**he Order of St. Andrew's fundamental goal and mission is to promote the religious freedom, wellbeing and advancement of the Ecumenical Patriarch.

A critical part of this mission is to bring understanding and awareness of the plight of His All-Holiness to both Orthodox and non-Orthodox. One of the great strengths of the Order of St. Andrew is the power of our membership's personal networks. A most powerful and effective form of spreading a message is a one-on-one conversation with someone you know and whose opinion you respect. We are all in a position to have one-on-one conversations regarding the Ecumenical Patriarch.

We have created a set of cards to make these conversations more effective and long-lasting. Each card highlights a specific point of emphasis. The Five Issue card gives you a quick reminder on the critical issues in front of the Patriarchate. The Hagia Sophia card details the history of the Great Church of Christ and its current state after having been converted to a mosque by the Turkish Government. The Bartholomew cards give you important facts about His All-Holiness.

Every Archon should have these cards. Keep a few with you so you are prepared. If you are speaking at a public event or at church regarding the Patriarchate have several with you that can be passed out.

As Archons we should dedicate time every week to the mission of the Order. Having conversations regarding these important issues that impact the Patriarchate is something every Archon can and must do to advance the mission of the Order of St. Andrew.



Archon Rocky Sisson has led new efforts to bring attention to the plight of the Ecumenical Patriarchate.

**The cards are available at no cost for you.  
Please contact the Archon office in New York at  
info@archons.org or call 212-570-3550.**



## Important Facts About His All-Holiness

- ▶ Spiritual leader of 300 million Orthodox Christians. The Orthodox Church protects the sites of Jesus' birth, crucifixion and resurrection in the Holy Land.
- ▶ Known as "The Green Patriarch" for raising awareness on environmental protection, for which he was recognized by the United Nations and acclaimed by Time Magazine.
- ▶ Bartholomew is the 269th successor to the Apostle Andrew (Pope Francis is the 265th successor to the Apostle Peter, St. Andrew's brother), Bartholomew is the longest serving patriarch in history (30+ Years).
- ▶ Personally invited to an Oval Office meeting with every President on every Washington visit.
- ▶ Recipient of the Congressional Gold Medal (highest national award). Former recipients include George Washington and Winston Churchill, Martin Luther King, and Nelson Mandela.
- ▶ The first to urge Muslim leaders to label 9/11 "an anti-religious act" as part of his quest for interfaith dialogue, religious freedom, and human rights.
- ▶ Addressed assemblies of the UN, European Parliament, World Economic Forum, and UNESCO.
- ▶ Convened the first Holy and Great Council of all Orthodox Churches in 1,000 years.



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## HAGIA SOPHIA

A UNESCO World Heritage Site

"The only use of Hagia Sophia, which respects and exemplifies its true mission, is its use as a Christian house of worship."  
—Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew



**The Greatest Cathedral in Christendom**

**537** Built by 10,000 workers on the order of the Byzantine Emperor Justinian, it immediately became the largest and most influential church in the Christian world and remained so for more than 900 years.

**1204** Occupied by Crusaders in 1204, recovered in 1261.

**1453** The Ottomans conquer Constantinople on May 29 and shortly after it is converted to a mosque.

**1935** Transformed to a museum by order of Turkish President Kemal Ataturk, founder of secular Turkey.

Has stood since then as a monument to religious tolerance and to the resilience of the human spirit, open to people of all faiths.

**2020** Re-converted to a mosque by President Erdogan on July 24.

**Before**

**After**

Turkish government officials obstruct the view of sacred topography within Hagia Sophia, using drapery and lasers.



# Archon Dr. Peter Michalos Is Honored for His Heroic Efforts During the Pandemic

Kudos to Archon Dr. Peter Michalos! The exemplary work of Archon Dr. Peter Michalos in informing the general public regarding the latest advancement in the treatment, prevention and research regarding the COVID19 pandemic is a major contribution to the community at large. A regular participant in the Archon John A. Catsimatidis "Cats Roundtable" Daily Radio Program, the #1 Nielson rated program in New York City provides an extraordinary platform to inform the citizenry of New York and surrounding areas of the whole truth and nothing but the truth regarding this modern-day plague. Bravo Brother Archon Dr. Peter!



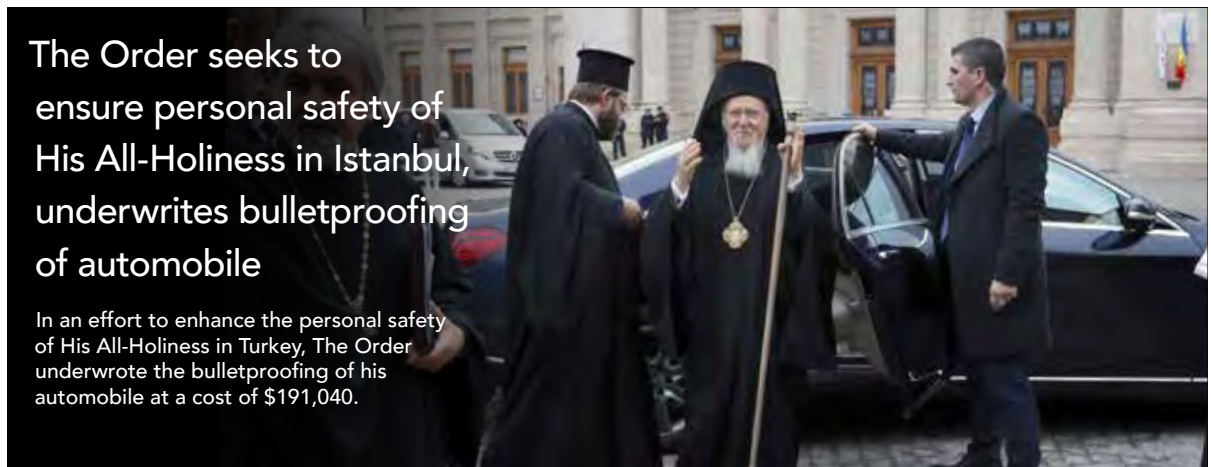
On December 3, 2021, the Southampton Business Alliance named Archon Dr. Peter Michalos its 2021 Person of the Year. This honor came just over two weeks after Archon Michalos was presented the Distinguished Colleague Award by the Hellenic Medical Society of New York. Archon Michalos has received these honors in recognition of his remarkable expertise in combating the Covid-19 pandemic, and his heroic efforts to eradicate this deadly disease.

Dr. Michalos has put defibrillators in all the Southampton town and village police cars, along with trauma kits. He was responsible for the first free Covid testing center in the Hamptons, which opened during the height of the pandemic. He recommended a mask order for all indoor activities in March to the mayor of Southampton, who signed the first emergency mask order in New York state. Dr. Michalos was honored with the community service award for 2020 by Southampton village,

and was chosen as person of the year for 2021 by the Southampton Village Police Department's Police Benevolent Association, where he has served as Southampton village police surgeon for the last 15 years. The Order of Saint Andrew the Apostle, Archons of the Ecumenical Patriarchate, congratulates Archon Peter for these richly deserved awards and the recognition of his tireless labors to combat the scourge of the pandemic. Axios!

## The Order seeks to ensure personal safety of His All-Holiness in Istanbul, underwrites bulletproofing of automobile

In an effort to enhance the personal safety of His All-Holiness in Turkey, The Order underwrote the bulletproofing of his automobile at a cost of \$191,040.





A break from Covid 19 generously provided by Archon Bill and Tiki Spell: A virtual wine-tasting reception including sommelier lecture



On May 8, 2021 Archon Bill and Tiki Spell of the Spell Estate Winery in Sonoma County, California presented a gift exclusively for Archons and their spouses and families: a COVID-free Virtual Fellowship Gathering and Wine Tasting! The first 100 registrants received two premium bottles of wine, which were opened during the event.

As participants enjoyed the wine during the event, a sommelier explained about how the wine was made, how the finest quality was ensured, and the history of the winery.

Archon Bill, a newly elected member of the National Council,

is a lifelong resident of the Twin Cities of Minneapolis & St. Paul, Minnesota.

He has been married for over 36 years, and he and his spouse Tiki have two adult children. They have a married daughter Nichole, who lives in New York and works for News Corp. Their son Harry, a lawyer and former investment banker, is employed by Spell Capital.

Archon Bill is a member of the Archdiocesan Council of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America and serves on the Executive Committee. He is a fulfilled member of Leadership 100, an Archon of the Ecumenical Patriarchate, a Founding Member of the

Ecumenical Patriarch Foundation and a past Parish Council President of St. Mary's Church in Minneapolis, Minnesota. Archon Bill is on the CVC Committee at the Metropolis of Chicago, and he was a recipient of the Medal of St. Paul.

The Spells have been long time wine enthusiasts and collectors. During 2006, they founded the Spell Estate winery in Sonoma, California. The winery specializes in pinot noir. They make three single vineyard designate pinot's and a pinot blend. They also produce a chardonnay and a rosé. The winery is located near Santa Rosa in the Russian River Valley.



#### Archbishop Elpidophoros welcomed by Archons during Denver visit

On February 13, 2021, His Eminence Archbishop Elpidophoros of America, Exarch of the Ecumenical Patriarchate was welcomed by Metropolitan Isaiah of Denver, along with Regional Commander Dr. Gregory Papadeas, and other Archons of the Metropolis. (Photo by R. Horner)



#### Archon Communications Executive Committee

Each Saturday morning, the Archon Communications Executive Committee meets to discuss, develop and improve the Archons social media and communications presence. Archon Rocky Sisson leads the Committee, which consists of Archon John J. Mindala II, Archon Ted Vagelos and Elizabeth L. Limberakis, MBA.

# EXARCH'S APPEAL

It costs over \$3,000 a day to operate the Order of Saint Andrew.  
We thank those who contributed this past year to the Exarch's Appeal.

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In an extraordinary manifestation of love and devotion for our Holy Mother Church, the Theodore and Mary Athanasakes Joint Living Trust donated \$456,054.02 including the \$25,000 previously received last year from the Estate to the Order of Saint Andrew the Apostle, Archons of the Ecumenical Patriarchate. In lasting tribute to Archon Theodore and Mary Athanasakes, the Order of Saint Andrew donated \$100,000 to the Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew Foundation in their name as FOUNDERS.



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## Remembering National Vice Commander John Halecky, Jr.

Archon John's contributions to the Order of St. Andrew and the Ecumenical Patriarchate were extraordinary. He served with distinction on the National Council for decades, including in the leadership positions of National Secretary and National Vice Commander. His Carpatho-Russian lineage brought an invaluable ecumenicity to the Order of St. Andrew as he always provided essential insight regarding the Slavic jurisdictions of the Ecumenical Patriarchate.

Archon John, a truly spiritual and devout Orthodox Christian initiated the concept of the Order sponsoring an Annual Archon Lenten Retreat in 2003. Upon his passing, the Retreat was named in his honor and memory: The John Halecky, Jr., Annual Archon Lenten Retreat. Archon John was invested as an Archon on July 20, 1982.



### Honoring John's Memory

During the funeral service held on January 3, 2022, National Commander Limberakis, pictured below, presents a memorial cross to the family, Archbishop Elpidophoros officiates the service and Archons pay final respects.



## Remembering Regional Commander Peter Clyde Papadakos, Esq.

Archon Peter Clyde Papadakos, Esq., Archon Ekdikos, of Oakmont, PA, fell asleep in the Lord on January 14, 2022. He was an engaged member of the Church his entire life and was frequently involved as a co-chair or key facilitator of major events, including the 1997 Apostolic Visit of the Ecumenical Patriarch to Pittsburgh. His commitment to the work of the Ecumenical Patriarchate was recognized in October 22, 2006 with his investiture as Archon Ekdikos. In 2007, Archon Peter was appointed the Regional Commander for the Archons in the Metropolis of Pittsburgh and continued this position for 15 years.



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