



# ORDER *of* SAINT ANDREW THE APOSTLE

Archons of the Ecumenical Patriarchate in America

## **2022 Annual Report**



Our Lady of New York City found in the apse of the  
Saint Nicholas National Shrine which officially opened on December 6, 2022.



# Our Lady of New York City

## Found in the apse of Saint Nicholas National Shrine

By His Grace Bishop Joachim of Amissos, PhD

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**On the Cover:** The image of the Theotokos in the Shrine of Saint Nicholas is one in which the Virgin is shown with her arms raised at her side, a gesture of intercessory prayer (*orans*), with a medallion of the bust of the Christ Child before her. This iconographic type first appeared in the middle years of the 11th century and quickly became one of the most popular images of the Theotokos, especially adapted for the curved space of an apse.

Such an image of the Theotokos and Christ Child is the visual expression of the doctrine of the Incarnation: the divine, pre-eternal Logos, seen here as the Christ Child, encircled within His medallion of sacred light, is placed before the breast of His Mother, from whom He takes on human flesh. Among the Greek-speaking Orthodox, this type of image of the Virgin and Child is often referred to as the *Platytera ton Ouranon* (She Who is More Spacious than the Heavens), since the Virgin contained God the Son in her womb. This is the Greek inscription flanking the image in the apse of the Shrine.

The Theotokos' raised arms in intercessory prayer, with the extended folds of her *maphorion* spread out as a protective sign, has a long association with the church of the Virgin of *Blachernai* in Constantinople. It was in this church that the relic of the Virgin's mantle (*maphorion*) was kept and according to tradition, the *maphorion* was carried in procession around the walls of the city during the Avar siege of 626, and again by Saint

Photios the Patriarch during the attack of the Rus in 860. And now the image of the *Panagia* in the apse of the Shrine of Saint Nicholas is called upon to spread open her protective mantle and safeguard the city of New York, a city that had been so devastatingly attacked on the tragic day of 9/11.

Numerous architectural details and elements within the cityscape beneath the image of the Theotokos and Christ Child reinforce this site-specific and topographic connection between the visual prayer of the apse image and the city of New York: the architectural skyline of Manhattan, and especially those new and surviving structures adjacent to Ground Zero, grouped together towards the lower left of the icon: the One World Trade Center Tower; the avian shaped World Trade Center Transportation Hub; the new Shrine of Saint Nicholas itself; the Liberty Park Sphere; the America's First Response Equestrian Monument; the Firehouse 10 at Liberty and Greenwich Streets; and the Essex World Cafe, owned by the Costalas family, that served as a trauma and triage center in the days following the horrific attacks on the World Trade Center.

With the Mother of God's arms extended in intercessory prayer and her mantle spread out over the city of New York, we are reminded how she embraces us and prays on behalf of the city, of all who come as worshippers and pilgrims to the Shrine, and also for those who lost their lives at Ground Zero on the horrific day of 9/11.



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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:

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| 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: grace and peace be unto you from God.

With great pleasure, once more, we would like to extend our sincerest congratulations to you on all that you have achieved in support of the Mother Church, and to express our wholehearted appreciation for your tireless struggles through your service within the auspices of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America. Your efforts are especially commendable in light of the generous philanthropic aid you worked tirelessly to extend to us in the wake of the tragic fire at the Greek Hospital of Balıklı in Constantinople this August.

Upon the occasion of the Order of Saint Andrew's 2022 Annual Report, we wish to express, our sincere gratitude to you, the dedicated Archons of our Ecumenical Throne, for your exemplary defense of the right 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 our sacred see.

We therefore warmly invoke upon all of you every blessing and strength from St. Andrew the First-Called Apostle in order that you might continue to serve the holy Great Church of Christ with your commitment and diligence, and remain,

At the Ecumenical Patriarchate, on the 2nd of September 2022  
Your fervent suppliant 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 15, 2022  
*Forefeast of the Nativity*

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

Beloved Brethren in Christ,

We come to the finale of this Centennial Year of our Sacred Archdiocese of America, with the deeds of the Order of Saint Andrew setting new heights and revealing vast horizons on behalf of the Mother Church of Constantinople. Throughout the pages that follow in this 2022 Annual Report, we behold the variety of activities of the Archons, whose worldwide reach and mission are truly impressive by any standard. The support of the Archons for the Holy and Great Church of Christ are increasing every year. Especially with their initiative to create and fund the Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew Foundation, we are witnessing a level barely contemplated just a few years ago. The Order of Saint Andrew is inspiring Archons around the world to aim higher and dream bigger. You are all to be commended and counted blessed.

Since the Apostolic and Patriarchal Visit in 2021 for the Thirtieth Anniversary of the Enthronement of our Spiritual Father, His All-Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew, the Order of Saint Andrew has been virtually sleepless in their activities on behalf of the Ecumenical Throne. In this Report, you will read of the missions to Romania, Bulgaria, and Greece. Of special importance is the connectivity with the European Archons, the Pammakaristos Brotherhood of Archons, and the reception at the home of the American Ambassador to Greece, the Honorable George Tsunis, Archon Hypomnematografos.

Extending my wholehearted blessings and congratulations to the Order of Saint Andrew, Archons of the Ecumenical Throne, I commend this 2022 Annual Report to the Plenitude of the Church. There is much to inspire and to teach in these pages, because they highlight what it means to be a dedicated and devoted child of the Mother Church of Constantinople. May the Archons and all their brothers and sisters in Christ always be granted strength and grace to pursue their goals and consummate their achievements. Through the intercessions of the First- Called Disciple Andrew, Founder of the Church of Constantinople, and of all the Saints. Amen.

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

October 8, 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,

This past year is noteworthy for four major initiatives of the Order of St. the Order of St. Andrew the Apostle and other significant developments:

## 1. **Completing our first in-person religious freedom mission since 2019**

**The Order's Leadership traveled to Bucharest, Romania, Sofia, Bulgaria and Athens, Greece June 8 – 19, 2022**

where we promoted the religious freedom of the Holy Mother Church to the highest ecclesiastical and civil authorities. During our mission we joined Hon. George J. Tsunis, US Ambassador to the Hellenic Republic and esteemed Archon in honoring His All-Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew at the Embassy Residence and at the Niarchos Foundation Cultural Center and began a dialogue with the Archon Pammakaristos Leadership in Greece and Europe, Archons Athanasios Martinos, President and Gerasimos Fokas, Vice President to expand the Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew Foundation and plan the next Archon International Religious Freedom Conference tentatively scheduled for 2023 in Athens.



**GREECE:** The National Commander and National Vice Commander had the opportunity to meet with His All-Holiness and brief him on the religious freedom mission.



**ROMANIA:** The Archon delegation traveled to the Romanian Patriarchate, above, and was received by His Grace Bishop Varlaam, assistant bishop to the Patriarch and Secretary of the Holy Synod of the Romanian Orthodox Church. Later, they met with government officials, Mircea Abrudean, Head of the Chancellery of the Prime Minister, and Irina-Dumitrita Solomon, State Minister, at the Romanian Parliament, left. The delegation with the Charge d'Affaires, a.i Mr. David Muniz, at the U.S. Embassy in Bucharest, below, left and honored Dr. Nawaf Salameh, his wife Rim, their children and parents with a commemorative plaque.





**BULGARIA:** The Archon delegation met with the Bulgarian Prime Minister Kiril Petkov, above, in Sofia, Bulgaria. Metropolitan Athenagoras of Belgium and Fr. Alexander Karloutsos had the opportunity to meet Patriarch Neophyte, left, during a visit to the Patriarchate of Bulgaria. A reception was held at the Embassy of Greece in Bulgaria, below, in honor of the Archon delegation, hosted by the Ambassador of Greece Dimitrios Chronopoulos, and attended by politicians and diplomats, as well as hierarchs and clergy of the Bulgarian Orthodox Church, which included Metropolitan Anthony, below left. The delegation with Ambassador Herro Mustafa, below right, outside the US Embassy in Sofia





**GREECE:** A reception was held in honor of His All-Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew, hosted by the US Ambassador to Greece, the Honorable George J. Tsunis, Archon of the Ecumenical Patriarchate. His All-Holiness, top, delivers remarks during the reception. The Archon delegation met with their European counterparts, left, in Athens, Archon Athanasios Martinos and Archon Gerasimos L. Fokas, President and Vice President respectively, of the Pammakaristos Brotherhood of Archons in Europe. Dr. Limberakis, below left, delivers remarks at a reception in honor of His All-Holiness at the Stavros Niarchos Foundation, Athens. A commemorative plaque was also presented to Ambassador Tsunis, below.



## 2. Launching the Archon Sprout Youth Initiative

In an effort to promote the historical, canonical and ecclesiastical importance of the Ecumenical Patriarchate to our youth, the National Council established the Archon Sprout Youth Program under the leadership of the Regional Commanders of Pittsburgh Archons Nicholas J. Tranto and Nicholas Terezis. Archon Tranto (Chair) conceived of this brilliant initiative which was first developed in Pittsburgh, while the Regional Commanders of Chicago Archons John Manos and Gus Pablecas concurrently undertook similar programming with the Chicago Metropolis Youth. This significant initiative is now going nationwide, with Regional Commanders Archon Hon. Steven D. Counelis and Dr. Gregory G. Papadeas making presentations to the 585 attendees of the Metropolis of San Francisco YAL Conference this past Labor Day Weekend. In addition, Catherine J. Tsatalis, BA, MA (my beloved sister) a public school teacher for over 30 years is working with the Archon Sprout Youth Committee to prepare a catechism school curriculum on the Ecumenical Patriarchate which will be age and grade-specific from pre-K to 12th grades in cooperation with the GOA Department of Religious Education and its Director, His Grace Bishop Athenagoras of Nazianzos.



## 3. Establishment of the Order of St. Andrew Engagement Committees

[archons.org/engagement-committees](http://archons.org/engagement-committees)



The National Council, under the leadership of Archons Stephen A. Georgeson (Chair), Dr. Nicholas Loutsion, Gus Pablecas and John Manos responded to my request to develop topic-specific engagement committees to provide an instrument for Archons to pursue their individual interests in the various rubrics and contexts of religious freedom for the Ecumenical Patriarchate. To this end, 10 engagement committees were established from the State and Federal Governmental Affairs Committee to the Patriarchal Properties and Legal Issues Committee. I appointed at least one Chair and Vice Chair to each committee and any Archon who volunteered for a committee was automatically placed on the committee. The Committees are currently developing their programming...Stay tuned!

## 4. Launching the Archon Strategic Branding Initiative

Newly elected to the National Council Archon John G. Gumas, has offered to develop an Archon Strategic Branding initiative. Archon John is recognized as one of the country's foremost authorities on Challenger Brand Marketing®. He is the author of the popular books "Marketing Smart" and "Challenger Brand Marketing." In addition, Archon John is an adjunct professor of branding, advertising and interactive marketing, a sought-after speaker and a regular columnist for several publications and blogs and is the President of Gumas Advertising. I would like to publicly acknowledge and thank Archon George Marcus who recommended Archon Gumas to serve on the National Council... a brilliant suggestion Archon George!



In addition to the above four major initiatives of the Order of Saint Andrew that were launched in 2022, the following significant developments took place in 2022:

**5. New officers elected to National Council**

**Archon Hon. B. Theodore Bozonelis** was elected unanimously as **National Vice Commander**, and succeeding the late great Archon John Halecky, Jr. I lean on my brother Archon Judge Ted for his guidance and assistance in the daily operation of the Order and I am very grateful.

**Archon Gus M. Pablecas** was unanimously elected to succeed Archon Judge Ted as the **National Secretary** and brings a unique analytic mindset to his position as National Secretary and on the workings of the Order, as he is a former Special Agent of the FBI.



AXIOI!

**6. We welcome two new National Council Members and two new Regional Commanders**

**National Council elects Archon John S. Koudounis of Chicago** (<https://www.archons.org/-/national-council-koudounis>) and **John G. Gumas** (<https://www.archons.org/-/national-council-gumas?inheritRedirect=true>) of San Francisco. These individuals are superb additions to the National Council and will offer their exceptional charismata to our effort to serve the needs of the Holy Mother Church.



**Two New Regional Commanders for the Metropolis of San Francisco**

With the blessings of Archbishop Elpidophoros of America and in consultation with Metropolitan Gerasimos of San Francisco, two new Regional Commanders were appointed for the Metropolis of San Francisco: **Archon Hon. Steven D. Counelis** who joins Archon Theodore D. Konopisos for Southern California and **Archon Paul P. Sogotis** for the San Francisco, Northern California region.



**7. Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew Foundation continues to grow**

The EPBF was established on January 17, 2019 as an independent, non-profit corporation under the laws of the State of New York and recognized as a 501c3 public charity by the IRS. The mission of the EPBF is to secure the economic foundation of the Ecumenical Patriarchate in **perpetuity**; and while doing so the Foundation honors the historic ministry of Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew, also in **perpetuity**. As of this writing, the Foundation has received pledges totaling

\$20.990 million, including 187 FOUNDERS, who have committed to donating at

least \$100,000. The Foundation continues to grow and efforts are underway to encourage Archons around the world to contribute to the Foundation. We salute the exceptional work of the officers: George E. Safiol, Vice Chair; Peter Kakoyiannis, Esq., Secretary; Chris E. Talis, CPA, Treasurer; Andreas D. Comodromos, CPA, Assistant Treasurer and essential committee chairs John S. Koudounis, Investment Committee, Carl Hollister, Audit Committee, Fr. Alex Karloutsos, Development Committee and Aphrodite Skeadas Communications Committee. We tip our collective hats to these individuals and their co-workers. A special word of thanks is offered to Leah Kats Bizoumis who is the Administrator of the Foundation and who works 24/7 to fulfill her many responsibilities.



## ECUMENICAL PATRIARCH BARTHOLOMEW FOUNDATION

*For the Sacred See of Saint Andrew*

8. **31st Anniversary of the enthronement of His All-Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew the 269th direct successor of Saint Andrew the First Called Apostle.** The dynamic ministry of Martyria (witness) and Diakonia (service) of His All-Holiness is intrepid, sacrificial and inspiring. His decision to grant autocephaly to the Orthodox Church of Ukraine and speaking out against the aggression of Russia in their illegal war against the innocents of Ukraine are such examples of his unparalleled Patriarchal ministry that has spanned 31 years (enthronement November 2, 1991), despite being situated in a country noted for its profound religious freedom deficit and the number of journalists it has imprisoned (the most in the world). **Εις πολλά έτη Δέσποτα.**



9. **3rd Anniversary of the enthronement of His Eminence Archbishop Elpidophoros of America.**

June 22, 2022 marks the third anniversary of the enthronement of His Eminence Archbishop Elpidophoros as Archbishop of America and Exarch of the Ecumenical Patriarchate. In three short years his ministry in America has been impactful and accomplished with the completion and subsequent Thyranoixia, Consecration and Lighting of the St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church and National Shrine; addressing the Clergy Pension Plan financial concerns and returning Hellenic College/Holy Cross School of Theology to a more firm financial footing. **Εις πολλά έτη Δέσποτα.**



10. **2022 marks the 56th year of the establishment of the Order of Saint Andrew the Apostle, Archons of the Ecumenical Patriarchate in America.**

No other ecclesiastical or lay organization other than the Order of Saint Andrew is singularly focused on Defending the Holy and Great Mother Church of Constantinople and securing its religious freedom. It is a great privilege to work closely with His Eminence Archbishop Elpidophoros whose guidance is indispensable and with our Spiritual Advisor and Presidential Medal of Freedom Recipient Fr. Alexander Karloutsos whose indefatigable efforts are most laudable. Working side by side with the officers of the Order: National Vice Commander Hon. B. Theodore Bozonelis, National Treasurer Peter J. Skeadas, National Secretary Gus M. Pablecas, Legal Counselor Peter Kakoyiannis, Esq., Sergeant at Arms Alex Pritsos, Religious Freedom Chair John A. Catsimatidis, Historian Prof. George Demacopoulos, Assistant Treasurer Andreas Comodromos, CPA and the entire National Council is a great blessing. We salute our dedicated National Treasurer Archon Peter J. Skeadas assisted by Assistant Treasurer Andreas D. Comodromos, CPA for their meticulous oversight of the financial books of the Order, as accountability and transparency are paramount in our operations. Our hard-working Sgt. at Arms Alex Pritsos deserves special recognition for planning the detailed logistics of Archon Weekend! Thank you, Brother Archon Alex! The contributions of the Regional Commanders, Archon Michael G. Psaros (our 2022 Nicholas J. Bouras Award for Extraordinary Archon Stewardship recipient), Archon John Zavitsanos, Esq., Archon Andrew E. Manatos, Archon Mike Manatos, Archon Constantine G. Caras, Esq., Archon Rocky Sisson, Archon Dr. Loutsion, Archon John G. Manos, Archon Gus M. Pablecas newly elected National Secretary and newly elected Archon John G. Gumas; Archon Thomas Constance, Esq. whose legal firm provided extensive pro bono professional services for the establishment of the Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew Foundation and the efficient and hardworking Archon staff at the Archdiocese consisting of Graphic Designer Archon John J. Mindala II, Administrative Assistant Jocelyn Halikias and Tsesme Consulting which manages our social media initiatives and the ChristianPersecution.com website is both humbling and inspiring. We offer gratitude to Archon Nick Furriss for his video and run-of-show contributions during Archon Weekend. The exemplary efforts of Archon Congressman Gus Bilirakis as he carries the torch of religious freedom in the hallowed halls of Congress are deeply appreciated! Finally, we wish our long-serving and dedicated staff Christa Pourou all the very best, as she retired from the Archon National Office last summer.



*55 Years!*

11. Heartfelt congratulations are offered to **Archon Michael G. Psaros as the 2022 Nicholas J. Bouras Award for Extraordinary Archon Stewardship recipient**, which he so richly deserves. His truly extraordinary beneficence extended to his beloved home parish of All Saints Church in Weirton, WV to the Metropolis of Pittsburgh, to the Archdiocese, to the Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew Foundation and the Phanar is astounding! AXIOS Brother Archon Michael!



**12. Fr. Alexander Karloutsos receives Presidential Medal of Freedom**

In a ceremony at the White House on Thursday, July 7, 2022, the beloved spiritual advisor of the Order of Saint Andrew the Apostle, Archons of the Ecumenical Patriarchate, the Rev. Protopresbyter Alexander M. Karloutsos, affectionately known worldwide as “Father Alex,” received the Presidential Medal of Freedom from U.S. President Joseph Biden. The Presidential Medal of Freedom is the nation’s highest civilian honor. Fr. Alex and Presvytera Xanthi,



two faithful servants of our Lord and Savior, hand in hand, of like mind and purpose have devoted their lives to promoting the wellbeing and vitality of the Ecumenical Patriarchate, the Church-at-large, and so many noble causes with great impact and substantive accomplishment. AXIO!!

In truth, the Order is very grateful to our beloved Fr. Alex and Presvytera Xanthi for their constant concern and dedication to serve the Holy and Great Mother Church.

- 13. Patriarch Theodore II receives Athenagoras Human Rights Award; Over \$350,000 raised for the ministry of the ancient Patriarchate of Alexandria** We were honored that His Eminence Archbishop Elpidophoros of America joined us in presenting the Athenagoras Human Rights Award to His Beatitude Theodore II, Pope and Patriarch of Alexandria and All Africa, during the annual Athenagoras Human Rights Award Banquet held at the New York Hilton Hotel on October 8, 2022, with over 600 Archons and guests in attendance. During the Athenagoras Award Gala, \$350,000 was raised for the mission activity of the Patriarchate of Alexandria. The Order of Saint Andrew the Apostle gave \$100,000, and in a most generous donation of support, Archon John Catsimatidis and the newly elected Archon Tom Makkos each gave \$100,000. \$50,000 was also donated by an Archon who prefers to remain anonymous.



**14. We offer thanksgiving to the ongoing legacy of Archon Nicholas J. Bouras of blessed memory** who, through his foundation continues to empower the Order of Saint Andrew to serve the needs of the Holy Mother Church and we are grateful to Archon Hon. B. Theodore Bozonelis, a trustee of the Foundation.



**15. We express profound gratitude to our beloved wives and families!**

**I save the best for the last...** I know that without the support, encouragement and understanding of our wives and families we could not devote the countless hours working as *Defenders of the Faith* serving the needs of the Ecumenical Patriarchate. Even our beloved children contribute what they can, either to the Exarch's Appeal (as my children do) or donating their professional talents (Elizabeth who has an MBA in digital communications and marketing, does not miss a single Archon Communications Committee meeting held every Saturday at 9:00 am ET). I rely on the frank advice of my wife and family, as we all do and for this they deserve our deep gratitude!



In closing, the National Council pledges that we will continuously and relentlessly pursue initiatives to secure religious freedom for the Mother Church and its financial wellbeing with the Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew Foundation.

In the Service of the Ecumenical Patriarchate,

*Anthony J. Limberakis, MD*

Anthony J. Limberakis, MD  
Archon Aktouarios  
National Commander



# **\$58,442,892 MILLION RAISED AND PLEDGED**

**in Direct and Indirect Support  
for the Ecumenical Patriarchate  
By Order of St. Andrew the Apostle,  
Archons of the Ecumenical Patriarchate in America**

Report prepared by Assistant Treasurer Andreas D. Comodromos, CPA  
(Available upon request.)

The Order of St. Andrew, Archons of the Ecumenical Patriarchate in America from 2002 to 2022 has raised **\$58,442,892 which includes \$21,815,000 in Pledges from the Ecumenical Patriarchate in direct and indirect support of the sacred mission of the Ecumenical Patriarchate of Constantinople.**

The detailed report prepared by the Order's Assistant Treasurer, Archon Andreas D. Comodromos, CPA at the request of Commander Limberakis, indicates that \$36,627,892 was raised for the direct and indirect benefit of various initiatives supporting the Ecumenical Patriarchate which includes the full gamut of the Archons' domestic and international religious freedom programming (documentation available upon request). This \$36,627,892 (which including \$7,112,506 of donated services) coupled with the \$21,815,000 received in pledges by the Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew Foundation, another initiative of the Order of St. Andrew, amounts to \$58,442,892, a most significant statement reflective of the Order's ongoing diakonia to the Holy Mother Church. The Order is extremely proud of our Band of Archon Brothers, who serve as Stalwart Defenders of the Faith offering their Time, Talent and Treasure abundantly and generously for the well-being of the Holy and Great Mother Church of Constantinople.



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# THE ATHENAGORAS HUMAN RIGHTS AWARD



Over \$350,000 raised for  
the ministry of the ancient  
Patriarchate of Alexandria

His Eminence Archbishop Elpidophoros of America, Exarch of the Ecumenical Patriarchate, together with Dr. Anthony J. Limberakis, National Commander of the Order of Saint Andrew the Apostle, Archons of the Ecumenical Patriarchate, presented the Athenagoras Human Rights Award to His Beatitude Theodore II, Pope and Patriarch of Alexandria and All Africa, during the annual Athenagoras Human Rights Award Banquet held at the New York Hilton Hotel on October 8, 2022, with over 600 Archons and guests in attendance.



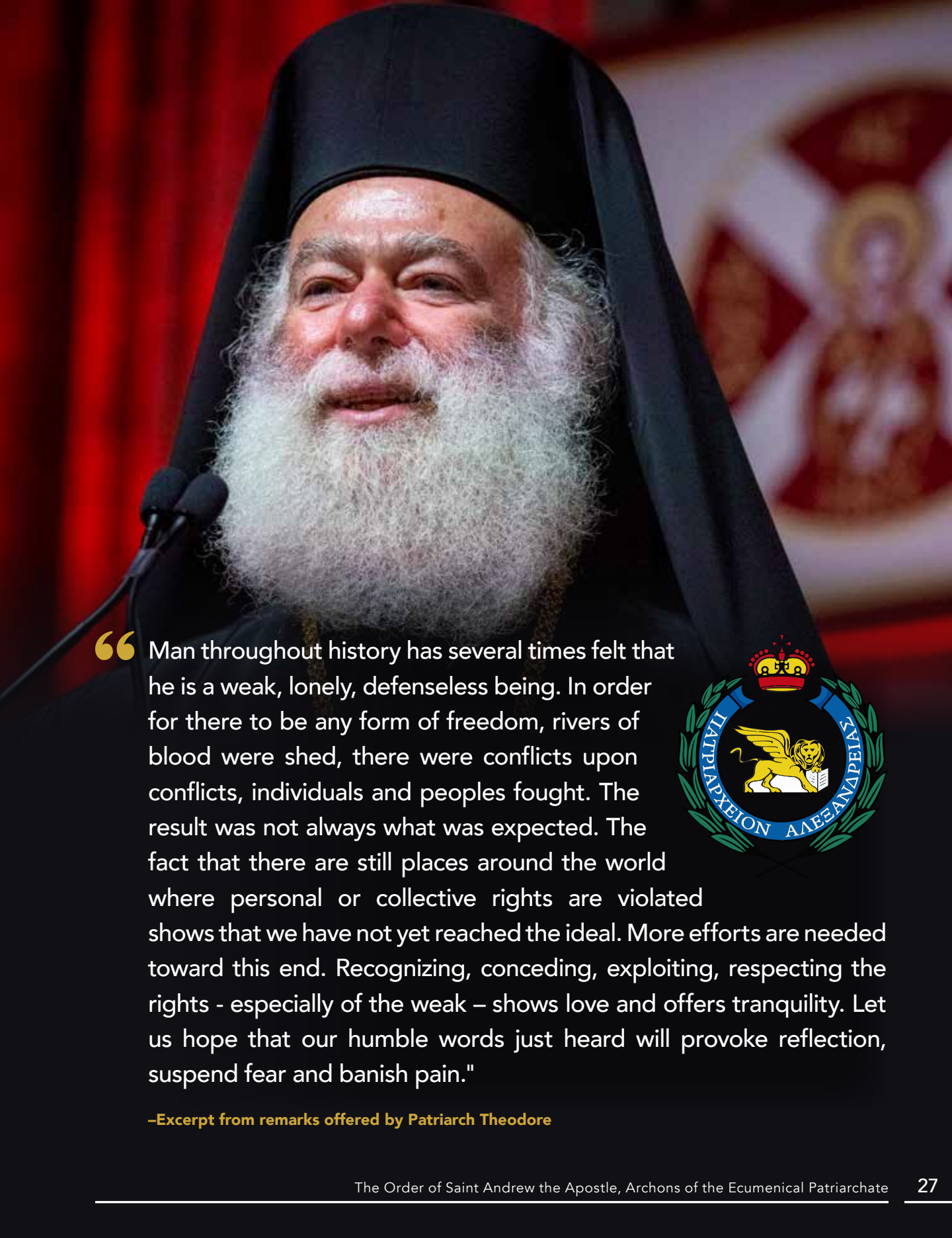
# ATHENAGORAS HUMAN RIGHTS AWARD

In 1986 the National Council of the Order of Saint Andrew, Archons of the Ecumenical Patriarchate in America established The Athenagoras Human Rights Award. The Award is presented every year at the Annual Banquet of the Order to a person or organization, which has consistently exemplified by action, purpose and dedication, concern for the basic rights and religious freedom of all people. The Award was named after one of the Great Church Leaders of the 20th Century, the late Ecumenical Patriarch of Constantinople, Athenagoras I.



## PAST RECIPIENTS OF THE AWARD

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|---|--|
| 2022 • His Beatitude Patriarch Theodore II, Pope and Patriarch of Alexandria and All Africa   | 2006 • Nicholas J. Bouras                                      |
| 2021 • Scientists who saved humanity from the Covid pandemic<br>Dr. Albert Bourla, Pfizer;<br>Dr. Uğur Şahin and Dr. Özlem Türeci, BioNTech; and<br>Dr. George D. Yancopoulos and Christos Kyratsous, Regeneron Pharmaceuticals | 2005 • Mikhail Gorbachev                                       |
| 2019 • His Beatitude Metropolitan Epiphaniy of Kyiv and All Ukraine   | 2004 • Alex G. Spanos  |
| 2018 • Father Alexander and Presbyteria Xanthi Karloutsos   | 2003 • IOCC & OCMC   |
| 2017 • Emilia Kamvisi and Efstratios Valamios   | 2002 • President George H. W. Bush and First Lady Barbara Bush |
| 2016 • Governor Andrew M. Cuomo   | 2001 • Archbishop Anastasios of Albania                        |
| 2015 • Vice President Joe Biden   | 2000 • Archbishop Desmond M. Tutu                              |
| 2014 • Jay Alan Sekulow, PhD, JD  | 1999 • Elie Wiesel   |
| 2013 • 60 Minutes   | 1998 • Nana Mouskouri  |
| 2012 • Stavros Niarchos Foundation  | 1997 • Reverend Clergy of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese       |
| 2011 • Admiral James G. Stavridis   | 1996 • Order of AHEPA  |
| 2009 • Anthony J. Limberakis, MD  | 1995 • Hon. Edward Derwinski                                   |
| 2008 • Rabbi Arthur Schneier  | 1994 • Hon. Paul S. Sarbanes                                   |
| 2007 • Archbishop Demetrios of America  | 1993 • George Douris   |
|   | 1992 • Ladies Philoptochos                                     |
|   | 1991 • Andrew A. Athens  |
|   | 1990 • Hon. John Brademas                                      |
|   | 1989 • Anthony G. Borden, MD                                   |
|   | 1988 • Mother Theresa  |
|   | 1987 • President Jimmy Carter                                  |
|   | 1986 • Archbishop Iakovos                                      |



“ Man throughout history has several times felt that he is a weak, lonely, defenseless being. In order for there to be any form of freedom, rivers of blood were shed, there were conflicts upon conflicts, individuals and peoples fought. The result was not always what was expected. The fact that there are still places around the world where personal or collective rights are violated shows that we have not yet reached the ideal. More efforts are needed toward this end. Recognizing, conceding, exploiting, respecting the rights - especially of the weak – shows love and offers tranquility. Let us hope that our humble words just heard will provoke reflection, suspend fear and banish pain.”

—Excerpt from remarks offered by Patriarch Theodore





During the Athenagoras Award Gala, \$350,000 was raised towards the Church of Alexandria's Missionary Relief efforts. The Order of Saint Andrew the Apostle gave \$100,000, and in a most generous donation of support, Archon John A. Catsimatidis, shown here, and the newly elected Archon Tom Makkos each gave \$100,000. \$50,000 was also donated by an Archon who prefers to remain anonymous.

“ With incredible courage you have been a clarion voice for pan-Orthodox Unity, not only by advocating and participating in the Holy and Great Council of Crete, but by being the very first primate of an autocephalous church to recognize the autocephaly of the Orthodox Church of Ukraine. Your bold recognition demonstrated your love and respect for the 41 million Ukrainian Orthodox brothers and sisters who deserved their own religious freedom which was canonically and pastorally granted by our intrepid Bartholomew, First Among Equals and Ecumenical Patriarch. The Archons of America salute you for recognizing the religious freedom of Ukraine and supporting the Tomos of Autocephaly bestowed by His All-Holiness to His Beatitude Metropolitan Epiphaniy, who himself received the 2019 Athenagoras Human Rights Award.

—National Commander Dr. Limberakis,  
addressing Patriarch Theodore



# THE BOURAS AWARD

2022 HONOREE  
**Michael G. Psaros**

Michael G. Psaros, Archon Ostiarios, has received The Nicholas J. Bouras Award for Extraordinary Archon Stewardship for his outstanding service to the Orthodox Church as an Archon of the Ecumenical Patriarchate. The Award was presented to Archon Psaros on October 7, 2022, in the presence of His Beatitude Theodore II, Pope and Patriarch of Alexandria and All Africa, by His Eminence Archbishop Elpidophoros of America and Dr. Anthony J. Limberakis, National Commander, at the New York Hilton Hotel.

“Archon Michael, represents the very best of what it means to be an Archon – a leader among the Holy and Great Mother Church of Constantinople.... Together with his beloved wife Robin and children, Archon Michael G. Psaros is lighting the way to a brighter tomorrow for our Church.

—Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew

## Axios!

Patriarch Theodore II presents the Nicholas J. Bouras Award to Archon Psaros and his family.



“The breadth and depth of Archon Psaros’ activities in service of the mission of the Order of Saint Andrew is truly remarkable; the National Council has most fittingly recognized his magnificent work by designating him to be the recipient of this prestigious Award, in recognition of the extraordinary service exemplified by the late Archon National Vice Commander Nicholas J. Bouras of blessed memory.”

—National Commander Dr. Limberakis

**Axios!**

His Beatitude Patriarch Theodore II greets Archon Michael prior to the dinner.





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

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



## PAST RECIPIENTS OF THE AWARD

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|--|---|
| 2022 • Michael G. Psaros<br>Ostiarios                        | 2014 • Christopher Stratakis, Esq.<br>Notarios  |
| 2019 • John S. Zavitsanos<br>Ekdikos                         | 2013 • Dr. Stephen J. Yallourakis<br>Aktouarios |
| 2018 • George E. Safiol<br>Archiophylax                      | 2012 • † James C. Fountas<br>Depoutatos         |
| 2017 • John A. Catsimatidis<br>Notarios                      | 2012 • † John Halecky, Jr.<br>Ekdikos           |
| 2016 • Theofanis V. Economidis<br>Ekdikos                    | 2011 • George D. Behrakis<br>Depoutatos         |
| 2015 • † The Honorable Nicholas<br>Tsoucalas<br>Hartoularios |   |



“ I thank my brother Archons, defenders of the faith, men who I respect and admire more than anyone, for this recognition.

From our standpoint, our family is receiving the Bouras Award for simply doing what is right and what is expected of us. We are blessed, and with that blessing comes a moral obligation to give. My family believes, as it is said in Luke, ‘For everyone to whom much is given, from him much will be required.’ We believe, as St. John Chrysostom said, ‘The rich man is not one who has much, but one who gives much away. For what he gives away remains his forever.’

—Archon Michael G. Psaros





# THE ARCHON SOPHIA AWARD

FOR *Excellence*

Archon Dr.  
Nawaf and Rim  
Salameh and  
Archon Boris  
and Youlianna  
Gurov Honored  
During Annual  
Archon  
Weekend

On, October 8, 2022, at the Annual Archon Agape Luncheon, the Order presented the Archon Sophia Award for Excellence to Archon Dr. Nawaf and Rim Salameh and Archon Boris and Youlianna Gurov.



Archon Boris and Youlianna, left, with their children Boris Jr. and Karina receiving the Archon Sophia Award for Excellence. Archon Dr. Nawaf Salameh with members of the Alexandrion Group, right, receiving the Archon Sophia Award for Excellence.

Dr. Maria A. Limberakis presided over the luncheon and offered commentary on the role of an Archon from a family perspective: The 2022 Religious Freedom Mission and the Role of the Archon Family. Dr. Maria Limberakis stated that "Archon-elect Nawaf and Rim Daoud Salameh from Romania and Archon Boris and Yulianna Gurov from Bulgaria exemplify what it means to live a life in service. They are staunch supporters of the Mother Church and our Orthodox Faith in Romania, Bulgaria, and throughout Europe, in regions where the Moscow Patriarchate has tried to undermine the canoni-

cal prerogatives of the Ecumenical Patriarchate and destroy Orthodox Christian unity. They have stood firm and supported the Orthodox Church in their respective countries, as well as their brothers and sisters in Ukraine who are victims of an illegal and unjust war, which has been blessed by the Patriarch Kirill of Moscow. On a recent religious freedom mission to Bulgaria and Romania, they embraced our delegation as family. They arranged meetings with the highest level of civil and ecclesiastical authorities, individuals who can further the Archons' mission of religious freedom."

**“They are staunch supporters of the Mother Church and our Orthodox Faith in Romania, Bulgaria, and throughout Europe.”**

—Dr. Maria A. Limberakis

## THE ARCHON SOPHIA AWARD FOR *Excellence*

The Award is given annually by the Order to an individual or individuals who have distinguished themselves in endeavors that serve the needs of the Holy Mother Church and the Sacred Mission of the Archons of the Great Church of Christ.

## PAST RECIPIENTS OF THE AWARD

- 2022 • Archon Boris and Youlianna Gurov and Archon Dr. Nawaf and Rim Salameh
- 2021 • Santiago Calatrava

# THE CLASS OF 2022

His Eminence Archbishop Elpidophoros of America, accompanied by His Eminence Demetrios, former Geron Archbishop of America, presided at the Investiture of thirty-six new Archons of the Ecumenical Patriarchate from throughout the United States, following the Divine Liturgy at the Archdiocesan Cathedral of the Holy Trinity on Sunday, October 9, 2022.

Archbishop Elpidophoros told the new Archons: "This day for the installation of the new class of Archons is indeed an auspicious one. For it is occurring in the presence of His Beatitude Theodoros II, Pope and Patriarch of Alexandria and All Africa. You are receiving the high office and name of 'Archon' at this first and very special Patriarchal Divine Liturgy, presided over by the one who is enthroned on the See of Saint Mark the Apostle and Evangelist – and on the very day of His Enthronement eighteen years ago, no less."



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The Order of Saint Andrew the Apostle, Archons of the Ecumenical Patriarchate

# RELIGIOUS FREEDOM MISSION

From June 8–19, 2022, a delegation from the Order visited **Romania**, **Bulgaria** and **Greece** on a Religious Freedom Mission, during which the Archons and their associates met with some of the key religious and political leaders of the respective countries to discuss all-important issues of international religious freedom.

The delegation met with these religious and secular leaders in order to explain the mission of the Archons, underscoring Orthodoxy's ethnic richness and respect for local cultures, and above all its universal, transcendent appeal. The delegation also endeavored to foster stronger connections among Orthodox communities in U.S. and the Mother Church in Constantinople, as well as among Orthodox countries including Romania, Bulgaria, Greece, and Cyprus, based on strong shared commitment to Orthodox faith and traditions.

The visit to Romania and Bulgaria was coordinated by Archon Dr. Nawaf Salameh of the Alexandrion Group in Romania, and Archon Boris and Youlianna Gurov in Bulgaria. The Alexandrion Foundation is a strong supporter of religious freedom and open dialogue among interfaith communities.

## Prime Minister of Bulgaria

An Archon delegation met with the Bulgarian Prime Minister Kiril Petkov, above, in Sofia, Bulgaria.







# ROMANIA

## RELIGIOUS FREEDOM MISSION

**The Archons promoted religious freedom in a region where it is under intense attack in neighboring Ukraine. Romania is a strong supporter of the Ecumenical Patriarchate and its Patriarchate was one of the first to recognize the autocephaly of the Church of Ukraine.**



The Mission began in Romania. A delegation including Dr. Anthony J. Limberakis, National Commander of the Order; Judge B. Theodore Bozonelis, the Order's National Vice Commander; Father Alexander Karloutsos, Spiritual Advisor of the Order; Archon John Mindala; and Nicholas Kass arrived in Bucharest on Thursday, June 9, along with an accompanying delegation consisting of Dr. Maria A. Limberakis; and Mrs. Helen Bozonelis.

On Thursday, June 9, the delegation visited the Romanian Presidency in Bucharest and had a meeting with Mr. Sergiu Nistor, Presidential Adviser in the Department of Culture, Religion and National Minorities. Also on

Thursday, the delegation was invited to participate in celebrations marking Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II's Platinum Jubilee, hosted by the British Ambassador, Mr. Andrew Noble LVO, and Mrs. Helen Noble. This provided a good opportunity for the Archons and their associates to meet with Romanian representatives from politics, business environment, the press, and more.

On Friday, June 10, the Archon delegation visited the Alexandrion Group offices in Bucharest. They were welcomed by Archon Dr. Nawaf Salameh, who is the Chairman of the Alexandrion Group and a FOUNDER of the Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew Foundation.

That same day, the delegation

of Archons visited the Romanian Patriarchate, where they were received by His Grace Varlaam Ploieşteanul, assistant bishop to Patriarch Daniel of All Romania and Secretary of the Holy Synod of the Romanian Orthodox Church.

Also on Friday, June 10, the delegation met with government officials, Mircea Abrudean, Head of the Chancellery of the Prime Minister and Irina-Dumitrita Solomon, State Minister, at the Romanian Parliament. The delegation also met with representatives of the Prime Minister of Romania, Nicolae Ciuca, and with the Charge d'Afaires, Mr. David Muniz, at the U.S. Embassy in Bucharest.

### Parliament Meetings

The delegation met with government officials, Mircea Abrudean, Head of the Chancellery of the Prime Minister and Irina-Dumitrita Solomon, State Minister, at the Romanian Parliament, below.





### The Romanian Patriarchate

The Archon delegation traveled to the Romanian Patriarchate and was received by His Grace Bishop Varlaam, assistant bishop to the Patriarch and Secretary of the Holy Synod of the Romanian Orthodox Church.





#### **US Embassy**

The delegation with the Charge d'Affaires, a.i Mr. David Muniz, above, at the U.S. Embassy in Bucharest, Romania.



#### **Presidential Adviser**

Meeting with Mr. Sergiu Nistor, Presidential Adviser - Department of Culture, Religion and National Minorities.



#### **Romanian Presidency Chapel**

Prior to meeting with Mr. Nistor, the delegation received a tour of the chapel on the grounds of the Romanian Presidency.



#### **Honoring the Salamehs**

The delegation honored Dr. Nawaf Salameh, his wife Rim, their children and parents with a commemorative plaque during their final night for their generous hospitality and impactful efforts in organizing the Romania visitation.



# BULGARIA

## RELIGIOUS FREEDOM MISSION

**Bulgaria is a member of the European Union, NATO, and the Council of Europe; it is also a founding member of the OSCE, and has taken a seat on the United Nations Security Council three times.**



On June 12, the delegation proceeded to Bulgaria, where delegation members included His Eminence Metropolitan Athenagoras of Belgium; Dr. Limberakis; Judge Bozonelis; Father Karloutsos; Archon Boris Gurov; Mr. Salameh; Archon Mindala; and Mr. Kass. The accompanying delegation again included Dr. Maria Limberakis; and Mrs. Bozonelis; as well as Mrs. Youlianna Gurov.

### Parliament Meetings

The delegation, top and right, gathers at the Parliament of Bulgaria with the chairman and multi-partisan representatives of the Bulgaria-USA Parliamentarian Friendship group and the President of the National Assembly (Parliament).

On June 13, the delegation met in the Parliament of Bulgaria with the chairman and multi-partisan representatives of Bulgaria-USA



Parliamentarian Friendship group and the President of the National Assembly (Parliament).

That afternoon, the Archons and

their associates met with Bulgarian Prime Minister Kiril Petkov.

Then on June 14, the delegation visited, among other notable sites, St. Sofia Church, which is one of the oldest in the Balkans. After that, the Archons and their associates met with Bulgarian Patriarch Neophyte. That afternoon, the delegation met with the U.S. Ambassador to Bulgaria, Herro Mustafa, at the U.S. Embassy in Sofia.

Also that day, a reception was held at the Embassy of Greece in Bulgaria in honor of the Archon delegation. The reception was hosted by the Ambassador of Greece, Dimitrios Chronopoulos, and attended by politicians and diplomats, as well as hierarchs and clergy of the Bulgarian Orthodox Church.

On June 15, the Archon delegation visited St. Alexander Nevsky Cathedral and Saint Sophia Church in Sofia, Bulgaria.



#### **Diplomatic Meetings**

National Commander Dr. Limberakis with Nikola Minchev, left, the 47th chairman of the National Assembly of Bulgaria. Later, the delegation met with Ambassador Herro Mustafa outside the US Embassy in Sofia.





### The Church of Bulgaria

Members of the delegation were warmly welcomed to the Patriarchate of Bulgaria. Metropolitan Athenagoras and Fr. Karloutsos, below right, had the opportunity to meet Patriarch Neophyte. Later, the delegation was offered the opportunity to tour the St. Alexander Nevsky Cathedral, bottom.





### Prime Minister

The delegation met with the Bulgarian Prime Minister Kiril Petkov, a Harvard-educated leader. Intense discussions were held about religious freedom issues, the Ecumenical Patriarchate, the war between Russia and Ukraine, the refugee crisis and the work of the Bulgarian Orthodox Church that has aided and supported efforts.



### Honoring Our Hosts

Honoring Archon Boris and Youlianna Gurov, above, left, for their coordination of the delegation's religious freedom trip to Sofia, Bulgaria.



### Embassy of Greece

A reception was held at the Embassy of Greece in Bulgaria hosted by the Ambassador Dimitrios Chronopoulos, and attended by politicians and diplomats, as well as hierarchs and clergy of the Bulgarian Orthodox Church, which included Metropolitan Anthony, third from left.



# GREECE

## RELIGIOUS FREEDOM MISSION

**The Archon delegation briefed His All-Holiness on their mission and also met with key Archons of the Pammakaristos Brotherhood—the Archons of Europe.**

### Meeting Brief

The National Commander and National Vice Commander had the opportunity to meet with His All-Holiness, below, and brief him on the religious freedom mission.



National Commander Limberakis, Judge Bozonelis, Father Karloutsos, Archon Mindala, Dr. Maria Limberakis, and Mrs. Bozonelis arrived in Athens on June 15. On June 17, they attended a ceremony to award title of the Emeritus Professor of Environmental Management of the School of Science and Technology of the Institution to His All-Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew.

On June 18, the delegation was granted a private audience with His All-Holiness in the Presidential Suite, Hotel Grande Bretagne, Athens.

Following that, they attended a U.S. Embassy Reception in honor of His All-Holiness, hosted by the Hon. George J. Tsunis, the

U.S. Ambassador to Greece, at the Ambassador's Residence, followed by a dinner at the Stavros Niarchos Foundation Cultural Center.

At the dinner, Dr. Limberakis offered a toast in which he remarked: "Mr. Ambassador, thank you so much for hosting this evening's tribute reception and dinner in honor of His All-Holiness, which truly reflects the sentiments of President Biden, whose affection and respect of His All-Holiness is well-known and appreciated by all Orthodox Christians in America. It truly is with great joy that we gather together here at the Stavros Niarchos Cultural Center, which is the iconic symbol of the international philanthropic endeavors of the Niarchos

Foundation in culture, education, health and social welfare."

Ambassador Tsunis, an Archon of the Ecumenical Patriarchate, stated: "The Ecumenical Patriarch has devoted his life to making the world in which we live a better place. He has devoted himself to the message of tolerance, holding regular dialogues with other Christian churches, as well as with Muslims and Jews. When I think of His All-Holiness, I am always reminded of the Mark Twain quote that 'kindness is a language which the deaf can hear and the blind can read.'"

The delegation arrived back in New York City on June 19.





### Reception for His All-Holiness

A reception was held in honor of His All-Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew, hosted by the US Ambassador to Greece, the Honorable George J. Tsunis, Archon of the Ecumenical Patriarchate. During the reception, a commemorative plaque was presented to Ambassador Tsunis by the delegation and joined by Ms. Maria Allwin, bottom far left.





### **Honoring His All-Holiness**

National Commander Limberakis delivers the toast during a reception at the Stavros Niarchos Foundation Cultural Center.

### **Ecumenical Patriarchate's Director of the Patriarchal Press & Communications Office**

National Commander Dr. Limberakis, National Vice Commander Bozonelis, and Archon John Mindala met with Mr. Nicholas-George Papachristou, Director of the Patriarchal Press & Communications Office, to discuss ways to improve communications regarding the Ecumenical Patriarchate. Their discussion included strategies and methods for improving social media efforts, live streaming capabilities, the sharing of photography and English translations, and much more. This fruitful and productive meeting took place as part of the Order of Saint Andrew the Apostle's overall efforts to support the Ecumenical Patriarchate.



### **Pammakaristos Brotherhood**

The Archon delegation met with their European counterparts in Athens, Archon Athanasios Martinos and Archon Gerasimos L. Fokas, President and Vice President respectively, of the Pammakaristos Brotherhood of Archons in Europe



### **Metropolitan Theodoretos**

The delegation met with His Eminence Metropolitan Theodoretos, representative of the Ecumenical Patriarchate in Athens, where they discussed their work and efforts within the United States and in the establishment of the Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew Foundation.

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#### A Place of Solace

This icon of Saint Nicholas, portrayed as a seafarer in the new Shrine, is pulling a drowning man from raging waters. This image is supposed to be a loose metaphor, showing how the church can be a place of solace to contemplate the terrorist attacks.



## UPON THIS ROCK, I HAVE *REBUILT* MY CHURCH!

# ST. NICHOLAS OPENS

During the 9/11 terrorist attacks, the St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church was crushed by the falling south tower of the World Trade Center. Now, 21 years later, the church has reopened its doors. Its first parishioners celebrated the feast of Saint Nicholas on December 5-6, 2022.



### Then and Now

On September 11, 2001, St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church, a neighborhood parish built in 1916, left, was destroyed. Today, it is reopen for worship and also serves as a shrine and memorial to those who perished on 9/11.



Father Loukas of Xenophontos, a monk from Mount Athos, painted the stunning murals inside the newly reopened structure.

Archons Michael Psaros and Dennis Mehiel, Chairman and Vice Chairman, said, " Saint Nicholas is standing tall, shining bright, and welcomes everyone to its awe inspiring Sanctuary. We are so much more than a flickering candle; we are burning strong and brilliant.

The glory of Orthodoxy fills the dome, the apse, the walls and the very air with the healing message of the Gospel. Our National Shrine bears witness – a vibrant and engaged witness – to the story of 9/11, the story of the Greek Orthodox People of America, and the greatest story ever told, the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ."

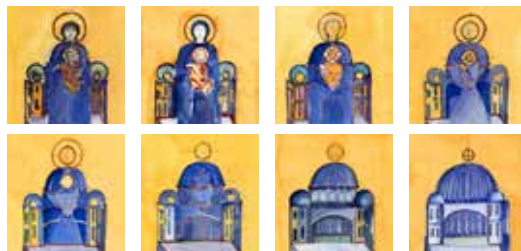
Made from Greek marble and decorated with ornaments iconog-

raphy, upwards of \$80 million was raised to complete the complicated structure, which glows at night. The Order of St. Andrew was one of the many organizations who made a significant contribution towards its rebuilding.

The shrine will be open to the public for tours daily and will be a fully functioning parish of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America.

### Genesis of a Resurrection

Santiago Calatrava was selected as the architect to rebuild St. Nicholas and detailed watercolor renderings, above, show inspiration drawn from within Hagia Sophia which lead to shape the current form of the new Shrine.



### Ground Blessing, October 2014

The Ground Blessing Service was based on the service of Laying the Cornerstone for a Church. For Saint Nicholas National Shrine, cairns (a memorial collection of stones) were built up in imitation of the cairn at Gilgal that the Prophet Joshua fashioned to commemorate the crossing over of the Israelites into the Promised Land (Joshua, ch. 4). Two cairns, in remembrance of the Twin Towers, were blessed and symbolically built by Greek Orthodox Archdiocesan organizations and leaders. National Commander Dr. Limberakis, right, places a cairn on behalf of The Order.



### The Footprint, September 2015

The footprint of the design begins to emerge.



### Topping Off, December 2016

The dome comes into view at the "topping off" ceremony with a cross adorning the skyline of Ground Zero.



### The Sphere, September 2017

The Sphere, as once seen in front of the Twin Towers in 2001, relocates in front of St. Nicholas.



### Construction Resumes, January 2, 2020

Archbishop Elpidophoros and Governor Andrew M. Cuomo announced plans to resume halted construction. The project was driven by a new non-profit organization with an independent board - the Friends of St. Nicholas.

### Lighting Ceremony, September 2021

Archbishop Elpidophoros officiates a Memorial Service at St. Nicholas, joined by Fr. Alex Karloutsos, in which the church was lit for the first time.



### Door Opening, November 2021

His All-Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew celebrated the Door Opening service for the St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church and National Shrine at the World Trade Center. On behalf of all the faithful-clergy and people, His All-Holiness stands next to a depiction of himself presenting the international Shrine to Saint Nicholas, as he holds a relic of the patron saint's hand, below, that now permanently resides in the Shrine.



“The vocation of this Shrine for the Nation, the resurrected Saint Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church, is going to be expanding in ways that we are now only dreaming of.”

—The Friends of St. Nicholas





#### **The Consecration, July 4, 2022**

The St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church and National Shrine was consecrated at The World Trade Center, during the Clergy Laity Congress in New York, NY. Archons Michael Psaros and Dennis Mehiel, above, were instrumental in the management and completion of the project. Several Archons, below, were in attendance for the historic occasion.





“ This Shrine will be a place for everyone who comes to the Sacred Ground at the World Trade Center, a place for them to imagine and envision a world where mercy is inevitable, reconciliation is desirable, and forgiveness is possible.”

—Archbishop Elpidophoros



#### **A Resurrection more than two decades in the making**

The opening to regular worship and visitation of Saint Nicholas occurred on the Feastday of the Wonderworker of Myra, December 5-6. His Grace Bishop Apostolos of Medeia officiated over the first services.

# EVOLVING LEADERSHIP

Several elections and appointments were held throughout the year bringing forth change and renewal in the Archon arena.

## **Hon B. Theodore Bozenelis, National Vice Commander**

Archon Bozenelis 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 Bozenelis was a judge of the Superior Court of New Jersey from 1990 to 2011. He also currently serves as the Secretary and Executive Officer of the Archdiocesan Council.



ELECTED

## **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.



REELECTED

## **Gus 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.



ELECTED

## **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. He was invested as Archon in 2010 and conferred with the offikion Didaskalos Tou Genous.



REELECTED

## **Peter Kakoyiannis, Esq, Legal Counselor**

Archon Peter Kakoyiannis, Esq, a member of the law firm Eiseman Levine. He has extensive experience working on matters representing lending institutions in dealing with their commercial as well as real estate loan transactions. 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.



ELECTED

## 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.



## 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.



## John G. Gumas, National Council

A veteran of the advertising and interactive marketing industry, Archon Gumas founded Gumas Advertising in 1984. Archon John has consistently provided financial support as well as professional marketing services to many Orthodox Church entities for over 35 years, including the Metropolis of San Francisco, the Annunciation Cathedral in San Francisco, and Holy Trinity Church, also in San Francisco, among others.



## John S. Koudounis, National Council

Archon Koudounis is the CEO of Calamos Investments, and is the founder of the Chicago CEO COVID-19 Coalition. 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 the Panhellenic Scholarship Foundation. At the same time, Archon Koudounis serves as Chair of the Investment Committee for the Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew Foundation.



## Paul P. Sogotis, Regional Commander

Archon Sogotis is president of the Parish Council for the Metropolis of San Francisco's Annunciation Greek Orthodox Cathedral. He has also served on the Archdiocesan Council since 2006 and the Metropolis Council of San Francisco for several years. The Metropolis of San Francisco has sent Archon Sogotis to the Saint Photios National Shrine as its representative. Archon Sogotis president and owner of Pacific Coast Maritime Agencies, Inc. with offices located in the Ports of California, Oregon, and Washington State.



## Hon. Steven G. Counelis, Regional Commander

The Hon. Archon Counelis is Judge of the Superior Court of the State of California in the County of Riverside. He graduated Magna Cum Laude with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Government, and with his Juris Doctor degree, from the University of San Francisco. As a college student, he served at the United States Supreme Court, in the Office of the Administrative Assistant to the Chief Justice.



# ARCHONS EMERITUS

This past year, the National Council of the Order conferred the honorary title of *Emeritus* upon five retired members of the National Council and Regional Commanders.

## **Christopher Stratakis, Esq.** National Council 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.



## **Stephen Cherpelis** National Council 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.



## **Nikitas Drakotos** National Council 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.



## **Theofanis V. Economidis** National Council & Regional Commander Emeritus

Archon Theofanis V. Economidis 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).



## **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.



# ARCHON ACHIEVEMENTS

The Order is proud of the accomplishments of our Archons and what they have contributed to the Holy Mother Church, our Archdiocese and society.



## Archon Spiritual Advisor Receives the Presidential Medal of Freedom



In a ceremony at the White House on July 7, 2022, the spiritual advisor of the Order of Saint Andrew, the Rev. Protopresbyter Alexander M. Karloutsos, affectionately known worldwide as "Father Alex," received the Presidential Medal of Freedom from U.S. President Joseph Biden. The Presidential Medal of Freedom is the nation's highest civilian honor. Fr. Alex and Presvytera Xanthi, two faithful servants of our Lord and Savior, hand in hand, of like mind and purpose have devoted their lives to promoting the wellbeing and vitality of the Ecumenical Patriarchate, the Church-at-large, and so many noble causes with great impact and substantive accomplishment.

## OCCMC Honors Archon Cliff and Theo Argue

On June 4, 2022, two hundred people from all over the United States gathered at St. Demetrios Greek Orthodox Church in Seattle, Washington for a Celebration Gala in honor of Archon Cliff Argue and his beloved wife Theo. This honor was richly deserved, as for nearly five decades, Archon Cliff and Theo have selflessly given of their time, talent, and resources, motivated by love for Almighty God and His people.

Cliff's service to our Holy Mother Church of Constantinople and our Orthodox Faith in general has been marked by his forty-five years of commitment to the Standing Committee on Missions of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese and the Orthodox Christian Mission Center.



## Archon Michael Psaros Makes Transformative Gift to Georgetown University

Archon Michael G. and Robin Psaros have committed \$11 million to the newly renamed Psaros Center for Financial Markets and Policy at Georgetown University into the preeminent destination for unbiased expertise at the intersection of finance and policy.

Archon Psaros is a Co-Founder and Co-Managing Partner of KPS Capital Partners, LP. Archon Psaros stated: "My family is humbled and excited to invest in Georgetown, and in doing so, give back to a country that has provided us with so many opportunities...I am who I am today because of the values and value system that I learned from my family, the Holy Orthodox Church, and Georgetown University. Every time my wife, my family, and I contribute to Georgetown in any way, it is a celebration of those values. Our work begins today to build a better world."



“ Archon Mike’s extraordinary gift to Georgetown University and our country is a quintessential manifestation of the role of an Archon: to work for the good of God’s Holy Church and the world at large.

—National Commander Dr. Limberakis

## Archon Andreas Dracopoulos Spearheads Stavros Niarchos Foundation’s \$15 Million Donation to St. Michael’s Retirement Home

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STAVROS NIARCHOS FOUNDATION

Archon Andreas Dracopoulos, the Co-President of the Stavros Niarchos Foundation (SNF) has spearheaded a major donation of \$15 million by SNF to St. Michael’s Retirement Home, one of the preeminent facilities which cares for the Greek Orthodox elderly in America. The funds are intended for the completion of a new building complex for St. Michael’s in Uniondale, New York. The Stavros Niarchos Foundation (SNF) is a private, international philanthropic organization that funds organizations and projects worldwide aiming to achieve a broad, lasting, and positive impact for society at large.



## 'Orthopaedic Legend' Archon Dr. Michael J. Patzakis Honored at The Ohio State University

On September 9, 2022, Archon Dr. Michael J. Patzakis returned to his alma mater, The Ohio State University (OSU), for the 8th Annual Michael J. Patzakis Endowed Lectureship in Orthopaedics. Dr. Andrew Glassman, chair of the university’s Department of Orthopaedics, honored Archon Dr. Patzakis as an “orthopaedic legend.” OSU President Katrina Johnson met with Dr. Patzakis as he enjoyed an OSU football game from a suite on the 50-yard line, and he was given gifts including a football bearing a handwritten message from OSU football coach Ryan Day. Dr. Michael J. Patzakis was invested as Archon on October 22, 2006 and conferred with the offi-  
on Didaskalos Tou Genous.



## Archon George Marcus Spearheads the Work on the Rebuilding of the Church of the Panagia of Pera

The Church of Panagia of Pera is the Cathedral Church of His All-Holiness. At this Church every November 21, the Feast of the Entrance of the Theotokos into the Temple, His All-Holiness celebrates the Divine Liturgy with the members of the Holy and Sacred Synod of the Ecumenical Patriarchate. However, in 1978, a catastrophic fire broke out in this historic church, severely damaging the building. Since then, there has been no renovation or restoration work, until the heroic efforts of Archon George Marcus.

With noble and generous concern for the well-being and continued survival of our Holy Mother Church in Constantinople, he has given \$500,000 for the renovation of the Church of Panagia of Pera, a jewel of Constantinople and Greek Orthodoxy worldwide that was built in 1804. This is just one of the many worthy causes and initiatives that Archon Marcus, with his extraordinary stewardship, has spearheaded, supported, and helped to bring to fruition. The renovation and restoration to its full glory of the Church of Panagia of Pera is just the latest example of his extraordinary Archon beneficence.



## Archon George J. Tsunis Confirmed by U.S. Senate as Ambassador to Greece

On March 10, 2022, the United States Senate confirmed by voice vote Archon George J. Tsunis to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to Greece.

The U.S. State Department notes that Archon Tsunis' "legal and business acumen, strong commitment to public service, and demonstrated ability to build broadly based partnerships make him a well-qualified candidate to serve as U.S. Ambassador to Greece."

Archon Tsunis is a Founder of the Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew Foundation, demonstrating his indefatigable commitment to the Holy Mother Church of Constantinople and its ability to carry out its sacred mission in perpetuity.



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

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.

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.



# ARCHONS IN THE FIELD

Archons continue their work as Defenders of the Faith.

## Archon Leaders Meet with U.S. Assistant Secretary of State for European and Eurasian Affairs, Dr. Karen Donfried

On March 18, 2022, a delegation of leaders of the Order met via Zoom with Assistant Secretary of State for European and Eurasian Affairs Dr. Karen Donfried.

The Archon delegation included the Order of Saint Andrew's chief officers, including Dr. Anthony J. Limberakis, National Commander; the Hon. B. Theodore Bozonelis, National Vice Commander; Father Alexander Karloutsos, the Spiritual Advisor of the Order; Andrew Manatos, Archon Regional Commander for Washington, D.C.; and Mike Manatos, Archon Government Affairs Committee Chairman.

The meeting lasted over thirty minutes and covered a wide range of issues, including the wisdom



and courage of His All-Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew in standing up to Russian President Vladimir Putin with regard to the rights of the Orthodox Christian Community in Ukraine; and the important work of the Order of Saint Andrew the Apostle in aiding and defending the Ecumenical

Patriarchate and religious freedom in the United States and around the world. Secretary Donfried said she was honored to meet His All-Holiness in her first few days serving as Assistant Secretary, during his meeting with U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken on October 25, 2021.

## Archon John G. Manos Represents the Order at Notre Dame's New Religious Liberty Initiative in Rome

John G. Manos, one of the Order's Regional Commanders for the Metropolis of Chicago, represented the Order of Saint Andrew the Apostle, Archons of the Ecumenical Patriarchate, at the Second Annual Notre Dame Religious Liberty Summit, which was held in Rome July 20-22, 2022. Manos is pictured with His



Eminence Archbishop Angaelos, OBE, the Coptic Orthodox Archbishop of London, above left, and Dean Marcus Cole, Founder and organizer of the Notre Dame Religious Liberty Summit, above right.

The Notre Dame Religious Liberty Summit brought scholars, advocates, and religious leaders



to Rome for conversations about the future of religious liberty in the U.S. and around the world. The theme of this year's Religious Liberty Summit was Dignitatis humanae, taken from the statement of the same name promulgated by Pope Paul VI on December 7, 1965, at the end of Vatican Council II.

# Marketing Expert Archon John G. Gumas to Lead New Archon Branding Analysis

The National Council of the Order of St. Andrew launched a strategic brand initiative to enhance the effectiveness and visibility of our mission, nationally and internationally. Archon John G. Gumas, a renowned expert in strategic branding (gumas.com) and the newest member of the National Council donated this huge project which is being done through his office of experts at Gumas Advertising in San Francisco. The Gumas Team will undertake extensive research into the Order, review our website, social media platforms, publications and ultimately propose a tag line (similar to Nike's "Just Do It") and other strategies

promoting our sacred mission.

Archon John has consistently provided financial support as well as professional marketing services to many Orthodox Church entities for over 35 years, including the Metropolis of San Francisco, the Annunciation Cathedral in San Francisco, and Holy Trinity Church, also in San Francisco, among others. His All-Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew invested him as an Archon and conferred upon him the offikion Hartophylax on October 31, 2021. He is a member of the Archon National Council.

National Commander Limberakis said: "Archon John

Gumas is a man of tremendous advertising and marketing acumen and a diligent and reliable laborer in the vineyard of Christ. I am grateful

for this opportunity to learn from him about how we can enhance the execution of our sacred mission to support and defend the Ecumenical Patriarchate."



## Metropolis of Chicago Archons and National Hellenic Museum Host Christmas Meet & Greet



On December 7, 2022, the Archons in the Metropolis of Chicago, held their first Christmas Meet & Greet at the National Hellenic Museum in Chicago. Esteemed guests included His Eminence Metropolitan Nathanael of Chicago; His Grace Bishop Timothy of Hexamilion, Archon George Cantonis, President of Hellenic College Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology; the Metropolis of Chicago-area Archons; and their spouses.

During the event, National Secretary and Regional Commander Gus M. Pablecas and Regional Commander John G. Manos updated those present on Archon-related initiatives taking place at the Metropolis and national levels.

In closing, Regional Commanders Manos and Pablecas introduced three of the newly invested Archons, shown left, who were present at the event: Archons James Lakerdas, Yanni Sianis, and Dr. Thomas Williams, each of whom also briefly addressed the guests.

Ultimately, in coordination with the National Archon Office, the Archons of the Ecumenical Patriarchate hope to build a relationship with the National Hellenic Museum and establish a permanent Archon exhibit at the museum.





## Archons Attend Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE), Meet with U.S. Delegation

On September 25–29, 2022, Archons Franklin (Rocky) Sisson, Jr., Archon Prepositos, and Archon Hon. Steven G. Counelis, Archon Nomophylax, participated in the annual Warsaw Human Dimension Conference of the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE) in Warsaw, Poland, where they made poignant presentations promoting the religious freedom of the Holy Mother Church. The Archon two-man team met with delegations from the United States and other countries

and entities dedicated to human rights and fundamental freedoms worldwide.

The OSCE's annual Warsaw Human Dimension Conference is Europe's largest annual human rights and democracy conference. It is a platform for the 57 OSCE participating nation states, international organizations and other relevant actors to take stock of the implementation of the OSCE's human dimension commitments.

Since 2006, the Order has sent a delegation to the OSCE meet-



Top, from left to right: Archon Counelis, United States Ambassador to the OSCE, Michael R. Carpenter, and Archon Sisson, and above, Archons with Ambassador Michael G. Kozak of the U.S. State Department.

“ [The Ecumenical Patriarchate] for many years has faced a hostile environment which at times has threatened its very existence. This is why in 2022, Turkey continues to be on the ‘special watch list’ of the United States Commission on International Religious Freedom as it has been since 2013. According to the 2022 Report, ‘the state of religious freedom in Turkey remained deeply troubling, with the perpetuation of restrictive and intrusive governmental policies on religious practice and a marked increase in incidents of vandalism and societal violence against religious minorities.’” –Archon Sisson

ings in order to present vital information to the international community on the Turkish Republic's continuing violations of human rights and religious freedom perpetrated against the Ecumenical Patriarchate.

Archons Sisson and Counelis each participated in the assembly and submitted written statements. On September 28, Archon Sisson presented an oral argument detailing the discrimination and impediments to religious freedom faced by the Ecumenical Patriarchate in Turkey today.

Many of the 57 participating nation states send ambassadors to the OSCE. Because of the conference's immense importance and prestige, the U.S. State Department sends a delegation to the meetings as well. Archons Sisson and Counelis conferred

with the United States representatives, including the United States Ambassador to the OSCE, Michael R. Carpenter, and head of the American delegation Ambassador Michael G. Kozak of the U.S. State Department. The Archons provided these officials with the most current information regarding the status of our Ecumenical Patriarchate in Turkey, and regarding the major issues, most recent developments and current documents of the Order.

Archons Counelis and Sisson also conferred with others in attendance who are sympathetic to the plight of the Ecumenical Patriarchate.

Anthony J. Limberakis, M.D., National Commander of the Order of Saint Andrew the Apostle, Archons of the Ecumenical Patriarchate, stated: "Since 2006

The Order has prioritized sending a delegation to the OSCE Human Dimension meetings so that the ongoing, egregious violations of fundamental religious freedom and institutional human rights are presented to the world community. I salute this year's delegation of Archons Rocky Sisson and Judge Steve Counelis who left family and homes to serve the needs of the Great Church of Christ in Warsaw, Poland. Along with Archons Sisson and Counelis, in previous years Archons Dr. Spiro Macris, Dr. Nicholas G. Loutsion, Theofanis V. Economidis, Constantine G. Caras, Esq. and Dr. Stamatis Kartalopoulos have made impactful presentations fighting for religious freedom for our Holy Mother Church in the OSCE arena."



Archons met with Oleksiy Goncharenko, a member of the Ukrainian Parliament, during OSCE conference. Goncharenko made a presentation at a reception that included Civil Society members, as well as the U.S. delegation at the OSCE conference, including Dr. Michael Carpenter, above. During his presentation, Goncharenko displayed a Ukrainian flag that flew over Kyiv during the recent battles for the city. Bullet holes were clearly visible in the flag.

“The presentation was a very moving moment. Oleksiy Goncharenko left his country that same morning as Iranian drones were dropping bombs, and flew to Warsaw with a bullet-ridden Ukrainian flag. When he displayed that flag to those who were assembled at the U.S. Ambassador’s reception, all in attendance were visibly moved. It was a powerful moment of international diplomacy.” –Archon Counelis

# SYMPOSIA & LECTURES ON THE ECUMENICAL PATRIARCHATE

Several Regional Archons organized conferences in commemoration of Smyrna and the Great Catastrophe—a somber and sorrowful Christian genocide that took place 100 years ago in Turkey. The John Halecky, Jr. 18th Annual National Archon Lenten Retreat was also held in Southampton.

## Philadelphia Archons Symposium on Ecumenical Patriarchate During Ottoman Period and Smyrna Catastrophe



On November 19, 2022, the Archons of Greater Philadelphia presented a symposium on the life of the Ecumenical Patriarchate during the Ottoman period, as well as on the history and legacy of the Ecumenical Patriarchate and the ethnic cleansing of the Greek community in Smyrna in 1922, delivered by Archon Tom Papademetriou, left. The event was presided by Archbishop Elpidophoros of America and organized by Regional Commander Archon Dr. Cary J. Limberakis at Saint Thomas Greek Orthodox Church in Cherry Hill, New Jersey.



## Tampa Bay Archons Presentation Commemorates 100th Anniversary of Smyrna Catastrophe

On Thursday, November 10, the Archons of the Tampa Bay Area, members of the Order of St. Andrew the Apostle, sponsored a presentation commemorating the 100th Anniversary of the Catastrophe of Smyrna. The program, presented by Dr. Yiorgos Topalidis of the University of Florida, was entitled "Smyrna 1922: Memory and Erasure of a Greek Speaking Orthodox Christian Community."



## Great Catastrophe lecture offered in Houston

On Saturday, November 5, the Annunciation Greek Language and Cultural School and the Annunciation Greek Orthodox Cathedral Ladies Philoptochos Society, with the support of the Archons in Houston, presented "Greek Asia Minor: Centennial Commemoration of the Great Catastrophe" offered by Dr. Yiorgo Topalidis. Archons John Zavitsanos and Vasili Mathews, above, address the audience.



## Rev. Dr. Nicholas G. Louh Leads The John Halecky, Jr. 18th Annual National Archon Lenten Retreat

With the blessings of His Eminence Archbishop Elpidophoros of America, the Rev. Dr. Nicholas G. Louh led the John Halecky, Jr. 18th Annual National Archon Lenten Retreat on April 8 and 9, 2022. The Retreat was held at the Dormition of the Virgin Mary Greek Orthodox Church of the Hamptons, hosted by Father Alexander Karloutsos, Archon Spiritual Advisor, and Father Constantine Lazarakis, who served as Retreat Pastors.

Fr. Nicholas addressed over one-hundred participants both in person and virtually. Focusing on renewal of one's faith, one's mind, and one's purpose, Fr. Nicholas discussed how true renewal can begin

in our lives, explaining five practical ways we can renew our faith today. Fr. Nicholas explained the meaning of repentance, and asked: "Who's sitting in God's throne in your life?" Fr. Nicholas stated: "Whatever's sitting in that throne is controlling your life," and elaborated on practical ways to ensure that God is enthroned in one's life.

Fr. Nicholas also explained a "weapon" that God gives us: the power of our thoughts, and discussed what he called the "3 T's" to help guide Orthodox Christian believers in "Doing Right because you are Thinking Right." Expounding upon questions such as "What is my purpose? What am



I called to do? Why am I here on earth?" Fr. Nicholas revealed what he referred to as God's dream for our lives, along with eight practical steps to work towards it.



## The Memory of John Halecky, Jr. Honored

During the Lenten Retreat, a plaque was presented to Sonia Halecky, the widow of the beloved late Archon National Vice Commander John Halecky Jr., whose memory and name will be in everlasting remembrance. Archon John Halecky III received the plaque on behalf of his mother.

The 2022 Archon Lenten Retreat was the first to be known as The John Halecky, Jr. Annual National Archon Lenten Retreat; all future Archon Lenten Retreats will bear this name. Archon Halecky was the originator of the Lenten Retreat initiative and the establishment of the Archon Spirituality Committee. It is therefore fitting that the Retreat now bears his name as a lasting tribute to this extraordinary Archon of the Great Church of Christ.

National Commander Limberakis said that Archon Halecky "was our beloved Vice Commander. He was an extraordinary Archon of the Great Church of Christ. Even His All-Holiness recognized the unique charismata of John Halecky, a Carpatho-Russian who brought ecumenicity to the Order of Saint Andrew, and who brought a sense of spirituality to the Order like no other Archon."

Archon John Halecky III remarked: "Today, responding to this particular honor on behalf of my mother, Sonia Halecky, sister, Nadine and the rest of our family is so very humbling. We are deeply moved that you, members of the Order of St. Andrew have attached his name to this annual event going forward. I also need to convey my mother's very specific message



that she contemplates and venerates, daily, the Archon memorial cross that was presented to her by Dr. Limberakis on behalf of the Order. We also acknowledge the respect of so many members of the Order that was demonstrated by their being present in person or in spirit at his funeral services. Our thanks and gratitude also extend especially to His Eminence Archbishop Elpidophoros and our beloved spiritual advisor, Father Alex Karloutsos."



# THE ARCHON ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEES

Among the many ways in which the Order of Saint Andrew the Apostle, Archons of the Ecumenical Patriarchate, exercises its sacred mission of supporting and defending the Ecumenical Patriarchate is through ten Archon Engagement Committees.

These committees are made up of tireless, dedicated Archons who provide active and ongoing defense of the Ecumenical Patriarchate in an enormous range of fields, including political action, environmental advocacy, youth outreach, parish initiatives, and much more. Each Archon Engagement Committee is divided into several, subject matter specific subcommittees, and works to develop original initiatives for

consideration of inclusion in the national policy of the Order of St. Andrew.

The Archon Engagement Committees are an initiative that was organized by Archon Stephen A. Georgeson, Esq.

Dr. Anthony J. Limberakis, National Commander of the Order of Saint Andrew the Apostle, remarked: "The Archon Engagement Committees highlight the diverse and multifaceted ways in which the

Order fulfills its mission of defending and protecting our holy Mother Church of Constantinople. They demonstrate how the Archons are striving constantly to bring the light of our holy Orthodox Faith and our Ecumenical Patriarch into all aspects of life and society. Congratulations and thanks to Archon Stephen Georgeson for this magnificent initiative."



## Academia Symposia Committee

This committee is charged with the responsibility of organizing and managing academia symposia focusing both on the external challenges facing the Ecumenical Patriarchate and on the five major religious freedom issues critical to the Ecumenical Patriarch and to Orthodox Christians.



## Communications Committee

The mission of the committee is to develop communications strategies for the Order in its social media and website platforms and for creating guidance for individual Archons who are making parish and Metropolis educational presentations.

[archons.org/engagement-committees](https://archons.org/engagement-committees)



## Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew Foundation

The mission of the Foundation is to provide financial independence for the Ecumenical Patriarchate in perpetuity. The Foundation is charged with the responsibility of developing strategy on membership recruitment and an internal communications platform for ongoing updates for prospective members. This includes print and electronic media reaching out to the broadest base of supporters among all ministries, organizations and the Faithful.



## Editorial Publication Committee

This committee is responsible for drafting and submitting editorials for publication in all print and online media at any time it is determined necessary to communicate support or disagreement with, or to clarify, respond to or correct news articles or editorial opinions relating in any way with the Ecumenical Patriarchate and with related religious freedom issues.



## Federal and State Governmental Affairs Committee

This committee provides critical grassroots support at both the state and federal levels for Congressional and legislative initiatives on behalf of the Ecumenical Patriarchate.



## International Archons Committee

The critical task of this committee is to help develop separate organizational structures for the Archons in Europe, South America, Asia, Africa and Australia and to assist in the creation of mission-oriented Orders. Because some of these areas have their own Archon organizations (i.e., Greece has Pammakaristos), the committee's task in these cases would be to coordinate working with these groups rather than organizing a new group of Archons.



## Metropolis and Parish Education Committee

This committee is developing an overall educational strategy for individual parish and Metropolis communities, focusing on the role of our Ecumenical Patriarchate in world Orthodoxy in general and on American Orthodoxy in particular. Because so many people, especially the youth, have no idea who our Ecumenical Patriarch and our Ecumenical Patriarchate are, educating the Omogenia on this basic information should be paramount.



## Patriarchal Green Initiatives Committee

This committee works to disseminate information to Orthodox faithful and government decision makers on those Green Initiatives identified by His All-Holiness as most critical, as well as to highlight the various symposia and activities hosted by the Ecumenical Patriarch highlighting the endangered areas around the world (i.e., Antarctic, Amazon River, Mississippi River).



## Patriarchal Properties and Legal Issues Committee

This committee is responsible for dealing specifically with issues concerning patriarchal properties and also more broadly with general patriarchal legal issues.



## Youth Participation Activities Committee

The mission of this committee is to connect with the various youth committees and organizations in our communities, establish regular gatherings with them, help educate them on the religious freedom challenges facing the Ecumenical Patriarchate and instruct them on the various initiatives undertaken by the Order to successfully overcome these obstacles.

# EDUCATING OUR FUTURE

Many events held throughout the year enabled Archons to engage and educate youth and young adults on the person of His All-Holiness, the institution of the Ecumenical Patriarchate and the work and mission of the Order.

## **Pilot Archon Sprout Program Provides Religious Education on Ecumenical Patriarchate in Dayton, Ohio**

In consultation with Bishop Athenagoras of Nazianzos, Director of Religious Education for the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America, a key member of the Archon Youth Participation Activity Engagement Committee, Ms. Katina Tsatalis, long-time public school teacher and beloved sister of our National Commander, has developed an age-specific pilot program of Sunday School modules for Pre K–12 students at Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church in Dayton, Ohio. Archons Nicholas J. Tranto and Nicholas Terezis, chair and vice chair respectively of the Archon Youth Engagement Committee, deserve kudos for their great work! The objective is to teach our Greek Orthodox Christian children, at the earliest ages, the historical and religious significance of the Ecumenical Patriarchate, and to introduce them to the sacred global mission of His All-Holiness.



## **Archons Engage Young Adults at Metropolis of San Francisco YAL Conference**

At the Metropolis of San Francisco Young Adult League (YAL) Conference in San Diego, California on September 3, 2022, Archon Regional Commanders Hon. Steven G. Counelis and Dr. Gregory G. Papadeas introduced the 585 attendees to the threats to international religious freedom, and to the major issues confronting the Ecumenical Patriarchate. Archon Counelis serves as Vice-Chair of the “Youth Participation Activities” Engagement Committee. Archon Papadeas serves on the same Committee, and is Regional Commander of the Metropolis of Denver. Archon Counelis, Regional Commander of the Metropolis of San Francisco, and his wife Stacia have served as the Conference Advisers to the YAL Conference Ministry of the Metropolis of San Francisco since its renaissance in 2018.



## Archon Sprout Initiative continues at Camp Nazareth

On July 12, 2022, Regional Commanders Nick Tranto and Nick Terezis delivered a 40-minute multimedia presentation to nearly one-hundred campers, camp counselors and clergy attending Camp Nazareth in Mercer, PA, as part of the Archon Sprout Initiative.



## Archons Continue Sprout Initiative at Chicago YAL Conference

The Archon Regional Commanders for the Metropolis of Chicago, Gus M. Pablecas, and John G. Manos, along with Archons Perry Siatis and Jeff Chrones, on February 18-20, 2022, represented the Order at the YAL Conference held in Chicago, Illinois at the Loews Chicago O'Hare Hotel. 750 registered YAL participants attended the Conference where Archons made a religious freedom presentation focused on creating awareness of the issues facing the Ecumenical Patriarchate, the threat to the Orthodox Faith and the role of the Archons in defending and promoting the Mother Church. In addition, the Archons established a vendors table for YAL participants to ask questions, obtain publications and to learn more about the Order of St. Andrew the Apostle throughout the weekend.



# VANDALIZATIONS & DESECRATIONS

The Byzantine Gems of Hagia Sophia and the Sumela Monastery were shown signs of disrespect while the Ecumenical Patriarchate's historic Balikli Hospital suffered significant damage due to a tragic fire.

## Hagia Sophia's 1,400-year-old Imperial Gate vandalized

One of Turkey's most significant historical artifacts, Hagia Sophia, has been vandalized.

The plight of the Hagia Sophia, which was converted to a mosque in July 2020, is back in the news with reports that the 1,400-year-old imperial gate of the edifice was vandalized. In April, the Turkish Union of Art History posted photos of the damage. The image of the vandalized oak door, warns observers, means that the international community's repeated urging that the iconic building be used as an "intercultural space" have fallen on deaf ears.



The Imperial Gate, also known as the Imperial Door, is one of the nine doors that opens to the main hall of the mosque. Used by emperors in the past, the door is specifically called the "Imperial Door."

“Distressing and disgusting vandalism.”

Statement by Greek Foreign Ministry condemning the incident

## Ecumenical Patriarch, Greece Protest to Turkey Over DJ Performance at Sumela Monastery

Turkey's authoritarian militarist regime has continued to violate international standards of religious freedom by desecrating the cultural heritage of the Ecumenical Patriarchate: Turkish authorities authorized the filming of a commercial with disco dancing at the Patriarchal Monastery of Panagia Sumela, part of the Ecumenical Patriarchate's historic patrimony that is under consideration by UNESCO as a World Heritage site.



Each year on August 15 the service for the Dormition of the Virgin Mary is celebrated by Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew at this location.

# Tragic Fire Ravages Balikli Greek Hospital

At noon on August 4, 2022, the courageous remnant of Greek Orthodox Christians in Constantinople was deeply shaken by a tragic fire at the Balikli Greek Hospital and Home for the Aged in the Zeytinburnu district of the city. The fire caused im-

mense structural damage. However, the loss of life was prevented with the support of state and local institutions, surrounding hospitals, neighbors and the staff of the institution. The National Council of the Order of Saint Andrew the

Apostle, Archons of the Ecumenical Patriarchate, voted unanimously to approve a \$100,000 donation for the relief of those who have been displaced by this fire, and for the rebuilding of the structure.



His All-Holiness witnesses the fire damage of the hospital on August 5, left. Anthony G. B. Borden, MD of blessed memory, center, visited patients of the Balikli Hospital during his tenure as National Commander of the Order of Saint Andrew from 1976-1989. Dr. Borden was the beloved father of Dr. Maria A. Limberakis.

## USCIRF Again Recommends Turkey for Special Watch List In Light of Its Worsening Record on Religious Freedom



The U.S. Commission on International Religious Freedom (USCIRF) released its 2022 Annual Report, which again recommends that Turkey be included 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)." USCIRF made this recommendation in light of the fact that, as its report notes, "in 2021, religious freedom conditions in Turkey remained poor, with no improvement from the previous year."

The 2022 report details the continued decline of religious freedom in Turkey over the last year, including the fact that it "took no steps to reopen the Theological School of Halki (Halki Seminary), preventing the Ecumenical Patriarchate

from training clergy for more than 50 years." USCIRF also pointed out that in Turkey, the Ecumenical Patriarchate and other minority religious communities face bureaucratic obstacles that prevented or seriously impeded their ability to practice their religion freely and fully.

The full Report contains numerous details about the continually deteriorating plight of Christians in Turkey. It states that "throughout the year, both religious and ethnic minorities faced governmental or societal targeting along religious lines," and that "the Turkish government also failed to protect other religious sites, including historical places of worship and cemeteries."

Turkey has been mistreating Christians and disregarding Turkey's rich Christian heritage for years.

USCIRF first added Turkey to its Watch List in 2009 as requiring "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 Special Watch List, where it remained until 2021. In the new report, USCIRF recommends that the U.S. government return Turkey on Watch List for continuing to engage in severe violations of religious freedom pursuant to the International Religious Freedom Act (IRFA).

# UKRAINE

## A TRAGIC ONGOING WAR

On February 24, 2022, Russia invaded Ukraine. The invasion has resulted in tens of thousands of deaths on both sides. It has caused Europe's largest refugee crisis since World War II. The war was a major topic in the Archon arena and support and educational lectures helped our communities understand the tensions and role of the Moscow Patriarchate in the Russian Invasion.

“ [Russia’s goal is] to use the Orthodox Church as a political tool for Russian nationalism and expansion.”

—Anthony J. Limberakis, MD, National Commander, quoted in *The Washington Post*



The wooden All Saints Monastery of the Svyatogorsk Lavra in Donetsk region burned beyond repair, due to Russian shelling. The Lavra dated back to the 1500s.

### Archons and Bouras Foundation offer \$100K in Ukraine Relief

The Order announced early in 2022, that it made a grant of \$50,000 for relief of the people of Ukraine. The grant was matched by the Nicholas J. and Anna K. Bouras Foundation, making for a total grant of \$100,000. Archbishop Elpidophoros stated: “The Order of Saint Andrew the Apostle’s and Nicholas J. and Anna K. Bouras Foundation’s extraordinarily generous gifts to the Ukrainian people and all who find themselves in the dire circumstances of this terrible and unjust war is a tangible fulfillment of our Lord Jesus’ command to ‘give, and it will be given to you; good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap. For the measure you give will be the measure you get back’ (Luke 6:38). The Archons and the Nicholas J. and Anna K. Bouras Foundation have given, and they will surely be rewarded richly by the Lord and His All-Holy Mother for their self-sacrifice.”

# Understanding the Role of the Moscow Patriarchate in the Russian Invasion of Ukraine

On April 4, 2022, Archangel Michael Greek Orthodox Church in Port Washington, New York presented an event that illuminated the role of the Moscow Patriarchate in Russia's invasion of Ukraine.

Archon George Demacopoulos interviewed Sergei Chapnin, a former Moscow Patriarchate insider, who offers a candid assessment of the inner workings of the Moscow Patriarchate and its role in the invasion of Ukraine. The two discussed crucial questions that have had a direct bearing on recent headlines, including: What is the relationship between the Moscow Patriarchate and Putin's government? How has the Patriarch's development of the Russki Mir (Russian World) ideology fueled the Kremlin's imperialist aspirations? On what basis does the Moscow Patriarch claim to be protecting "Traditional Values" against a "godless West"? And are there alternative voices within the Russian Church?

The discussion also included a pastoral reflection by Archbishop Elpidophoros. His Eminence's remarks went beyond the prevailing superficial analyses of the Russia-Ukraine conflict to provide a deeply spiritual and thought-provoking view of war in Ukraine and war in general.



## The Order Decries Russian Persecution of Ukrainian Orthodox Priests

In an explosive piece published on August 13, 2022, the *Wall Street Journal* reported that "in Russian-occupied parts of Ukraine, clergy members are targets" of invading Russian forces. The Journal added that "dozens of priests from the Orthodox Church of Ukraine, the country's largest denomination, have been kidnapped or killed since the invasion began, according to church officials." The Order deplored this targeted persecution and harassment of Ukrainian Orthodox clergy, and called upon Moscow Patriarch Kirill and the entire Russian Orthodox Church, in the name of our common Orthodox faith, to condemn these practices and work to bring about their immediate end.



## Washington Post Cites Order of Saint Andrew's Analysis of Moscow Patriarchate's Efforts to Divide Orthodox Faithful

On May 5, 2022, the *Washington Post* published a thoughtful analysis by David Ignatius of how Russia's invasion of Ukraine is inextricably linked to the Moscow Patriarchate's years-long efforts to supplant the Ecumenical Patriarchate and become the global leader of the Orthodox faithful. Ignatius quotes from an essay collection, "The Ecumenical Patriarchate and Ukrainian Autocephaly," edited by Archon Evagelos Sotiropoulos and published by the Order of Saint Andrew the Apostle in 2019. The Post article also provides observations on Russia's efforts against the unity and order of the Church from Archon National Commander Dr. Anthony J. Limberakis and the Order's Spiritual Advisor, Father Alexander Karloutsos.

“When Kirill goes into other jurisdictions, like Africa or Korea, that’s a religious invasion. That’s why there is a schism.”

—Father Alexander Karloutsos,  
Spiritual Advisor of the Archons

## His All-Holiness meets with President Duda, and Ukrainian Refugees in Poland

His All-Holiness visited Poland at the invitation of the President of Poland, Andrzej Duda, who officially invited the Ecumenical Patriarch to visit and offer words of support, consolation and hope to the millions of refugees that have fled from Ukraine as a result of the ongoing invasion by Russia.

President Duda expressed his profound gratitude to His All-Holiness for accepting his personal invitation, adding that "today His All-Holiness, as a tireless pilgrim, has come to bless the refugees from Ukraine." The President also acknowledged and thanked the Ecumenical Patriarch for his clear and consistent support of the victims of this horrendous war.

His All-Holiness also met with ecumenical leaders, led by the President of the Polish Conference of Roman Catholic Bishops, His Excellency Archbishop Stanisław Gądecki, repeating his condemnation of the Russian invasion of Ukraine as "unjust and unjustifiable."

Moreover, His All-Holiness was warmly received by His Beatitude Metropolitan Sawa of Warsaw and All Poland, who hosted the Patriarchal delegation for a prayer service in the Cathedral of Hagia Sophia where the Ecumenical Patriarch had laid the foundation stone in 2015. There, His All-Holiness denounced the slaughter of Ukrainian Orthodox by Russian Orthodox as "absolutely unacceptable."

During his time in Warsaw, the Ecumenical Patriarch was able to visit several migrant shelters, where he had the opportunity to meet personally with Ukrainian refugees in order to hear their painful stories and convey his paternal support, as well as to distribute icons and gifts to the many children who left behind their fathers, homes and schools in Ukraine.

Finally, His All-Holiness held a number of press conferences about the purpose of his visit, the horror of the current war, and the plight of the refugees from Ukraine.





## The First Lady of Ukraine at the Ecumenical Patriarchate

On October 2, 2022 His All-Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew received Her Excellency Mrs. Elena Zelenskaya, the wife of His Excellency the President of Ukraine, Mr. Volodymyr Zelensky. She was accompanied by Mr. Andriy Yermak, Head of the Office of the President; Ms. Yulia Svyrydenko, First Deputy Prime Minister of Ukraine; Mr. Andrii Sybiha, Deputy Head of the Office of the President of Ukraine; Mr. Vasyl Bodnar, the Ambassador of Ukraine in Ankara; Mr. Roman Nedilskyi, the Consul General in Constantinople; officials of the Presidency, and associates.

During the meeting, His All-Holiness once again expressed the support of the Ecumenical Patriarchate for the Ukrainian people, who have been severely tested by the war, and who with vigor and determination are defending the territorial integrity of their homeland, and expressed the hope that the war would soon end and that peace would be restored to Ukraine.

Her Excellency thanked His All-Holiness for his concern and support for the people of Ukraine.



His All-Holiness with the First Lady. Also present at the meeting was the Rev. Ecclesiarch Aetios, Director of the Special Patriarchal Office, far right.







# ECUMENICAL PATRIARCH BARTHOLOMEW FOUNDATION

*For the Sacred See of Saint Andrew*

## Nicholas J. and Anna K. Bouras Foundation Completes Its Extraordinary Million- Dollar Matching Grant to the Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew Foundation

The Nicholas J. and Anna K. Bouras Foundation, one of the premier philanthropic organizations providing much-needed aid to Greek Orthodox agencies, churches and to human service organizations, has completed its one-million-dollar matching grant to the Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew Foundation.

Through the efforts of Archon Hon. B. Theodore Bozonelis, a Trustee of the Nicholas J. and Anna K. Bouras Foundation and National Vice Commander of the Order of Saint Andrew the Apostle, Archons of the Ecumenical Patriarchate, the Bouras Foundation pledged to match the FOUNDER donation of each Metropolis of the Archdiocese of America, up to \$1 Million. That pledge has now been fulfilled.

All of the eight Metropolises have now pledged \$100,000 and become FOUNDERS of the Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew Foundation. As a result, the Bouras Foundation contributed an additional \$200,000, so as to make the matching grant total amount \$1,000,000.

Archon Judge Bozonelis stated: "The speedy completion of the Nicholas J. and Anna K. Bouras Foundation's million-dollar pledge to the Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew Foundation is a vivid demonstration of how seriously the Bouras Foundation takes its matching grant and its awareness of the urgent need that the Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew Foundation addresses: the ability of our Holy Mother Church to continue to fulfill its global sacred mission."

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: "We are delighted, and grateful to our loving God, that the Nicholas J. and Anna K. Bouras Foundation has so swiftly completed its extraordinarily generous and selfless pledge to the Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew Foundation. The Bouras Foundation's diakonia has done and continues to do a great deal to secure that the life-giving spiritual treasures of our Ecumenical Patriarchate will continue to enlighten the world."

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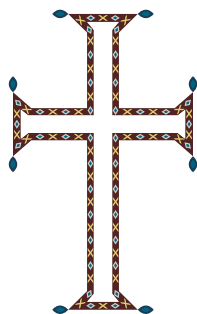
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