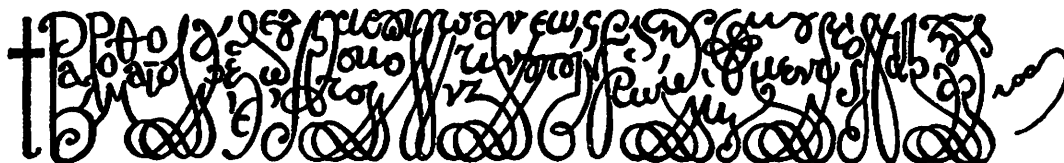




# ORDER *of* SAINT ANDREW THE APOSTLE

Archons of the Ecumenical Patriarchate in America

**2022 Annual Meeting Report**



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 2<sup>nd</sup> of September 2022

Your fervent supplicant before God,

✙ Κωνσταντίνος Πατριάρχης

✙ BARTHOLOMEW  
Archbishop of Constantinople–New Rome  
and Ecumenical Patriarch



# GREEK ORTHODOX ARCHDIOCESE OF AMERICA

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OFFICE OF THE ARCHBISHOP

Ο ΑΡΧΙΕΠΙΣΚΟΠΟΣ

October 8, 2022

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

Brother Archons of the Great Church of Christ of Constantinople,

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

## 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!





## 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



## ECUMENICAL PATRIARCH BARTHOLOMEW FOUNDATION

*For the Sacred See of Saint Andrew*

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.

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 55th 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.



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. AXIOI!

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. 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.



**14. 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,



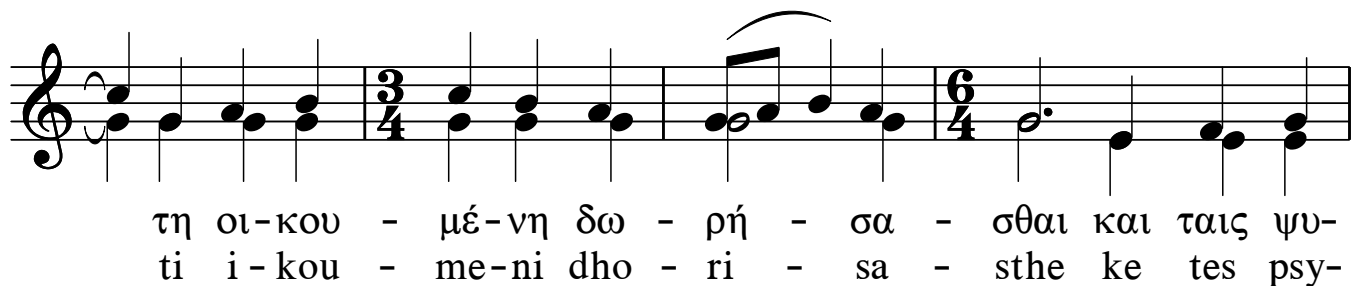
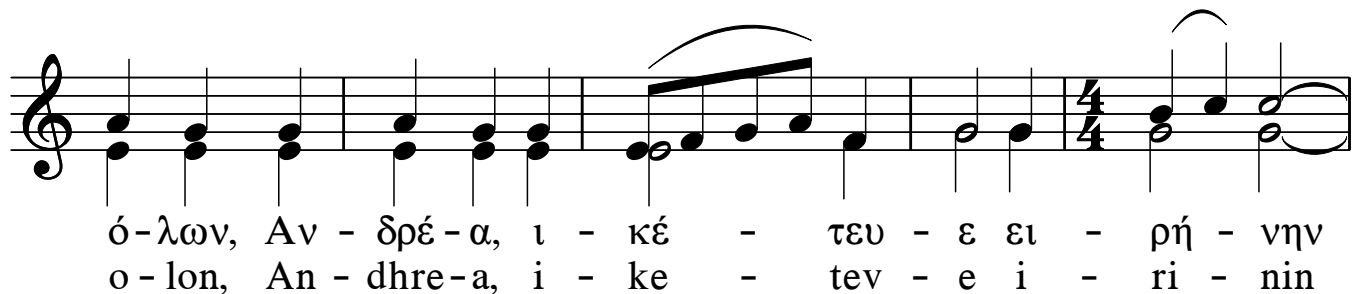
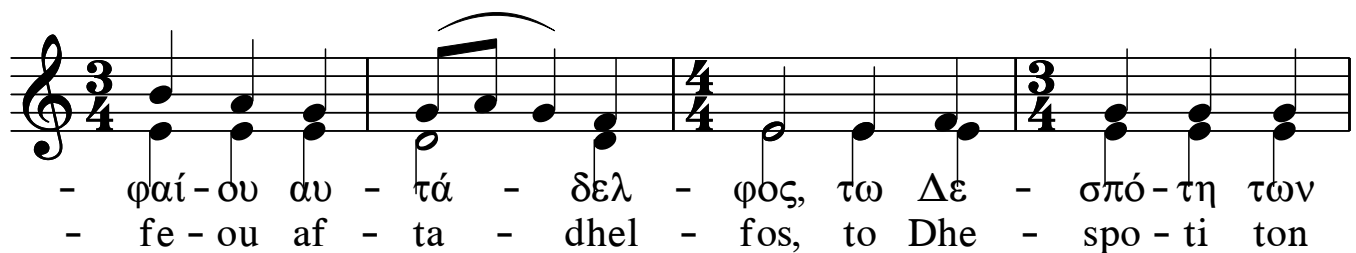
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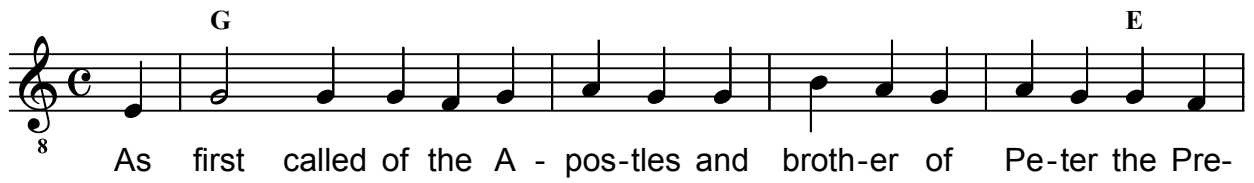
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ARCHONS OF THE ECUMENICAL PATRIARCHATE  
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Annual Meeting Order of St. Andrew the Apostle  
A Joint Assembly of  
Archons, Archons-elect and Spouses  
New York Hilton Midtown, Trianon Ballroom, 3rd Floor  
October 8, 2022

### AGENDA

1. **Invocation & Opening Remarks** – His Eminence Archbishop Elpidophoros, *Exarch of the Ecumenical Patriarchate*
  2. **Welcome** – *Archon* Anthony J. Limberakis, MD, *National Commander*
  3. **Patriarchal Exhortation** – Commander Dr. Limberakis
  4. **Archiepiscopal Exhortation** – *Archon* Hon. B. Theodore Bozonelis, Jr., *National Vice Commander*
  5. **Introduction of National Council & Regional Commanders** – Commander Dr. Limberakis
    - a. Welcome new member of the National Council
      - i. *Archon* George G. Gumas
      - ii. *Archon* John S. Koudounis
  6. **Approval of December 29, 2021 Minutes** – *Archon* Gus M. Pablecas, *National Secretary*
  7. **Approval Treasurer's Report** – *Archon* Peter J. Skeadas, *National Treasurer*
    - a. Presentation and Approval of Audited Financial Report for 2021
    - b. Audit Committee Report – *Archon* Peter Kakoyiannis, Esq.
      - i. Report of Independent Audit Firm – BDO USA, LLP
      - ii. Insurance Coverage of Order: update
  8. **Presentation of Archon Class of 2022** – *Archon* Constantine G. Caras, Esq.
    - a. **As your name is announced, please step forward to the podium area for an Archon Class of 2022 group picture with His Eminence Archbishop Elpidophoros of America**
- (Individual portraits (mandatory) for Archons-Elect & Archons (voluntary) are available throughout meeting in adjacent room)

**ARCHON CLASS OF 2022**

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Naples, FL  
Metropolis of Atlanta

**James Ernest Zaferis**  
Los Angeles, CA  
Metropolis of San Francisco

**George Nicholas Zapantis, Esq.**  
Long Island City, NY  
Archdiocesan District

9. **Exarch's Appeal, Update** – *Archon* John Zavitsanos, Esq.
10. **Athenagoras Human Rights Award** – *Archon* Michael G. Psaros, Chair and Co-Chair *Archon* Alexander Pritsos
  - a. **2022 Recipient:** His Beatitude Patriarch Theodore II of Alexandria and All Africa
  - b. A portion of this year's sponsorship and ticket funds net of expenses will be restricted for the sole use of the Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew Foundation.
  - c. **Banquet Underwriters (\$100,000) to whom we express deep gratitude**
    - i. Anna K. and Nicholas J. Bouras Foundation (each year since 1998!)
    - ii. *Archon* Michael G. Psaros (each year since 2016!)
11. **2022 Nicholas J. Bouras Award for Extraordinary Archon Stewardship – Congratulations to Archon Michael G. Psaros**, a most worthy recipient! **ΑΕΙΟΣ!**
12. **Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew Foundation for the Sacred See of St. Andrew** – Archon Anthony J. Limberakis, MD, Chair
  - a. Established by the Order of St. Andrew to ensure the economic security
    - i. of the Ecumenical Patriarchate *in perpetuity* and named in honor of the longest serving Ecumenical Patriarch in history
  - b. An independent, separate entity with its own Board of Trustees established as a non-profit corporation under the laws of the State of New York
  - c. 501(c)3 status from IRS

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- d. The Fund received over \$1 million at the 2018 Athenagoras Human Rights Award Presentation to Fr. Alexander Karloutsos and Presbyteria Xanthi Karloutsos
- e. FOUNDERS
  - i. 187 faithful who have pledged \$100,000 payable over 10 years
  - ii. Pledged amount: \$20.990 million
- f. BUILDERS
  - i. Donations at levels below \$100,000

13. National Council Committee Reports from Chairs

- a. **Nominating Committee** – *Archon* Gus M. Pablecas
- b. **Bylaws Committee** – *Archon* Gus M. Pablecas
  - i. **Proposed changes** (requires two thirds vote of those present at Annual Meeting):

**ARTICLE II-4**

Applicable amended language allows for virtual video, certified mail, and overnight delivery.

**EXPULSION**

.....provided, however, that prior to a final determination by the National Council, such Member is afforded an opportunity to appear either in person or by virtual video or by certified mail or by overnight delivery before the National Council and rebut any and all accusations made against him. (Amended Oct. 27<sup>th</sup>, 2007; Oct. 27<sup>th</sup>, 2018, October 8, 2022).

**ARTICLE IV-4**

Applicable amended language clarifies that email notice is allowed for the Annual Meeting.

4. The Secretary (as hereinafter defined) shall cause to be mailed or emailed to every Member in good standing and at the address appearing on the membership rolls of the Order, by first class mail, or email, a notice stating the date, time and place of the Annual Meeting not later than three (3) weeks before the date of the meeting. Notice, as hereinabove above provided, of any Special Meetings of the Order shall be given not later than seven (7) days before such meeting. No Member shall be allowed to appear at any meeting through a proxy. Amended (Oct. 27<sup>th</sup>, 2007; Oct. 27<sup>th</sup>, 2018, October 8, 2022).

**ARTICLE V-9**

Applicable language allows for virtual video attendance when in person is not available.

**PROCEDURE**

.....Furthermore, as a condition to remaining in good standing, each calendar year, members residing less than 300 miles from New York City, must personally attend two (2) meetings of the National Council. Those residing more than 300 miles, must personally attend one (1) meeting only. Personal attendance shall mean in person or by virtual video when in person is not available.. Amended (Oct. 21<sup>st</sup>, 2008, Oct. 19<sup>th</sup>, 2019, October 8, 2022)

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## **ARTICLE VII-9**

Applicable language adds Regional Commander attendance at National Council meetings under the same procedure as Article V-9.

## **REGIONAL COMMANDERS**

.... In addition, he shall maintain regular communications with and report to the National Commander with regard to his activities in the region, and attend National Council meetings pursuant to the procedure set forth in Article V- 9. Amended (October 8, 2022)

## **ARTICLE IX-3**

Applicable language changes the quota of Archon candidates allowed to 35.

## **COMMITTEE TO RECOMMEND NEW ARCHONS**

.....It is recommended that a quota of no more than thirty-five (35) new Archons be observed for investiture each year. Amended (October 8, 2022)

## **ARTICLE XII**

Applicable language allows email notice for amendments to the bylaws.

### **AMENDMENTS**

Subject to the prior written approval by the Exarch, these Bylaws may be amended by the vote of two-thirds of all Members attending a regularly called General or Specially called meeting of the Order; provided, however, that the text of each proposed amendment shall be mailed, by first class mail, or emailed, to each Member of the Order, not later than fifteen (15) days before the convening of such meeting.

Amended (October 8, 2022)

- c. **Communications Committee** – *Archon* Rocky Sisson, Esq.
- d. **Religious Freedom Initiatives** – *Archon* John A. Catsimatidis
  - 1. **Archon Religious Freedom Mission to Romania, Bulgaria and Greece, June 8 ~ 19, 2022** – *Archon* Dr. Limberakis
    - a. Gratitude to US Ambassador to the Hellenic Republic, *Archon* Hon. George J. Tsunis who hosted reception at Embassy Residence Athens and dinner at Niarchos Foundation in honor of Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew
    - b. Special recognition to *Archon*-elect Dr. Nawaf and Rim Salameh (Romania) and *Archon* Boris and Youlianna Gurov (Bulgaria) who hosted *Archon* delegation in respective countries
    - c. *Archon* Athanasios Martinos, President Pammakaristos *Archons* of Greece and Europe and *Archon* Gerasimos L. Fokas, Vice President
  - 2. **Washington Initiative** - *Archon* Andrew E. Manatos
  - 3. **OSCE** (Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe) – *Archon* Presentations at Human Rights Meetings in Warsaw, Poland; *Archon* Rocky Sisson and *Archon* Hon. Steven D. Counelis, September 28 & 29, 2022

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4. **Patriarchal Properties and Minority Concerns Committee** – *Archon* Joseph J. Kokolakis, Esq. Chair and *Archon* Theodore Kakoyiannis, Esq., Vice Chair
5. **State Legislative Religious Freedom Resolutions Initiative** – *Archon* Stephen A. Georgeson, Esq.; initiative has concluded
  - a. **46 States representing over 90% of all American citizens**
  - b. **58 Resolutions**
  - c. States where there has been no religious freedom resolution has been introduced
    1. Montana
    2. New Hampshire
  - d. States where resolutions have been introduced but not yet passed
    1. Maryland
    2. Hawaii
- e. **Archon Engagement Committee** – *Archon* Stephen A. Georgeson, Esq., Chair; *Archon* Dr. Nicholas Loutsion, Co-Chair & *Archon* Rocky Sisson, Co-Chair
  1. **Federal and State Governmental Affairs Committee** – *Archon* Mike A. Manatos, Chair; *Archon* Stephen P. Georgeson, Esq., Vice Chair
    - a. 68 members
  2. **Patriarchal Green Initiatives Committee** – *Archon* John Harbilas, Chair; *Archon* George J. Spanos, Vice Chair
    - a. 21 members
  3. **Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew Foundation** – *Archon* Anthony J. Limberakis, MD, Chair; *Archon* George E. Safiol, Vice Chair
    - a. 38 members
  4. **International Archons Committee** – Chairs: *Archons* George C. Rockas, Esq. and Constantine Sideridis; Vice Chairs: *Archons* Harry Dimopoulos, PhD and Nicholas Larigakis
    - a. 27 members
  5. **Metropolis and Parish Education Committee** – *Archon* Frank Boardman, Chair and *Archon* John Thibault, Vice Chair
    - a. 88 members
  6. **Communications Committee** – *Archon* Rocky Sisson, Chair; Theodore H. Vagelos, Vice Chair
    - a. 33 members
  7. **Academia Symposia Committee** – *Archon* George Zimmer, PhD, Chair, *Archon* Stamatios V. Kartalopoulos, PhD, Vice Chair
    - a. 34 members
  8. **Editorial Publication Committee** – *Archon* George P. Vittas, Chair; *Archons* George G. Demos, Esq. and George Horiates, Esq., Vice Chairs
    - a. 26 members
  9. **Youth Participation Activities Committee** – *Archon* Nicholas J. Tranto, Chair and *Archons* Hon. Steven G. Counelis, George K. Moutis and Pericles C. Siatis, Vice Chairs
    - a. 15 members
  10. **Patriarchal Properties and Legal Issues Committee** – *Archon* Joseph J. Kokolakis, Esq. Chair and *Archon* Theodore M. Kakoyiannis, Esq., Vice Chair
    - a. 11 members

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- f. **Regional Commanders Liaison Committee** – Archon Nicholas G. Loutsion, VMD, Chair and Archon John G. Manos, Vice Chair
- g. **New Archon Boot Camp** – Archon John Zavitsanos, Esq.
- h. **Pilgrimage Committee** – Archon Alexander Pritsos
  - i. **4 Pilgrimages to Ecumenical Patriarchate led by Archbishop Elpidophoros of America commemorating Centennial of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America**
    - 1. Fourth and Final Centennial Pilgrimage to Constantinople, the Holy Land, and Jordan, led by His Eminence Archbishop Elpidophoros of America November 27 - December 12, 2022
    - 2. This fourth Pilgrimage is the final installment of a four-part Centennial Pilgrimage series organized by the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America in celebration of its One Hundredth year. While each pilgrimage itinerary is unique, all carry the distinction of visiting the Mother Church in celebration and gratitude for the establishment of the Sacred Archdiocese of America by the Ecumenical Patriarchate in the year 1922.
  - i. **Archon Strategic Branding** – Archon John G. Gumas
  - j. **Archon Youth Committee** – Archon Nicholas J. Tranto

14. Old/New Business

15. *Τρισάγιον* for departed Archons – His Eminence Archbishop Elpidophoros of America

### **DEPARTED ARCHONS** **1/2022 ~ 9/2022**

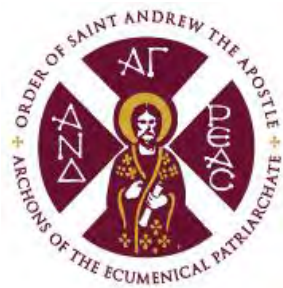
Mr. Ernest W. Anast, *Archon Kastrinsios*, CA, Offikion Date: 3/3/1996  
 Dr. George S. Bebis, *Archon Didaskalos Tou Evangeliou*, MA, Offikion Date: 6/1/1976  
 Mr. Alex R. Breno, *Archon Ekdikos*, MD, Offikion Date: 3/3/1996  
 Mr. Steve J. Costas, *Archon Depoutatos*, CT, Offikion Date: 4/1/1972  
 Mr. Peter M. Dion, *Archon Depoutatos*, FL Offikion Date: 3/23/1986  
 Mr. Aristides Duzoglou, *Archon Maestor*, NJ, Offikion Date: 3/23/1974  
 Mr. John Gidicsin, *Archon Hartoularios*, NY, Offikion Date: 2/17/2001  
 President Mikhail S. Gorbachev, *Archon Great Orator*, RUS, Offikion Date: 10/22/2005  
 Mr. John Halecky Jr., *Archon Ekdikos*, NJ, Offikion Date: 7/20/1982  
 Mr. Gabriel G. Habib, *Archon Notarios*, VA, Offikion Date: 7/7/1992  
 Mr. John C. Hrapchak, *Archon Ekdikos*, AZ, Offikion Date: 2/28/1999  
 Mr. Theodore S. Johnson, *Archon Depoutatos*, FL, Offikion Date: 3/8/1987  
 Mr. John A. Kapioltas, *Archon Hartoularios*, FL, Offikion Date: 6/13/1989  
 Mr. George L. Karagias, *Archon Exarchos*, NJ, Offikion Date: 3/7/1993  
 Prof. Peter Karavites, *Archon Notarios*, MA, Offikion Date: 3/5/2000  
 Dr. Harry T. Kolendrianos, *Archon Notarios*, VA, Offikion Date: 2/18/2001  
 Mr. John D. Malatras, *Archon Notarios*, NC, Offikion Date: 2/28/1999

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Mr. Nicholas Mihalios, *Archon Notarios*, NY, Offikion Date: 3/4/1990  
Mr. Chris J. Moutos, *Archon Lambadarios*, NC, Offikion Date: 3/16/1997  
Mr. Christos T. Panopoulos, *Archon Orphanotrofos*, MI, Offikion Date: 2/18/2001  
Mr. Peter Clyde N. Papadakos, Esq., *Archon Ekdikos*, PA, Offikion Date: 10/22/2006  
Dr. John C. Rouman, *Archon Prostatis Ton Grammaton*, NH, Offikion Date: 10/16/2011  
Mr. Nicholas Royce, *Archon Depoutatos*, CA, Offikion Date: 3/3/1985  
Mr. Harry G. Siafaris, *Archon Depoutatos*, CA, Offikion Date: 3/20/1994  
Mr. Nick Smyrnis, *Archon Ekdikos*, IN, Offikion Date: 3/11/1984  
Mr. John J. Spanos, *Archon Depoutatos*, VA, Offikion Date: 3/25/1986  
Mr. Raymond E. Speicher, *Archon Notarios*, OH, Offikion Date: 2/28/1999  
Mr. Theodore D. Veru, *Archon Maestor*, NJ, Offikion Date: 10/28/2007

16. Benediction – His Eminence Archbishop Elpidophoros



ORDER OF SAINT ANDREW  
ARCHONS OF THE ECUMENICAL PATRIARCHATE

*Defenders of the Faith*

## **ORDER OF SAINT ANDREW THE APOSTLE**

### **Virtual Annual Assembly Meeting**

### **December 29, 2021**

#### **CALL TO ORDER**

National Commander Dr. Anthony J. Limberakis called the virtual meeting to order at 10:00 AM with the Hymn of Saint Andrew and the Invocation given by Father Alexander Karloutsos, Spiritual Advisor to the Order of Saint Andrew the Apostle.

#### **WELCOME**

The National Commander welcomed all Archons, referencing the National Officers, National Council Members and Regional Commanders to this annual meeting held virtually due to the pandemic restrictions.

The National Commander explained that His Eminence Archbishop Elpidophoros was unable to attend this virtual meeting due to a conflict and expressed the gratitude of the Order for the extraordinary spiritual leadership of His Eminence Archbishop Elpidophoros this past year as Exarch of the Ecumenical Patriarchate and the Archbishop of America.

The National Commander further advised that due to the pandemic and holidays this annual meeting will have a limited agenda concentrated on the Order's financial and audit report, and referencing the impact of the Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew Foundation.

#### **2020 MINUTES**

The 2020 Annual Meeting Minutes were presented and reviewed with a motion for approval by Peter Skeadas, second by James Speros, and the General Assembly approved.

## **MOTION ON THE ORDER OF THE AGENDA**

Constantine Caras, Esq., moved to change the Order of the Agenda to present the Audit Committee Report with a second by Alexander Pritsos, and the General Assembly approved.

## **AUDIT COMMITTEE REPORT**

Chairman Peter Kakoyiannis, Esq., introduced Jeremy Meisel of BDO who presented the Audit Report and Financial Statements of the Order for the year ending December 31, 2020 as distributed and prepared by BDO. Jeremy Meisel answered any questions and reported that no material discrepancies or qualifications were noted. Crane, Rosenberg, Pacio & CO. CPAs assisted in preparing the books for audit. The Chairman also thanked Audit Committee members James Pantelidis and John Psaltos for their good work along with Treasurer Peter Skeadas and Assistant Treasurer Andreas Comodromos.

Dr. Cary Limberakis moved to approve the Audit Report and Financial Statements for the year ending December 31, 2020, with a second by Emanuel Cotronakis, and the general Assembly approved. The audit report and financial statements will be posted on the Order's website.

## **TREASURER'S REPORT**

National Treasurer Peter Skeadas presented and reviewed the November 30, 2021 and December year to date Financial Reports. He reported on the \$1,375,290 transfer by the Order for the initial funding of the Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew Foundation and expressed the profound gratitude of the Order for the extraordinary bequest of \$456,000 received for the Estate of the late Archon Theodore Athanasakes. The Order will donate \$100,000 as a Founder of the Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew Foundation in memory of and in the name of Archon Theodore Athanasakes.

Alexander Pritsos moved to approve the Financial Reports for November 30, 2021 and December year end as presented, with a second by Nicholas Carras, and the General Assembly approved.

## **QUORUM**

National Secretary Hon. B. Theodore Bozonelis announced a quorum for this virtual Meeting of over 125 Archons participating.

## **ECUMENICAL PATRIARCH BARTHOLOMEW FOUNDATION**

The National Commander reported on the growth of the Foundation with 170 Founders and 20 million dollars raised and pledged. Father Alexander Karloutsos is continuing as a Board member and Spiritual Advisor to assist in additional fundraising. The Foundation will plan on having a rotating Founder's Dinner throughout the country at different sites approximately every six months. The Foundation will also look to have a grassroots campaign to encourage smaller donations in any amount rather than solely as Founders of \$100,000 paid or pledged.

Father Alexander noted that the Foundation now has full support with His Eminence Archbishop Elpidophoros becoming Archbishop. His Eminence made a presentation on the Foundation at the recent Synaxis gathering of 150 Hierarchs in Constantinople.

Vice-Chairman George Safiol commented on the mission of the Foundation in defense of the Ecumenical Patriarchate. James Speros noted that the Foundation materials are very clear and emphasized that a statement should be sent out as to how the funds are utilized.

Frank Catrickes reported for the Investment Committee that after the requested presentations of five investment firms to manage the funds, J.P. Morgan was chosen and that under the bylaws no distributions will be made for five years.

Legal Counsel Christopher Stratakis, Esq., worked with Tom Constance's law firm to handle the initial Foundation legal filings and expressed his gratitude to the National Commander and George Safiol for their vision to create the Foundation.

## **NATIONAL COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **Nominating Committee**

National Secretary Hon. B. Theodore Bozonelis on behalf of the late beloved Chairman and National Vice-Commander John Halecky, Jr., presented the following slate of members of the Order approved by the National Council who have expressed

their willingness to serve as Directors on the National Council for the three year term 2022-2024 to be confirmed by the General Assembly:

Thomas S. Cappas, Esq.  
Andreas D. Comodromos  
Carl R. Hollister  
Nicholas Loutsion, VMD  
Frank (Rocky) Sisson  
William Spell  
George A. Tsougarakis, Esq.  
John Zavitsanos, Esq.

Gus Pablecas moved to confirm the slate, with a second by Peter Stavrianidis and the General Assembly approved.

### **Regional Commander Liaison Committee**

The National Commander commented on the Archon Regional Commander Funding request Form developed by the Liaison Committee Co-Chairs Dr. Nicholas Loutsion, Gus Pablecas and John Manos with the assistance of Assistant Treasurer Andreas Comodromos and John Mindala. The Form will be utilized by Regional Commanders who request funding for their projects/seminars on religious freedom and for the Ecumenical Patriarchate. The Form has been approved by the National Council and is incorporated herein as if set forth at length.

### **Additional Committee Reports**

The National Commander noted that all other committee reports are included in the materials and incorporated herein as if set forth at length. The same were not orally presented.

### **OLD/NEW BUSINESS**

Father Alexander Karloutsos reported that the Moscow Russian Orthodox Church has sought to make inroads in Africa by accepting over 100 Clergy from 8 African countries in defiance of canon law which is under the jurisdiction of the Patriarch of Alexandria. This is a political war with the Ecumenical Patriarchate and is most troubling. Inroads in Turkey by the Moscow Church may be next as Father Alexander noted the change in attitude of President Erdogan toward Russia and human rights.

Archons Nick Laragakos and Stamati Kartalopoulos commented further on the ongoing discrimination against Christians in Turkey and conversion of Churches into Mosques.

Father Alexander also reported that His All-Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew contracted Covid but has mild symptoms and is doing well with His health being monitored by the United State Doctors who treated him during the Apostolic visit to the United States.

There being no further business Father Alexander Karloutsos led the Trisagion Service for departed Archons followed by concluding remarks expressing his gratitude to His All-Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew, His Eminence Archbishop Elpidophoros and to the Order for its work, followed by the Benediction. In Memoriam:

Mr. Mark Adam, *Depoutatos* 1/18/21  
Mr. Andrew T. Banis Megas, *Hieromnimon* 7/28/21  
Mr. Michael L. Carousis, *Depoutatos* 5/3/21  
Mr. Gus A. Chafoulis, *Hieromnimon* 12/11/20  
Mr. George D. Danigeles, *Depoutatos* 2/4/21  
Mr. Harry J. Demas, *Aktouarios* 2/23/21  
Mr. Spyros A. Gavris, *Kastrinsios* 7/21/21  
Dn. Stephen E. Hall, *Dierminefs* 6/10/21  
Dr. Marinos D. Hionis, *Aktouarios* 7/27/21  
Dr. George J. Korkos, *Aktouarios* 5/28/21  
Mr. Theodore P. Maniatakis, *Dikaiophylax* 1/20/21  
Mr. Orestes J. Mihaly, *Nomophylax* 11/19/20  
Mr. Anthony A. Nichols, *Notarios* 4/1/21  
Mr. John G. Patronis, *Depoutatos* 8/23/21  
Mr. Harry M. Petrakis, *Notarios* 2/4/21  
Mr. George Chris Psetas, *Nomophylax* 7/25/21  
Mr. John G. Rangos Sr., *Exarchos* 7/22/21  
Mr. Peter G. Stavropoulos, *Depoutatos* 6/20/21  
Mr. Demetrius C. Zonars, *Maestor* 8/11/21

## **ADJOURNMENT**

On unanimous motion the virtual meeting of the General Assembly adjourned at 11:30 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Hon. B. Theodore Bozonelis  
National Secretary





## **2022 Committee to Recommend New Archons Report**

**Submitted by:**  
**Constantine G. Caras, Archon Skevophylax**

As early as 1,000 years ago, the Ecumenical Patriarch of Constantinople honored those who demonstrated exceptional zeal and devotion for the common good and extraordinary beneficial service to the Church with the Offikion of Archon. In turn, a new Archon renewed his commitment to his fellow man and the mission of the Great Church. This tradition continues to this day. The role of the Committee to Recommend New Archons (the Committee) is to assist His Eminence Archbishop Elpithoforos in recommending candidates to His All-Holiness, worthy of investiture as Archons of the Ecumenical Patriarchate. Investiture as an Archon is necessary for admission to the Order.

The members of the Committee are Anthony J. Limberakis, MD, Theodore Bozonelis, Peter Skeadas, Gus Pablicas, Alexander Pritsos, John Zavitsanos, and Constantine G. Caras.

The protocol for the selection of new Archons is as follows. Once a year the National Commander invites members of the Order to identify worthy candidates desiring to serve the Ecumenical Patriarchate. Credentials Forms are available on line. The candidates then mail their completed Credentials Forms to the Archon National Office. In addition to biographical information, the candidates are asked to describe their service to the Church and answer questions, evidencing their desire to become Archons. Each candidate must be nominated and endorsed by Archons, and the approval of the Regional Commander and the nominee's parish priest are also required. The Committee weighs heavily the answers to these questions and the supporting statements submitted by the Archons nominating and endorsing the candidates. The Metropolitans of the Eparchial Synod also are invited to recommend candidates, who are then asked to submit Credentials Forms. After carefully

weighing the credentials of each candidate, subject to the guidance of the Archbishop who participates in all Committee deliberations, the credentials of those selected are sent to the Ecumenical Patriarch for his consideration and approval.

As stated in the By Laws, candidates must also present the following qualifications:

- (a) Citizenship and/or permanent residency of the United States.
- (b) A record of being a practicing and devout Orthodox Christian and a member in good standing of his local Church.
- (c) Demonstrable love, devotion and support to the Ecumenical Patriarchate and its institutions.
- (d) By deeds and record, demonstrable support, devotion, and sustained service to his local parish, Metropolis, and the Archdiocese.
- (e) A record devoid of any type of criminal conviction and a reputation of unqualified respect and high regard from his fellow parishioners.
- (f) Demonstrable leadership qualities and achieved success in his chosen field of endeavor.
- (g) A high degree of dignity in a manner consistent with the mission of the Order, and
- (h) A commitment to become a vibrant and enthusiastic member of the Order, who will respond positively to the appeals of his Regional Commander and of the National Council.

The Committee also performs the following specific tasks: (a) communicates with Archons throughout the country to ensure that all the documentation has been submitted on a timely basis, (b) reviews the Credentials Forms and supporting documentation in the most objective manner possible to ensure that all questions have been answered and that the necessary endorsements are in order, and (c) reports its recommendations to the National Council.

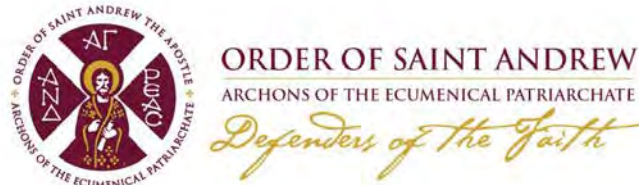
This year, 36 worthy Orthodox faithful from the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America were thus selected. Their names and all relevant information were then submitted to the Ecumenical Patriarch through the Exarch, who now, on behalf of His All Holiness, confers upon them the Offikion of Archon of the Great Church of Christ in Constantinople. In addition, four physicians, who rendered emergency lifesaving medical service to His All Holiness during his recent United States pastoral visit, have also been so selected upon the recommendation of the Exarch.

The 36 new Archons are as follow:

Theodore John Angelis, Esq.  
Constantine Michael Boukidis, Esq.  
Damon Diamantaras  
Andrew John Eliopulos  
Stephen Ferranti  
Spyros Georgopalis  
John Henry Gountanis, Esq.  
Alexandros John Haralambides, Esq.  
Kyriakos Karabelas, Esq.  
Sotiris K. Kolokotronis  
George Steve Kounoupis, Esq.  
Alexandros K. Kyrou, Ph.D  
James G. Lakerdas, Esq.  
Thomas Makkos  
Thrasyvoulos Maroulis  
Anthony W. Megas  
Phillip Nicolaides  
Anthony Papamarkos  
Basil Pappas  
George Postolos, Esq.  
Robert Benjamin Powell  
Nawaf Salameh, MD  
Charles Peter Sandilos, Esq.  
James Nicholas Schooley, DDS  
Yanni Sianis  
James C. Skedros, Ph.D  
Peter Tarhanidis, Ph.D  
Romey Terezi  
Nikolaos Theofanis  
Peter Ernest Tiboris  
Elias Demetrios Trahanas, Esq.  
Stephanos Gus Trakas  
George James Vlahakos, Esq.  
Thomas Williams, DDS, M.D.  
James E. Zaferis  
George N. Zapantis, Esq.

The four new physician Archons who  
attended to His All Holiness are as follow:

George Dangas, MD  
Stamatios Lerakis, MD  
Georgios Syros, MD  
John Thomas, MD



September 27, 2022

## **2022 REPORT ON THE EXARCH'S APPEAL**

**Prepared by:**  
**John Zavitsanos, *Archon Ekdikos***

The Exarch Appeal is the primary source by which The Order can operate. Over the last five or so years, our budget has been around \$1.1 million. This is what the Order spends on office supplies, postage, salaries for our employees and other expenses to enable us to carry out the important work that we do. In addition to these expenditures, a great many Archons devote thousands of hours of volunteer time to make sure that we are doing everything we can to protect the Mother Church. Compare this to the hundreds of millions of dollars spent by the Turks and the Russians in their effort to extinguish us.

We have no other funding source besides us. That means it is incumbent on us to offer our time, talent, and treasure. The goal for each new class is 100% participation in the “sponsor” program. That is, we ask each new Archon to sponsor at least one day of the expenses of the Order. This is \$3,000 per year, or \$250 per month. We ask that people put their pledge on a credit card in twelve equal installments so that we have predictable cash flow. This amount will self renew each month until you change it.

Through the end of August of this year, we have pledges of \$935,423. If every Archon steps up and pledges at least \$3,000 we can easily cover the entire operating budget through just the Exarch's Appeal. Incidentally, this is about the same amount that was pledged at this time last year.

To our 2022 incoming class: please fill out the pledge card in your packet provided to you. Please do it now.

Attached on the next page are the list of 2022 sponsors. This list is updated throughout the year. We thank all of these men for stepping forward.

# Exarch's Appeal Sponsors

List current as of August 22, 2022

## 33 day sponsor

Nicholas J. and Anna K. Bouras Foundation

## 10 day sponsor

Archon	John	A.	Catsimatidis
Archon	Peter		Karmanos Jr.
Archon	George	M.	Marcus
Archon	Michael	G.	Psaros
Archon	George	E.	Safiol
Archon Dr.	Spiro		Spireas

## 6 day sponsor

Archon	William	H.	Spell
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## 5 day sponsor

Archon	Nicholas	I.	Karamatsoukas
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## 4 day sponsor

Archon Dr.	Stephen	J.	Yallourakis
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<b>3 day sponsor</b>				
	Archon	Thomas	S.	Cappas
	Archon	Michael	S.	Johnson
	Archon	Arthur	T.	Katsaros
	Archon	Peter		Mesologites
	Archon Hon.	Matthew		Mirones
	Archon	John	G.	Pappajohn
	Archon	Nicholas	G.	Scandalios
	Archon	Pericles	C.	Siatis Esq.
	Ms.	Elena		Stephanopoulos
	Archon	Tim		Tassopoulos
	Archon Dr.	Chris		Vasilakis
	Archon	Theodore	K.	Zampetis
<b>2 day sponsor</b>				
	Archon	Harold	V.	Anagnos
	Archon	Peter	J.	Barris
	Archon	Robert	A.	Buhler
	Archon	Peter	G.	Chiopelas
	Archon	Thomas	E.	Constance
	Archon	John	D.	Georges
	Archon	Alexander	A.	Gianaras
	Archon	Stavros		Haviaras
	Archon Dr.	Nicholas	C.	Kyriazi
	Archon	Steven	M.	Laduzinsky
	Archon	Nicholas	L.	Lekas
	Archon	Constantine	S.	Liollio
	Archon	Frank		Mihalopoulos
	Archon	Christos	G.	Miliotes

	Archon	Anthony		Palmieri
	Archon	Christopher	J.	Pappas
	Archon Dr.	Michael	J.	Patzakis
	Archon	James		Pedas
	Archon	Theodore		Pedas
	Archon	Paun		Peters
	Archon	Stephen	J.	Petrick Esq.
	Archon	Gerry		Ranglas
	Archon	George		Sakellaris
	Archon	Franklin	G.	Sisson Jr.
	Archon	Peter	J.	Skeadas
	Archon	Christos		Spyropoulos
	Archon	Lambros	K.	Stassinis
	Archon	Athanasios		Stefanopoulos
	Archon	Christopher		Stratakis
	Archon	Thomas	M.	Suehs
	Archon	Kyriakos		Tsakopoulos
	Archon	Christopher		Tsavoussis
	Archon	Demosthenes		Vasiliou
	Archon	Theodore		Vavoulis
	Archon	Emmanuel	E.	Velivasakis
	Archon	John		Zavitsanos Esq.
	Archon	Steve	E.	Zeis
<b>1 day sponsor</b>				
	Archon	John		Alahouzos
	Mr.	Nicholas		Alexos
	Archon	Nikolaos		Anagnostopoulos
	Archon	George	J.	Anderson
	Archon	Leon	W.	Andris
	Archon	Mike		Angeliades
	Archon	Arthur	C.	Anton Jr.
	Archon	Peter	T.	Arbes

Archon	Soterios	T.	Argeroplos
Archon Dr.	Lewis	A.	Assaley
Archon Dr.	Dennis		Assanis
Archon	Harry	G.	Athanasiou
Archon Hon.	Alex	M.	Azar II
Archon	Nicholas		Balidis
Archon	Arthur		Balourdos
Archon	Nick	M.	Bapis
Archon	Michael	N.	Bapis
Archon Dr.	Charles	L.	Beck Jr.
Archon Dr.	Gerald	J.	Biernacki
Archon	Frank	P.	Boardman
Archon	Mark	S.	Boardman Esq.
Archon Dr.	Nicholas	J.	Bournias
Archon	Justin	K.	Bozonelis
Archon Hon.	B. Theodore		Bozonelis
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	Archon	John	C.	Hrapchak
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	Archon	Timothy	J.	Joannides
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	Archon	Chris		Karamanos
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	Archon Dr.	Stamatios	V.	Kartalopoulos
	Archon	Ilias		Katsos
	Archon	Michael		Kavourias
	Archon	Konstantinos	T.	Kazakos
	Archon Dr.	Issam	H.	Khoury
	Archon	Michael	T.	Koinis
	Archon	Theodore	X.	Koinis
	Archon Dr.	Dennis	D.	Kokenes
	Archon	Joseph	J.	Kokolakis
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	Archon Dr.	John		Lingas
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	Archon	Paul	P.	Skoutelas
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	Archon	George	A.	Tsougarakis
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# ECUMENICAL PATRIARCH BARTHOLOMEW FOUNDATION

*For the Sacred See of Saint Andrew*

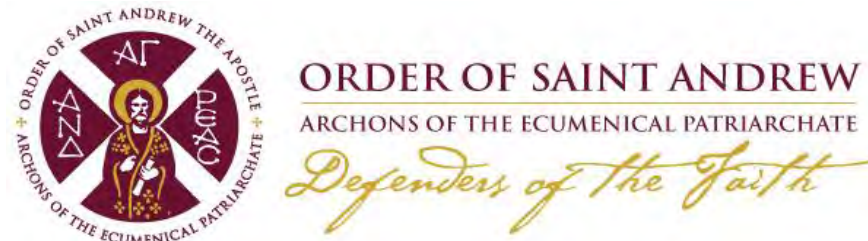
## ***REPORT FOR ANNUAL ARCHON GENERAL MEETING***

Respectfully submitted by  
Anthony J. Limberakis, MD  
*Archon Aktouarios*  
Chair, EPBF and National Commander

### **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.

We are most grateful for the work His Eminence Archbishop Elpidophoros in securing FOUNDERS for the EPBF!



## **ANNUAL REPORT**

### **2022 NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT**

#### **Submitted & Prepared by:**

**Gus M. Pablecas, *Archon Ostiarios***

***DATE:***     **National Council Meeting –October 7, 2022**  
**Annual Meeting – October 8, 2022**

#### **BYLAWS - ORDER of ST. ANDREW the APOSTLE - ARTICLE IX**

##### **1. Nominating Committee**

The Nominating Committee shall be responsible for considering and proposing to the National Council at a meeting prior to the Annual Meeting of the Order, Archons constituting one-third (a) of the National Council membership to fill the vacancies created in the National Council each year. The candidates for election may or may not be incumbent National Council members. In the absence of extraordinary service and contributions by an incumbent member, the Nominating Committee should strive to recommend Archons who will bring renewed energy and new ideas to the National Council. The proposals of the Nominating Committee should be given full faith and credit by the National Council which, however, shall have the ultimate responsibility to vote and pass upon final slate of such candidates for election to the National Council. The Chairman of the Nominating Committee shall submit the slate of candidates, approved by the National Council, to the Annual Meeting of the Order for ratification.



**THIS COMMITTEE PRESENTS THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS OF  
THE ORDER, WHO HAVE EXPRESSED THEIR WILLINGNESS TO  
SERVE AS DIRECTORS FOR THE THREE YEAR TERM 2023– 2025**

Hon, B. Theodore Bozonelis  
John Catsimatidis  
Stephen Georgeson, Esq.  
John S. Koudounis  
Theodore J. Theophilos, Esq.  
George Safiol  
Peter J. Skeadas  
Stephen Yallourakis, MD, DDS

**REMAINING DIRECTORS ARE:**

**TWO YEAR TERM, 2023 - 2024**

Thomas S. Cappas, Esq.  
Andreas D. Comodromos  
Carl R. Hollister  
Nicholas Loutsion, VMD  
Frank (Rocky) Sisson  
William Spell  
George A. Tsougarakis, Esq.  
John Zavitsanos, Esq.

**ONE YEAR TERM, 2023**

Constantine C. Caras, Esq.  
George Demacopoulos, Ph.D.  
John G. Gumas  
Peter Kakoyiannis, Esq.  
John G. Manos  
Gus M. Pablecas  
Alexander Pritsos  
Michael G. Psaros

## Social Media Report 2022 Year to Date

September 25, 2022

Below is a summary of our Social Media activity for the year to date. We have highlighted the key issues and list the posts that generated the most engagement.

### The principal posts and topics that appeared to arouse the greatest interest from our followers were:

1. His All-Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew's health
2. His All-Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew's statements on the Ukraine war
3. His All-Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew's 2021 trip to the U.S.
4. Russia's actions against the Ecumenical Patriarchate, the ongoing controversy over Ukraine autocephaly, and related issues.
5. The Saint Nicholas Church and National Shrine.

### Twitter:

7,666 followers

882 new followers since September 30, 2021

### Top posts

1. [Dec 24](#) Please pray for His All-Holiness: His All-Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew, as part of regular diagnostic tests, has today tested positive for the coronavirus. His All-Holiness, who is fully vaccinated, is showing mild symptoms; his general condition is good. [pic.twitter.com/ojyrNj7Dq7](https://pic.twitter.com/ojyrNj7Dq7)

49,196 impressions

2. [Feb 23](#) His All-Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew: "Arms are not the solution. On the contrary, they can only promise war and violence, sorrow and death. As our beloved brother Francis, the Pope of Rome, recently said: 'Let us not forget: war is madness.'" [facebook.com/ecumenicalpatr...](https://facebook.com/ecumenicalpatr...) [pic.twitter.com/diQEys2pFr](https://pic.twitter.com/diQEys2pFr)

32,485 impressions

3. [Oct 24](#) Please pray for His All-Holiness: Immediately prior to departing for the service at the Cathedral of Saint Sophia, His All-Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew felt unwell. Out an abundance of caution he will be taken to George Washington University Hospital for observation. [pic.twitter.com/zlC200QubG](https://pic.twitter.com/zlC200QubG)

17,668 impressions

4. [Jul 28](#) [#DidYouKnow](#): The Orthodox churches in Europe, America, Australia, and Britain lie within the jurisdiction of the Ecumenical Patriarchate. All Orthodox feel that they are

constituents of one spiritual community, wherein “when one member suffers, so do all.”  
[archons.org/the-ecumenical...](#) [pic.twitter.com/qM4ZSypnpC](#)

12,646 impressions

5. [Sep 28](#) His Eminence Archbishop Elpidophoros of America: "Each person can make a difference by scaling back their own climate imprint, and by behaving in the public sphere – whether through their franchise or consumer choices – to encourage environmental justice."  
[ekathimerini.com/opinion/interv...](#) [pic.twitter.com/tjkgm2r2xE](#)

11,901 impressions

6. [Jul 3](#) Through the grace of Almighty God and the tireless labors of so many devoted & heroic individuals, the long-awaited day has come: on Monday, July 4, at 9:30AM EDT, the Consecration of the Saint Nicholas Church and National Shrine at Ground Zero will begin.  
[archons.org/-/consecration...](#)

8,334 impressions

7. [Mar 12](#) His All-Holiness on Russia: "Our Patriarchate and I personally became their target. The whole world is against Russia. We are entering a new era of cold war. The distance between Russia and not only Ukraine but the whole Western world is getting bigger." [archons.org/-/cnn-turk](#) [pic.twitter.com/TPhL5P9Y2x](#)

8,194 impressions

8. [Jan 5](#) His All-Holiness: "Irresponsible voices of self-proclaimed representatives of God and of the authentic faith 'spiritual advisors'...lamentably invalidate themselves through the absence of love for their brethren, whose lives they expose to grave danger." [archons.org/-/patriarchal...](#) [pic.twitter.com/rfvc2nAFVf](#)

7,911 impressions

9. [Apr 12](#) His All-Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew: "We are very sorry for the attitude of His Beatitude Patriarch Kirill of Russia. He should not have identified so much with President Putin and even called Russia's war against Ukraine ‘sacred.’" [ec-patr.org/%ce%bf%ce%b9%ce...](#) [pic.twitter.com/DXzTfntKYg](#)

7,605 impressions

10. [Oct 10](#) His All-Holiness' official visit to the US: On Oct. 27, the official delegation will visit Evgenia's House of Hope in Weirton, WV. Following will be a Doxology at the Church of All Saints in Weirton and a luncheon hosted by the Psaros family. [goarch.org/-/2021-ecumeni...](#) [pic.twitter.com/AYeSREMjzD](#)

6,141 impressions

# Facebook

## Top posts

1. [October 24](#) · Please pray for His All-Holiness: Immediately prior to departing for the service at the Cathedral of Saint Sophia, His All-Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew felt unwell. Out an abundance of caution he will be taken to George Washington University Hospital for observation.

30,161 people reached

2. [November 2](#) · Door Opening of St. Nicholas National Shrine  
On Tuesday, November 2, 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. (Photos by J. Mindala)

29,954 people reached

3. [August 3](#) · The Ecumenical Patriarchate granted independence to individual churches: Russia (1589 & 1917), Serbia (1920), Romania (1925), Bulgaria (1961), Georgia (1990), Greece (1850), Poland (1924), Albania (1937), the Czech Lands & Slovakia (1998) & Ukraine (2019). <https://www.archons.org/the-ecumenical-patriarchate/phanar...>

14,986 people reached

4. [June 17](#) · On Friday, June 17, 2022, His All-Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew was awarded the title of Honorary Professor of Environmental Management at Hellenic Open University.

11,803 people reached

5. [July 26](#) · [#DidYouKnow](#): Orthodox Christians on all continents which do not fall under the jurisdiction of the autocephalous (independent) or autonomous (semi-independent) churches, fall under the direct jurisdiction of the Ecumenical Patriarchate. Read more here: <https://www.archons.org/the-ecumenical-patriarchate/phanar...>

9,709 people reached

6. August 18 · His All-Holiness on the conference for Orthodox youth in Turkey: "They are not only Greeks, not only Arabic-speaking from Antioch, but also Russians, and Ukrainians, and Georgians, and Gagauz, and Romanians, all of them, all children of the Mother Church." <https://orthodoxtimes.com/ecumenical-patriarch-let-us-all-.../>

7,010 people reached

7. [March 5](#) · It was in an effort to make it possible for Ukrainian Orthodox Christians to worship the Lord in freedom that His All-Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew made the courageous, far-seeing decision to grant Autocephaly to the Orthodox Church in Ukraine. <https://www.archons.org/-/for-putin-the-church-is-tool-of-p...>

6,036 people reached

8. [April 12](#) · His All-Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew: "We are very sorry for the attitude of His Beatitude Patriarch Kirill of Russia. He should not have identified so much with President Putin and even called Russia's war against Ukraine 'sacred.'" <https://ec-patr.org/%ce%bf%ce%b9%ce%ba%ce%bf%cf%85%ce%bc%.../>

5,876 people reached

9. [April 13](#) · On April 10, His All-Holiness went, as every year, to the Closed Gate of the Ecumenical Patriarchate, the place of the hanging of Patriarch Gregory V. He lit a candle, laid spring flowers and prayed for the grace and intercession of his Holy Predecessor. <https://ec-patr.org/%ce%bf-%ce%bf%ce%b9%ce%ba%ce%bf%cf%85%.../>

5,277 people reached

10. [November 3](#) · Prayers requested for His All-Holiness: Following the results of a check-up at Mount Sinai Hospital in Manhattan, & consultations with doctors, His All-Holiness will be admitted to the hospital for an angiogram that will evaluate need for stent placement. <https://www.goarch.org/-/2021-11-03-press-release>

4,684 people reached

## Instagram

November 1, 2021 – September 24, 2022

**Total followers: 2,272**

**Up 115**

### Top posts:

1. His All-Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew's Patriarchal Encyclical for Christmas: 2,738
2. His All-Holiness Arrives in the United States: 1,584
3. Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew Foundation Nears TWENTY MILLION DOLLARS in Donations As His All-Holiness Concludes U.S. Visit: 1,460
4. Telephone Communication of the President of Ukraine to the Ecumenical Patriarch: 1,398
5. Christmas Message from Archbishop Elpidophoros: 1,267



ORDER OF SAINT ANDREW  
ARCHONS OF THE ECUMENICAL PATRIARCHATE

*Defenders of the Faith*

## **2022 ANNUAL COMMITTEE REPORT**

### **2022 RELIGIOUS FREEDOM COMMITTEE REPORT**

#### **Submitted by:**

**Regional Commander Andrew E. Manatos, *Archon Depoutatos***  
**Government Affairs Committee Co-Chairman, Emanuel “Mike” A.**  
**Manatos, *Archon Dikaiophylax***

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**PATRIARCHAL VISIT TO WASHINGTON, DC:** *Planning and meetings ahead of scheduled visit of His All Holiness*

We arranged meetings for His All-Holiness with Secretary of State **Tony Blinken** and we worked with his team regarding both logistics and policy points for the visit.

In addition, we met with and had multiple telephone conversations with Assistant Secretary of State **Karen Donfried** who is responsible for European and Eurasian Affairs.

We also held meetings with and had multiple telephone conversations with the US Ambassador Greece **Geoffrey Pyatt** and Ambassador **George Tsunis** (before his appointment as Ambassador) regarding the Ecumenical Patriarch and the dangers he faces both physical and with respect to his religious freedom. As well we worked with the Ambassador of Greece to the US **Alexandra Papadopoulou** regarding His All-Holiness’ visit to Washington.

We maintained our close relationship with the US Ambassador-at-Large for International Religious Freedom **Rashad Hussain** and his top staffers.

In addition to these State Department activities, we secured the Speaker of the House **Nancy Pelosi** to host a Congressional luncheon in honor of His All-Holiness. We also secured, with great effort, one of the select number of rooms in the US Capitol Complex that would help produce a significant number of Congressional participants for the lunch.

During our over 40 year personal relationship with President **Joe Biden**, we made decades long efforts to bring him, first as a US Senator and then as Vice President, together with His All-Holiness. We were quite pleased that, as a result of these many interactions, Joe Biden said that his All-Holiness was one of the two most Christ-like people he has ever met. In addition, then Vice President Biden hosted His All Holiness at a black tie dinner at his residence that ended up being the largest such dinner during his 8 year tenure as Vice President. We were therefore very confident that as President Joe Biden would do all that could be done in the midst of COVID and pandemic restrictions to receive His All Holiness at the highest level.

However, since 70% of the US Senators and Members of the House were not in Washington, DC during His All-Holiness' last visit, and since the majority of the 30% who were in office required a degree of re-education, we organized a massive effort to communicate to the 535 US Senators and Members the importance and consequence of Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew. It lasted many months and required the employment of another full-time staff person. And since Members and Senators read few of the 5,000 and 25,000 written communications they receive each week, respectively, we used a successful technique we developed that moves them to read and learn. We asked them, with the help of priests and Archons in their states and districts, to sign a letter to the President that highlighted His All-Holiness' importance and accomplishments and urged an appropriate Washington, DC reception of his visit.

To increase the number of signers we arranged for the Chairman and Second Ranking Member of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, Senators **Bob Menendez** (D-NJ) and **Marco Rubio** (R-FL), and the Chairman and the Ranking Member of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, Congressmen **Gregory Meeks** (D-NY) and **Michael McCaul** (R-TX) to author and circulate the letter.

That Archon letter, on the eve of the Apostolic Visit of Patriarch Bartholomew to Washington, was signed by U.S. Senators and Members of the House representing nearly 80% of the American people. A remarkable 182 Members of the House and 50 U.S. Senators (listed below) added their names to this letter.

Members of Congress Who Signed Letter to the President  
Regarding the Ecumenical Patriarch

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|--|-----------------------------------|
| 1. Chairman, House Foreign Affairs<br>Committee Gregory Meeks (D-NY) –<br>author/circulator        | 35. Charlie Crist (D-FL)          |
| 2. Ranking Member, House Foreign Affairs<br>Committee Michael McCaul (R-TX) –<br>author/circulator | 36. Danny Davis (D-IL)            |
| 3. Robert Aderholt (R-AL)  | 37. Madeleine Dean (D-PA)         |
| 4. Pete Aguilar (D-CA)   | 38. Peter DeFazio (D-OR)          |
| 5. Mark Amodei (R-NV)  | 39. Rosa DeLauro (D-CT)           |
| 6. Jake Auchincloss (D-MA)   | 40. Antonio Delgado (D-NY)        |
| 7. Karen Bass (D-CA)   | 41. Ted Deutch (D-FL)             |
| 8. Don Beyer (D-VA)  | 42. Mario Diaz-Balart (R-FL)      |
| 9. Stephanie Bice (R-OK)   | 43. Debbie Dingell (D-MI)         |
| 10. Gus Bilirakis (R-FL)   | 44. Byron Donalds (R-FL)          |
| 11. Earl Blumenauer (D-OR)   | 45. Mike Doyle (D-PA)             |
| 12. Brendan Boyle (D-PA)   | 46. Anna Eshoo (D-CA)             |
| 13. Anthony G. Brown (D-MD)  | 47. Adriano Espaillat (D-NY)      |
| 14. Julia Brownley (D-CA)  | 48. Dwight Evans (D-PA)           |
| 15. Tim Burchett (R-TN)  | 49. Drew Ferguson (R-GA)          |
| 16. Cheri Bustos (D-IL)  | 50. Teresa Leger Fernández (D-NM) |
| 17. Ken Calvert (R-CA)   | 51. Brian Fitzpatrick (R-PA)      |
| 18. André Carson (D-IN)  | 52. Chuck Fleischmann (R-TN)      |
| 19. Buddy Carter (R-GA)  | 53. Jeff Fortenberry (R-NE)       |
| 20. Troy Carter (D-LA)   | 54. Bill Foster (D-IL)            |
| 21. Matt Cartwright (D-PA)   | 55. Ruben Gallego (D-AZ)          |
| 22. Joaquin Castro (D-TX)  | 56. Andrew R. Garbarino (R-NY)    |
| 23. Steve Chabot (R-OH)  | 57. Carlos A. Gimenez (R-FL)      |
| 24. Liz Cheney (R-WY)  | 58. Anthony Gonzalez (R-OH)       |
| 25. Judy Chu (D-CA)  | 59. Josh Gottheimer (D-NJ)        |
| 26. David Cicilline (D-RI)   | 60. Raul M. Grijalva (D-AZ)       |
| 27. Katherine Clark (D-MA)   | 61. Glenn Grothman (R-WI)         |
| 28. Michael Cloud (R-TX)   | 62. Andy Harris (R-MD)            |
| 29. Steve Cohen (D-TN)   | 63. Jahana Hayes (D-CT)           |
| 30. Jerry Connolly (D-VA)  | 64. Yvette Herrell (R-NM)         |
| 31. Jim Cooper (D-TN)  | 65. Jody Hice (R-GA)              |
| 32. Jim Costa (D-CA)   | 66. Brian Higgins (D-NY)          |
| 33. Joe Courtney (D-CT)  | 67. French Hill (R-AR)            |
| 34. Dan Crenshaw (R-TX)  | 68. Jim Himes (D-CT)              |
|  | 69. Ashley Hinson (R-IA)          |
|  | 70. Eleanor Holmes Norton (D-DC)  |
|  | 71. Steven Horsford (D-NV)        |
|  | 72. Steny Hoyer (D-MD)            |



73. Richard Hudson (R-NC)
74. Darrell Issa (R-CA)
75. Christopher Jacobs (R-NY)
76. Sara Jacobs (D-CA)
77. Hakeem Jeffries (D-NY)
78. Bill Johnson (R-OH)
79. Hank Johnson (D-GA)
80. Mondaire Jones (D-NY)
81. Kaiali'i Kahele (D-HI)
82. Marcy Kaptur (D-OH)
83. John Katko (R-NY)
84. Bill Keating (D-MA)
85. Robin Kelly (D-IL)
86. Ro Khanna (D-CA)
87. Daniel Kildee (D-MI)
88. Young Kim (R-CA)
89. Raja Krishnamoorthi (D-IL)
90. Annie Kuster (D-NH)
91. Darin LaHood (D-IL)
92. Doug Lamborn (R-CO)
93. Jim Langevin (D-RI)
94. Rick Larsen (D-WA)
95. John Larson (D-CT)
96. Barbara Lee (D-CA)
97. Susie Lee (D-NV)
98. Andy Levin (D-MI)
99. Mike Levin (CA-49)
100. Ted Lieu (D-CA)
101. Zoe Lofgren (D-CA)
102. Alan Lowenthal (D-CA)
103. Elaine Luria (D-VA)
104. Stephen Lynch (D-MA)
105. Tom Malinowski (D-NJ)
106. Nicole Malliotakis (R-NY)
107. Carolyn Maloney (D-NY)
108. Sean Patrick Maloney (D-NY)
109. Kathy Manning (D-NC)
110. Doris Matsui (D-CA)
111. Kevin McCarthy (D-CA)
112. James McGovern (D-MA)
113. David McKinley (R-WV)
114. Grace Meng (D-NY)
115. Kweisi Mfume (D-MD)
116. Carol Miller (R-WV)
117. Seth Moulton (D-MA)
118. Frank Mrvan (D-IN)
119. Jerrold Nadler (D-NY)
120. Richard Neal (D-MA)
121. Alexandria Ocasio Cortez (D-NY)
122. Burgess Owens (R-UT)
123. Frank Pallone Jr. (D-NJ)
124. Jimmy Panetta (D-CA)
125. Chris Pappas (D-NH)
126. Bill Pascrell (D-NJ)
127. Donald M. Payne, Jr. (D-NJ)
128. Ayanna Pressley (D-MA)
129. Jamie Raskin (D-MD)
130. Tom Reed (R-NY)
131. Kathleen Rice (D-NY)
132. Lisa Blunt Rochester (D-DE)
133. Deborah Ross (D-NC)
134. Lucille Roybal-Allard (D-CA)
135. Dutch Ruppersberger (D-MD)
136. Bobby Rush (D-IL)
137. John Rutherford (R-FL)
138. Tim Ryan (D-OH)
139. Mike Quigley (D-IL)
140. Maria Elvira Salazar (R-FL)
141. Linda Sanchez (D-CA)
142. John Sarbanes (D-MD)
143. Steve Scalise (R-LA)
144. Mary Gay Scanlon (D-PA)
145. Jan Schakowsky (D-IL)
146. Adam Schiff (D-CA)
147. Brad Schneider (D-IL)
148. David Schweikert (R-AZ)
149. Bobby Scott (D-VA)
150. Brad Sherman (D-CA)
151. Albio Sires (D-NJ)
152. Elissa Slotkin (D-MI)
153. Chris Smith (R-NJ)
154. Lloyd Smucker (R-PA)
155. Darren Soto (D-FL)
156. Victoria Spartz (R-IN)
157. Jackie Speier (D-CA)
158. Bryan Steil (R-WI)
159. Gregory Steube (R-FL)
160. Haley Stevens (D-MI)
161. Chris Stewart (R-UT)
162. Marilyn Strickland (WA-10)
163. Thomas Suozzi (D-NY)
164. Eric Swalwell (D-CA)
165. William Timmons (R-SC)
166. Dina Titus (D-NV)
167. Norma Torres (D-CA)
168. Ritchie Torres (D-NY)

169. Lori Trahan (D-MA)  
170. David Trone (D-MD)  
171. Jeff Van Drew (R-NJ)  
172. Tim Walberg (R-MI)  
173. Michael Waltz (R-FL)  
174. Jackie Walorski (R-IN)  
175. Debbie Wasserman Schultz (D-FL)

176. Randy Weber (R-TX)  
177. Daniel Webster (R-FL)  
178. Peter Welch (D-VT)  
179. Jennifer Wexton (D-VA)  
180. Nikema Williams (D-GA)  
181. Rob Wittman (R-VA)  
182. Lee Zeldin (R-NY)

### Senators Who Signed Letter to the President Regarding the Ecumenical Patriarch

1. Chairman, Senate Foreign Relations Committee Bob Menendez (D-NJ)  
2. Second Ranking Member, Senate Foreign Relations Committee, Marco Rubio (R-FL)  
3. Tammy Baldwin (D-WI)  
4. Michael Bennet (D-CO)  
5. Richard Blumenthal (D-CT)  
6. Cory Booker (D-NJ)  
7. Sherrod Brown (D-OH)  
8. Maria Cantwell (D-WA)  
9. Shelley Capito (R-WV)  
10. Ben Cardin (D-MD)  
11. Tom Carper (D-DE)  
12. Bob Casey (D-PA)  
13. Chris Coons (D-DE)  
14. Catherine Cortez Masto (D-NV)  
15. Tammy Duckworth (D-IL)  
16. Dick Durbin (D-IL)  
17. Dianne Feinstein (D-CA)  
18. Kirsten Gillibrand (D-NY)  
19. Maggie Hassan (D-NH)  
20. John Hickenlooper (D-CO)  
21. Tim Kaine (D-VA)  
22. Mark Kelly (D-AZ)  
23. Angus King (I-ME)  
24. Amy Klobuchar (D-MN)

25. Mike Lee (R-UT)  
26. Ben Ray Lujan (R-NM)  
27. Ed Markey (D-MA)  
28. Jeff Merkley (D-OR)  
29. Chris Murphy (D-CT)  
30. Patty Murray (D-WA)  
31. Jon Ossoff (D-GA)  
32. Alex Padilla (D-CA)  
33. Gary Peters (D-MI)  
34. Rob Portman (R-OH)  
35. Jacky Rosen (D-NV)  
36. Jack Reed (D-RI)  
37. Mitt Romney (R-UT)  
38. Mike Rounds (R-SD)  
39. Chuck Schumer (D-NY)  
40. Jeanne Shaheen (D-NH)  
41. Debbie Stabenow (D-MI)  
42. Dan Sullivan (R-AK)  
43. Thom Tillis (R-NC)  
44. Chris Van Hollen (D-MD)  
45. Mark Warner (D-VA)  
46. Raphael Warnock (D-GA)  
47. Elizabeth Warren (D-MA)  
48. Sheldon Whitehouse (D-RI)  
49. Ron Wyden (D-OR)  
50. Todd Young (R-IN)

Our campaign continued outreach to Congressional offices even after the Patriarchal visit and supported ongoing efforts to educate Senators and Members about the stature and accomplishments of His All-Holiness.

As an aside but in the realm of Orthodox Christians across America, we arranged in May, for the first time in American history, for the Congress of the United States to invite the Prime Minister of Greece, **Kyriakos Mitsotakis**, to address a Joint

Meeting of Congress. Such addresses contain all the pomp and ceremony afforded American Presidents at their State of the Union Address. It was truly historic.

We also helped arrange a White House reception with President **Joe Biden** and First Lady **Jill Biden** and a dinner in honor of the Prime Minister. We helped arrange for His Eminence Archbishop Elpidophoros to make remarks at the event and for key leaders of the Order to participate. We also arranged for a lunch for the Prime Minister to be hosted by the Speaker of the House **Nancy Pelosi**.

#### **THE WHITE HOUSE:** *Annual Meeting with the President of the United States*

We participated in planning calls and meetings in preparation for the annual meeting with the President of the United States and White House Greek Independence Day bicentennial celebration.

For over six months, we interacted frequently with the White House and the Archdiocese to assure that our Archbishop would be able to personally meet with our country's President around the time of Greek Independence Day. Working with Father Alex Karloutsos, we assured that their plans were consistent with the wishes of our Archbishop. We, along with only the Irish Americans, have been able to maintain this practice annually for 36 years.

#### **UNITED STATES CONGRESS:** *Preserving Our Advocates*

To maintain such opportunities in Washington for the Ecumenical Patriarch and for our Archbishops to be able to uniquely meet and speak with every president every year for well over 30 years, we must keep in constant touch with, maintain relationships with, and help key Senators and Members of the House who are important to such matters.

Each year we host a large Christmas event and a large Easter event in which such policymakers and their families have participated for over 45 years. As well, each month we maintain meetings and conversations with these leaders. Although many people do not realize it, America's Founders established the separation of church and state so that church leaders of all faiths can be involved in their democracy. We do what we can to keep such channels open for our Church and our Order.

There are other activities we undertake, not on behalf of the Order, but as individual citizens of the United States. These involve doing what we can to prevent the loss of strong advocates for issues that are very important to our Church from the US Senate or House or the White House. Although it is frequently misunderstood it is simply maintaining the close relationship and friendship with these policymakers. Since they choose to take on their shoulders these matters that are so important to us and so difficult to achieve, we feel that out of our *philotimo* we must reciprocate and take on our shoulders some of their burdens that are difficult for them to achieve. This involves helping with the task that they find the most difficult and the most important to their maintaining their position, fundraising. This task they dislike most requires average Members of the House to raise a million dollars a year and Senators to raise at least four million dollars a year.

Each year we both personally contribute tens of thousands of dollars to this group of policymakers, regardless of their political persuasion. As well, we as citizens, ask other citizens to help us assist Senators or Members in fundraising. The Senators and Members for whom we do this vary by party depending on which party is in power and part of the leadership of the key Committees and Subcommittees that formulate policy affecting these matters.

As well, key to the Archbishop's annual meeting with each President in recognition of Greek Independence Day, we secured nearly half of the Senate's co-sponsorship of the annual Greek Independence Day resolution authored by Foreign Relations Committee Chairman **Bob Menendez** and educated Senate offices about our issues.

### **US GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS:** *Educating them*

We continued to undertake efforts to teach the new US Senators and Members of Congress about the Ecumenical Patriarchate. We also undertook efforts to update the Senators and Members about the latest on our issues.

We also worked closely with candidates and top advisors – from Presidential to State government races – to advocate for our issues and educate future leaders and teams.

We spend time assuring that the Order of St. Andrew is appropriately involved in Religious Freedom activities that occur in Washington. We took Archon leaders to a meeting with the then-Ambassador-at-Large for International Religious Freedom

**Sam Brownback** as he was planning the first American International Religious Freedom Ministerial at the State Department. He asked us to host a sidebar meeting for that Ministerial wherein we highlighted the Ecumenical Patriarchate and where we involved the Speaker of the House in that subject. Since that time the Speaker has stayed involved in such International Religious Freedom activities.

During COVID these activities were suspended and changed. When a similar meeting occurred, and we were not included we immediately and strongly addressed our friends who were involved to make sure that the Order is not forgotten. We contacted: US Secretary of State **Tony Blinken**; US Ambassador-at-Large for International Religious Freedom **Rashad Hussain**; Co-Chair, International Religious Freedom Summit, **Katrina Lantos Swett**; Co-Chair, International Religious Freedom Summit, **Sam Brownback**; Co-Chair, International Religious Freedom Summit, Senator **Ben Cardin**; Co-Chair, International Religious Freedom Summit, and Congressman **Jamie Raskin**. This correspondence was followed by calls to longtime friend Katrina Lantos Swett, who then contacted the staff of former Ambassador-at-Large for International Freedom Sam Brownback.

The result is that the Order is now considering whether it would like to be involved in the annual International Religious Freedom Ministerial that occurs in a different country each year, and whether it would like to join a private sector based and funded annual Washington International Religious Freedom Summit each year.

## **HOSTING AMBASSADORS AND OTHER ADMINISTRATION OFFICIALS**

Periodically, we bring together Archons and other community leaders for briefings by our Ambassadors to Greece and Cyprus and by Administration officials with responsibility over the Ecumenical Patriarchate.

## **NUMEROUS OTHER PRODUCTS FOR THE ARCHONS AND THE ARCHDIOCESE**

- We worked with the State Department to arrange meetings for an Archon delegation made up of Commander Anthony Limberakis, Vice Commander Judge B. Theodore Bozonelis and Spiritual Advisor Father Alex Karloutsos.

- We provided for new Archons the names and contact information for each of their Senators and Members of the House for their “boot camp” briefing.
- We notified the Archons about the United States Commission on International Religious Freedom Annual Report and drafted a suggested Archon response to that USCIRF report.
- We periodically invite top White House staff to attend and present at Archon and Archdiocese events.
- In a personal capacity, we periodically author opinion pieces in Greek and American newspapers regarding our issues and our people. For example, we drafted two articles that were published in the English version of the largest paper in Greece, Kathimerini, about two stalwarts and historic figures in the success of the Order, Father Alex Karloutsos and Michael Psaros. These articles also provided us with a forum to make large numbers aware that the Order’s National Commander Anthony Limberakis joined the two aforementioned stalwarts in creating the Order’s historic endowment for the Ecumenical Patriarchate that has already raised 20 million dollars.



## **2022 ANNUAL COMMITTEE REPORT**

### **Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe** **Human Dimension Implementation Meeting**

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

This year's conference was held September 26 through October 7, 2022 in Warsaw, Poland. The OSA was represented by Archon Rocky Sisson and Archon Hon. Steven Counelis. Each made oral presentations and submitted written advocacy reports. We have enclosed each of the oral presentations to give a clear understanding of what was discussed and argued to the members of the OSCE.

The Order has been attending the OSCE for almost 20 years. In addition to presenting our positions before the member nations, we also hold meetings with the United States Department of State delegation and meet with as many other delegates as possible to keep them aware of the religious persecution of the Ecumenical Patriarchate by the Government of Turkey.

This year Archon Mike Manatos arranged a preparatory meeting with the U.S. Ambassador for Religious Freedom, Rashad Hussain. Mike and Rocky met with the Ambassador at the State Department to preview the issues the OSA will be presenting at the conference. The Ambassador stated that the United States Delegation attending the OSCE would fully support the positions of the OSA.

It is critical that the OSA continues to attend and present their position papers at the OSCE meetings to keep the plight of the Ecumenical Patriarchate in front of the world body.

# ORAL PRESENTATION

## *The Status of the Ecumenical Patriarchate*

The Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe  
2022 Human Dimension Implementation Meeting, Warsaw, Poland

Plenary Session II  
**Fundamental Freedoms**

September 28, 2022

Presented on behalf of the Order of St. Andrew  
By  
Archon Rocky Sisson

The Order of Saint Andrew the Apostle once again reports that the Orthodox Ecumenical Patriarchate in Turkey is denied basic religious freedom.

The Order is a United States-based organization of Orthodox Christian laymen, whose mission is to defend the Ecumenical Patriarchate and to preserve its important role in the spiritual life of 350 million Orthodox Christians, as well as to preserve its important prophetic and pastoral voice for all people of the world.

The Ecumenical Patriarchate was founded by the Apostle Andrew in 37 A. D. and has served as a vital religious center for Orthodox Christians ever since. In 451 A. D., the Fourth Ecumenical Council of the Christian Church conferred upon the Archbishop of Constantinople equal rank to Rome and special responsibilities throughout the rest of the world. The Ecumenical Patriarch stands for religious freedom worldwide.

Yet the Ecumenical Patriarchate in Turkey 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.”

The Order of St Andrew has identified and continues to focus on Core Issues of Concern in its defense of the Ecumenical Patriarch. We have printed cards featuring a summary of these issues, and have distributed thousands of them all over the United States in order to raise awareness about the plight of the Ecumenical Patriarchate. Among these issues are:

- **The continued closure of the Halki School of Theology.** The reopening of this school is a critical step to the restoration of full religious freedom for the Ecumenical Patriarchate. Halki was founded in 1844 and served the Orthodox Christian community until 1971 when it was closed due to a law banning private institutions of higher education.
- **Denial of Legal Personality:** The Ecumenical Patriarchate has no legal identity or personality in Turkey. The Turkish Government denies legal standing to the Ecumenical Patriarchate, the Armenian Patriarchate, the Jewish Rabbi’s Office and other religious institutions.<sup>1</sup>

- **Confiscation of Property.** The Turkish government has seized thousands of properties belonging to the Ecumenical Patriarchate. So far it has refused to return these properties. A separate paper detailing this issue will be presented at session 3.
- Even more disturbing is the fact that historic churches, which had been maintained as museums, have now been converted into mosques. Nine historic churches named Saint Sophia, maintained up until recently as museums, have been so converted.
- The Turkish government retransformed Hagia Sophia Museum, a UNESCO World heritage Site in Istanbul to a mosque in July 2020. This is a deliberate symbol of Turkish policies against religious minorities. Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew proclaimed:

“Hagia Sophia can function as place and symbol of encounter, dialogue and peaceful coexistence of peoples and cultures, mutual understanding and solidarity between Christianity and Islam”

The Order, therefore, respectfully submits that in order to comply with the tenants of the OSCE, to which the Turkish government is committed, the Turkish government, without further delay, must undertake the following. It must grant legal standing to the Ecumenical Patriarchate, allow the reopening of the Halki Theological School, return all the properties that it has confiscated from the Ecumenical Patriarchate, and end the practice of converting ancient Christian churches—which are part of the cultural patrimony of Asia Minor and the world—into mosques.

The Order of St Andrew has reported on these issues every year. There has been, unfortunately, no change in the status of the Ecumenical Patriarchate in Turkey from year to year. It is our fervent prayer, however,

that next year we can report that these issues have been resolved, and that the Ecumenical Patriarchate is operating in an environment of religious freedom, finally free from persecution and discrimination.

Our commitment to religious freedom necessitates that we also speak against those Orthodox Christians who, with state support, undermine the religious rights of others. This is precisely what is happening in Ukraine and Africa where leaders of the Moscow Patriarchate are actively undermining the religious self-determination of millions of Christians who do not wish to be subjected to a church that has been subordinated to the Russian government.

# ORAL PRESENTATION

## *The Status of the Ecumenical Patriarchate*

The Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe  
2022 Human Dimension Implementation Meeting, Warsaw, Poland

Plenary Session III  
**Tolerance and Non-Discrimination I**

September 29, 2022

Presented on behalf of the Order of St. Andrew  
by  
Hon. Steven G. Counelis, Archon Nomophylax  
Judge of the Superior Court, State of California, USA

I am Judge Steven Counelis, Archon of the Order of Saint Andrew the Apostle, on behalf of the Ecumenical Patriarchate.

The Ecumenical Patriarchate today continues to suffer religious discrimination in law and in fact by the Turkish government (as is reported again in 2021 by the United States Commission on International Religious Freedom).

Today, I discuss five issues. (1) Confiscation of Property (2) Legal Title, (3) Fair Elections for Minority Foundations and (4) Halki Seminary; and (5) The Election of the Ecumenical Patriarch.

There are other issues, which time does not permit, but which you may learn about contained in written testimony submitted by the Order of Saint Andrew for inclusion in these proceedings.

### 1) Confiscation of Property

We ask for the return of the 8,000 properties belonging to the Ecumenical Patriarchate and its institutions, which were lost through the years due to overt government decrees and confiscatory taxes, in violation of Turkey's obligations under the Treaty of Lausanne.

### 2) Legal Standing

The Ecumenical Patriarchate should be afforded legal personality, so that it can have access to the Turkish Legal system, a right which other Turkish citizens and Turkish institutions enjoy.

### 3) Fair Elections of Minority Foundation Board Members

The Turkish Government should schedule fair elections for Minority Foundation Board Members, which are long over-due.

The present foundation system for the management of property is not manageable. Clergy should be allowed to serve as Board Members, as well as other citizens, even if they do not reside in a district in which property is located, so long as they are citizens of Istanbul.



#### 4) HALKI SEMINARY

As is also requested by the US Commission on International Religious Freedom, and the United States Department of State, we again ask for the reopening of the Halki Seminary.

The Turkish Government forced the Halki Seminary to close in 1971, and after 50 years, it still has not allowed the school to reopen, despite repeated requests to do so by world leaders and even by the Muslim President of the Religious Affairs Directorate.

#### 5) The Process for the Election of a New Ecumenical Patriarch

In 1923 and 1970 the Governors of Istanbul issued decrees imposing restrictions on the election of an Ecumenical Patriarch and the bishops who elect him, which require that the Ecumenical Patriarch and the hierarchs who vote for him must be Turkish citizens. The Ecumenical Patriarchate accepts that candidates for the office will become Turkish citizens immediately following their election as Ecumenical Patriarch, if they are not already Turkish citizens.

The canons of the Orthodox Church, however, state that the Ecumenical Patriarch is to be elected freely from all hierarchs of the Ecumenical Patriarchate throughout the world, not just those in Turkey.

There is no rational reason why an Orthodox hierarch must be a Turkish citizen simply to cast a vote for the election of a new Ecumenical Patriarch whose ministry is world-wide, not just local.

The Order of Saint Andrew echoes the U. S. Commission on International Religious Freedom when it stated, we look forward to the day when the Turkish government will permit the Ecumenical Patriarchate and other religious groups to select and appoint their leadership in accordance with their internal guidelines and beliefs.<sup>1</sup>

In closing, we strenuously object to the conversions of Hagia Sophia, the Chora Church and many other Christian houses of worship in Turkey into mosques, which unnecessarily exacerbates the divisions between people of faith and fellow citizens.

The Turkish government's decision regarding Hagia Sophia was a deeply aggressive act of memoricide and cultural appropriation that ignores Turkey's rich Christian history and further threatens the religious freedom of the Ecumenical Patriarchate and the remaining Christians of that land. It was undertaken in defiance of the United States, Russia, France, Greece, UNESCO and many others.

Thank you for your attention.

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<sup>1</sup> *2018 Annual Report*, UNITED STATES COMMISSION ON INTERNATIONAL RELIGIOUS FREEDOM (2018), <http://www.uscirf.gov/sites/default/files/2018USCIRFAR.pdf>, 196.



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## **2022 ANNUAL COMMITTEE REPORT**

### **2022 ARCHON ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE REPORT**

#### **Submitted and Prepared by:**

**Stephen Georgeson, Archon *Ekdikos*, Chair**  
**Dr. Nicholas Loutsion, VMD, Archon *Aktouarios*, Co-Chair**  
**Franklin (Rocky) Sisson, Archon *Prepositos*, Co-Chair**

Early in 2021, the Regional Commanders Liaison Committee, chaired by Dr. Loutsion, developed the concept and initial framework for the Archon Engagement Committees. The overarching purpose and intent of the committee's recommendation was to provide meaningful opportunities for all Archons to participate directly in initiatives in support of the Ecumenical Patriarchate.

When the work of the RCLC was presented to Dr. Limberakis and the Executive Committee for review and approval, they appointed an Archon Engagement Committee tasked with the responsibility of refining this work and making recommendations for review and approval. Appointed to the committee were Stephen Georgeson, Dr. Nick Loutsion, Rocky Sisson, John Mindala and James Rockas.

Over a period of months, the committee worked to put the concept into an operational form. The specific subject matter committees created were for the Ecumenical Patriarchal Bartholomew Foundation, Patriarchal Green Initiatives, International Archons, Communications, Metropolis and Parish Education, Academia Symposia, Federal and State Governmental Affairs, Editorial Publication, Youth Participation Activities and Patriarchal Properties and Legal Issues.

**After approval of this committee structure by the Commander and the Executive Committee, a communication was sent to all Archons notifying them of this new initiative and providing them an opportunity to select the Engagement subcommittees they wanted to join. Over 120 Archons responded to this membership solicitation, with the majority choosing more than one subcommittee. The number of Archons now participating is about 150. Of course, participation in these committees remains open and encouraged for Archons who have not yet joined.**

**All the information regarding this program, along with a listing of Committee members, can be accessed on the Archon website under the main menu, “Who We Are”, and then by clicking the drop-down submenu, “Engagement Committees.”**

**Dr. Limberakis and the Executive Committee have completed the appointment of the Chairs and Vice Chairs of each of the subject matter committees. The contact information of each of the participating Archons has now been provided to the Chairs and Vice Chairs of the committees on which the Archons serve.**

**The committees are now fully functional, operating, of course, as all Archon committees do, subject to the direction and review of the Commander and the Executive Committee.**



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## **Religious Liberty Initiative Report**

### **2022 NOTRE DAME LAW SCHOOL RELIGIOUS LIBERTY SUMMIT**

**Submitted & Prepared by:**  
**John G. Manos, *Archon Eutaxias***  
**Regional Commander**

The following report reflects the Religious Liberty Initiative 2022 Notre Dame Law School Religious Liberty Summit activities in Rome, which were held on Wednesday, July 20 through Friday, July 22, 2022. The summit brought together people from different faiths and professional backgrounds to work together to protect and advance religious liberty for all faiths here at home and around the world.

The Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew Apostolic Visit to the United States in the fall of 2021, his first visit in 12 years, marked the 30th anniversary of his election as Ecumenical Patriarch and from the academic convocation at the University of Notre Dame's Basilica of the Sacred Heart on Thursday evening (Oct. 28), His All-Holiness Bartholomew, Archbishop of Constantinople-New Rome and Ecumenical Patriarch, received an honorary degree from the University and He offered an address on environmental sustainability and the COVID-19 pandemic. Notre Dame President Rev. John I. Jenkins, C.S.C., stated it was a "historic moment in the life of Our Lady's University" and an extraordinary honor for the Notre Dame family".

From there, the Metropolis of Chicago Archons were contacted by Mary A. Scott, Alumni Education Program Director, at the University of Notre Dame. Mary is also a member of the Metropolis Council of Chicago. Mary Scott acted as the liaison for His All-Holinesses Apostolic visit to the University.

Ms. Scott informed Regional Commanders, Gus M. Pablecas and John G. Manos that the University would be interested to learn more about the Order of Saint Andrew, Archons of the Ecumenical Patriarchate and would be open to having them do a Religious Freedom Presentation there in the Fall of 2022. Upon further consultation with National Commander Dr. Anthony Limberakis and Professor Dr. Elizabeth H. Prodromou, Faculty Director, Initiative on Religion, Law, and Diplomacy, The Fletcher School of Law & Diplomacy, Tufts University, and Religious Liberty initiative Advisory Board member at Notre Dame, (however she was unable to attend this Summit) it was decided to postpone this until the Spring of 2023.

Ms. Scott advised us that the Notre Dame Law School also extended an invitation to the Archons for their Religious Liberty Summit, which was being held in Rome, July 20-22 of 2022. This year we would be invited as guests and then the following year would be able to participate on a panel if we liked.

Upon discussing this with our National Commander, Dr Limberakis and the National Council, I was honored to be able to represent the Order at this event.

The event was held at the “Roma Eventi Fontana di Trevi” conference center not far from the “Vatican” and the “Basilica dei 12 Apostoli” where the Summit began with a Welcome Mass on Wednesday morning.

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.

Highlights of the Rome Summit included a keynote speech at the Dinner Awards Gala by Justice Samuel A. Alito, Jr., Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States, and the Grand Banquet Reception at the Palazzo Colonna in Rome, as well as a tour of the Vatican. Also present were, among others, the Honorable Suzan Johnson Cook, former United States Ambassador-at-Large for International Religious Freedom from April 2011 to October 2013; Imam Dr. Nader Akkad; His Eminence Archbishop Angaelos, OBE, Coptic Orthodox Archbishop of London; Grandmother Polacca of the International Council of 13 Indigenous Grandmothers.

There were two morning panel discussions and two afternoon panel discussions daily. I attended all of the panel discussions and met and spoke to as many of the panelists and attendees as possible. Included in these were individuals such as:

- His Eminence Archbishop Angaelos OBE, Coptic Orthodox Archbishop of London and Papal Legate to the United Kingdom
- Nury Turkel, U.S. Commission ON international Religious Freedom-Senior Fellow, Hudson Institute
- Rodrigo Vitorino Souza Alves, The Brazilian Center of Studies in Law and Religion; Federal University of Uberlandia
- Brett Scharffs, Brigham Young University Law School, International Center for Law and Religion Studies
- The Honorable Reverend Dr. Suzan John Cook, former United States Ambassador for International Religious Freedom
- Justice Samuel A. Alito, Jr. Associate Justice, Supreme Court of the United States
- G. Marcus Cole, Dean Notre Dame Law School, Founder of the Notre Dame Religious Liberty Initiative

The panel discussions were as follows:

- **Protecting Religious Minorities Panel**

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Nury Turkel, Senior Fellow, Hudson Institute

Farahnaz Ispahani, The International Panel of Parliamentarians for Freedom of Religion or Belief

Rodrigo Vitorino Souza Alves, The Brazilian Center of Studies in Law and Religion; Federal University of Uberlandia

**Moderator:** Samah Norquist, The Wilson Center

- **Bioethics Panel**

*Roma Eventi Fontana di Trevi*

Laura Palazzani, LUMSA University of Rome



Lorenza Violini, University of Milan

Andrea Simoncini, University of Florence

**Moderator:** Stefan McDaniel, Notre Dame Law School

- **Interfaith Service**

*Roma Eventi Fontana di Trevi*

Imam Dr. Nader Akkad, Grand Mosque of Rome; International Marian Muslim Christian Commission

His Eminence Archbishop Angaelos OBE, Coptic Orthodox Archbishop of London and Papal Legate to the United Kingdom

Grandmother Mona Polacca, International Council of Thirteen Indigenous Grandmothers

Monica Polacca, Water Woman of the Native American Church

**Moderator:** Fr. John Paul Kimes, Notre Dame Law School

- **Interreligious Dialogue Panel**

*Roma Eventi Fontana di Trevi*

Imam Dr. Nader Akkad, Grand Mosque of Rome; International Marian Muslim Christian Commission

His Eminence Archbishop Angaelos OBE, Coptic Orthodox Archbishop of London and Papal Legate to the United Kingdom

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**Moderator:** Fr. John Paul Kimes, Notre Dame Law School

- **Education Panel**

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Ana María Celis Brunet, Pontifical Catholic University of Chile

Augusta Muthigani, Kenya Conference of Catholic Bishops

Very Rev. Fr. Friedrich Bechina, F.S.O., Congregation for Catholic Education  
Brett Scharffs, Brigham Young University Law School, International Center for  
Law and Religion Studies

**Moderator:** Nicole Stelle Garnett, Notre Dame Law School

- **Press Panel**

*Roma Eventi Fontana di Trevi*

Eric Rassbach, Becket Fund for Religious Liberty

John L. Allen Jr., Crux

Fr. James Martin, SJ, America Magazine

Kelsey Dallas, Deseret News

**Moderator:** Richard Garnett, Notre Dame Law School

- **U.S. Legal Developments Panel**

*Roma Eventi Fontana di Trevi*

Roger Severino, The Heritage Foundation

Michael Bindas, Institute for Justice

Jim Sonne, Stanford Law School

Stephanie Barclay, Notre Dame Law School

**Moderator:** John Meiser, Notre Dame Law School

- **U.S. Judiciary Keynote with Judge Amul Thapar of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit and Discussion**

*Roma Eventi Fontana di Trevi*

Judge Diarmuid O'Scannlain, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit

Judge Sarah Pitlyk, U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Missouri

**Moderator:** Sherif Girgis, Notre Dame Law School

- **International Challenges Panel**

*Roma Eventi Fontana di Trevi*

Paul Coleman, ADF International

Mark Hill, QC, Notre Dame London Law Program

Fiona Bruce, MP, UK Prime Minister's Special Envoy for Freedom of Religion or Belief

**Moderator:** Stephanie Barclay, Notre Dame Law School

- **International Advocates Panel**

*Roma Eventi Fontana di Trevi*

Francisco Urbina, Pontifical Catholic University of Chile

John Huleatt, Bruderhof

Michael Polak, Church Court Chambers; Justice Abroad

**Moderator:** Francesca Matozzo, Notre Dame Law School

I particularly enjoyed the: Protecting Religious Minorities Panel, the Press Panel and the two International Panels. I spoke there on the religious persecution that our Patriarchate and Patriarch face in Constantinople, as well as the religious persecution instilled on him by the Turkish Government. It was encouraging to hear **ALL** of the International panelists immediately chime in on the respect, understanding and admiration for our Patriarch and our Patriarchate!

I appreciated the opportunity to be able to represent the Order. I was honored and humbled to be able to do so at this event. I wore our vest emblem and pin, and made sure that the Dean and all those around me knew our mission and our cause. I believe it was a worth while event to attend and one that spread the word as to our mission.

Next year's Religious Liberty Summit will be held in London. The Chairman of the event expressed his appreciation for the Archons being represented here in Rome and advised that he will be sending us an invitation to attend the London Summit should we wish to do so.





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## **2022 ANNUAL COMMITTEE REPORT**

## **2022 SPIRITUALITY COMMITTEE REPORT**

### **Submitted by:**

**Peter J. Skeadas, Archon *Hieromnimon*, Chair**  
**Michael G. Psaros, Archon *Ostiarios*, Co-Chair**

### **Prepared by:**

**Peter J. Skeadas, Archon *Hieromnimon*, Chair**

Every year during the Great and Holy Lent, our Lenten Retreat provides a period of tranquility and spiritual illumination. Once again, in April, 2022 amidst the lingering worldwide pandemic crisis and political turmoil, the Order of St. Andrew the Apostle presented the newly named retreat in honor of Archon Vice-Commander John Halecky, Jr of blessed memory. It was an appropriate honor as it was John Halecky, Jr. who initiated the concept of the retreat twenty years ago.

The retreat is a period when participants reconnect with our Lord and Saviour pausing to renew, to fast and to pray. It is when the Archon family experience together its best spiritual life with authenticity. This is a fitting time in our journey through stillness, inner peace and hope, to strive towards oneness with God and with the promise of renewal arriving at Pascha in the brilliance of the Resurrection.

With the blessings of His Eminence Archbishop Elpidophoros of America, Exarch of the Ecumenical Patriarchate, the Spirituality Committee and Retreat Chair and Co-chair under the distinguished leadership of Commander Dr. Anthony J. Limberakis welcomed Archons and their families to the John Halecky, Jr. 18th Annual National Archon Lenten Retreat.

It is tradition now, for which the Order is most grateful, that the Order meets in fellowship and is hosted at the Dormition of the Virgin Mary Greek Orthodox Church of the Hamptons and warmly welcomed by the Kimisis community led by the Order's Spiritual Advisor, the esteemed and caring Rev. Fr. Alexander Karloutsos and Rev. Fr. Constantine Lazarakis serving as Retreat Pastors.

It was an immense joy this year to reunite in person while simultaneously reaching fellow Archons and their families by offering the retreat via video streaming throughout the country. Approximately 100 persons participated, in person and virtually.

The Order was blessed that the distinguished Rev. Dr. Nicholas Louh served as Retreat Master and addressed the Archon family on the theme *Renewing You*. The program of three sessions included *Renew Your Faith*, *Renew Your Mind* and *Renew Your Purpose*. Each of the Archons present in person received a copy of the book entitled with the retreat theme, *Renewing You*, authored by Rev. Dr. Nicholas and Presbytera Dr. Roxanne Louh. In addition to his role as pastor at St. John the Divine Greek Orthodox Church in Jacksonville, Florida, Rev. Louh serves as the Vicar for the Eastern Florida Conference of the Holy Metropolis of Atlanta, is an Adjunct Professor of World Religions at the Florida State College at Jacksonville and is the chaplain for the Jacksonville Sharks Arena Football Team. He appears on various radio programs including the "God Squad" and "Live With The Louhs" and additionally shares daily inspirational messages on FM Sports Radio.

Our divine relationship to our Lord and Saviour is enhanced and strengthened at the Retreat through its presenter and the participants. It is our hope to continue this journey via awareness, mindfulness and gratitude. Contemporary society places challenges, conceivable and otherwise, on our body, our mind and our soul. Spirituality is an immaterial reality, the essence by which our inner self lives. Spiritual practices are inspiring, through prayer and reflection, through contemplation and meditation, through being and experiencing. The Archons are committed to serving the needs of our great Church as religious freedom and human rights are sought for our Ecumenical Patriarchate.



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## **2022 Youth Participation Activities Report**

### **Submitted by:**

**Archons Protekdikos Nick Tranto-Chair, Nomophylax Hon. Steven G. Counelis,  
Hartophylax George K. Moutis, Hieromnimon Pericles C. Siatis,  
Vice-Chairs**

**Our “Youth” Committee was officially formed in August 2022 with the goal of educating our youth at the youngest age on the Ecumenical Patriarchate and the religious freedom challenges facing the Patriarchate globally by those who wish to asphyxiate Orthodox Christianity.**

**Team Building:** In August we hosted our first Chair/Vice Chair Zoom meeting to establish committee objectives, exchange ideas, identify priorities and solidify the resources we need going forward to meet planned objectives

### **Educational and Awareness Initiatives**

- 1) **Archon Sprout Program** – The goal of this program is to educate our youth about the importance of the Ecumenical Patriarchate, the global issues facing our EP and his primacy in countries that are hostile to Orthodox Christian beliefs. The “Sprout” program includes awareness and education presentations to our youth at Sunday Schools, GOYA, YAL, OCF, Summer Camps and other gathering of Orthodox youth.
- 2) **Sunday School Lessons** - Our Archons have also initiated an effort to create formal “Archon Sprout” Sunday School Lesson Modules (PreK- 12) on the Ecumenical Patriarchate to be incorporated into the GOA national curriculum on or near the Feast Day of Patron Saint Andrew, the First Called Apostle beginning in November 2023. An important and valued member/contributor of this team is Ms. Katina Tsatalis of Annunciation GOC Dayton, Ohio.
- 3) **Archon FAQ Document** - Our Archon team is developing a FAQ document on the Order of St Andrew and the Ecumenical Patriarchate. Notable assistance has been received from our ARCL, National Council, Archon scholars, and esteemed clergy. The FAQ can serve as an excellent resource for all Archons. It is intended to be a



consistent, accurate, clear, and historically correct document for Archon presentations to audiences of all demographics.

- 4) **Develop “age appropriate” Power Point and Video Presentations-** Our Archon team discussed creation of use of multi-media resources to capture the essence of our educational and awareness initiative with the goal of keeping youth attentive, absorbed and enthused about the challenges and issues facing the Ecumenical Patriarchate and the role the Order of St Andrew as a global organization within the church and geo-political issues.
- 5) **Form Archon regional teams of trained presenters-** Our Archon team realizes that a focused, clear, consistent, and accurate message must be presented at all times to teach our youth the vital importance of defending the faith. Many questions abound such as: Who are the archons, what do we do and why do we matter? What is the relevancy of the Ecumenical Patriarchate and what is meant by First Among Equals?

### **Presentation Initiatives**

- 1) **At the Metropolis of San Francisco YAL Conference, Sept 1-5, 2022 in San Diego, CA, Archon Steven Counelis and Archon Aktourias Dr. Gregory Papadeas, Regional Commander Metropolis of Denver) presented the Mission of the Order and the key issues facing HAH Bartholomew to over 550 young adults, the “emerging leaders” of our Faith and Church.**
- 2) **At the Metropolis of Pittsburgh YAL conference Oct 7-9, 2022 in Cleveland, Ohio, Archon Phillip Yamalis made a similar presentation to over 400 young adults urging these future church leaders to become more aware and more involved in the historic significance of the Patriarchate, the current key issues facing HAH primacy as head of the Orthodox Church, and the geo-political ramifications of the current crisis in the Ukraine.**



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### **PATRIARCHAL PROPERTIES AND LEGAL ISSUES COMMITTEE REPORT**

**Submitted By:**

**Hon. B. Theodore Bozonelis, *Vice-Commander***

***Joseph J. Kokolakis, Esq., Chair, Ted Kakoyiannis, Esq., Vice-Chair***

#### **Introduction**

The 2014-2021 previous Annual Reports with Addenda and the “Public Orthodoxy” Article of the Orthodox Christian Studies Center, Fordham University, on the Systematic Persecution of Religious Minorities in Turkey, which together set forth in detail the history and critical issues impacting religious freedom for the Ecumenical Patriarchate, and human rights for Orthodox Christians in Turkey, are available on thumb drive for the new Archon class. Below are summaries of this year’s current events.

#### **2021-2022 Timeline of Significant Events in Turkey**

#### **Religious Freedom Restrictions/Human Rights Violations**

The Annual Report of the United States Commission on International Religious Freedom (USCIRF) continues to include Turkey on the U.S. Department of State’s Special Watch List for engaging in or tolerating severe violations of religious freedom pursuant to the International Religious Freedom Act (IRFA). The Report noted that Turkey maintained its refusal to grant legal personality to religious groups and again rejected a petition to allow religious foundations to hold board member elections to stabilize and maintain the foundations. This is especially troubling for

the Ecumenical Patriarchate to maintain its presence through control of its foundations.

The Turkish government also maintains its law criminalizing blasphemy for insulting religious values and penalizes those perceived to have insulted Islam. In March, 2021 journalist Hakan Aygun received a 7.5 month prison sentence for a Twitter post criticizing President Erdogan through a religious pun.

Incidents showing contempt for Christian heritage and history in Turkey took place throughout 2022. In February, His All-Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew sent a letter of protest to the Minister of Culture and Tourism of the Turkish Republic on the sacrilege of the Patriarchal Monastery of Panaghia Soumela of Trabzon- a revered sanctuary of the Ecumenical Patriarchate—for allowing an advertising video shoot that turned the monastery courtyard into a nightclub with loud music and dancing. Further, the Assyrian/Syriac ancient Church of Mor Day is being utilized by local villagers as a stable. Mor Day Church was built in 620 AD and is now in ruins neglected by local authorities and manipulated for housing horses.

Most troubling, Hagia Sophia, the Great Church of Christ, converted into a mosque from a historic museum in 2020—an act of memoricide- was vandalized in April. Experts fear for the future of the structure without proper maintenance. After Hagia Sophia was converted to a mosque and removed from the care of the Ministry of Culture, the structure lost its expert staff that maintained the building. It is now overseen by the Department of Religious Affairs—the Diyanet—which has neglected proper maintenance.

His All-Holiness’ stature as Ecumenical Patriarch also continues to be marginalized by the Turkish authorities. In August, the Trabzonspor soccer team presented His All-Holiness with a jersey uniform that had Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew written on the back. In response, the leader of Turkey’s National Political Party, Devlet Bahçeli, voiced strong criticism of the jersey gift and the use of the term “Ecumenical” commenting that His All-Holiness is only a cleric serving under Istanbul’s District Governorship of Fatih and that He has no status. The Governorship of Fatih District itself also released a statement that the claim that the Patriarchate is Ecumenical has no legal basis.

These statements were made despite the fact that in November, 2020, His All-Holiness was addressed as Ecumenical Patriarch in an official invitation of the Turkish Presidency. There is speculation that this rhetoric relates to taking political

positions for the upcoming 2023 elections in Turkey and that it was meant to assist the Moscow Patriarchate that disputes the primacy of the Ecumenical Patriarchate.

### **The Ecumenical Patriarchate, Turkey's Politics and United States Diplomacy**

Elections in Turkey will take place in June, 2023 for the 600 member Parliament to the Grand National Assembly and for the Presidency. President Erdogan declared his candidacy for President in June, 2022. His AK Political Party since losing the absolute majority has relied on an alliance with the far right National Movement Political Party (MHP) of Devlet Bahceli who has declared that the coalition between the AK Party and his MHP Party is intact and President Erdogan will be their joint nominee for President.

As reported in the last year Annual Report, six Turkish opposition political parties are forming a coalition and collaborating in a bid to unseat President Erdogan and his AK party in elections due by 2023. The opposition is led by the Republic Peoples Party (CHP) with Kemal Kilicdaroglu. The idea is to form a united front to bring political change focusing on issues such as the independence of the judiciary, media and academia, and election laws with the aim of boosting the separation of powers and democracy. This comes in the wake of President Erdogan's AK party losing control of Istanbul and Ankara municipalities in 2019 elections where the CHP prevailed electing the Mayor of Istanbul, Ekrem Imamoglu.

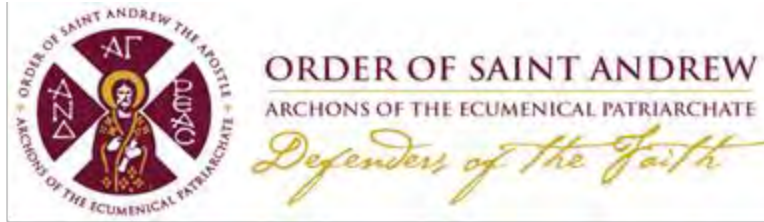
The 2023 elections bring the hope of change which will open religious freedom issues for the Ecumenical Patriarchate and other religious minorities in Turkey. Change may also bring about better relations between the United States and Turkey. Although NATO countries, relations with the United States have been compounded by the Turkish government's purchase of the Russian S-400 missile system, President Erdogan's meetings with President Putin as he seeks to make Turkey a bridge to the West and a mediator in the Ukrainian War, and President Erdogan's constant threat to invade Greek islands.

On the human rights front, relations with the United States also continue to be strained. In October, President Erdogan threatened to expel the U.S. Ambassador to Turkey, along with 9 other Ambassadors, after they called for the release of philanthropist Osman Kavala on the fourth year of his unjust imprisonment. Moreover, USCIRF reported on the stronger stance that the United States has taken on religious freedom issues in Turkey, particularly urging the opening of the Halki

Seminary. Further, in October, 2021, President Biden hosted His All-Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew and discussed with Him the importance of religious freedom as a fundamental human right in Turkey.

With continued pressure from the United States and NATO allies, as well as the looming 2023 elections, a movement toward real religious freedom reforms in Turkey may become a reality.

In addition, we cannot forget that on August 4, 2022, a fire ravaged Balikli Greek Hospital and Home for the Aged causing immense structural damage. The Hospital and Home is an important symbol of lasting Greek Orthodox heritage. Fortunately there was no loss of life. It must be rebuilt and restored and the Order of Saint Andrew the Apostle has already sent \$100,000 toward this effort. The Turkish authorities must grant the permits to rebuild and restore it as a “Greek” hospital and Home for the Aged. This will be another test for religious freedom for the Ecumenical Patriarchate. Continued political pressure on Turkey must ensure the restoration remains a “Greek” Hospital and Home for the Aged which has traditionally served not only Greeks but the general population as a major hospital facility in Istanbul.



## **2022 ARCHON REGIONAL COMMANDER LIAISON COMMITTEE REPORT**

### **Submitted by:**

**Dr. Nicholas G. Loutsion, Chairman**  
*Archon Aktouarios*

**John G. Manos, Co-Chairman**  
*Archon Eftaxias*

**Gus M. Pablecas, Co-Chairman**  
*Archon Ostiaros*

### **Prepared by:**

**Dr. Nicholas G. Loutsion**  
*Archon Aktouarios*

The ARCL Committee was originally given the mandate to better coordinate communication between all three levels of our Archon organization (National Council / Archon Regional Commanders/ local Archon membership). This mandate, up to this point, has been accomplished through the Regional Commanders attendance to the monthly National Council meetings either in person or by teleconference. Their participation on these calls has provided the Regional Commanders the opportunity to receive guidance from the National Council, as well as, serve to disseminate information from the national level directly to the local Archon membership through their Regional Commanders. It also serves to bring the questions and concerns of the local Archons directly to the National Council. The ultimate goal being that every Archon in America will be involved, well informed, and excited about their responsibility to share the message of the Order and ultimately of the Mother Church.

It was decided in late 2020 to resurrect the ARCL Quarterly Meeting ZOOM calls. These meetings originally began in 2006 and ended in 2014 around the same time that the Regional Commanders were invited to join the National Council meetings to receive national updates directly. The idea behind resurrecting these meeting was to give the regional commanders a forum to discuss issues pertinent to their own specific work. This has given the ARCL Committee membership the ability to share ideas, develop strategies, and decide how best to put these ideas to work in the field. Below y we list the work accomplished by our committee to date:

**1. 2022 Quarterly Meeting Topics Discussed and Initiatives Begun:**

- a. Regional Commander should visit a local parish and present Archon Religion Freedom Presentation (Rocky Cards-Power Point) on a quarterly basis
- b. Regional Commander should mentor newly inducted Archons in their regions
- c. Regional Commander should ask for feedback from Archons attending Bootcamp and stay connected with the new Archon
- d. Archon Inquiries
- e. Develop an “Archon News” Webpage on Metropolis Website
- f. Attend National Lenten Retreat
- g. Develop a Local Lenten Retreat
- h. Host a local Business Meeting in their Region
- i. Special Presentations
  - Fall of Constantinople Presentation (May 29)
  - Saint Andrew Feast Day (November 30)
- j. Archon Sprout Program
- k. Archdiocese Centennial Discussion
- l. Archdiocese Clergy-Laity Attendance

- m. Archon Weekend attendance and attending the National Council meeting held in New York
- n. Attending the Archon Boot Camp in support of the Archons-Elect
- o. How to Handle Funding Requests from National
- p. Refine Funeral Protocol
- q. Inform RCs of movement of Archons from one Region to another (Permanently or Just Traveling)
- r. Timely notification to RCs by National Council of New Archon Class
- s. Updating the Membership of the Carpatho-Russian, Ukrainian, & Palestinian Archons in each Region. Developing Inclusion.
- t. Ukrainian Autocephaly Discussion
- u. Bartholomew Foundation Promotion

## **2. Regional Commander Quarterly Reports**

At the quarterly meetings of the ARCL Committee, each Regional Commander is asked to report the work that he has done in his region to promote religious freedom for the Mother Church of Constantinople. These reports include their various presentations, attendance to national meetings, business meetings, and retreats, mentoring of their regional Archons, and promotion of the Exarch's Appeal. You can find these reports in the 2022 Archon Annual Report which is distributed in October during the Archon weekend and located under the heading of each region.

## **3. New Regional Commander Appointment**

In 2022, we welcomed Archon Paul P. Sogotis, Archon Orphanotrofos to the ARCL Committee. Archon Paul was appointed by National Commander



Anthony J. Limberakis to serve as one of the three Regional Commanders of the Metropolis of San Francisco. AXIOS!

**Archon Peter Clyde Papadakos, Esq.**

On January 14, 2022, Archon Regional Commander Peter Clyde Papadakos, Archon Ekdikos, passed into eternal life. He served with dedication for many years as the Regional Commander of the Pittsburgh Metropolis. He will be missed by us all. May his memory be eternal!

**Conclusion:**

This committee was given the mandate to better coordinate communication between all three levels of our Archon organization (National Council / Archon Regional Commanders/ local Archon membership). Through the efforts of this committee the message of the Order of Saint Andrew can now be presented clearly and with one voice not only to all levels of our own organization, but also to those whom we must educate concerning our mission as “Defenders of the Faith” and defenders of our Holy Mother Church.



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## **2022 REGIONAL COMMANDERS' REPORT**

### **Submitted by:**

**Regional Commander Andrew E. Manatos, *Archon Depoutatos***

### **Prepared by:**

**Regional Commander Andrew E. Manatos, *Archon Depoutatos***

Our usual regional Archon activity was overridden by the rare visit of His All-Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew to America. In Washington, 70% of the Congress of the United States did not hold office at the time of his last visit. Therefore, Senators and Members of the House required a full education about His-All-Holiness, the fact that he is the head of the second largest Christian Church in the world and his notable stature.

With this concentrated effort, we were able to: (1) penetrate the wall of written communications of today's Congress – an average of 5,000 weekly written communications in the House and 25,000 in the Senate; (2) get the information about the Ecumenical Patriarch out of staffers' hands and onto the desks of the Senators and Members; and (3) force the Senators and Members to actually read and learn from the written document by requiring them to vouch for the validity of the information contained therein by attaching their name to the document an intensive labor-intensive effort must be undertaken for many months.

This effort required Manatos & Manatos to hire another full-time staff member who, with the rest of the staff, worked tirelessly for months to secure the most credible and trusted Senators and Members as the authors of the information about His-All-Holiness; draft dozens of carefully worded separate communications to be sent by constituents to their Senators and Members with M&M sending over 1,000 initial emails and 500 follow-up emails, placing 600 initial telephone calls and 400 follow-up telephone calls.

This massive Archon effort moved US Senators and Members of the House **representing nearly 80% of the American people** to sign a letter containing the extraordinary importance and accomplishments of His All-Holiness to the President of the United States. **A remarkable 182 Members of the House and 50 US Senators** (listed alphabetically below) – from all parts of the country and all political ideologies – added their names to a letter.

### Members of Congress Who Signed the Letter to the President About the Ecumenical Patriarch

1. Chairman, House Foreign Affairs Committee  
Gregory Meeks (D-NY) – author/circulator
2. Ranking Member, House Foreign Affairs  
Committee Michael McCaul (R-TX) –  
author/circulator
3. Robert Aderholt (R-AL)
4. Pete Aguilar (D-CA)
5. Mark Amodei (R-NV)
6. Jake Auchincloss (D-MA)
7. Karen Bass (D-CA)
8. Don Beyer (D-VA)
9. Stephanie Bice (R-OK)
10. Gus Bilirakis (R-FL)
11. Earl Blumenauer (D-OR)
12. Brendan Boyle (D-PA)
13. Anthony G. Brown (D-MD)
14. Julia Brownley (D-CA)
15. Tim Burchett (R-TN)
16. Cheri Bustos (D-IL)
17. Ken Calvert (R-CA)
18. André Carson (D-IN)
19. Buddy Carter (R-GA)
20. Troy Carter (D-LA)
21. Matt Cartwright (D-PA)
22. Joaquin Castro (D-TX)
23. Steve Chabot (R-OH)
24. Liz Cheney (R-WY)
25. Judy Chu (D-CA)
26. David Cicilline (D-RI)
27. Katherine Clark (D-MA)
28. Michael Cloud (R-TX)
29. Steve Cohen (D-TN)
30. Jerry Connolly (D-VA)
31. Jim Cooper (D-TN)
32. Jim Costa (D-CA)
33. Joe Courtney (D-CT)
34. Dan Crenshaw (R-TX)
35. Charlie Crist (D-FL)
36. Danny Davis (D-IL)
37. Madeleine Dean (D-PA)
38. Peter DeFazio (D-OR)
39. Rosa DeLauro (D-CT)
40. Antonio Delgado (D-NY)
41. Ted Deutch (D-FL)
42. Mario Diaz-Balart (R-FL)
43. Debbie Dingell (D-MI)
44. Byron Donalds (R-FL)
45. Mike Doyle (D-PA)
46. Anna Eshoo (D-CA)
47. Adriano Espaillat (D-NY)
48. Dwight Evans (D-PA)
49. Drew Ferguson (R-GA)
50. Teresa Leger Fernández (D-NM)
51. Brian Fitzpatrick (R-PA)
52. Chuck Fleischmann (R-TN)
53. Jeff Fortenberry (R-NE)
54. Bill Foster (D-IL)
55. Ruben Gallego (D-AZ)
56. Andrew R. Garbarino (R-NY)
57. Carlos A. Gimenez (R-FL)
58. Anthony Gonzalez (R-OH)
59. Josh Gottheimer (D-NJ)
60. Raul M. Grijalva (D-AZ)
61. Glenn Grothman (R-WI)
62. Andy Harris (R-MD)
63. Jahana Hayes (D-CT)
64. Yvette Herrell (R-NM)
65. Jody Hice (R-GA)
66. Brian Higgins (D-NY)
67. French Hill (R-AR)
68. Jim Himes (D-CT)
69. Ashley Hinson (R-IA)
70. Eleanor Holmes Norton (D-DC)
71. Steven Horsford (D-NV)
72. Steny Hoyer (D-MD)
73. Richard Hudson (R-NC)
74. Darrell Issa (R-CA)
75. Christopher Jacobs (R-NY)
76. Sara Jacobs (D-CA)
77. Hakeem Jeffries (D-NY)
78. Bill Johnson (R-OH)
79. Hank Johnson (D-GA)
80. Mondaire Jones (D-NY)
81. Kaiali'i Kahele (D-HI)
82. Marcy Kaptur (D-OH)
83. John Katko (R-NY)
84. Bill Keating (D-MA)
85. Robin Kelly (D-IL)

86. Ro Khanna (D-CA)
87. Daniel Kildee (D-MI)
88. Young Kim (R-CA)
89. Raja Krishnamoorthi (D-IL)
90. Annie Kuster (D-NH)
91. Darin LaHood (D-IL)
92. Doug Lamborn (R-CO)
93. Jim Langevin (D-RI)
94. Rick Larsen (D-WA)
95. John Larson (D-CT)
96. Barbara Lee (D-CA)
97. Susie Lee (D-NV)
98. Andy Levin (D-MI)
99. Mike Levin (CA-49)
100. Ted Lieu (D-CA)
101. Zoe Lofgren (D-CA)
102. Alan Lowenthal (D-CA)
103. Elaine Luria (D-VA)
104. Stephen Lynch (D-MA)
105. Tom Malinowski (D-NJ)
106. Nicole Malliotakis (R-NY)
107. Carolyn Maloney (D-NY)
108. Sean Patrick Maloney (D-NY)
109. Kathy Manning (D-NC)
110. Doris Matsui (D-CA)
111. Kevin McCarthy (D-CA)
112. James McGovern (D-MA)
113. David McKinley (R-WV)
114. Grace Meng (D-NY)
115. Kweisi Mfume (D-MD)
116. Carol Miller (R-WV)
117. Seth Moulton (D-MA)
118. Frank Mrvan (D-IN)
119. Jerrold Nadler (D-NY)
120. Richard Neal (D-MA)
121. Alexandria Ocasio Cortez (D-NY)
122. Burgess Owens (R-UT)
123. Frank Pallone Jr. (D-NJ)
124. Jimmy Panetta (D-CA)
125. Chris Pappas (D-NH)
126. Bill Pascrell (D-NJ)
127. Donald M. Payne, Jr. (D-NJ)
128. Ayanna Pressley (D-MA)
129. Jamie Raskin (D-MD)
130. Tom Reed (R-NY)
131. Kathleen Rice (D-NY)
132. Lisa Blunt Rochester (D-DE)
133. Deborah Ross (D-NC)
134. Lucille Roybal-Allard (D-CA)
135. Dutch Ruppersberger (D-MD)
136. Bobby Rush (D-IL)
137. John Rutherford (R-FL)
138. Tim Ryan (D-OH)
139. Mike Quigley (D-IL)
140. Maria Elvira Salazar (R-FL)
141. Linda Sanchez (D-CA)
142. John Sarbanes (D-MD)
143. Steve Scalise (R-LA)
144. Mary Gay Scanlon (D-PA)
145. Jan Schakowsky (D-IL)
146. Adam Schiff (D-CA)
147. Brad Schneider (D-IL)
148. David Schweikert (R-AZ)
149. Bobby Scott (D-VA)
150. Brad Sherman (D-CA)
151. Albio Sires (D-NJ)
152. Elissa Slotkin (D-MI)
153. Chris Smith (R-NJ)
154. Lloyd Smucker (R-PA)
155. Darren Soto (D-FL)
156. Victoria Spartz (R-IN)
157. Jackie Speier (D-CA)
158. Bryan Steil (R-WI)
159. Gregory Steube (R-FL)
160. Haley Stevens (D-MI)
161. Chris Stewart (R-UT)
162. Marilyn Strickland (WA-10)
163. Thomas Suozzi (D-NY)
164. Eric Swalwell (D-CA)
165. William Timmons (R-SC)
166. Dina Titus (D-NV)
167. Norma Torres (D-CA)
168. Ritchie Torres (D-NY)
169. Lori Trahan (D-MA)
170. David Trone (D-MD)
171. Jeff Van Drew (R-NJ)
172. Tim Walberg (R-MI)
173. Michael Waltz (R-FL)
174. Jackie Walorski (R-IN)
175. Debbie Wasserman Schultz (D-FL)
176. Randy Weber (R-TX)
177. Daniel Webster (R-FL)
178. Peter Welch (D-VT)
179. Jennifer Wexton (D-VA)
180. Nikema Williams (D-GA)
181. Rob Wittman (R-VA)
182. Lee Zeldin (R-NY)

## Senators Who Signed Letter to the President Regarding the Ecumenical Patriarch

1. Chairman, Senate Foreign Relations Committee  
Bob Menendez (D-NJ)
2. Second Ranking Member, Senate Foreign  
Relations Committee, Marco Rubio (R-FL)
3. Tammy Baldwin (D-WI)
4. Michael Bennet (D-CO)
5. Richard Blumenthal (D-CT)
6. Cory Booker (D-NJ)
7. Sherrod Brown (D-OH)
8. Maria Cantwell (D-WA)
9. Shelley Capito (R-WV)
10. Ben Cardin (D-MD)
11. Tom Carper (D-DE)
12. Bob Casey (D-PA)
13. Chris Coons (D-DE)
14. Catherine Cortez Masto (D-NV)
15. Tammy Duckworth (D-IL)
16. Dick Durbin (D-IL)
17. Dianne Feinstein (D-CA)
18. Kirsten Gillibrand (D-NY)
19. Maggie Hassan (D-NH)
20. John Hickenlooper (D-CO)
21. Tim Kaine (D-VA)
22. Mark Kelly (D-AZ)
23. Angus King (I-ME)
24. Amy Klobuchar (D-MN)
25. Mike Lee (R-UT)
26. Ben Ray Lujan (R-NM)
27. Ed Markey (D-MA)
28. Jeff Merkley (D-OR)
29. Chris Murphy (D-CT)
30. Patty Murray (D-WA)
31. Jon Ossoff (D-GA)
32. Alex Padilla (D-CA)
33. Gary Peters (D-MI)
34. Rob Portman (R-OH)
35. Jacky Rosen (D-NV)
36. Jack Reed (D-RI)
37. Mitt Romney (R-UT)
38. Mike Rounds (R-SD)
39. Chuck Schumer (D-NY)
40. Jeanne Shaheen (D-NH)
41. Debbie Stabenow (D-MI)
42. Dan Sullivan (R-AK)
43. Thom Tillis (R-NC)
44. Chris Van Hollen (D-MD)
45. Mark Warner (D-VA)
46. Raphael Warnock (D-GA)
47. Elizabeth Warren (D-MA)
48. Sheldon Whitehouse (D-RI)
49. Ron Wyden (D-OR)
50. Todd Young (R-IN)



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## **2022 ANNUAL COMMITTEE & REGIONAL COMMANDERS REPORT**

### **METROPOLIS OF BOSTON REGIONAL COMMANDER'S REPORT**

#### **Submitted/Prepared by:**

**Drake G Behrakis, *Archon Maestor*,  
Aristotle Papanikolaou, *Archon Prostatas Ton Grammaton*  
Co-Regional Commanders**

Archons attended a virtual celebration in honor of his Eminence Metropolitan Methodios birthday, November 2021.

Archon Online Lenten Retreat, April 2022: *How to Pray* by Aristotle Papanikolaou.

Regional Commander Papanikolaou spoke to the Chicago Archons, April 2022: *Church's Role with War in Ukraine*.

Archons participated in Young Adult Ministries' "Orthodoxy on Tap" series.

Archon Online Seminar, September 2022: *Ukraine, Turkey, Russia* by Dr. Elizabeth Prodromou.

Preparation for October event (Date: TBD) in celebration of GOA 100<sup>Th</sup> Anniversary with an event at the Museum of Fine Arts.

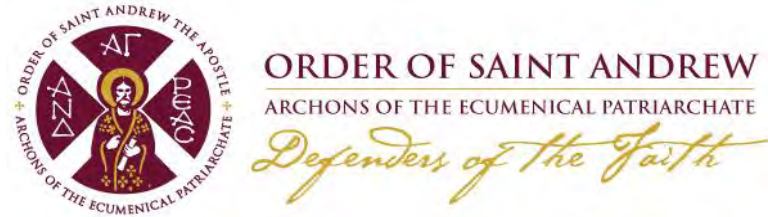
#### **Archons who departed this past year:**

Dr. George S. Bebis

Spyros Gavis

+May their memories are eternal

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## **2021/2022 ANNUAL REPORT**

### **2020/2021 #13 REGIONAL COMMANDER'S REPORT**

**North & South Carolina, East Tennessee**

**Submitted & prepared by:**

***Archon Harry Thomas Cavalaris, Ekdikos Regional Commander***

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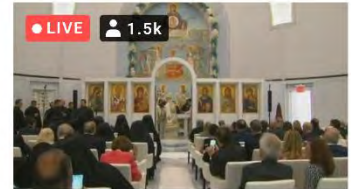
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**Celebrating 100  
Years in the Greek  
Orthodox  
Archdiocese of  
America**

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2. Archons Harry Cavalaris, James Cavalaris, Gerry Clonaris & Steve Zeis of Region #13 Order of St. Andrew attended the Centennial Archdiocese of America Clergy Laity New York and Consecration of St. Nicholas National Shrine July 2 – 8, 2022



3. Archon Elect Steve Trakas will be bestowed the Offikion Archon Order of St. Andrew of The Ecumenical Patriarchate Sunday, October 9, 2022 at the Greek Orthodox Archdiocesan Cathedral New York.



Pictured: Garifalia (Grace) Trakas, Eleni (Elaine) Trakas, Vasiliki (Victoria) Trakas, and Stephanos (Steve) Trakas

Mr. Trakas has contributed much to the ministries of St. George Cathedral since 1991. Spiritually through chanting, directing, and singing with the Cathedral choir and leading campaign efforts to build the Cathedral Chapel



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and Family Life Center. Previously, he attended Saint Nicholas in Spartanburg, where he served on the Parish Council.

He is a member of the Atlanta Metropolis Council and has been a member of its Long-Range Strategic Planning Committee.

Mr. Trakas leads the Prison Ministry at South Carolina's Perry Correctional Institute, to which representatives of the Catholic and Protestant faiths belong, and he is a participant in many charitable and civic organizations in the Greenville area.

He is the Executive Vice President of a large, diversified company engaged primarily in textiles, commercial real estate, and industrial equipment. He is a graduate of Wofford College, majoring in economics.

Grace is the US Supply Chain Manager for Humira at AbbVie and Board member of Hellenic Professional Society of Illinois,

Victoria is the Marketing Coordinator for Richard Brady & Associates and Printmaking, Drawing and Painting Artist located in San Diego,

Elaine is a Math Teacher at St. Joseph's Catholic School and serves on the Parish Council of St. George Cathedral in Greenville, SC.

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Saint Photios  
Greek Orthodox  
National Shrine

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**St Photios Greek Orthodox National Shrine is honored to share that Archon Elect Anthony Megas will be bestowed the Offikion Archon Order of St. Andrew of The Ecumenical Patriarchate Sunday, October 9, 2022, at the Greek Orthodox Archdiocesan Holy Trinity Cathedral in New York City, NY.**



Anthony is a life-long member of St. John the Divine in Jacksonville, Florida. He has served on the Parish Council off and on since 1988 where he has held every office.

He was also a member of the Building Committee at St. John the Divine. The parish relocated to their new church in 2020.

Anthony is also a second-generation active member of AHEPA.

Anthony has served on the Executive Board of St. Photios for over 20 years, first as the Secretary and currently as 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President for the past 15 years.

Anthony is a real estate appraiser and is the owner/president of Megas Appraisal Group, Inc. in Jacksonville. He has served as President of the local chapter of The Appraisal Institute.

Anthony is married to Michele and has two boys, Niko (14) and Michael (9).

## **5. ST. PHOTIOS GREEK ORTHODOX NATIONAL SHRINE FEASTDAY BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING SATURDAY FEBRUARY 5, 2020**

**ORDER OF ST. ANDREW THE APOSTLE BENEFACTORS**



St. Photios Greek Orthodox National Shrine, an institution of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America, is dedicated to the first colony of Greek people who came to America in 1768 and honors and is dedicated St. Photios the Great Ecumenical Patriarch of Constantinople Theologian, Missionary Faith Initiatives and defender of the Faith.

The Board of Trustees oversee the maintenance of the facilities and the ongoing outreach programs.

The Shrine is also a public place where all may come to honor and remember their own immigrant ancestors.

The Order of St. Andrew the Apostle is a major benefactors with many of the Board Members Archons of the Ecumenical Patriarchate with the Order of St. Andrew National Commander a permanent Board Member.

*Archons Board Members in Attendance.*

**Anthony Limberakis National Commander**  
**Jimmy Kokotas Supreme President Order of Ahepa**  
**Dr. Manuel Tissura, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President St. Photios Board of Trustees**  
**Harry Cavalaris, Emeritus Member Regional Commander**  
**Carl Holister Past Supreme President Order of Ahepa**  
**Anthony W. Megas Archon Elect 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President**  
**George Donkar**

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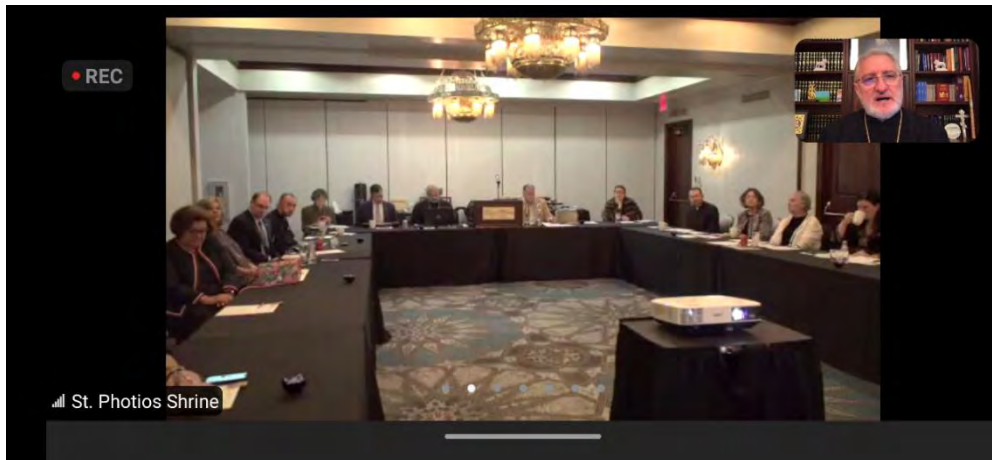
**Jimmy Frangis  
Nicholas Furriss  
Ted Pappas  
Ted Johnson  
Philip Yamalis**

*In attendance:*

**John Scurtis, Order of St. Andrew Regional Commander**

*Wives of Archons Board Members:*

**Susan (Dr. Nick) Loutsion  
Evangeline (John) Scurtis  
Olga (Harry) Plomarity Daughter of Archon**



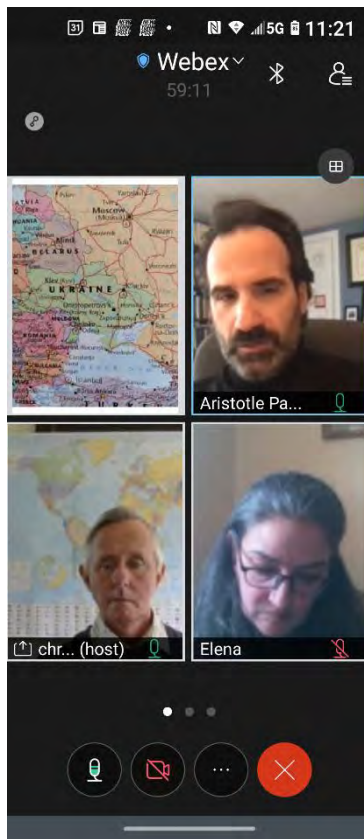
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**ICRA –  
Independent Conflict Research  
& Analysis**





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Archon Aristotle "Telly" Papanikolaou led the discussion on Orthodox Church in conflict between Russia and Ukraine  
Friday April 1, 2022

Independent Conflict Research & Analysis (ICRA) invites you to take part in one of our 'conversations'. These are designed as brief sessions to discuss topics that we believe are under-discussed in the context of conflict in general, or with regard to one particular conflict.

This discussion is to explore the role of religious institutions, specifically the Orthodox Church, in the conflict between Russia and Ukraine, and to see; firstly, if there are any particular points that we can illuminate more widely; and secondly whether the Church can play a role in resolution possibilities. The 'conversations' are informal events that are not recorded. The structure is simple. There are:

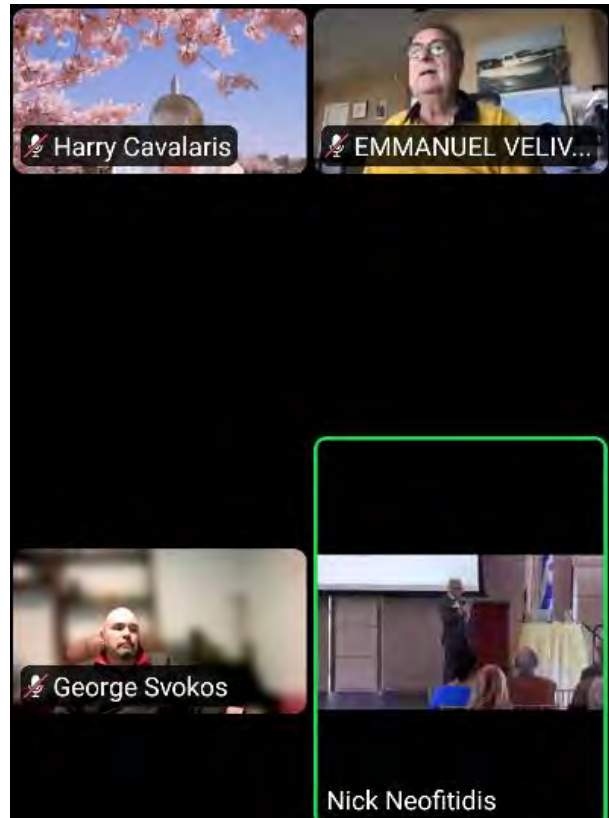
- \* A mediator - Christopher Langton, Head of ICRA
- \* A rapporteur - Elena Imbimbo Rathgeber, Deputy Head of ICRA
- \* Discussants: Kamal Alam, Archon Harry T. Cavalaris, Mark Jenkins, Markus Markert  
Advisor to proposed Order of St. Andrew Religious Freedom Conference Oxford University, Archon Aristotle "Telly" Papanikolaou
- Observers - Ivan Campbell and Geoff McCready, ICRA associates

## **7. Order of St. Andrew Archons Religious Retreat Long Island, NY** Apr 9, 2022 11:00 AM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Presenters:

**Rev. Dr. Nicholas G. Louh & Roxanne Louh, Psy.D., PA Licensed Psychologist**

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**8. Archons Order of St. Andrew and Order of AHEPA members were Pallbearers for the Trisagion Services for Very Rev. Fr. Polycarpus Krithinakis Holy Trinity Cathedral Charlotte, Tuesday, July 26, 2022**

The bringing of the 1926 first priest Very Rev. Fr. Polycarpus Krithinakis body home to Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Cathedral in Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Cathedral Centennial Year of Celebration reflects the curtesy, respect and appreciation Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Cathedral holds for all have gone before and continuing to serve known and unknown.

Deep appreciation is held to Dr. Simonides who made the community aware of the community history and the role of Fr. Krithinakis.



Special appreciation to the professional and personal commitment of Kenneth W. Poe Funeral Services of Kenneth Poe and Andrew Bahanovich in their research in the location and required protocol to complete this work. Andrew Bahanovich personally flew to North Dakota to oversee and work on the disinterment and arrangements to bring Fr. Krithinakis to Charlotte.

Left: John Couchell Ahepan, Archon Sam Kleto, Archon James Cavalaris, George Andrews Ahepan

Right: Louis Politis, Ahepan, Archon Harry Cavalaris, Archon Frank Boardman

**9. Recognizing Archon Frank Boardman *Maestor***



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**Metropolis of Atlanta Byzantine Icon and Architecture Advisor**

**Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Charlotte, NC Centennial Committee**

**Chairman Historical Marker Committee & Designer**

**Centennial Chairman & Iconographer in collaboration with Panos Kotos of Athens, Greece Holy Trinity Icon showing 3 places of worship from 1923 to 2023: Charlotte Chamber of Commerce Building, purchased Presbyterian church, & Cathedral 600 East Boulevard & home of the Jones Mansion block of Cathedral.**





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## 10. John Demosthenes Malatras, *Dikaiophylax*



January 28, 2022

CHARLOTTE – John Demosthenes Malatras passed away on Friday, January 28th, 2022. He is now rejoined with his lovely daughter, Toni Elizabeth who predeceased him.

John was born and raised in Washington D.C. He loved his Greek Orthodox faith and was an altar boy at Saints Constantine and Helen through the 1940s. John had the great opportunity to serve as an altar boy and be blessed by Athenagoras, the late Archbishop and Patriarch of Constantinople.

John served his country in the United States Army during the Korean War.

He came to Charlotte in 1970 with his family and joined Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Cathedral. John served many years on the Parish Council, five of which were as president. He also co-chaired the Yiasou Greek Festival for more than twelve years.

John was recognized for his outstanding service to the church by becoming an Archon of the Order of Saint Andrew the Apostle by Archbishop Spyridon and Patriarch Bartholomew of Constantinople. This is the highest honor a lay person can receive in the Orthodox Church.

John was a kind and loving man that will be dearly missed.

John is survived by his lovely and gracious wife of sixty-five years, Lucille Helen; his son, Mark Demosthenes Malatras and his wife, Christine; grandchildren, John Demosthenes Malatras and Katherine Elizabeth Malatras. He is also survived by his sister, Lula Strachan and many nephews and nieces. John was predeceased by his parents, Demosthenes A. and Malamo Malatras; sisters, Alexandra Thornberg, Louise Kokenes, Amalia Collier; brother, Ted Malatras and brother-in-law, Steve Kokenes.

Funeral Services were held 1:00 PM on Wednesday, February 2, 2022 at Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Cathedral in Charlotte with Rev. Dr. Jonathan Resmini officiating.

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## 11. Archon Chris J. Moutos, *Lambadarios* 1924-2022



Asheville - Chris John Moutos entered into rest on Tuesday, February 8th, 2022, at the age of 97.

He was born on May 25, 1924, in Doliana Evrytania, Greece and was the son of parents John Moutogianni and Kaliopi Vastaki.

He fled to America during the Greek Civil War in 1951 as a refugee and was sponsored by his aunt Mrs. Demetra Moutos.

He worked at his aunt's restaurant the Busy Bee Café from 1951 to about 1953. One day he took a trip to Asheville and the first breath of air he took reminded him of his hometown, so he stayed. He worked at Haywood Grill for a few years where he later ran it as Cosmos. Around 1963 Chris and his brother, Jim, got into the restaurant business together by purchasing a building on Tunnel Road and ran it as Acropolis. A year later they acquired the Mountaineer Court and later changed the Acropolis to a steak house. In 1977 he met and married the love of his life Varara, and had two children John and Nick.

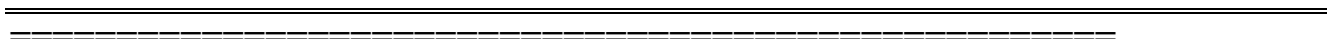
In 1993 he was titled Archon of the Ecumenical Patriarchate by the Archbishop of America Iakovos.

Many friends knew Chris for his generous hospitality. He spent many years of his life giving back to the community by donating to various charities and religious establishments. He served in various committees and was even elected as man of the year in Asheville.

Within the Greek community, he served as President of AHEPA, Velouchi, and the local parish. He rarely missed a day of church service and participated as a chanter.

He is survived by his wife Varvara, sons; John and Nick, grandson; Alex, daughter-in-law; Sarah, brother Jimmy, sister-in-law; Angeliki, along with many cousins, nieces, nephews, and god children.

Visitation was held from 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM on Wednesday, February 16, 2022, at Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church, 227 Cumberland Avenue in Asheville. Funeral service began at 11:00AM. Father Michael Diavatis is officiating. Interment was at Green Hills Cemetery, 25 New Leicester Highway, Asheville NC.



**The Metropolis of Atlanta is composed of 5 Order of St. Andrew Regions which hold joint Regional Meetings, Retreats and events during the year under the leadership of Archon Dr. Tissura Regional Commander District 12 & Metropolitan Alexios of Atlanta.**

**The Greek Orthodox Church & Patriarchal Human Rights awareness, initiatives and lectures are a major emphasis of the Archons of the Metropolis expressed in the meetings, the Fall Retreats & Spring Archon Dinner with a Speaker series.**

1. District 13: Archon Harry T Cavalaris Regional Commander,
2. District 12: Archon Dr. Manuel Tissura Regional Commander,
3. District 11A: North Florida: Archon Dr Theodore Vlahos, Regional Commander
4. District 11B: South Florida: Archon John Scurtis, Regional Commander,
5. District 8: Archon Thomas Yearout, Regional Commander

Region 13 hosts thru the year fellowship dinners in Charlotte, North Carolina to review current events and programs of the Order of St. Andrew concerning the Ecumenical Patriarchate.

All Archons are encouraged: 1. To support in at least one or more of the major areas of National Appeal, Archon National Weekend, and the International Religious Freedom Conference; 2. To make the Pilgrimage to the Patriarchate; 3. To be active spokesmen on behalf of the Human rights of the Ecumenical Patriarchate.

### **District 13 List of Archons: North & South Carolina, East Tennessee**

**Harry T Cavalaris**

**Ekdikos Regional Commander**

1. George Anderson, *Maestros*
2. James Michael Arakas, *Kastrinsios*
3. Frank Paul Boardman, *Maestor*
4. James T. Cavalaris, *Depoutatos*
5. Harry T. Cavalaris, *Ekdikos*
6. Gerald Clonaris, *Depoutatos*
7. Charles H. Cotros, *Laosynaktis*
8. Jon. J. Couchell, *Dikaiophylax*
9. Peter J. Couchell, *Hartoularios*

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10. Peter G. Demetriades, *Skevophylax*
11. Steven Doulaveris, *Maestor*
12. Nicholas Galifianakis, *Depoutatos*
13. Spiro C. Hondros, *Ostiarios*
14. Andrew G. Kampiziones, *Depoutatos*
15. Konstantinos T. Kazakos, *Hartoularios*
16. Dr. Demosthenes (Dennis) Kokenes, *Asekretes*
17. Sam N. Kleto, *Aktouarios*
18. Dr. Spiro J. Macris, *Hieromnimon*
19. Christopher Mandaleris, *Hartophylax*
20. Harry Moskos, *Depoutatos*
21. Chris J. Moutos, *Lambadarios*
22. Tom Nixon, *Dikaiophylax*
23. Michael G. Rallis M.D., *Referendarios*
24. Dr. Triandaphios (Terry) Sarantou, *Hartoularios*
25. James Tasios, *Kastrinsios*
26. Nick A. Theodore, *Depoutatos*
27. Constantine N. Vrettos, *Notarios*
28. Nicholas Yakubik, *Referendarios*
29. Stephen James Yallourakis, *Aktouarios*
30. Steve \*(Stavros) Elias Zeis, *Skevophy*



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## **2022 REGIONAL COMMANDERS' REPORT** **FLORIDA DISTRICT 11B**

**Prepared and Submitted by:**  
**John C. Scurtis, Regional Commander**  
**Archon Hartoularios**

On **Tuesday, May 17, 2022**, Archon Aktouarios, Dr. Andreas Tzakis of the South Florida Archons, was inducted into the Academy of Athens. He was inducted in the presence of the President of the Academy of Athens Mr. Antonios Regkakos and the General Secretary Mr. Christos Zerefos, as well as other official guests. You can watch the ceremony below, see link. AXIOS AXIOS AXIOS

<https://youtu.be/QU4wRP4huw0>

**St. Andrew Greek Orthodox Church; Kendall, FL.**  
**November 28, 2021**

His Grace Bishop Sevastianos of Zela offered his Episcopal blessings to the community of St. Andrew in Kendall, Florida on the occasion of their patronal feast, with Vespers on the Eve of the Feast, November 29th, and Divine Liturgy on November 30th. Artoklasias and Memorial Services remembering departed brother Archons were offered not only on the Feast of the Archons' Patron, St. Andrew, but two other Divine Liturgies as well: Saint Katherine (Naples) and Saint Mark (Boca Raton). At each of the three communities, a presentation was made which addressed 2 topics: Who are the Archons - What is our Mission and Why & What are the 5 issues of greatest concern for the plight of the Patriarchate and his All-Holiness Patriarch Bartholomew.







**St. Katherine Greek Orthodox Church; Naples, FL.**

**November 28, 2021 - 13<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Luke**

The Archons of the Ecumenical Patriarchate today offered fellowship and a presentation in honor of the **Feast Day of Saint Andrew** the first Archbishop of Constantinople, founder, and Patron Saint of our Mother Church of Constantinople. An Artoklasia in celebration of Saint Andrew was offered along with a memorial service for the 9 departed Archons of St. Katherine. The services were officiated by Rev. Fr. Demetre Mott, Fr. Dr. Emmanuel Clapsis and the Very Rev. Peter Atsales. Participating Archons were Dr. Harry Dimopoulos, Archon Hartophylax; F. John Frangakis, Archon Skevophylax; Arthur Katsaros, Archon Ostiarios; and Michael Stefanos, Archon Lambadarios. A presentation was made by Dr. Harry Dimopoulos in which he addressed 2 topics: Who are the Archons - what is our mission and why; and what are the 5-Issues of highest concern to us. A nearly full house of parishioners attended the liturgy, artoklasia and memorial service.



Respectfully submitted,

John C. Scurtis

Archon Hartoularios

Regional Commander South Florida



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## **2022 REGIONAL COMMANDERS' REPORT**

### **2022 DISTRICT 7 PHILADELPHIA** **REGIONAL COMMANDERS' REPORT**

#### **Submitted & Prepared by:**

**Cary J. Limberakis, DMD, Archon *Aktouarios***  
**Regional Commander**

As the Regional Commander of the Order of Saint Andrew the Apostle District 7, I humbly report the efforts and activities of the Archons of the Greater Philadelphia area.

After due consideration, because the Archons of southern New Jersey are much closer in proximity to the activities of the Greater Philadelphia Archons than those in northern New Jersey, and upon the agreement of Regional Commanders George A. Tsougarakis, Esq. and Cary J. Limberakis, DMD of New Jersey and Philadelphia, respectively, as well as the National Council, it was decided that those Archons residing south of route I-195 would be transferred to the jurisdiction of Philadelphia District 7. The number of Archons affected was seven.

It saddens me to report the passing earlier this year of our dear Archon Alex Breno who was a longtime faithful supporter of the activities of the Philadelphia Archons and a highly respected leader at the Holy Trinity Carpatho-Russian Orthodox church in Phoenixville, PA. May his memory be eternal. The Regional Commander was present at the funeral to offer a eulogy and present the Archon cross and to his widow and family.

Following the easing of the governmental constraints to assembly in person created by the Covid-19 pandemic, the notion of convening the next of our series of symposia to discuss the current issues confronting the Ecumenical Patriarchate



as well as contemporaneous theological/historical topics began to take shape. The next symposium will take place at the St. Thomas Greek Orthodox Church Hall in Cherry Hill, New Jersey. We are honored that His Eminence, Archbishop Elpidophoros of America and His Grace, Bishop Apostolos, as well as the Metropolis of New Jersey Chancellor, Father Christoforos Oikonomides will be present. This will be the first time that our symposium will take place in New Jersey, and it will feature speaker Archon Anastasios G. Papademetriou, PhD, Professor of History at Stockton University, New Jersey. He will present two discussions: *The Ecumenical Patriarchate of Constantinople Under the Ottomans*, and *The Ecumenical Patriarchate and The Great Catastrophe of 1922: History and Legacy*. Of interest in these two discussions will be the comparing of the present-day Turkish relations with the Ecumenical Patriarchate to that of the Ottoman period, as well as recognizing the 100-year Anniversary of the Catastrophe of Smyrna in 1922. At the time of this report, the District Archons are being encouraged to publicize the event and lend their support to ensure a successful turn-out.

We are most pleased to welcome new Archons to our District:  
Michael Efthimios Economou, Archon *Skevophylax* of Upper Darby, PA, and  
Elias Anthony Iliadis, MD, Archon *Exarchos* of Cherry Hill, NJ.

Lastly, the Regional Commander represented his District this past year at the National Council meetings in New York City, either in person or by teleconference, and attended the Archdiocese Clergy-Laity Congress, also held in New York City.

Respectfully submitted,

Cary J. Limberakis, DMD  
Archon *Aktouarios*  
Regional Commander, Philadelphia, District 7



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## **2022 REGIONAL COMMANDERS' REPORT**

### **Archons of the Ecumenical Patriarchate Metropolis of Pittsburgh**

#### **Submitted by:**

**Archon Proto Ekdikos Nick Tranto and Archon Ekdikos Nicholas Terezis  
Regional Commanders Metropolis of Pittsburgh (Region 16)**

The Order of St Andrew the Apostle of the Metropolis of Pittsburgh welcomed two new Regional Commanders in October 2021 with the appointment of Archon Proto Ekdikos Nick Tranto and Archon Ekdikos Nicholas Terezis. With great sorrow we mourned the passing of Regional Commander Archon Ekdikos Peter C. Papadakos, who fell asleep in the Lord in January 2022. May His Memory Be Eternal+. The Metropolis welcomed Archon Ostarios George Spanos of Holy Trinity Camp Hill, PA and Archon Inmodos Dr. Chris Vasilakis Assumption GOC of Morgantown, WV, who along with Archon Tranto were invested by HAH Bartholomew in NYC in Oct 2021. AXIOS! Our Metropolis also welcomed the news of two new Archon-Elects for 2022: Dr. James Schooley, DDS of Annunciation Columbus, Ohio; and Nick Theofanis of Holy Trinity Camp Hill, Pa. AXIOS!

This past year, the local leadership team set the multi-year goal of developing two areas of competency – awareness and communication. We will continue to work on developing these competencies in 2023. The following is a summary of our recent efforts:

#### **Awareness Initiatives**

- 1) Archon Sprout Program – The goal of this program is to educate our youth about the importance of the Ecumenical Patriarchate, the global issues facing our EP and his primacy in countries that are hostile to Orthodox Christian beliefs. The “Sprout” program includes awareness and education presentations to our youth at Sunday Schools, GOYA, YAL, OCF, Camp Nazareth and other gathering of Orthodox youth.
- 2) Sunday School Lessons – Our Archons have also initiated an effort to create formal “Archon Sprout” Sunday School Lesson Modules (PreK- 12) on the Ecumenical Patriarchate to be incorporated into the GOA national curriculum on or near the Feast Day of Patron Saint Andrew, the First Called Apostle beginning in November 2023. An important and valued member/contributor of this team is Ms. Katina Tsatalis of Annunciation GOC Dayton, Ohio.
- 3) Archon FAQ Document – Our local Archon team developed a FAQ document on the Order of St Andrew and the Ecumenical Patriarchate. Notable assistance was received from our ARCL, National Council, Archon scholars, and esteemed clergy. The FAQ can serve as an

excellent resource for our Archons. It is intended to be a consistent, accurate, clear, and historically correct document for Archon presentations to audiences of all demographics.

4) Presentations

- a) *GOYA* – RC Tranto and Terezis made two presentations in February and July 2022 to a regional GOYA Basketball tournament and to 80 youth campers (grades 10-12) at Camp Nazareth in Mercer, PA.
- b) *AHEPA* – In June 2022, ARCL Dr. Nick Loutsion and RC Nick Tranto made an Archon presentation to the AHEPA Power District 11 convention in Canonsburg, PA.
- c) *YAL* – During the weekend of Oct 7-8, local archons gave a presentation to over 400 YAL conference participants in Cleveland Ohio using Power Point and FAQ's document as key resources.
- d) *Feast of St Andrew 2021* – The feast of St. Andrew was commemorated throughout the Metropolis with Celebrations (Artoklasies and Trisagion) and presentations hosted by various Archons including: 1) Archons Proto Ekdikos Philip Yamalis, Protonotarios Nicholas Chakos, Hieromnimon John Conomos, Ekdikos Nicholas Terezis at Holy Cross Church, Mt. Lebanon, PA; 2) Archon Aktouarios Dr. Nicholas G. Loutsion at All Saints Church, Canonsburg, PA; 3) Archons Eftaxias John Harbilas and Ostiarios George Spanos at Holy Trinity Cathedral, Camp Hill, PA; 4) Archon Notarios Howard West at Sts. Peter and Paul Ukrainian Orthodox Church in Carnegie, PA; 5) Archon Ekdikos Peter Clyde Papadacos+ at Dormition of the Theotokos Church in Oakmont, PA; 6) Archon Ostiarios Steven Poulos at Sts. Constantine & Helen, Cleveland Heights, OH; and 7) Archon Hieromnemon Steven Sellas at St. Spyridon in Clarksburg, WV.

**Communication – Improved communication among all Archons in the Region**

- 1) Local Directory – Our Archons created and distributed a local “Archon Directory” that includes Archon photos current bio's and up-to-date contact information. Local surveys were sent to gather this information.
- 2) Metropolis Web Page – Our Archons also launched a new Archon webpage on the Metropolis of Pittsburgh
- 3) Private Facebook Page – a new private regional Archon Facebook page was launched that includes local initiatives, local news newsletters, documents, presentation material.
- 4) Shared & Archived files – We implemented a comprehensive dropbox group that enables the sharing of all historical and active documents.
- 5) In-person Archon Gatherings – On September 24<sup>th</sup>, the RC hosted an Archon business luncheon at Holy Trinity Pittsburgh Pa during the Metropolis of Pittsburgh Clergy-Laity annual meeting.

Additionally this past January, 12 Pittsburgh Archons pledged \$100,000 (as a group) over a 10-year period to support the new Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew Foundation.

Finally, with sadness we announce the passing of Archon Hartoularios John Kapioltas of Akron, Archon Exarchos John G. Rangos of Pittsburgh and Archon Notarios Raymond E. Speicher Warren, Ohio who fell asleep in the Lord. Each played a significant role in the life of their parishes, their Metropolis, the Archdiocese, Orthodox Christian organizations, and the community at large. May their Memories be eternal+.















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## **2022 REGIONAL COMMANDERS' REPORT** **For the Metropolis of Detroit**

### **Submitted by:**

**Detroit Metropolis Regional Commanders**  
**Mark Stavropoulos, Archon Referendarios**  
**and**  
**Lazaros Kircos, Archon Orphanotrofos**

### **Prepared by:**

**Lazaros Kircos, Archon Orphanotrofos**

Activities have been limited due to time constraints on the Regional Commanders and the restraints placed on all as a result of Covid restrictions and concerns.

The Metropolis of Detroit Archons did gather with His Eminence Archbishop Elpidophoros on April 9, 2022 when he visited Detroit. Archons were introduced to His Eminence and the Detroit Archons participated in sponsoring the evening dinner which also included leaders from the Metropolis Council, Philoptochos, Leadership 100, Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew Foundation Founders and the Archdiocesan Council. All were given the opportunity to greet His Eminence and hear his remarks.

His Eminence Archbishop Elpidophoros was the Grand Marshal of the Greek Parade held April 10 and the Detroit Archons marched with him carrying a large Archon banner.

Detroit Archon ranks have been decreasing with the passing of brother Archons in recent years and no new Archons for the past three years. One candidate submitted this year was not ratified at the national level.

We have identified three additional candidates we expect to submit in coming nomination rounds but struggle with having them meet guidelines for contributions



of time and talent at the Metropolis or National level when travel and other activities have been so constrained as a result of Covid concerns.

We expect to work with the Archon Regional Commander Liaison Committee to improve activities in the coming year.

Respectfully submitted,

*Lazaros Kircos*

Lazaros Kircos  
Archon Ophanotrofos,  
Regional Commander, Detroit



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## **2022 REGIONAL COMMANDERS' REPORT**

### **2022 METROPOLIS OF CHICAGO REGIONAL COMMANDERS' REPORT**

#### **Submitted & Prepared by:**

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

**John G. Manos, *Archon Eutaxias***

**Regional Commanders**

The following report reflects the Metropolis of Chicago Archon activities from November 2021 to August 31, 2022. Activities are as follows:

- 1) On November 29, 2021, the Metropolis of Chicago Archons attended Vespers for their patron saint, Saint Andrew, at St. Andrew Greek Orthodox Church in Chicago. Regional Commanders Gus M. Pablecas and John G. Manos and participating Archons upheld the Metropolis of Chicago tradition where the Archons will have the honor of escorting His Eminence Metropolitan Nathanael and clergy into St. Andrew prior to the service to celebrate their Patron Saint Andrew. The following Archons attended: Dr. George Bovis, Haralambos Bozonelos, Jeffrey Chrones, John Colis, Alexander Gianaras, John Manos, Gus Pablecas, Theodore Sepsis, Perry Siatis, Wesley Stinich and BJ Vranas. After the service, newly 2021 invested Archon Dr. George Bovis spoke to the congregation in church on behalf of the Archons. The community of St. Andrew then hosted a reception following the presentation.
- 2) In December 2021, the Greek Orthodox Metropolis of Chicago informed Regional Commanders Gus M. Pablecas and John G. Manos that the metropolis updated the Chicago Archon section on the Greek Orthodox of Metropolis web site (<https://www.chicago.goarch.org/archons-of-the-ecumenical-patriarchate>). Archon National Headquarters requested that all

Metropolises add an Archon section to their web sites to further educate parishioners and laypeople on the Order's mission. The Archon page now includes an email link to contact the Regional Commanders with questions; the Five Key Issues facing the Ecumenical Patriarchate; the Metropolis of Chicago Regional Commander Annual report; links to the Archon National website ([www.archons.org](http://www.archons.org)) and the Ecumenical Patriarchate ([www.patriarchate.org](http://www.patriarchate.org)); and news releases of Chicago Archon-related endeavors at the local and national level.

- 3) On Wednesday, December 29, 2021, Regional Commanders Gus M. Pablecas and John G. Manos, along with the following Metropolis of Chicago Archons participated in the Annual National Archon Meeting, which was held virtually: George Bovis, Robert Buhler, Alex Gianaras, Tom Kanelos, Paul Lillios, William Spell, Wesley Stinich, and BJ Vranas.
- 4) On January 17, 2022, Regional Commanders Gus M. Pablecas and John G. Manos held an informational meeting via Zoom to provide information about the Order of Saint Andrew the Apostle to lay members within the Greek Orthodox Metropolis of Chicago. The meeting culminated with a question-and-answer session.
- 5) On January 21, 2022, Archon Regional Commander Gus M. Pablecas was elected National Secretary for the Order of Saint Andrew the Apostle.
- 6) From February 18-22, 2022, the Archon Regional Commanders, along with Archons Perry Siatis and Jeff Chrones, represented the Archons of the Ecumenical Patriarchate at the YAL Conference held in Chicago, Illinois at the Loews Chicago O'Hare Hotel. 750 registered YAL participants attended the three-day 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 vendor's table for YAL participants to ask questions, obtain publications and to learn more about the Order of St. Andrew the Apostle throughout the three-day weekend.
- 7) On Sunday, March 13, 2022, the Orthodox faithful observed the Sunday of Orthodoxy. As Archons of the Ecumenical Patriarchate, and in observance of our Archon bylaws, all Archons were invited to participate in this

service at their local parish.

- 8) His Eminence Archbishop Elpidophoros of America's Archiepiscopal visit to the Greek Orthodox Metropolis of Chicago took place from March 23-March 25. His Eminence Metropolitan Nathanael and the Archbishop of America participated in a full schedule of events, including presiding over Vespers and Liturgy services in celebration of the Annunciation of the Theotokos. In support of the Archbishop Elpidophoros' visit, a contingency of Chicago Area Archons attended those services. On March 24, for Vespers at the Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church in Milwaukee, Archon Robert Buhler attended, while the Regional Commanders, along with Archons Dimitris Bousis, and Dr. Stilianos Efstratiadis attended services at the Annunciation Cathedral on LaSalle. On Friday morning, March 25, Archbishop Elpidophoros, together with Metropolitan Nathanael of Chicago, Metropolis Chancellor Bishop Timothy of Hexamilion and clergy, took part in Liturgy at the Cathedral of the Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church of Chicago in celebration of the church's feast day. After the service, the faithful celebrated Metropolitan Nathanael's four-year anniversary at the Greek Orthodox Metropolis of Chicago. The Regional Commanders, along with Archons Dimitris Bousis, Fred Chapekis, Dr. Stilianos Efstratiadis and Jim Logothetis were in attendance. On Friday evening, the Archbishop of America presided over Great Vespers and Salutations to the Theotokos at the Assumption Greek Orthodox Church in Chicago. The Archon Regional Commanders, along with Archons Jeffery Chrones, Alexander Gianaras, Tom Kanelos, Lou Laros, Lou Malevitis, Theodore Sepsis and Bill J. Vranas.
- 9) The National Archon Retreat took place on April 9-10, both in-person and virtually. The Regional Commanders and a number of Metropolis of Chicago Archons participated in the event.
- 10) The Metropolis of Chicago Archons held their 7th Annual Metropolis of Chicago Business Retreat in person at the Saint Iakovos Retreat Center in Kansasville, Wisconsin, on Saturday, April 30, 2022. His Eminence Metropolitan Nathanael of Chicago, Father Stamatios Sfikas from the Annunciation Cathedral in Chicago, and two family members of Regional Commander Emeritus Harold Peponis of blessed memory were among the honored guests at this year's retreat. During the meeting, Regional Commanders Gus M. Pablecas and John G. Manos recognized the recently invested Archons Dr. George Bovis, Ostiarios, and Dr. Jeremy Orhyon, Determinefs, and the Metropolis of Chicago Archons named to Archon

National Committees in the past year, including National Council Member John S. Koudounis, Eftaxias; Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew Foundation Investment Committee Members Robert A. Buhler, Referendarios, John S. Koudounis, Eftaxias, and William Spell, Laosynaktis; and National Secretary Gus M. Pablecas, Ostiarios. Religious freedom was also a theme of the business meeting, and included a discussion on religious persecution throughout the world taking place today and the impact of the war in Ukraine. The Archons also discussed local and national Archon initiatives currently taking place, shared thoughts and ideas as to how to continue the Archons' mission and Archon involvement, reviewed upcoming local and national Archon-related events, reviewed the matching grant opportunities the Metropolis of Chicago Archons established with the Renaissance Fund and the Hellenic Foundation to help further their mission at the local level, and discussed ways to help the Metropolis of Chicago in general.

After the business meeting, the Archons formally dedicated the prosikinitario of Saint Andrew, which was installed in the Tomaras Lodge at the Saint Iakovos Retreat Center in memory of Regional Commander Emeritus Harold Peponis. His Eminence Metropolitan Nathanael and Father Stamatios Sfikas presided over the dedication. Archon Peponis' wife, Faye Peponis, and son, Arthur Peponis, along with the Archons and spouses were in attendance.

The Retreat culminated with a lecture by Archon Aristotle Papanikolaou, who is a professor at Fordham University, and serves as the Archbishop Demetrios Chair in Orthodox Theology and Culture, and co-founding Director of the Orthodox Christian Studies Center at Fordham University. His presentation, titled "Russia, Religion, Ukraine," explored the role of religion in the current Russian invasion of Ukraine. Professor Papanikolaou discussed the history of the relation between Russian and Ukrainian people; the emergence of the Russian Orthodox Church as a public political actor in Russia in the post-soviet period; the recent support of Putin of Russia's religious history for Russian national identity; the use of Russian religious soft power in Russian foreign policy; and why Patriarch Kirill is supporting the war.

Metropolis of Chicago Archons in attendance included Regional Commanders John G. Manos and Gus M. Pablecas, and Arthur Balourdos, Haralambos Bozonelos, Robert Buhler, Jeffrey Chrones, Dr. John Fotopoulos, Ph.D., Alex Gianaras, John Hilaris, Perry Siatis, Wesley Stinich and BJ Vranas.

- 11) On Tuesday, May 17, 2022, the Greek Orthodox Metropolis of Chicago, the Archons of the Ecumenical Patriarchate in Chicago, and the Hellenic Society of Constantinople hosted the 41st Annual Commemoration of the Fall of Constantinople at Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church in Schiller Park, Illinois. Archon Dr. George Demacopoulos was the keynote speaker for the event. His presentation, titled “From 1453, to the ‘Third Rome’ to the Invasion of Ukraine,” offered a long historical overview linking the Roman Empire and the Fall of Byzantium to the rhetorical claim of some within the Russian Church that the Moscow Patriarchate is the lone inheritor of the authentic authority in the Orthodox Church. This overview put the current crisis in Ukraine into a better historical perspective and highlighted the extent to which the current leadership of the Moscow Patriarchate is actively undermining the historical and canonical role of the Ecumenical Patriarchate. Metropolis of Chicago Archons in attendance included: Arthur Balourdos, Dr. George Bovis, Robert Buhler, Honorable Jeffery G. Chrones, Alexander Gianaras, Tom Kanelos, Louis Laros, Regional Commander Gus M. Pablecas, Theodore Sepsis, Perry Siatis, Wesley Stinich, and Costa Zografopoulos.
- 12) On Sunday, May 22, 2022, the Metropolis of Chicago Archons participated in the annual Hellenic Heritage Parade in Greektown. Prior to the parade, the Archons met at the National Hellenic Museum, where a pre-parade meet and greet was held for esteemed participants in the parade. This year’s parade participants included: Regional Commanders John G. Manos and Gus M. Pablecas, Dimitrios Bousis, Dr. George Bovis, Bob Bozonelos, Robert Buhler, Jeffery G. Chrones, Alex Gianaras, John Hilaris, Tom Kanelos, Lou Laros, Paul Lillios, Ted Sepsis, and BJ Vranas.
- 13) On Sunday, June 25, Regional Commanders Gus Pablecas and John G. Manos, along with fellow Archons, attended Divine Liturgy at St. Demetrios Greek Orthodox Church in Elmhurst, Illinois, to venerate the Holy Relics of Nea Makri and St. Nikiforos the Leper.
- 14) From July 3-7, 2022, a number of Metropolis of Chicago Archons participated in the 46<sup>th</sup> Biennial Clergy-Laity Congress at Marriott Marquis in New York, N.Y. Archon family reception to be held on July 5.
- 15) Archon John G. Manos represented the Order of Saint Andrew the Apostle at the Second Annual Notre Dame Religious Liberty Initiative in Rome, which was held in Rome from July 20-22, 2022. The 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. In addition, Regional Commander John Manos had a private audience with His All Holiness Patriarch Bartholomew.

- 16) Throughout the year the Regional Commanders emailed news and information about local and national Archon-related events and activities, including participation in the Sunday of Orthodoxy, St. Andrew Day Vespers, and the National Archon Lenten Retreat.



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## **2022 REGIONAL COMMANDERS' REPORT**

### **2022 METROPOLIS OF DENVER DISTRICT 10** **REGIONAL COMMANDER'S REPORT**

#### **Submitted & Prepared by:**

**Dr. Gregory G. Papadeas, Archon Aktouarios**  
**Regional Commander**

I humbly report to you a brief description of activity during the past year on behalf of the Order of Saint Andrew in defense of our Holy Ecumenical Patriarch and Patriarchate.

**October 29 – 31, 2021 New York City, N.Y.:** Archons from throughout the Denver Metropolis attend Archon weekend.

**Tuesday November 2, 2021 New York City, N.Y.:** Many Archons from the Denver Metropolis attended the St. Nicholas Shrine Thyranixia presided over by Patriarch Bartholomew.

**Sunday November 28, 2021 Denver, Colorado:** Archons of the Order of St. Andrew hosted “coffee hour” at the Assumption of the Theotokos Cathedral in recognition of St. Andrew Feastday.



**January 14-16, 2022 Dallas, Texas:** Several Archons attended the Denver Metropolis annual GOYA basketball tournament. Dinner was hosted on Saturday evening by Dr. Gregory and Mrs Stellee Papadeas. Several Archons attended. Divine Liturgy was presided over by local clergy.

**Sunday March 13, 2022 at the Assumption Cathedral of the Theotokos, Denver, Colorado:** On the Sunday of Orthodoxy, many Archons gathered and led the procession of the icons around the church to celebrate the triumph of Orthodoxy and the restoration of icons in the Holy Greek Orthodox church!

**Sunday April 24, 2022 at the Assumption Cathedral of the** solea to receive the light from Metropolitan Isaiah in solidarity supporting the Ecumenical Patriarch and Ecumenical Patriarchate.

**Tuesday July 5, 2022 at the Biennial Archdiocesan Clergy-Laity Congress in New York City:** Several Archons attended the reception hosted by The Order of St. Andrew.

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Gregory G. Papadeas, D.O., F.A.O.C.D., F.A.A.D.  
Archon Aktouarios  
Regional Commander  
10<sup>th</sup> District



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## **2022 REGIONAL COMMANDERS' REPORT**

### **Submitted and Prepared By:**

**Isidoros Garifalakis, Archon Depoutatos**

It is my honor to submit this report on behalf of the Pacific Northwest Region of our Holy Archdiocese. Having been appointed as Regional Commander in the Fall of 2021, I am pleased to provide you with an update on the good works of our Archons, and their generosity in supporting the Archdiocese and Mother Church.

The Pacific Northwest Region of the Order of Saint Andrew the Apostle only has nine Archons, and we are pleased that a new Archon-elect has been designated from this area.

Our Archons have been instrumental in providing funding support for the Archdiocese Centennial, the Clergy-Laity Congress, Saint Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church and National Shrine, the Archdiocese Clergy and Lay Employee Pension Fund, and the rebuilding and restoration of the Balukli Hospital.

The weekend of September 22 – 25, 2022, the Archons in the Pacific Northwest will welcome His Eminence Archbishop Elpidophoros of America, for his first Archpastoral visit to this area of our Archdiocese. His visit will coincide with the celebration of the 100-year anniversary of Saint Demetrios Greek Orthodox Church in Seattle. During this weekend, the Archons are hosting a luncheon for His Eminence Archbishop Elpidophoros and providing an opportunity to interact with Archons and their families, clergy, Parish Council and Philoptochos leadership from the surrounding area parishes. They will also be presenting the Archbishop with a generous gift to support the Fr. Homer Demopoulos Scholarship Fund at Holy Cross School of Theology, honoring the legacy of Fr. Homer who served at Saint Demetrios in Seattle for 25 years until his untimely passing in 1993.

I am eager to increase the fellowship amongst the Archons in both the Seattle and Portland areas, and create opportunities to share the good works of the Order and emphasize to our fellow parishioners the challenges faced by the Ecumenical Patriarchate and preserve our religious freedom and our rightful place in Christian history.

I look forward to collaborating with my fellow Regional Commanders in the Metropolis of San Francisco and continuing to support the overall efforts of the Order of Saint Andrew the Apostle with God's help and to the best of my ability.



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## **2022 REGIONAL COMMANDERS' REPORT**

### **Metropolis of San Francisco**

#### **Prepared & Submitted by:**

**Archon Paul P. Sogotis, Orphanotrophos**

Archon Commander Dr. Anthony Limberakis  
Brother Archons and fellow Reginal Commanders

I am honored to have been chosen as Reginal Commander for the Metropolis of San Francisco. Along with my fellow commanders, Isidoros Garifalakis and Ted Konopisos.

Since being appointed this past March, I have taken the following actions.

1. I updated our list of Archons. Including, removing Archons that have moved out of the Metropolis.
2. Separated into 3 regions: Pacific Northwest / San Francisco Bay Area / Southern California (excel format)
3. I am working with or Metropolis Communications and putting together via constant contact:
  - Archons Questioner (via email) on-line PDF format.
  - Annual Christmas card (via email)
  - Notifications, Annual Exarch Appeal, Archon weekend, etc.
  - Metropolis of SF website: Local Archon news link
  - Starting Archon Sundays in our 3 regions on/around the Feast Day of St. Andrew
4. I have requested the Folk Dance Festival (FDF) committee that we can have 2 presentations at our next FDF (February 2023 location: tbd)  
Theme: ***What is An Archon***
5. By the middle of September, we will send out a letter to our Metropolis Archons introducing the Regional Commanders.

6. I have *suggested* that we separate our responsibilities and locality as follows:  
Regional Commanders:
- Isidoros Garifalakis (04) Pacific Northwest, Oregon, Washington, Alaska & Hawaii
  - Paul Sogotis (08) San Francisco Bay Area, California-Oregon border, Sacramento, San Jose, Fresno & Nevada
  - Theodore Konopisos (15) Los Angeles and Southern California, Bakersfield to San Diego and Arizona

Next Steps:

- a. I want to create a committee to take charge of the Archon Family Retreat weekend. To this end, I would like to have our weekend date following the South Hampton retreat.
- b. Re-Introduce all Archons to each other / Fundraiser cocktail party
- c. Create an Archon Parish Directory for the Metropolis

Respectfully Submitted:

Archon Paul P. Sogotis  
Orphanotrophos  
Metropolis of San Francisco



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## **2022 REGIONAL COMMANDERS' REPORT**

### **2022 REPORT/REGIONAL COMMANDER'S REPORT**

#### **Metropolis of San Francisco** **Southern California – Region 18**

##### **Submitted & Prepared by:**

**Archon Theodore D Konopisos, Hieromnimon  
Regional Commander**

**Archon Commander Dr. Anthony Limberakis and Brother Archons:**

**I assumed the responsibility of Regional Commander for Southern California late last year. Due to certain business and personal demands, I was unable to devote the necessary time required of an effective Regional Commander.**

**However, we were able to assemble an up-to-date Archon registry of members within our region with the help of the Metropolis and our new Regional Commander in San Francisco. We still have some work to do refining the list with accurate contact information.**

**We are in the process of identifying active members that we can engage to participate in the Exarch Appeal. It is our hope that the younger (more technologically savvy) members will be able to assist with this process.**

**We are also in the process of assembling a small group of newer Archons (last 10 years +/-) to participate in creating a vital outreach program to our community at large. There is much work to be done.**

**On a positive note, we were blessed with a visit from His Eminence Archbishop Elpidophoros in late March of this year while he was in Los Angeles. We hosted a private dinner with His Eminence for approximately 40 people in attendance. It was a very lovely evening, and we were all moved by his spirituality and his message. We are most grateful to have had the opportunity to meet him and enjoy an intimate meeting with His Eminence.**

**It is our intent to have a religious retreat in Southern California for the Archons and their families sometime in the first half of 2023. This can coincide with our brothers from Northern California and Oregon as well. We plan to work closely with them as the year progresses.**

**Respectfully Submitted:**

**Archon Theodore Konopisos  
Hieromnimon  
Metropolis of San Francisco**



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## IN MEMORIAM

January 2022 – September 2022

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Mr. Ernest W. Anast, *Archon Kastrinsios*, CA, Offikion Date: 3/3/1996  
Dr. George S. Bebis, *Archon Didaskalos Tou Evangeliou*, MA, Offikion Date: 6/1/1976  
Mr. Alex R. Breno, *Archon Ekdikos*, MD, Offikion Date: 3/3/1996  
Mr. Steve J. Costas, *Archon Depoutatos*, CT, Offikion Date: 4/1/1972  
Mr. Peter M. Dion, *Archon Depoutatos*, FL Offikion Date: 3/23/1986  
Mr. Aristides Duzoglou, *Archon Maestor*, NJ, Offikion Date: 3/23/1974  
Mr. John Gidicsin, *Archon Hartoularios*, NY, Offikion Date: 2/17/2001  
President Mikhail S. Gorbachev, *Archon Great Orator*, RUS, Offikion Date: 10/22/2005  
Mr. John Halecky Jr., *Archon Ekdikos*, NJ, Offikion Date: 7/20/1982  
Mr. Gabriel G. Habib, *Archon Notarios*, VA, Offikion Date: 7/7/1992  
Mr. John C. Hrapchak, *Archon Ekdikos*, AZ, Offikion Date: 2/28/1999  
Mr. Theodore S. Johnson, *Archon Depoutatos*, FL, Offikion Date: 3/8/1987  
Mr. John A. Kapioltas, *Archon Hartoularios*, FL, Offikion Date: 6/13/1989  
Mr. George L. Karagias, *Archon Exarchos*, NJ, Offikion Date: 3/7/1993  
Prof. Peter Karavites, *Archon Notarios*, MA, Offikion Date: 3/5/2000  
Dr. Harry T. Kolendrianos, *Archon Notarios*, VA, Offikion Date: 2/18/2001  
Mr. John D. Malatras, *Archon Notarios*, NC, Offikion Date: 2/28/1999  
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Mr. Chris J. Moutos, *Archon Lambadarios*, NC, Offikion Date: 3/16/1997  
Mr. Christos T. Panopoulos, *Archon Orphanotrofos*, MI, Offikion Date: 2/18/2001  
Mr. Peter Clyde N. Papadakos, Esq., *Archon Ekdikos*, PA, Offikion Date: 10/22/2006  
Dr. John C. Rouman, *Archon Prostatist Ton Grammaton*, NH, Offikion Date: 10/16/2011  
Mr. Nicholas Royce, *Archon Depoutatos*, CA, Offikion Date: 3/3/1985  
Mr. Harry G. Siafaris, *Archon Depoutatos*, CA, Offikion Date: 3/20/1994  
Mr. Nick Smyrnis, *Archon Ekdikos*, IN, Offikion Date: 3/11/1984  
Mr. John J. Spanos, *Archon Depoutatos*, VA, Offikion Date: 3/25/1986  
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- 1990 *Dr. John Brademas*
- 1991 *Andrew A. Athens*
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- 1995 *Hon. Edward Derwinski*
- 1996 *Order of AHEPA*
- 1997 *Reverend Clergy*
- 1998 *Nana Mouskouri*
- 1999 *Eli Wiesel*
- 2000 *Archbishop Desmond M. Tutu*
- 2001 *Archbishop Anastasios of Albania*
- 2002 *President George H.W. Bush & First Lady Barbara Bush*
- 2003 *Int. Orthodox Christian Charities (IOCC)*
- 2004 *Alex G. Spanos*
- 2005 *Mikhail Gorbachev*
- 2006 *Nicholas J. Bouras*
- 2007 *Archbishop Demetrios of America*
- 2008 *Rabbi Arthur Schneier*
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