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The 4th Archon International Conference on Religious Freedom

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SAVE THE DATE | Pilgrimage of Discovery Applications to open, January 15

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SAVE THE DATE | The John Halecky Jr. 20th Annual National Lenten Retreat, April 19–21, 2024

The John Halecky Jr. 20th Annual National Lenten Retreat will be held **April 19-21, 2024** at the Dormition of the Virgin Mary Greek Orthodox Church in Southampton, NY. Fr. Nicholas Louh, along with his wife, Presbyteria Roxanne, will serve as the Retreat Masters on “Renewing your Marriage”.

Session 1: Your Personality Your Marriage
Session 2: God's Blueprint for Lasting Love
Session 3: God's Blueprint for Fighting Right

Additional details will be forthcoming.



25 YEARS

of Service to the Mother Church



His All-Holiness Confers Special Honor Upon Commander Dr. Limberakis

On September 3, 2023 at the Holy Church of Saint Nicholas the Wonderworker of Myra, the Metropolitan Church in Pyrgos, Greece, His All-Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew elevated Dr. Anthony J. Limberakis, National Commander, to the offikion Archon Megas (Grand) Aktouarios. In his patriarchal letter to Dr. Limberakis, His All-Holiness explained that this honor was bestowed in view of the National Commander's "twenty-five years of service and devotion to the Great Church of Christ."





...You learned a deep and abiding love for the Mother Church, and together with your beloved spouse, Maria, you have not only served humanity as physicians of great skill and compassion, but you have served the Church with a filial love and devotion worthy of the finest humanity can offer.

—His All-Holiness

His All-Holiness, addressing Dr. Limberakis as “esteemed Grand Archon,” conveyed to him his “Paternal and Patriarchal joy and pride” at Dr. Limberakis’ quarter-century of service, “leading the Order of Saint Andrew, Archons of the Ecumenical Patriarchate, to ever greater effectiveness, action, and support for the Mother Church of Constantinople.”

His All-Holiness noted that Dr. Limberakis has “followed in the footsteps of your beloved father, Protospesbyter of the Ecumenical Throne John Limberakis, and your father-in-law, National Commander of the Order of Saint Andrew the Apostle, Dr. Anthony G.B. Borden - both of blessed memory.” Dr. Borden served as National Commander of the Archons of Ecumenical Patriarchate from 1976 to 1989.

“From these spiritual giants,” the Ecumenical Patriarch continued in his patriarchal letter to Dr. Limberakis, “you learned a deep and abiding love for the Mother Church, and together with your beloved spouse, Maria, you have not only served humanity as physicians of great skill and compassion, but you have served the Church with a filial love and de-

votion worthy of the finest humanity can offer.” His All-Holiness then presented Dr. Maria with a Patriarchal Holy Water Ecclesiastical vessel.

His All-Holiness also praised Dr. Limberakis for laying the groundwork for the future stability of both the Ecumenical Patriarchate and the Archons not just in the United States, but around the world. His All-Holiness said: “Your ministry through the Archons will give the generations to come another set of shoulders to stand upon

and expand their vision of the possible. For with dedication and unrelenting commitment, you have consistently and powerfully forged connections between the Mother Church and Her sons and daughters throughout the United States and indeed, around the world. And you have shown your abiding care for Her by the establishment of the Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew Foundation, an initiative of enormous significance in the modern history of the First Throne of Orthodoxy.”



Dr. Maria A. Limberakis is presented with a Patriarchal Holy Water Ecclesiastical vessel.



Commander Limberakis is joined by his wife, Dr. Maria, their family, and Archon leadership, as he was honored for serving as National Commander since 1998.

In conclusion, His All-Holiness stated: "Together with our gratitude and pride, we offer our Paternal and Patriarchal prayers for you to continue your sacred offering as National Commander for many years to come, and that the Lord our God may pour forth upon you, your family, and the whole Order of Saint Andrew the First-Called, health and happiness, through His grace and His infinite mercy."

His Eminence Archbishop Elpidophoros of America remarked, "The elevation of National Commander, Dr. Anthony J. Limberakis, to Grand Archon Aktouarios by the Ecumenical Patriarch today in Pyrgos tis Elias is an occasion of pride and joy for the entire Church in America. Grand Archon Limberakis' twenty-five year stewardship of the Order of St. Andrew has manifested many and diverse blessings for the Mother Church of Constantinople and the Sacred Archdiocese of America. ΑΞΙΟΣ!"

Archons Honor National Commander

On Saturday, October 21, 2023, during the Annual Meeting of the Archons, Archon leadership also honored the National

Commander, together with his wife, Dr. Maria, for his 25 years of tireless and selfless service.

The Hon. Judge B. Theodore Bozonelis, National Vice Commander, stated: "With deep gratitude, we wish to take this moment to honor our National Commander for his twenty-five years of service to our beloved Ecumenical Patriarchate and Archdiocese as National Commander, the longest serving National Commander."

Archon Bozonelis added that the honor was not for Dr. Limberakis alone, but for "his beloved wife and partner, Dr. Maria A. Limberakis, who herself has served our beloved Ecumenical Patriarchate and Archdiocese for these twenty-five years, and provided the wisdom, guidance, and support to the National Commander in his vision and leadership that has transformed the Archons of the Ecumenical Patriarchate from an honorary award into a call to action to become the most worthy and dynamic organization dedicated to the protection, preservation, and promotion of the Ecumenical Patriarchate."

Archon Bozonelis then called Dr. Maria to join her husband on the dais. The

National Vice Commander then offered "a few examples of the vision and leadership of the National Commander." He explained that the Archons of the Ecumenical Patriarchate "have been taken to another level and now constitute global advocacy. Starting with continuing meetings at the Ecumenical Patriarchate and with His All-Holiness; major religious freedom missions throughout the United States and Europe, the European Union, the European Court of Human Rights, meetings with all United States government leaders, foreign heads of state, ambassadors, diplomats, and religious leaders of all faiths; international religious freedom conferences in Brussels, Berlin, Washington, D.C. and upcoming in Athens."

Archon Bozonelis concluded: "That is vision, and that is leadership." He then invited the Spiritual Advisor of the Archons of the Ecumenical Patriarchate, Father Alex Karloutsos, along with the Executive Officers and the Limberakis family, to the dais for the presentation of a plaque that recognized their twenty-five years of service to the Archons.

ROYAL RECOGNITION



Crown Prince Pavlos Stands Tall as King Charles III's Representative, Accepting Prestigious Athenagoras Human Rights Award on Behalf of the Prince's Trust



Prince's Trust

His Eminence Archbishop Elpidophoros of America, Exarch of the Ecumenical Patriarchate, together with Dr. Anthony J. Limberakis, National Commander of the Archons of the Ecumenical Patriarchate, Order of Saint Andrew the Apostle, presented the Athenagoras Human Rights Award to the Prince's Trust. With the blessing of His Majesty King Charles III, His Royal Highness Crown Prince Pavlos, Vice President of Prince's Trust International and the eldest son of King Constantine and Queen Anne-Marie of Greece, accepted the Award on behalf of the Prince's Trust on Saturday, October 21, 2023, during the annual Athenagoras Human Rights Award Banquet held at the New York Hilton Hotel with over 600 Archons and guests in attendance.

His All-Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew, in a message commemorating the occasion, stated: "In recognizing the Prince's Trust with the Athenagoras Human Rights Award, we acknowledge the profound impact this organization has made in fostering a more just and inclusive society. This award underscores the vital role that organizations like the Prince's Trust play in ensuring that the fundamental rights and dignity of all individuals are upheld."



PHOTOS BY J. ANGELILLO

Axios!

HRH Crown Prince Pavlos, delivers remarks and gratitude on behalf of King Charles III and the Prince's Trust, shortly after he is presented with the Athenagoras Human Rights Award by the Exarch and National Commander.





Indeed, His Majesty King Charles III has a profound understanding of the scriptural admonition to love your neighbor as yourself, and in The Prince's Trust, he has brilliantly demonstrated the meaning and importance of that divine command.

—National Commander Limberakis

In a similar vein, His Eminence Archbishop Elpidophoros praised the Prince's Trust International, which, he said, "has had multiple impacts throughout the globe, and especially in Greece during the economic troubles of the last decade. With a reach that is as wide as it is inclusive, this labor of love and investment in the future has truly brought positive influences into the lives of young people, and shared with them opportunities for enhanced lives."

In a letter from Buckingham Palace that was read at the Award Banquet by the Chief Executive Officer of Prince's Trust International, Will Straw, His Majesty King Charles said: "I cannot tell you how sorry I am not to be with you in person on this occasion for the celebration of The Prince's Trust's work, but I am enormously grateful to you all for taking the time to attend this event. I am particularly delighted that His Royal Highness Crown Prince Pavlos, Vice President of Prince's Trust International, has agreed to receive the Athenagoras Human Rights Award this evening. I really am so pleased that The Trust's work continues to go from strength to strength, having, in recent years, expanded from its mission in the United Kingdom and now to be supporting young people in twenty-

three countries, including Greece and the United States of America where we recently launched our Enterprise Challenge programme in New York and Chicago."

At the Award Banquet, His Royal Highness Crown Prince Pavlos stated: "I am honoured to accept the 2023 Athenagoras Human Rights Award on behalf our President, His Majesty King Charles, for the work of The Prince's Trust International in Greece and around the world. I am also honoured to accept an award for Human Rights, which is named after one of the great Church leaders of the 20th Century, the late Ecumenical Patriarch of Constantinople, Athenagoras I." His Royal Highness added: "During these times when our world is being tested by major threats, it is now more imperative than ever to support our society and stand by our youth in every possible way. The right to work is a human right, enshrined in the UN's universal declaration. Every young person deserves the chance to be employed or start their own business as an entrepreneur. It makes life worth living and our mission at The Prince's Trust is to empower young people to build their own future."

Archon National Commander Limberakis noted that "The Prince's Trust

is a shining example of the Christian Faith put into practice, with innovative and effective programs that have helped over a million young people turn their lives around. Indeed, His Majesty King Charles III has a profound understanding of the scriptural admonition to love your neighbor as yourself, and in The Prince's Trust, he has brilliantly demonstrated the meaning and importance of that divine command. The Trust thus richly deserves to receive the 2023 Athenagoras Human Rights Award."

Prince's Trust International Chief Executive Officer Will Straw made a noteworthy announcement: "None of our work in Greece would have been possible without the generous support of our Founding Principal Benefactors, Dean and Marianne Metropoulos, the most esteemed title of recognition within the Prince's Trust International family of supporters. In light of receiving the incredible Athenagoras Human Rights Award, we are delighted to announce the creation of the Prince's Trust's Bartholomew Patrons, to thank individuals who pledge \$100,000 or more to support our work in the year of His Majesty's Coronation. This, of course, pays tribute to the Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew, the esteemed

Letter from King Charles

His Majesty King Charles III, shown here with His All-Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew at Buckingham Palace, October 25, 2022. Below, a letter was prepared from His Majesty.

Archbishop of Constantinople. We have ambitions to raise at least \$1 million through our Bartholomew Patrons to give young people the chance to succeed. Alongside their extraordinary commitment as Founding Principal Benefactors, we are also delighted to recognise Dean and Marianne Metropoulos as honouree Bartholomew Patrons. They are joined by John Catsimatidis, Corinne Mentzelopoulos, Kostas Pantazopoulos and Vivi Galani, as founding members. We have ambitions to raise at least \$1 million through our Bartholomew Patrons to give young people the chance to succeed."

The Dais Guests were introduced by Michael G. Psaros, Archon Ostiarios, the 2022 recipient of the Nicholas J. Bouras Award for Extraordinary Archon Stewardship. His Eminence Archbishop Elpidophoros offered the Invocation, after which the National Vice Commander of the Archons, Honorable B. Theodore Bozonelis, Archon Ekdikos, welcomed the attendees. The Master of Ceremonies was Mike Emanuel, Archon Hypomnematografos, a prominent national correspondent on Fox News.

Cappella Romana, the Byzantine Chant Ensemble that made headlines around the world chanting at the Coronation of His Majesty King Charles III, offered a musical tribute.

After dinner, Peter J. Skeadas, Archon Hieromnimon, National Treasurer, presented the Archon Class of 2023. Dr. Limberakis offered a tribute to the Prince's Trust, and following a video tribute, the award was presented. His Royal Highness Crown Prince Pavlos then offered a response, followed by His Eminence Archbishop Elpidophoros' Archiepiscopal Exhortation and Benediction.



BUCKINGHAM PALACE

Ladies and Gentlemen,

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In the beginning, I hoped that by supporting young people to develop their latent skills and to find work or training, The Trust would perhaps be able to help change some individuals' lives for the better. I am thrilled to say that it has now worked with over one million young people, helping them to start careers, launch businesses and re-engage with education.

I am enormously inspired by the determination and commitment of young people, some of whom you will hear from later. They are changemakers; they will shape the world's future and we must support them to realise their dreams.

Looking ahead, I very much hope the Trust in the U.K., the Commonwealth, the U.S. and, of course, in Greece can continue to help young people and communities to understand the immeasurable difference they can make to our society when they choose positive paths in life and achieve their goals. That way they can help build a brighter future.

CHARLES R.



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—HRH Prince Pavlos of Greece



Greetings

Will Straw, the President of Prince's Trust International, delivers greetings.



Introduction of Dais Guests

Michael G. Psaros, Archon Ostiarios, introduces dais guests and remarks about the Archon flag pin, often worn by Archon Mike Emmanuel during newcasts.



Master of Ceremonies

Mike Emmanuel, Archon Hypomnematografos, served as Master of Ceremonies that evening.

Annual Archon Weekend



PHOTOS BY J. MINDALA AND J. ANGELILLO

Archon George M. Marcus Receives Nicholas J. Bouras Award for Extraordinary Archon Stewardship

On Friday, Oct. 20, 2023, the Nicholas J. Bouras Award for Extraordinary Archon Stewardship was bestowed upon George M. Marcus, Archon Exarchos, for his outstanding service to the Orthodox Church as an Archon of the Ecumenical Patriarchate of Constantinople. The Award was presented by His Eminence Metropolitan Gerasimos of San Francisco and Dr. Anthony J. Limberakis, National Commander of the Archons of the Ecumenical Patriarchate, Order of Saint

Andrew the Apostle, at the Bouras Award Dinner during the Order's annual Archon Weekend at the New York Hilton Hotel in New York City.

In a written statement, His All-Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew said: "As Archon Exarchos of the Holy, Great Church of Christ, Archon George has shown himself to be genuinely worthy of that title, which historically was only given

to individuals with proven leadership abilities who were trusted to exercise authority by the Patriarch. Anything we can write concerning this particular Archon's achievements and leadership will inevitably fall short....His stewardship has been especially evident through his actions, which have left an indelible mark on our Church and communities. Aside from the self-sacrifice required to serve our fellow humanity, he has passed on his expertise and example through his various acts of charity and philanthropy...."





Archon George E. Safiol



Drs. Limberakis with Archon Marcus.



Dr. Kenneth Frangadakis

His All-Holiness added: "Archon George's talent can be seen through his extraordinary life, which saw him rise from humble origins in Euboea, Greece, growing up in an immigrant family, eventually achieving success in business through the Marcus & Millichap Company, which he co-founded and where he still serves as Chairman, and the Essex Property Trust. Consequently, we thank Archon George for using his God-given talents to support the Church and its mission, build our cultural heritage worldwide, and offer much to numerous admirable philanthropic causes."

In his own written statement, His Eminence Archbishop Elpidophoros remarked that Archon George Marcus was an "honoree of such distinction that it nearly defies elucidation. Archon George is well known throughout the Archdiocese and the American Nation from coast to coast. His philanthropy, stewardship,

initiatives, commitments to Hellenism, Ecumenism, and his devotion to the Mother Church of Constantinople are extraordinary to an ultimate degree. His success in business is legendary and his dedication to civic affairs and the good health of the body politic of the United States is worthy of every admiration. Beyond these involvements, his devotion to his Church and its good health, well-being, and success within our culture and society is indefatigable."

Dr. Anthony J. Limberakis, National Commander of the Order, stated: "It was particularly fitting that His Eminence Metropolitan Gerasimos was present, representing His Eminence Archbishop Elpidophoros of America, Exarch of the Ecumenical Patriarchate. For His Eminence is Metropolitan of San Francisco, where Archon George M. Marcus' devotion to God and His Church has had such

an impact upon the life of the Church and the community. Virtually everywhere the Greek Orthodox Church in America is, there is Archon George Marcus, but this is nowhere more fully and profoundly true than in the Metropolis of San Francisco, where Archon George is involved in an extraordinary range of foundations, organizations, and institutions in the Church and Greek community."

Introducing Archon Marcus was his lifelong friend and business partner, Dr. Kenneth Frangadakis. He and Archon Marcus are the proprietors of two of the most outstanding Greek restaurants in California, Evvia in Palo Alto and Kikkari in San Francisco. Dr. Frangadakis and Archon Marcus met as altar boys when they were twelve years old, and have been friends ever since.



We thank Archon George for using his God-given talents to support the Church and its mission, build our cultural heritage worldwide, and offer much to numerous admirable philanthropic causes."

—Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew





Renowned Cappella Romana Ensemble Presents Concert for Religious Freedom

On October 19, the Byzantine Chant Ensemble that made headlines around the world chanting at the Coronation of His Majesty King Charles III presented a Concert for Religious Freedom. This was an exclusive performance for FOUNDERS in good standing and new FOUNDERS of the Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew Foundation. The Concert was held at the Saint Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church and National Shrine at the World Trade Center. An elegant reception followed at Skinos in New York City.

Cappella Romana chanted *Lost Voices of Hagia Sophia*, which is the first vocal album in the world to be recorded entirely in live virtual acoustics. It brings together art history, music history, performance, and technology to re-create medieval sacred sound in the cathedral of Hagia Sophia as an aural virtual reality. By means of modern technology, it presents how chanting actually sounded in Hagia Sophia.

Cappella Romana performed selections from the Offices of Vespers and Matins, as well as from the Divine Liturgy,

for the Exaltation and Veneration of the Holy Cross, as they sounded at Hagia Sophia, The Great Church of Christ.

Before the concert, Anthony J. Limberakis, MD, Chair of the Foundation, welcomed the attendees. Archons Joseph J. Kokolakis, Esq., Markos K. Lagos and Michael P. Neamonitakis, the Chairs of the New Members Committee, offered greetings and introductions.

Cappella Romana is a professional vocal ensemble that performs early and contemporary sacred classical music in the Christian traditions of East and West. The ensemble is known especially for its presentations and recordings of medieval Byzantine chant (the Eastern sibling of Gregorian chant), Greek and Russian Orthodox choral works, and other sacred



His Eminence Metropolitan Gerasimos offering words.

music that expresses the historic traditions of a unified Christian inheritance.

Dr. Alexander Lingas, Archon Mousikodidaskalos, is the musical director and founder of Cappella Romana. Archon Lingas was director of the Byzantine Chant Ensemble for the coronation of His Majesty King Charles III. He is Professor of Music and Associate Director of the Institute of Sacred Arts at St. Vladimir's Orthodox Theological Seminary, as well as a Research Fellow of the Institute for Orthodox Christian Studies (Cambridge, UK).



Archon Markos and Sevasti Lagos, Archon Joseph and Anna Kokolakis and Archon Michael and Meropi Neamonitakis, Chairs of the New Members Committee.



EPBF FOUNDERS Archon Christopher and Georgette Tsavoussis along with Archon Michael Psaros gather together at Skinos.



Archon Paul P. and Denise Skoutelas and Archon Rocky and Constance Sission.

EPBF FOUNDERS Pin Unveiled in Exclusive Debut at Concert: A Symbol of Distinction and Commitment

Maria Allwin, a distinguished member of the EPBF Board, and Aphrodite Skeadas, the esteemed Communications Chair of the EPBF, unveiled an exquisitely crafted FOUNDERS pin during the evening concert. This meticulously designed pin showcases the iconic Patriarchal Byzantine Cross, the Foundation's initials "EPBF," and a symbolic globe that represents the far-reaching ministry of His All-Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew on a global scale. The pin serves as a testament to the FOUNDERS' commitment and the Foundation's profound connection to its mission. The Foundation is grateful to Maria Allwin for underwriting the design, development and fabrication of the elegant FOUNDERS pin.



PHOTOS BY J. MINDALA



Cappella Romana Receives Archon Sophia Award for Excellence

On Saturday, October 21, the Archons of the Ecumenical Patriarchate held an Agape Luncheon, in which Cappella Romana was honored with the Archon Sophia Award for Excellence.

Cappella Romana is a professional vocal ensemble that performs early and contemporary sacred classical music in the Christian traditions of East and West. Founded in 1991, Cappella Romana's name refers to the medieval Greek concept of the Roman *oikoumene* (inhabited world), which embraced Rome and Western Europe, as well as the Byzantine Empire of Constantinople ("New Rome") and its Slavic commonwealth. Dr. Alexander Lingas, Archon Mousikodidaskalos, is the musical director and founder of Cappella Romana.

After an invocation by His Eminence

Metropolitan Gerasimos of San Francisco, Dr. Maria A. Limberakis welcomed the attendees and spoke on "The 2023 Religious Freedom Mission and the Role of the Archon Family." Following lunch, Dr. Maria A. Limberakis and Dr. Anthony J. Limberakis, National Commander of the Archons of the Ecumenical Patriarchate, presented the Archon Sophia Award For Excellence to Cappella Romana. Mark Powell, Executive Director of Cappella Romana, and Archon Dr. Lingas then offered remarks.

"No other group in the world has Cappella Romana's singular focus, music of the authentic Christian inheritance, of Orthodoxy. There are Archons in this room who have shared our vision during our more than 32 years, and to all of you we are extremely grateful for this award," said Mark Powell.

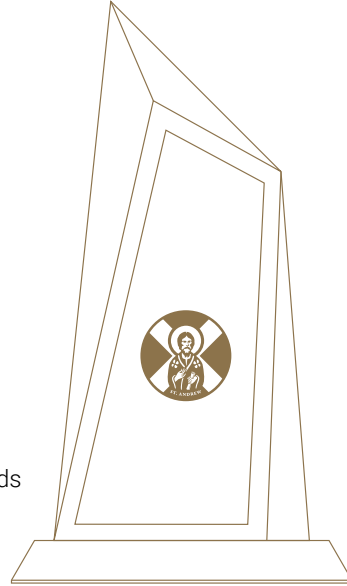
Archon Dr. Lingas concluded "On behalf of Cappella Romana, my profound thanks to the Archons of the Order of St. Andrew, for this great honor, the Sophia Award. Thank you."

His Eminence Metropolitan Gerasimos of San Francisco gave the closing benediction.

Dr. Anthony J. Limberakis, National Commander of the Archons of the Ecumenical Patriarchate, observed: "Cappella Romana reminds us all of the breathtaking beauty of our tradition with its marvelous re-creation of what Byzantine sacred choral music actually sounded like in Hagia Sophia cathedral. In this, they illuminate and inspire us, and move us to redouble our efforts for the defense and protection of our Holy Mother Church. The importance of this cannot be understated, and they richly deserve the Sophia Award."

The
Archon
Sophia Award
FOR
Excellence

The Archon Sophia Award for Excellence is given by the Archons of the Ecumenical Patriarchate to an individual or individuals who have distinguished themselves in endeavors that serve the needs of the Holy Mother Church and the Sacred Mission of the Archons of the Great Church of Christ.



Divine Liturgy

Archon Dr. Alexander Lingas directs Cappella Romana during the Investiture.



Athenagoras Banquet

Cappella Romana performs during the evening banquet.

Archons of the Ecumenical Patriarchate Add 39 Distinguished New Members

His Eminence Archbishop Elpidophoros of America, accompanied by His Eminence Metropolitan Gerasimos of San Francisco and His Eminence Metropolitan Apostolos of New Jersey, presided at the Investiture of thirty-nine new Archons of the Ecumenical Patriarchate from throughout the United States, following the Divine Liturgy at the Archdiocesan Cathedral of the Holy Trinity on October 22, 2023.



Archon Nicholas S. Kass, left, who was instrumental to the Archons during their Religious Freedom Mission to Romania. His Eminence Metropolitan Gerasimos of San Francisco, middle, joins Regional Commanders Gerry Ranglas, Hon. Steve Counelis, and Isidoros Garifalakis with the newly-invested Archons Psefteas, Kailas, Pallis and Marutsos of his Metropolis. Archon John Payiavlas, right, with his newly-invested son Anthony.

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HRH Prince Pavlos addresses National Council and Regional Commanders during their meeting.



Archon John Zavitsanos leads Archon Boot Camp.



Archons Gus Pablecas and John Manos at Boot Camp.



Archons-elect listen attentively during the Archon Boot Camp.

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Annual Archon Weekend



National Commander Dr. Limberakis delivers an Orientation to the Archons-elect.



Archon Nick Tranto is joined by team members of the Pilgrimage of Discovery, during an Engagement Committee.



Father Alex Karloutsos, Archon Spiritual Advisor, with Archons George Marcus and Dean Metropoulos.



On October 19, board members of the Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew Foundation gathered to deliberate and decide on important issues regarding the Foundation. FOUNDERS in good standing were also welcomed to be present, in the interest of transparency.

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The 4th Archon International Conference on Religious Freedom

May 26-29, 2024 Athens, Greece

Letter of the Exarch, Archbishop Elpidophoros, to all Archons in America

At the venerable directive of His All-Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew, I am delighted to inform you of the **Fourth Archon International Conference on Religious Freedom**, which will take place next year in **Athens, Greece, May 26-29, 2024**, and will have as its theme **“Protecting Religious Freedom, Democracy and Human Rights.”**

This conference is being organized and hosted by the Archons of the Ecumenical Patriarchate in America, the Brotherhood of Panagia Pammakaristos in Greece, the Order of the Holy Apostle Paul in Canada, as well as the Archons from Europe and Australia, and will have the added privilege of having the **First Global Summit of Archons on May 29**.

This significant occasion will convene Archons of the Ecumenical Throne from all over the world in order to examine and deliberate upon pressing issues of paramount importance — concerning human rights and the emphasis of religious freedom — as they pertain to the immediate needs and continued welfare of our Ecumenical Patriarchate.

Therefore, I am deeply pleased to extend an invitation to you, in your capacity as an esteemed Archon of the Mother Church, to participate in this special international gathering in support of the First Throne of Orthodoxy. For further information regarding the conference, you are welcome to visit the following weblink: <https://conference.archons.org/>. Please be aware that registration is limited, so you are encouraged to reserve your attendance as soon as possible.

Extending to you and your loved ones my archpastoral blessings and wholehearted prayers for a joyous Christmas season and a spiritually prosperous new year, I remain.

With paternal love in Christ,

† ELPIDOPHOROS
Archbishop of America

Sunday, May 26



9:00AM

Divine Liturgy / Annunciation

Cathedral: Attend the Divine Liturgy at this historic cathedral church.



6:00PM–8:00PM

Welcome Reception / Welcome

Reception: Conference participants will be welcomed at an evening reception.

Fee: \$1,000 Additional guest fee: \$500
For Hotel Rates, Booking and Registration, visit:
conference.archons.org



Due to venue capacity constraints, **participation will be limited to 300**, on a first-come, first-served basis. Registrants are responsible for making their own hotel and flight reservations.

Protecting
Religious Freedom,
Democracy &
Human Rights



Monday, May 27



10:00AM–12:00PM

Official Opening / Stoa of Attalos: The Archon's Fourth International Conference commences at Stoa of Attalos.



12:00PM–1:30PM

Lunch / Theta café restaurant: A meal will be provided at Theta café restaurant.



2:30PM–4:30PM

First Session / Old Parliament: The first session begins at the Old Parliament Building.



7:30PM–10:00PM

Welcome Dinner / Acropolis Museum: A welcome dinner will be held at the Acropolis Museum.

Tuesday, May 28



10:00AM–12:00PM

Second Session / Zappeion: The second session will be held at Zappeion Hall, and National Garden of Athens.



12:30PM–2:00PM

Lunch / Aegli: A meal will be provided at the Aegli Zappeion Restaurant.



2:30PM–4:30PM

Third Session / Zappeion: Afternoon sessions will continue in the Zappeion Hall



6:30PM–8:00PM

Cocktail Reception / American School of Classical Studies: A reception will be held at the American School of Classical Studies, Kolonaki. The evening is free after the reception.

Wednesday, May 29

The 1st
Global Summit
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9:00AM–1:00PM

Archon Global Summit Meeting Old Parliament: With the blessings of His All-Holiness, the Archons of the Ecumenical Patriarchate from around the world will gather, for the first-ever global summit of Archons. The meeting will be held at the Old Parliament.



7:30AM–10:00PM

Farewell Dinner / Zappeion: We gather to say farewell and thank you to all of our Conference participants during a dinner at the Peristilio, Zappeion Hall.

National Commander Visits Alabama's Malbis Monastery of The Presentation of the Theotokos; delivers presentation on the work of the Archons and Bartholomew Foundation

On Sunday, November 12, 2023, Dr. Anthony J. Limberakis, the National Commander of the Archons of the Ecumenical Patriarchate, visited the Sacred Patriarchal and Stavropegial Monastery of the Presentation of the Theotokos in Malbis, Alabama. National Commander Limberakis was escorted by the newly invested Archon Dimitris Kyriazis, MD., hosted by the Malbis Plantation's president Angelo Matthews and also throughout the weekend by Archon Gregory B. Saad.

While at the church, National Commander Limberakis attended a trisagion for the repose of the soul of the Reverend Father James Cleondis, a long-time servant of the Greek Orthodox community in the Mobile, Alabama area, who

fell asleep in the Lord on October 30, 2020.

Later that evening at its seventh annual GreekFest Charity Gala, Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church / GreekFest Charity Gala, Inc. announced that it was becoming a FOUNDER of the Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew Foundation. At the Gala, the parish gave special honor to the Foundation, names it as one the Gala's 2023 beneficiaries. Dr. Limberakis, Chair of the Foundation, delivered a presentation on the History of the Orthodox Church; what an

Archon is; and the Archons' efforts in the U.S. and Europe to protect and defend the Ecumenical Patriarchate and stand for religious freedom. He also spoke about the work of the Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew Foundation.



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Father Matthew Carter, along with Archon Greg Saad, above, announce becoming FOUNDERS of the EPBF. The National Commander Dr. Limberakis and Archon Dr. Dimitris Kyriazis, below, visit the Monastery of the Presentation of the Theotokos.





At OSCE Conference in Warsaw, Poland, Archons Sisson and Hon. Counelis offer strong advocacy for religious freedom on behalf of the Mother Church

Archon Hon. Steven G. Counelis, along with Archon Rocky Sisson, once again raised international awareness regarding the plight of the Ecumenical Patriarchate at the annual Warsaw Human Dimension Conference of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE), one of the world's largest human rights conferences, which was held from October 2 to 13, 2023.

Archons Sisson and Counelis each participated in the assembly and submitted written statements. Archon Counelis delivered an oral statement at the conference's third Plenary Session, which was devoted to issues of tolerance and non-discrimination. He called attention to the five issues which "perpetuate religious and cultural discrimination against the Ecumenical Patriarchate," and noted that the Archons "strenuously object to the Turkish government's 2020 decision to convert Hagia Sophia from a museum to a mosque."

Archon Hon. Counelis also submitted a detailed written statement, providing a wealth of detail about how the Turkish government deprives the Ecumenical Patriarchate of essential rights, and de-

claring: "The Turkish Constitution defines the country as a secular state. It provides for freedom of conscience, religious belief, conviction, expression, and worship and prohibits discrimination based on religious grounds. Nonetheless, the Government of Turkey has intentionally failed to create such a society for its Christian members, and other religious minorities. We call upon the Turkish Government to finally live up to its own Constitution."

While in Poland, Archon Hon. Counelis paid a visit to Auschwitz, the site of an infamous Nazi death camp during World War II, and a lasting monument of what can be the horrific result of the same intolerance he decried at the OSCE conference.

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

Since 2006, the Archons have sent a delegation to the OSCE meetings in



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

New Regional Commander Appointed for Southern CA

With the blessings of His Eminence Archbishop Elpidophoros of America and in consultation with His Eminence Metropolitan Gerasimos of San Francisco, Dr. Anthony J. Limberakis, National Commander of the Archons of the Ecumenical Patriarchate, has appointed Archon Gerry Ranglas Regional Commander for the Southern California region, Metropolis of San Francisco, joining Regional Commanders Theodore D. Konopisos and the Hon. Steven G. Counelis. Archons Paul Sogotis and Isidoros Garifalakis are Regional Commanders for the San Francisco and Pacific Northwest regions respectively of the Metropolis.

"I couldn't be more pleased and honored to make this appointment," said Dr. Limberakis. "I had the privilege of getting to know Archon Ranglas and his dynamic wife Jeannie, who currently serves as President of the Metropolis of San Francisco Philoptochos and as

Second Vice-President of the National Philoptochos, on pilgrimages we took together to deepen our knowledge of and love for our Holy Orthodox Faith and Ecumenical Patriarchate. Archon Gerry and Jeannie are an amazing team, serving God's Holy Church and the Hellenic Community wholeheartedly and with an inspiring commitment to passing on the traditions of our Forefathers and Foremothers to our children, grandchildren, and generations to come."

Archon Ranglas remarked: "This is an immense honor and a solemn commitment. I am profoundly grateful to His Eminence Archbishop Elpidophoros, His Eminence Metropolitan Gerasimos and National Commander Dr. Limberakis for their confidence in me. In this new role as Regional Commander in Southern California, I look forward to the opportunity to expand my service to our Mother Church of Constantinople in the days ahead."

Archon Gerry and Jeannie Ranglas are FOUNDERS of the Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew Foundation and Dominion Donors to the Saint Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church and National Shrine at the World Trade Center (Dominion Donors contribute between \$1 and \$2 million). They stated: "We view the Saint Nicholas National Shrine as a beacon of faith, hope, and love for the Orthodox faith in America." In addition, Archon Gerry and Jeannie are members of Leadership 100 and benefactors of the Metropolis of San Francisco. Archon Gerry is a member of the Executive Committee for Leadership 100. They are the lead donors of the Gerry and Jeannie Ranglas Ancient Greek History Chair at the University of California, San Diego. Jeannie was mentioned as one of the "Extraordinary Greek People" in Archon Andrew E. Manatos' book of that name.

Gerry Ranglas was invested as an Archon on March 10, 2002 and conferred with the offikion Depoutatos



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—Regional Commander Gerry Ranglas



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Archons honored and recognized throughout the Country



Archon George Zimmar, PhD

On December 24, 2023 at the Greek Orthodox Church of Our Saviour in Rye, NY, His Eminence Archbishop Elpidophoros of America honored Archon George Zimmar, PhD, with the Medal of Saint Paul, the highest commendation of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America.



Archon Nick Letsios

In Washington D.C. on Dec 14, at a significant gathering of leaders, Nikolaos Letsios, 3rd from left, was honored with the "Goddess Artemis" award by the Euro-American Women's Council.



Archon George A. Tsougarakis

The Hellenic Medical Society honored George A. Tsougarakis as Hellene of the Year. This prestigious award was conferred at the Hellenic Medical Society's Annual Scholarship Gala, Dec. 9.



Archon Perry Siatis

On, Nov. 18, the Hellenic Bar Association Foundation honored Archon Perry Siatis with its prestigious 2023 Lawyer of the Year Award, conferred at the Foundation's 73rd Annual Scholarship Ball.



Archon Christopher and Mary Stratakis

The Board of Directors of the Archdiocesan Cathedral Philoptochos Society honored Archon Christopher Stratakis, Esq., and his wife Mary at their annual Chrysanthemum Ball, Nov. 17.



Archon Harry Cavalaris

Archon Harry T. Cavalaris was chosen as the recipient of the 2023 Metropolitan's Choice Award of the Greek Orthodox Metropolis of Atlanta, Nov. 11.



Archon Nikiforos Mathews

The Hellenic Lawyers Association honored Nikiforos Mathews at its 33rd Annual Scholarship Dinner Gala, in New York City on Nov. 10.



Archon Andreas Comodromos

Archon Andreas D. Comodromos, Founding President and President Emeritus of the Cyprus-U.S. Chamber of Commerce, was honored with that organization's annual "Distinguished Merit Award." on Nov. 2.



Archon Dr. Elias A. Iliadis

The Hellenic Federation of New Jersey honored Archon Dr. Elias A. Iliadis with the Hippocrates Community service award at their 10th Annual Gala Banquet, Oct. 15.

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Archons Condemn the Bombing of Gaza's Saint Porphyrius Greek Orthodox Church and Other Humanitarian Institutions

The following statement was issued by the National Commander on behalf of the Archons of the Ecumenical Patriarchate:

Even when inadvertent, military actions that instill harm to houses of worship and other institutions that are dedicated to aiding and protecting the innocent people who are caught up in war are unacceptable and could have far-reaching consequences that bring even more violence upon innocents. As Thomas Friedman noted in the New York Times, "an overreach in Gaza could set the whole neighborhood ablaze."

Accordingly, we urge all people of faith and political leaders to take every precaution that prevents damage to sacred spaces and humanitarian institutions by immediately ceasing any and all operations that could harm women, children, the elderly, and others who have no conceivable responsibility for the conflict. We exhort them to recall the value of human life that is taught in their religious traditions, and accordingly to work assiduously to bring an end to this war, rather than to prolong and widen the suffering of innocent people and the damage to civilian institutions.

The Orthodox Patriarchate of Jerusalem, of which Saint Porphyrius Church is a part, is committed to assistance, support, and refuge to those in need. We pray that all those involved will follow its lead, end actions that pressure the Patriarchate and other such institutions to abandon their sacred duties, and make the well-being of the most vulnerable and needy their utmost priority.

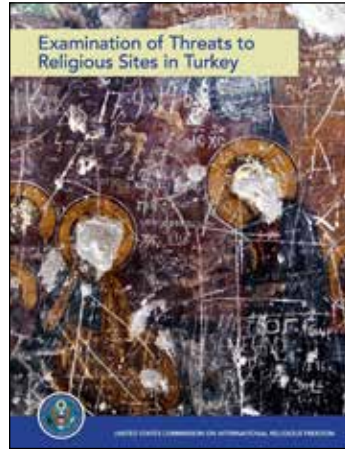
The Archons of the Ecumenical Patriarchate joins all those worldwide who rightfully condemn the savage terrorist attack on Israel by Hamas. We also stand as "peacemakers" who condemn all violence and call now for the bloodshed to end. Only through a profound commitment to peaceful coexistence and honest dialogue can peace dawn both in Gaza and in the entire world.



The Church of Saint Porphyrius in Gaza City belongs to the Patriarchate of Jerusalem and was the oldest active church in the city. The Church was sheltering hundreds of displaced Palestinians before it was hit overnight by an Israeli air strike.

USCIRF Releases New Report: Examination of Threats to Religious Sites in Turkey

The United States Commission on International Religious Freedom (USCIRF) released a new report, Examination of Threats to Religious Sites in Turkey. This report examines threats to religious properties in Turkey, including places of worship, religious institutions, and cemeteries, and outlines important aspects of the ongoing plight of the Ecumenical Patriarchate of Constantinople.



The report notes that “the 1923 Treaty of Lausanne also provided protection and freedom of worship for the remaining non-Muslim communities,” but that this protection and freedom of worship has often been sharply curtailed, not infrequently through action against sacred Christian sites. The report shows highest number of attacks on Greek Orthodox and other Orthodox churches took place in the Marmara region, where Istanbul is located, correlating to its higher concentration of non-Muslim populations.

The report also cites one notorious example of how “confiscation can also be used as a form of retaliation,” and details how “Turkish authorities confiscated the Prinkipo Greek Orthodox Orphanage in Büyükdada, Istanbul” in 1964 and subsequently “closed it down and let it decay.” By the time the Ecumenical Patriarchate was able to regain control of the site by means of an appeal to the European Court of Human Rights, “the building had sustained significant damage and fallen into disrepair. The burden is on the Greek Orthodox community to repair and preserve the site at considerable financial cost.”

In summary, the report concludes that while bombings and terrorist attacks have decreased over the last decade, incidents of vandalism, destruction of religious property through arson, treasure hunting, and the lack of prosecution of these incidents have increasingly affected the Greek Orthodox and other Orthodox communities in Turkey. These findings are an indication of a wider political indifference towards the protection and property rights of the community as a non-Muslim minority.

Analysis of the Orthodox Church in Contemporary Geopolitics

A recent detailed analysis of the Orthodox Church’s involvement in contemporary geopolitics includes the history, structure, and current influences of the Orthodox Church in various regions of the world. The report is written by Professor Elizabeth Prodromou.

The Executive Summary begins, “The historical significance and current presence of Orthodox Churches in locations of key competition between the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) and Russia, and in the great power rivalries of the twenty-first century, raises important questions about the role and impact of Orthodox Churches in contemporary geopolitics. Kremlin-supported challenges by the Moscow Patriarchate to the Ecumenical Patriarchate of Constantinople (EP), the global leader of a unified Orthodox Church that endorses universal human rights and rule of law, have provoked intense ecclesiastical conflicts within Orthodoxy over institutional, normative, and material resources.”

Some of the 'key takeaways' include:

The EP’s decision establishing the autocephalous Orthodox Church of Ukraine (OCU), concomitant with the Kremlin’s ongoing war in Ukraine, positions Ukraine as an important Rorschach test for the Constantinople-versus-Moscow orientations of Orthodox Churches worldwide.

Western diplomacy that holds Kyiv accountable on religious freedom decisions will give traction to Orthodox leaderships committed to human rights. Alternatively, transatlantic indifference to Kyiv’s legislative and intelligence moves that target Ukrainian Orthodox Church (UOC) churches will weaken democracy dynamics, social cohesion, and reconciliation in a post-war Ukraine.

Generational transitions in the leadership of key Orthodox patriarchates and autocephalous Churches will impact their survival strategies vis-à-vis democratic, non-democratic, and hybrid regimes.





Hellenic American Academy Students Learn About Religious Freedom and the Archons at The National Hellenic Museum

On December 1, students from the Hellenic American Academy in Deerfield, IL, were greeted by Regional Commander John Manos, at the National Hellenic Museum in Chicago to tour the museum and view its latest exhibit, titled "Legacy, Renewal and Unity: Celebrating 100 Years of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America."



Archons in Chicago Attend St. Andrew's Day Vespers

On November 29, the Archons in the Metropolis of Chicago attended the Vespers Service for the Feast Day of their Patron Saint, Saint Andrew, at St. Andrew Greek Orthodox Church in Chicago. Prior to the Service, His Eminence Metropolitan Nathanael of Chicago led the procession.



Archon Boardman speaks on Plight of the Ecumenical Patriarchate

On December 3, Holy Trinity Cathedral in Charlotte, NC held a memorial service for all departed Archons, and Patriarchs of Constantinople. After the memorial service, Archon Frank Boardman, AIA, Chairman of the Engagement Committee on Metropolis and Parish Education, spoke on the role of the Archons and the plight of the Ecumenical Patriarchate.



Archons in Boston Conduct Lecture

On November 19, 2023, Archons in the Metropolis of Boston conducted two lectures at the Saint Demetrios Greek Orthodox Church in Weston, MA in advance of the feast day of St. Andrew. "I was absolutely delighted with the feedback we received from our parishioners who told me they learned so much about the church and had a much greater appreciation for our 2000 year old faith," said Regional Commander Jim Speros.



Lecture on 'The Ecumenical Patriarchate under the Ottomans'

Archon Dr. Tom Papademetriou offered an historical lecture on "The Ecumenical Patriarchate of Constantinople under the Ottomans" at Holy Trinity Orthodox Church in Tampa Bay, FL. Regional Commander Dr. Ted Vlahos, along with Rev. Jim Paris of Holy Trinity, welcomed guests in attendance. Archon Papademetriou was later presented a gift of a wooden vase, crafted by Archon Emmanuel E. Velivasakis, out of a locally harvested Black Oak log. The gift was presented as a show of appreciation by the Archons of Tampa-bay.



St. Andrew Feast Day Celebration in Boca Raton, FL

On December 3, South Florida Archons along with the Saint Mark, Boca Raton community members led by Father Mark Leondis, gathered in observance of Saint Andrew. The honored guest speaker was Dr. Tom Papademetriou. Dr. Tom presented a perspective on history and legacy events that impacted the Ecumenical Patriarchate.



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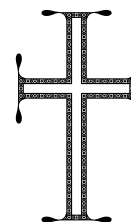
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