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BARTHOLOMEW

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

To the esteemed Anthony J. Limberakis, M.D., National Commander, and all the esteemed members of the Order of Saint Andrew, Archons of the Ecumenical Patriarchate in America, our beloved in the Lord: Grace and peace be unto you from God.

With heartfelt gratitude, we commend your steadfast devotion and tireless efforts in supporting the Mother Church of Constantinople throughout the past year. Under the spiritual leadership of our Exarch in the United States, His Eminence Archbishop Elpidophoros of America, your advocacy for religious freedom and human dignity continues to inspire admiration.

The publication of your 2024 Annual Report highlights significant accomplishments, including the Fourth Archon International Religious Freedom Conference in Athens and the First Summit of Global Archons, which brought together Archons from throughout the world and provided you with a platform to exchange ideas and experiences. Initiatives such as the inaugural Archon Sunday and the Archon Sprout Program have furthered awareness and prepared future generations to defend religious liberty and uphold our faith.

We also celebrate your annual recognition of extraordinary individuals who embody these values. The Athenagoras Human Rights Award, presented to Yulia Navalnaya, honored her and her late husband's courageous dedication to human rights. Meanwhile, the Nicholas J. Bouras Award for Extraordinary Archon Stewardship, conferred upon Archon Peter J. Skeadas, reflects the high standards of leadership and dedication within your Order and sets an example for experiences and new Archons.

As we look to 2025, we anticipate your continued efforts in upholding the legacy and strengthening the ethos and mission of the Ecumenical Patriarchate. May your work inspire others and deepen the bonds of faith and unity that sustain our shared diakonia.

We invoke the intercessions of the Holy Apostle Andrew the First-Called, praying that he will continue to guide and strengthen you in your sacred service. May the grace of God be with you as you safeguard the mission of the Holy and Apostolic See of Constantinople for generations to come.

At the Ecumenical Patriarchate, January 15th, 2025
Your fervent supplicant before God,

✠ BARTHOLOMEW

Archbishop of Constantinople-New Rome
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To the Esteemed Order of Saint Andrew the Apostle,
Archons of the Ecumenical Patriarchate in America
Esteemed Archons, Beloved Brethren in Christ,

When the Order of Saint Andrew took the initiative to work in concert with Archons from around the globe and fulfill a long-sought synaxis of all Archons in Athens in May of 2024, they demonstrated the kind of leadership that is most beneficial to our Ecumenical Patriarchate – that of common action. Understanding the purely spiritual mission of the See of Saint Andrew the First-Called Disciple, the Archons came together in a spirit of collaboration and created unprecedented avenues of cooperation and support for the Mother Church.

This Annual Report chronicles the energies and the synergies that are enlivening the work of the Order, and making possible groundbreaking strides in international partnerships and participation in the vital work of the Archons of the Ecumenical Throne. At this unique moment in the modern history of the Mother Church, we are witnessing a truly global outreach of the Archons, one that will no doubt yield incalculable benefits for the future of all Orthodox Christians worldwide.

The activities of the Order are wide and far-ranging – from securing a first-ever Endowment Fund for the Patriarchate, to their relentless pursuit for Her full and complete religious liberty and unimpeded spiritual ministries. The Archons continue to serve the Mother Church with noble distinction and exceptional fidelity, and the stories that are told in this 2024 Annual Report will doubtless encourage and embolden every reader.

The Spiritual Father of us all, His All-Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew, has given his blessing to these Archons to pursue a wide array of initiatives on behalf of the First Throne of Orthodoxy. I bestow my blessings and congratulations on the Order of Saint Andrew, and express my abiding gratitude to them for their activities and the spirit in which they conduct them. May our Lord Jesus Christ, through the intercessions of His Holy Mother and those of the First-Called Disciple Saint Andrew, grant health, prosperity, and long life to all the Archons and their families, as they continue to strive for the benefit and the increase of the Most Holy Ecumenical Patriarchate of Constantinople. Amen.

With blessings and gratitude in our Lord Jesus Christ,

† ELPIDOPHOROS
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The Attitude is Gratitude

“Gratitude is not only the greatest of virtues, but the parent of all others.”

– Roman philosopher Marcus Tullius Cicero (106 BC–43 BC)

January 15, 2025

Dear Brother Archons and Friends,

My Annual Report commentary is simple and founded on one principle: **GRATITUDE**.

2024 was a year of extraordinary accomplishment, novel initiatives and milestone events, all of which require the most profound expression of GRATITUDE. The 2024 record-breaking Exarch's Appeal Donations; the hyperactive Archon Engagement Committees; the Fourth Archon International Religious Freedom Conference in Athens; The First Summit of Global Archons; the Archon Branding Initiative; the establishment of the West Coast Annual Archon Lenten Retreat; The Archon Sprout Ecumenical Patriarchate Catechism School Curriculum; the Pilgrimage of Discovery; and the \$27,000,000 pledged to the Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew Foundation, are **breathhtaking examples of superlative Archon Stewardship for which I express my profound gratitude to each Archon of the Ecumenical Patriarchate.**

It is with great humility that we share the news that since 2002, the Archons of the Ecumenical Patriarchate have provided \$65.7 million in direct and indirect support for the Ecumenical Patriarchate.

Our Lord and Savior said: ***“For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.”*** Matthew 6:21

Based on the accomplishments and momentum of 2024, I truly believe the New Year 2025 will bring to the Holy Mother Church the promise of continued diakonia at the highest levels from the Archons of the Ecumenical Patriarchate.

It is my supreme privilege to serve shoulder to shoulder with each of you, my Brother Archons and Friends of the Ecumenical Patriarchate,

Anthony J. Limberakis, MD
Archon Megas Aktouarios
National Commander

The fundamental goal of the Archons
is what it has been since the days
of classical Athens:

To Preserve Peace,
Advance Human Dignity,
Foster Civic Responsibility, and
Ensure The Integrity And Future Of Faith

About Us

The Archons of the Ecumenical Patriarchate is a devoted group of passionate leaders, relentlessly focused on protecting religious freedom for everyone and ensuring the future of the Ecumenical Patriarchate – the historical spiritual center of the world's 300+ million Orthodox Christians.



Who Are We?

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

Commitment

It is by the grace of God that the Archon has been able to offer his good works and deeds of faith. Further, it is the sworn oath of the Archon to defend and promote the Orthodox Christian faith and tradition. His special concern and interest is to serve as a bulwark to protect and promote the Sacred See of St. Andrew the Apostle and its mission. He is also concerned with the human race's inalienable rights wherever and whenever they are violated – and the well-being and general welfare of the Christian Church.

This honor extended by the Ecumenical Patriarchate carries with it grave responsibilities, deep commitments, and sincere dedication. Consequently, it is of utmost importance that this honor of obligation be bestowed upon individuals of proven Orthodox Christian character, who conform faithfully to the teachings of Christ and the doctrines, canons, worship, discipline, and encyclicals of the Church.

Selected To Serve

Those selected to serve as Archons have demonstrated a commitment greater than average toward the stewardship of time, talent and treasure for the betterment of the Church, Parish, Diocese/ Metropolis, Archdiocese and the community as a whole. An Archon must truly be deserving of the proclamation: AXIOS, AXIOS, AXIOS!

Our Five Issues

The Ecumenical Patriarchate is the highest see and holiest center of the Orthodox Christian Church throughout the world.

It is an institution with a history spanning seventeen centuries, during which it retained its see in Constantinople (present-day Istanbul). This Sacred Institution and the Orthodox Christian faithful is being challenged by the Turkish Government. If not addressed, it can lead to the asphyxiation of the Orthodox Christian community.

1

No Legal Identity

The lack of a legal identity is a major source of problems for the Ecumenical Patriarchate including non-recognition of its ownership rights and the non-issuance of residence and work permits for “foreign” (i.e. non-Turkish) priests who are essential to the continuity and functioning of the Ecumenical Patriarchate.

2

Government Interference in Patriarchal Elections

The Turkish government imposes restrictions on the election of the Ecumenical Patriarch and Hierarchs who vote for him by requiring that they must be Turkish citizens.

The Orthodox Theological School of Halki

Since its closure in 1971, the Ecumenical Patriarchate has had to send the young men from its community desiring to enter the priesthood to one of the theological schools in Greece.

of Concern

3

1971 Forcible closure of Halki Seminary and Inability to Train New Clergy

The Ecumenical Patriarchate cannot train new clergy in Turkey and its theological school was forcibly closed down by the Turkish Government. The Theological School of Halki was forcibly closed down by Turkish authorities in 1971. Since its closure, the Ecumenical Patriarchate has had to send the young men from its community desiring to enter the priesthood to one of the theological schools in Greece.

4

Confiscation of 1,000s of Property

The Turkish Government has confiscated thousands of properties from the Ecumenical Patriarchate. Through various methods, the Turkish authorities have confiscated thousands of properties from the Ecumenical Patriarchate and the Greek Orthodox community over the years including our monasteries, church buildings, an orphanage, private homes, apartment buildings, schools and land.

5

Non-Recognition of "Ecumenical" Status

The Turkish government does not recognize the "Ecumenical" status of the Ecumenical Patriarch and Ecumenical Patriarchate. Turkish authorities do not allow the use of the term or title "Ecumenical" for any religious activity whatsoever despite the fact that it has been used since the 6th century A.D. and recognized throughout the world.

The Archons of the Ecumenical Patriarchate: Defenders *of* Religious Freedom

National Vice Commander
Hon. B. Theodore
Bozonelis prepared this
abbreviated article, shared
ahead of the Archon's 2nd
International Conference
on Religious Freedom.

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

The title of Archon dates back to the eleventh century B.C., and has been held by some of the most illustrious figures in the history of the Hellenes, including Pericles, Solon, Themistocles, and Aristides the Just, as well as Constantine the Great, the first Christian Roman Emperor.

In the modern era, the Archons of the Ecumenical Patriarchate have enlisted the assistance of the federal government of the United States; the state legislative bodies of each of the 50 states of the United States; the European Union; the European Court of Human Rights and the Organization for Security

and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE), among other institutions, in order to convey the urgent message to the Turkish and other state governments to cease and desist policies that constrict religious freedom, not only for the Ecumenical Patriarchate, but for all religious minorities, including the Jewish, Roman Catholic and Protestant communities in Turkey and elsewhere.


These efforts come at a time of a global crisis of religious freedom, particularly for Christians, but also for people of all faiths. According to Open Doors, World Watch List, and Aid to the Church in Need, 360 million Christians are persecuted worldwide – a number more than the current U.S. population.

Christians, and especially

Christian women, face extreme or high levels of persecution in 73 countries. Today the situation has not significantly improved and in many areas has worsened.

On average, as many as 25 churches and other Christian structures are attacked around the world every day. In the Middle East, the Christian share of the population has reduced to under five percent, down from more than twenty percent at the turn of the last century. This decline attests to a century of ruthless persecution that began with the Greek, Armenian and Assyrian genocides a century ago.

Amid this global crisis, His All-Holiness, Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew, our beloved spiritual leader of the world's 300 million



Orthodox Christians, has for many years now lent his profound and prophetic voice to the endeavor to protect and promote religious freedom and human rights for all faiths.

He has declared: "A modern and democratic political and social structure has to respect the religious wishes and sentiments of its citizens. Religious freedoms cannot be curtailed in the name of secularism."

His All-Holiness has also reminded us that "the Church of Constantinople gives a constant testimony to the necessity of the protection and promotion of religious freedom and of free exercise of worship, championing the ethos of solidarity toward the other faith communities."

Ecumenical

Patriarch

Bartholomew has not just spoken out about religious freedom; he has taken decisive action, at immense personal risk, to defend it. In January 2019, he withstood extraordinary pressure from the Moscow Patriarchate and its proxies, and granted freedom to the Orthodox Church in Ukraine with his Tomos of Autocephaly.

The pressure upon him did not abate after he granted this autocephaly and, in fact, it has increased with the Moscow Patriarchate interfering in the canonical lands of the Patriarchate of Alexandria, as well as other canonical territories of the Ecumenical Patriarchate.

Yet, in the face of these challenges, His All-Holiness is unable to enjoy the very religious freedom he

has granted to others. The restrictions that the Turkish government has placed upon the Ecumenical Patriarchate are the ongoing concern of the Archons, and a key focus of Archon efforts on behalf of religious freedom.

Archons strive all over the globe to work with governments and people of influence in order to restore the religious freedom of our beloved and most holy Mother Church so as to enable it to exercise its worldwide sacred mission in perpetuity and without any hindrance.

By doing so, these efforts have now expanded to defend religious freedom for all faiths. We invite all people of good will in support of human rights and religious freedom to join us in this noble initiative.



AN INCREASING FORCE

For the Future of the
Greek Orthodox Faith:

The Archons of the
Ecumenical Patriarchate

Under the leadership of His Eminence Archbishop Elpidophoros of America, Exarch of the Ecumenical Patriarchate, the Archons have made great strides in protecting the Ecumenical Patriarchate, ensuring its financial security with the Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew Foundation and Protecting the Future of Faith. The following article was prepared by Archons Andrew and Mike Manatos.

The status of Orthodox Christians around the world will improve in the relatively near future due to a recent profound expansion of the efforts of the Archons of the Ecumenical Patriarchate. This expansion is added to the Archons' decades of educating the highest-level policy-makers in America and around the globe about religious freedom restrictions on the Ecumenical Patriarchate at the Phanar in Istanbul, Turkey.

These game-changing new steps forward will assure the well-being and advancement of our thousands-of-years old Ecumenical Patriarchate, the spiritual center of the second largest Christian church in the world. These multifaceted assurances are highlighted by a recently established endowment upon which the Ecumenical Patriarchate can rely. The Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew Foundation has already attracted a commitment of over \$23 million from dedicated Orthodox Christians worldwide. These dedicated Orthodox Christians are becoming revered Foundation Founders with their contribution of \$100,000, or with lesser contributions.

Duke Medical School radiologist Dr Anthony Limberakis, and retired judge B. Theodore Bozonelis lead the over 750 Archons, who are among America's most influential citizens. Their spiritual adviser, Father Alex Karloutsos, is protopresbyter of the Ecumenical Patriarchate and a recipient of the US Presidential Medal of Freedom, respectively the highest honors for a married Orthodox priest and civilian American citizen.

It is fitting that the foundation bears the name Bartholomew as he is the longest-serving ecumenical patriarch in history. He has been called "Christ-like" by a US president and "one of the world's greatest religious leaders," by a speaker of the US House of Representatives. He received the highest award of the US Congress – the Congressional Gold Medal – and the legislation doing so received more senators and members co-sponsoring it than any in that Congress. He was the first international leader to be made a United Nations Champion of the Earth laureate and was featured on one of the world's top television news programs, "60 Minutes."

This great expansion of the Archons' efforts also includes a hundred-fold increase in the Archon base of support for the Ecumenical Patriarchate. They have begun pervasive efforts to lift from 5% to 100% Orthodox Christians in the US knowledgeable about the existential threat faced by our Mother Church in Turkey. Like virtually all Catholic children who can identify the spiritual head of their church, the pope, soon Orthodox children will be able to do the same in identifying our ecumenical patriarch. Archons briefing congregations across America about our Mother Church are growing exponentially. And soon it will become institutionalized with one day each year set aside for such briefings. Also, extraordinary efforts directed toward the next generation of Orthodox Christians have begun. They include Sunday school educational information and an exceptional educational visit to the Phanar and an audience with His All-Holiness.

Also, for the first time Archons are moving one of their major international conferences to Greece. There the Archons will selectively host Orthodox Christianity's most successful and most devoted to the Ecumenical Patriarchate. Many of them will carry back to their locales the seeds that will enable our historic Ecumenical Patriarchate to sustain and prosper.



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 Demetrios J. Ziozis, Eftaxias
 Constantinos M. Zografopoulos,
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 Dimitrios Zygouris, Proto Notarios

History of National Commanders

The National Commander, appointed by the Exarch, is the chief executive officer of the Archons and has the responsibility for the general management of the affairs of the Archons. He sees that all resolutions and decisions of the National Council and of the meetings of the Members are carried out and supervises the work of all Committees.



Anthony J. Limberakis, MD
 (1998–Present)
 Archon Megas Aktouarios



† Chris Philip, DDS
 (1989–1997)
 Archon Megas Aktouarios



† Anthony G. B. Borden, MD
 (1976–1989)
 Archon Megas Aktouarios



† Pierre A. Demets
 (1966–1975)
 Archon Skevophylax

Year in Review

A Synopsis on the Work of the Archons of the Ecumenical Patriarchate, by National Commander Dr. Limberakis

His All-Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew,
His Eminence Archbishop Elpidophoros of America,
Members of the Holy Eparchial Synod,
His Eminence Metropolitan Antony of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA,
His Eminence Metropolitan Gregory of Nyssa of the Carpatho-Russian Orthodox Diocese of the USA,
Father Alex Karloutsos, Spiritual Advisor and Reverend Clergy and beloved Presbyteres and

Brother Archons of the Ecumenical Patriarchate in America and Friends,

Allow me to present a synopsis of the Archons of the Ecumenical Patriarchate (AEP) activities for the year 2024, which has been a watershed year for the AEP both in the United States and worldwide.

The 4th Archon International Conference on Religious Freedom

With the blessings of His All-Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew and in consultation with His Eminence Archbishop Elpidophoros of America, **The 4th Archon International Conference on Religious Freedom** was held from Sunday, May 26 through Wednesday, May 29, 2024 in Athens, Greece. The conference was organized and hosted by the Archons of the Ecumenical Patriarchate in America, Canada, Europe and Australia, and was followed by the historic **First Global Summit of Archons: Protecting the Future of Faith.**



His Eminence Metropolitan Emmanuel Geron of Chalcedon, Patriarchal Representative, addresses the participants of the First Summit of Global Archons inside the Old Parliament in Athens, Greece.

The conference featured some of the world's foremost defenders of human rights and religious freedom, including His All-Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew (via video); His Beatitude Archbishop Ieronymos of Athens and All Greece; His Eminence Metropolitan Emmanuel, Geron of Chalcedon; His Eminence Archbishop Elpidophoros of America; former U.S. Secretary of State Michael R. Pompeo; Dr. Despina Chatzivassiliou-Tsovilis, Secretary General of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe; His Excellency Gintaras Grušas, Roman Catholic Archbishop of Vilnius and President of the Council of European Bishops' Conferences (CCEE); John Chrysoulakis, Secretary General for Greeks Abroad and Public Diplomacy in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Hellenic Republic; Evangelos Venizelos, Former Deputy Prime Minister of Greece; Athens Mayor Haris Doukas; and many others.



Archon James C. Rockas, Moderator with Secretary of State Michael R. Pompeo, during Session III inside the Zappeion.

The 1st Summit of Global Archons

The 1st Summit of Global Archons convened on Wednesday morning, May 29 in the Old Parliament House at the National Historical Museum. Archons from the United States, Canada, Greece, other areas of Europe, and Australia met in this first-ever gathering of Archons from around the world, in order to discuss ways to coordinate their efforts to defend the religious freedom of the Ecumenical Patriarchate and protect the future of faith worldwide. At this historic meeting, a formal motion was made by AEP National Vice Commander Hon. B. Theodore Bozonelis and unanimously seconded by all those in attendance to request Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew and the Holy and Sacred Synod to approve a global organization of Archons to work united and synergistically to serve the needs of the Holy Mother Church.



"I am the vine; you are the branches.
If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing." – John 15:5



Dr. Anthony J. Limberakis, Chair, speaks on the importance of the Foundation during a presentation inside the Old Parliament Building in Athens, Greece, during the 1st Summit of Global Archons.

Establishment of Archon Sunday

His Eminence Archbishop Elpidophoros of America and the Holy Eparchial Synod approved the recommendation of the AEP National Council to establish a yearly "Archon Sunday" on the Sunday closest to the feast of St. Andrew, November 30. This long-contemplated Archon Initiative was spearheaded and finally pushed over the finish line by Boston Metropolis Regional Commanders Archons Jim D. Speros and Costa Sideridis.



Establishment of Archon Ecumenical Patriarchate Global Catechism Education Initiative

Underwritten by Archon Michael G. Psaros (\$100,000 donation)

His Eminence Archbishop Elpidophoros of America and the Holy Eparchial Synod approved the recommendation of the AEP National Council to establish The Archon Ecumenical Patriarchate Global Catechism Education Initiative, coordinated by Archon Nicholas J. Tranto, who chairs the Archon Youth Activities Engagement Committee, known as the Sprouts Youth Committee, assisted by Archons Nick Terezis and Ted Argeroplos. The Sunday School curriculum teaches the students the historical, canonical and ecclesiastical importance of the Ecumenical Patriarchate and His All-Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew with an age and grade-specific curriculum. **The curriculum was developed by two professional educators who worked hundreds of hours pro bono: Dr. Helen Nixon and Katina Limberakis Tsatalis, M. Ed. who between them have over 50 years of teaching experience.** The Curriculum will be launched this year on the Feast of St. Andrew, The First Called Apostle.

 **Sprout Lessons**



Dr. Helen Nixon and
Katina Limberakis Tsatalis, M. Ed.

The AEP expresses deep gratitude to Archon Michael G. Psaros for underwriting **The Archon Ecumenical Patriarchate Global Catechism Education Initiative with a \$100,000 donation.**

Importance of Archon Leadership comprised of Executive Officers, National Council, Regional Commanders and Chairs & Vice Chairs of Engagement Committees in execution of Sacred Mission of the AEP to protect the Ecumenical Patriarchate and the Future of Faith



The Archon Leadership once again offered a series of vital presentations around the nation on the importance, history and present-day plight of our Holy Mother Church of Constantinople.

On Sunday, September 8, 2024, the Archons in the Metropolis of Chicago held a religious freedom presentation on the five key issues impacting the Ecumenical Patriarchate at Assumption Greek Orthodox Church in East Moline, Illinois. Keynote speaker Archon Dr. Thomas Williams led the presentation. Archon Regional Commander John G. Manos, who worked with Dr. Williams for this Religious Freedom presentation, introduced Dr. Williams and spoke during the event as well.

In July 2024, Archon Regional Commanders Hon. Steven G. Counelis (Southern California) and Dr. Gregory G. Papadeas (Denver), members of the Youth Participation Activities Engagement Committee, once again engaged young adults at the National YAL (Young Adult League) Conference in San Diego, California. With over 300 young adults in attendance, the Archons introduced three young adult Pilgrims of Discovery.



Archons Introduce 2024 Pilgrims of Discovery to National YAL Conference in San Diego

On Thursday, May 16, 2024, the Greek Orthodox Metropolis of Chicago, the Archons of the Ecumenical Patriarchate in Chicago, and the Hellenic Society of Constantinople hosted their 43rd Annual Commemoration of the Fall of Constantinople at Saint John the Baptist Greek Orthodox Church in Des Plaines, Illinois. Archon Dr. John Fotopoulos gave a presentation entitled "The Ecumenical Patriarchate of Constantinople: Past, Present and Future Responsibilities," and highlighted the Pilgrimage of Discovery.

On Sunday, March 31, 2024, Archon Chris Chrisafides presented "Archons of the Patriarchate – Protecting the Future of Faith", after church services at Saint George Greek Orthodox Cathedral in Manchester, New Hampshire, as part of their Library Speaker Series.

On Sunday, March 31, 2024, Archons also hosted a presentation at Saint Thomas Greek Orthodox Church, Cherry Hill, New Jersey on the topic: "The Suffering and Religious Persecution of the Ecumenical Patriarchate." The speaker was Archon Anastasios (Tassos) Efstratiades, who is also president of the Saint Thomas Parish Council. Regional Commander Dr. Cary J. Limberakis was in attendance and offered remarks on the work of the Archons.



Father Avgoustinos Psomas, Dr. Elias A. Iliadis, Archon and Mrs. Demitrios Halakos, Regional Commander Dr. Cary J. Limberakis at Saint Thomas Greek Orthodox Church, Cherry Hill, NJ

On March 31, 2024, Archons in the Metropolis of Chicago held a Pilgrimage of Discovery (POD) presentation at Holy Taxiarchai & St. Haralambos Greek Orthodox Church in Niles, Illinois. POD Ambassador Dr. Demetrios Maroutsos of Holy Taxiarchai & St. Haralambos Greek Orthodox Church in Niles, joined Archon Regional Commander John G. Manos and Archon Hon. Jeffery Chrones and spoke about his experiences during the Pilgrimage of Discovery.

On Sunday, March 24, 2024, Archons in the Metropolis of Chicago held a POD presentation in St. Catherine's Chapel at Assumption Greek Orthodox Church in Chicago. POD Ambassador Christen Massouras of Assumption Greek Orthodox Church in Chicago joined Archon Regional Commander John G. Manos, Archon Hon. Jeffery Chrones, Archon James Lakerdas, Esq., Archon Theodore Sepsis, and Archon Dr. Peter Pantou.



POD Leadership Event Held at St. Catherine's Chapel, Chicago, IL

On Sunday, February 25, 2024, Regional Commanders Jim Speros and Costa Sideridis presented an extensive overview of the Archons of the Ecumenical Patriarchate to over 250 people at the St. Catherine Greek Orthodox Church in Braintree, Massachusetts.

On Sunday, January 28, 2024, Archon George Psefteas delivered a religious freedom presentation on the work of the Archons of the Ecumenical Patriarchate at the Greek Orthodox Church of the Resurrection in Castro Valley, California.

On Saturday, January 20, 2024, Regional Commander Dr. Gregory Papadeas and Andrew J. Eliopoulos delivered a presentation on the work of the Archons of the Ecumenical Patriarchate, including the Pilgrimage of Discovery program, at the YAL Snow Conference in Winter Park, Colorado.

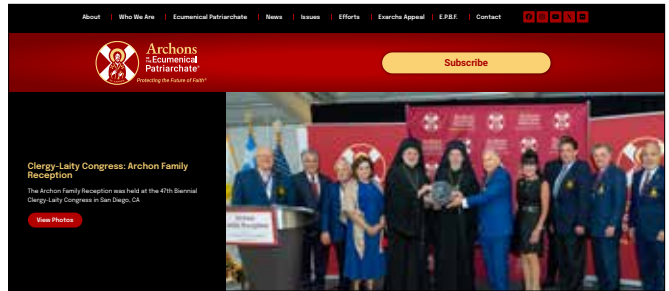


YAL Snow Conference in Winter Park, Colorado.

The Archon Strategic Branding Initiative

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continued with a thorough redesign of the Archons website in order to improve its usefulness and readability. New features include a section on Protecting the Future of Faith and daily Faith Alerts, a refinement of our former ChristianPersecution.com website, to provide information on why protecting the future of faith is so very much needed.



Archon John G. Gumas helped to improve the redesigned archons.org website.

Archon **John G. Gumas** and his acclaimed marketing company have done the Archons an indispensable service and for such Archon John received the 2024 Archon Sophia Award for Excellence.

2024 Pilgrimage of Discovery (POD)

The Archons chose sixteen exceptional young adults to participate in the 2024 Pilgrimage of Discovery (POD). Sponsored and funded by the AEP, the POD is a life-changing journey to Constantinople, giving participants a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to travel to the Sacred Center of the Orthodox Faith and deepen their understanding of the vital importance of the Ecumenical Patriarchate, as they prepare to lead the Orthodox Church in the future.



POD Participants in Constantinople, August 4-11, 2024

Live-streaming Equipment for the Ecumenical Patriarchate

The Archons will underwrite state-of-art live-streaming from the Ecumenical Patriarchate and at local churches where his All-Holiness officiates.

This project has been in the works for the last two years, and is led by superlative efforts of **Archon Theodore H. Vagelos**, Vice Chair of the Communications Committee, and in consultation with Nicholas-George A. Papachristou, Director of the Patriarchal Press and Communication Office. Archon Vagelos has broad experience in this field, having successfully overseen more than 200 streaming projects around the world.



In January 2023, members of an Archon delegation met with Nicholas-George Papachristou, to discuss how the Archons can assist in improving digital communication and live-streaming religious services from the Ecumenical Patriarchate, led by Archon Theodore H. Vagelos, right.



ECUMENICAL PATRIARCH BARTHOLOMEW FOUNDATION

For the Sacred See of Saint Andrew

The Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew Foundation continues to grow, and successfully expanded worldwide at the 1st Global Summit of Archons. As of this writing (December 31, 2024), there are 231 FOUNDERS (\$100,000 pledge payable over 10 years), with \$26.194 million pledged from all contributors. Full transparency and accountability are the foundational pillars of the EPBF; these principles guide the Investment (Archon John S. Koudounis, Chair) and Audit (Archon Carl R. Hollister, Chair) Committees.

The EPBF Investment Committee has continued to do a masterful job in navigating a challenging investment environment. The Koudounis Team, working closely with Michael G. Psaros and the Investment Committee (Archon Robert A. Buhler Vice Chair, Christopher Allwin, Archon Michael N. Bapis, Archon Frank D. Catricketes, John A. Catsimatidis, Jr., Archon William H. Spell and Archon John A. Catsimatidis), and the J. P. Morgan Investment Bank, which holds the financial assets of the Foundation, has been able to make some nice returns. Kudos once again to Archon Koudounis and his team!

The EPBF Audit Committee (Archon Carl R. Hollister, Chair) works with the audit, tax and consulting firm of Forvis Mazars LLP, a top ten North American Audit firm, to ensure complete transparency.

The New Members Committee (Archons Joseph J. and Anna Kokolakis, Esq., Markos K. and Sevasti Lagos and Michael P. and Meropi Neamonitakis, Chairs) organized the successful “An Evening with Maria Callas,” a performance in support of the Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew Foundation by the world-renowned opera company Teatro Grattacielo. This gala production was presented on Thursday, October 17, 2024 at the University Club of New York, during Archon Weekend.

National Officers and Functionaries Re-elected

On December 13, 2024, at a National Council meeting with Regional Commanders and Chairs & Vice Chairs of Engagement Committees that was held via Zoom, elections were held for officers and functionaries of the Archons of the Ecumenical Patriarchate. The following officers and functionaries were each unanimously re-elected for a one-year term:

Officers: National Vice Commander: The Hon. B. Theodore Bozonelis, Archon Ekdikos; National Treasurer: Peter J. Skeadas, Archon Hieromnimon; National Secretary: Gus M. Pablecas, Archon Ostiarios; Legal Counselor: Peter Kakoyiannis, Esq., Archon Nomophylax; Sergeant at Arms: Alexander Pritsos, Archon Hieromnimon

Functionaries: Historian: Dr. George E. Demacopoulos, Ph.D., Archon Didaskalos Tou Genous; Assistant Treasurer: Andreas D. Comodromos, CPA, Archon Dikaiofylax.



The Executive Officers and Functionaries were re-elected this past year.

Five New Regional Commanders Appointed

With the blessings of His Eminence Archbishop Elpidophoros of America, three new Regional Commanders were appointed in three Metropolises. In consultation with His Eminence Metropolitan Gerasimos of San Francisco, Archon Gerry Ranglas was appointed a Regional Commander for the Southern California region, Metropolis of San Francisco. In consultation with His Eminence Metropolitan Alexios of Atlanta, Archon Gregory B. Saad was named a Regional Commander for the State of Alabama, Metropolis of Atlanta. In consultation with His Eminence Metropolitan Nathanael of Chicago, Archon Pericles C. (Perry) Siatis, Esq. was appointed a Regional Commander for the Metropolis of Chicago. In consultation with His Eminence Metropolitan Apostolos of New Jersey, Archon Michael D. Camarinos, Esq. was appointed a Regional Commander for the Metropolis of New Jersey and with the blessings of His Eminence Archbishop Elpidophoros of America Michael P. Neamonitakis was appointed a Regional Commander for Manhattan and Long Island in the Direct Archdiocesan District.



Regional Commanders Ranglas, Saad, Siatis, Neamonitakis and Camarinos

These five men are excellent choices to be Regional Commanders, joining their brother Archons who already serve as Regional Commanders in their respective Metropolises. Each is certain to distinguish this position with the devotion he has shown in other areas of service to our Holy Mother Church.

It should be noted I have had the **opportunity to add eight outstanding Archons to the Regional Commander ranks in the past two years (five this year and three in 2023)**, thereby infusing renewed energy, enthusiasm and continued deep commitment to the Holy Mother Church from Archons who will carry the Archon Torch forward.

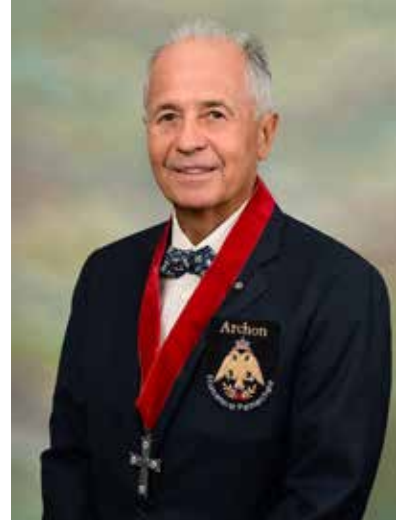
Yulia Navalnaya, Widow of Martyred Russian Human Rights Advocate Alexei Navalny, Receives the 2024 Athenagoras Human Rights Award

On Saturday, October 19, 2024, His Eminence Archbishop Elpidophoros and I presented the Athenagoras Human Rights Award to **Yulia Navalnaya**, the widow of martyred Russian hero Alexei Navalny and now herself the leader of the Russian opposition. His All-Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew, in a message commemorating the occasion, called Ms. Navalnaya “a remarkable woman of courage, dignity, and unyielding commitment to the cause of human rights, and her late husband, Alexei Navalny.”



AEP National Treasurer Peter J. Skeadas Receives 2024 Nicholas J. Bouras Award for Extraordinary Archon Stewardship AXIOS

On Friday, October 18, 2024, at the Archons of the Ecumenical Patriarchate's annual Bouras Award Dinner, **Archon Peter J. Skeadas** received the 2024 Nicholas J. Bouras Award for Extraordinary Archon Stewardship. The award is presented annually during Archon Weekend to an individual who has demonstrated extraordinary and incomparable stewardship to the AEP, empowering Archons to vigorously pursue securing religious freedom for the Mother Church of Constantinople.



Three key sites in Constantinople were renovated with the generous funding of Archons from the U.S.

The **Presentation of the Virgin Mary Greek Orthodox Church of Stavrodromi** was originally constructed for monastic and clerical use in 1560 before being destroyed in a 1978 fire. Now it has been restored thanks to a \$1,500,000 donation from Greek American Archon George Marcus, a **FOUNDER** of the Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew Foundation and recipient of the 2023 Nicholas J. Bouras Award for Extraordinary Archon Stewardship.

Also recently restored was the **Patriarchal Maraslion School**, located next to the Ecumenical Patriarchate in the Phanar district of Constantinople, thanks to contributions from Archon Marcus and Archon-Elect Peter Palivos.

On the island of Halki near Constantinople is **the third recently restored site: the Skete of Metamorphosis Chapel**. Archon Dr. Stephen Yallourakis (holds both MD & DDS degrees as head and neck surgeon) and his wife Dr. Anna Yallourakis donated \$200,000 for the restoration of this chapel, having funded both its original restoration and, after its 2007 vandalization, this second restoration. **Dr. Yallourakis received the 2013 Nicholas J. Bouras Award for Extraordinary Archon Stewardship.**



Archons George Marcus and
Dr. Stephen Yallourakis

34th Anniversary of the Enthronement of His All-Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew, The 269th direct successor of Saint Andrew the First Called Apostle

2024 marked the 34th Anniversary of the Enthronement of His All-Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew, the 269th direct successor of Saint Andrew the First Called Apostle, and one of the most consequential leaders the Church has ever had. His holy tenure as the longest serving Archbishop of Constantinople in history is as extraordinary as it is impactful. We are grateful to be able to serve under the omophoron of the wise ministry of this holy, visionary and intrepid Ecumenical Patriarch. **Εἰς πολλά ἔτη, Δέσποτα!**



5th Anniversary of the Enthronement of His Eminence Archbishop Elpidophoros as Archbishop of America

2024 also marked the fifth anniversary of the enthronement of His Eminence Archbishop Elpidophoros as Archbishop of America and Exarch of the Ecumenical Patriarchate, who has done so much to lead his flock in the Church in America. Addressing impactfully and positively the completion of St. Nicholas National Shrine, the Clergy Pension concerns, Hellenic College/ Holy Cross, conducting a successful Clergy-Laity Congress in San Diego are just several items among so many others in his short five-year ministry here in America. **Εἰς πολλά ἔτη. Δέσποτα!**

58th Anniversary of the Establishment of the Archons of the Ecumenical Patriarchate (Order of St. Andrew; March 10, 1966) with Profound Gratitude to One and All



58 Years

2024 is also the 58th year of the Establishment of the Archons of the Ecumenical Patriarchate (Order of St. Andrew the Apostle). We remain devoted to Defending the Holy and Great Mother Church of Constantinople and securing its religious freedom. It is our immense privilege and blessing to work with His Eminence Archbishop Elpidophoros of America, and we are especially thankful as always to our Spiritual Advisor Fr. Alex Karloutsos. I remain indebted to our superlative National Vice Commander Honorable B. Theodore Bozonelis, whom I consult on a daily basis. The Archon officers are a tremendous blessing: 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. To Religious Freedom Chair John A. Catsimatidis, Historian Prof. George Demacopoulos, Assistant Treasurer Andreas Comodromos, CPA and the entire National Council I offer my deep appreciation. We also salute our National Treasurer, Archon Peter Skeadas, and Assistant Treasurer Andreas Comodromos, for their careful oversight of the Archons' financial books, as accountability and transparency are indispensable.

Our hard-working Sergeant-at-Arms Alex Pritsos deserves special recognition for once again carrying off the detailed logistics of Archon Weekend with aplomb! Thank you, Brother Archon Alex!

We are grateful for the contributions of the Regional Commanders, Archons Theodore P. Vlahos, M.D.; Harry T. Cavalaris; Greg Saad, G. Thomas Yearout, Esq.; John C. Scurtis; James A. Frangis; James Speros; Constantine Sideridis; John G. Manos; Gus M. Pablecas; Perry C. Siatis, Esq.; Gregory G. Papadeas, D.O.; Christopher J. Pappas; Lazaros A. Kircos; Inspector John V. Kassimatis; Nikiforos Mathews, Esq.; Cary J. Limberakis, D.M.D.; Andrew E. Manatos; George A. Tsougarakis, Esq.; Michael D. Camarinos, Esq.; Nicholas Terezis; Nicholas J. Tranto; Isidoros Garifalakis; Theodore Konopisos; Paul Sogotis; Gerry Ranglas; The Hon. Steven G. Counelis; as well as to our superb Graphic Designer Archon John J. Mindala II, our tireless Administrative Assistant Leah Kats, and Tsesme Consulting, which manages our social media initiatives and the Faith Alerts section of our website.

As part of anniversary celebrations, the Archons of the Ecumenical Patriarchate (AEP) will underwrite state-of-art live-streaming from the Ecumenical Patriarchate and at local churches where his All-Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew officiates.

This project has been in the works for the last two years, and is the brainchild of Archon Ted Vagelos. Archon Vagelos has broad experience in this field, having successfully overseen more than 200 streaming projects around the world.

Archon Michael G. Psaros, who has come to be known as the Cheerful Giver (2 Corinthians 9:6-7), empowers the AEP in countless ways: \$100,000 contribution to the 4th Archon International Conference on Religious Freedom; \$100,000 to underwrite the Archon Patriarchate Catechism Initiative; \$100,000 Underwriter for the 2024 Athenagoras Human Rights Award Banquet and substantial donations for the Pilgrimage of Discovery (POD) initiative, among many other AEP programming. **The AEP offers profound gratitude to Archon Mike and Robin Psaros for their extraordinary beneficence.**



Archon Michael G. Psaros

We offer special thanksgiving to **Presbytera Xanthi, our collective Archon Μητέρα**, who offers her elegant and organized touch to all our events, ensuring efficiency and success!

We offer thanks to Archon Nick Furriss for his video and run-of-show contributions during Archon Weekend. The assiduous efforts of Archon Congressman Gus Bilirakis, as he carries the torch of religious freedom in the hallowed halls of Congress, are deeply appreciated!

We offer thanksgiving as always to the ongoing legacy of Archon Stewardship to Nicholas J. Bouras of blessed memory. The Nicholas J. and Anna K. Bouras Foundation is one of the premier philanthropic organizations providing much-needed aid to Greek Orthodox agencies, churches and human service organizations. We express heartfelt thanks to Archon Hon. B. Theodore Bozonelis, NJB Foundation Trustee.

Above all, we express profound gratitude to our beloved wives and families.

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In the Service of the Ecumenical Patriarchate,

Anthony J. Limberakis, MD

Anthony J. Limberakis, MD
Archon Megas Aktouarios
National Commander



Helen Bozonelis, Marina Martinos, and Dr. Maria A. Limberakis

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The Athenagoras Human Rights Award

Heroic Russian Dissident Yulia Navalnaya Becomes 2024 Recipient

His Eminence Archbishop Elpidophoros of America, together with National Commander Dr. Anthony J. Limberakis, on Saturday, October 19, 2024 presented the Athenagoras Human Rights Award to Yulia Navalnaya, the widow of martyred Russian hero Alexei Navalny and now herself the leader of the Russian opposition. The Award was presented at the AEP's annual Athenagoras Human Rights Award Banquet, a black-tie event at the New York Hilton Midtown Hotel in New York City, with well over 600 Archons and guests in attendance.



*I will do everything
in my power
to be worthy
of this trust."*

—Yulia Navalnaya



In her own remarks, Ms. Navalnaya thanked the AEP for the great honor it had bestowed upon her, and added: "I will do everything in my power to be worthy of this trust." At several recent award ceremonies, she said that she had wished that Alexei had been there in her place.

Ms. Navalnaya added that her husband's faith and moral principles influenced every decision he made. His opposition to Vladimir Putin wasn't just political, she said; it was ethical. Alexei Navalny saw Putin's Russian as deeply immoral: "if the Kremlin tells you to steal, you steal. If the Kremlin tells you to lie, you lie." Alexei, by contrast, according to Ms. Navalnaya,

insisted that one cannot call black white. He upheld traditional moral principles: do not kill, do not lie, do not steal. This was why, said Ms. Navalnaya, the Russian regime hated him all the more.

Ms. Navalnaya recounted that at one point while he was imprisoned, Alexei Navalny went on a hunger strike. He was suffering under unimaginably inhumane conditions: he was either in solitary confinement or, if he was in the general prison population, the other prisoners were forbidden to speak with him or even look at him. Nevertheless, on the eighth day of Alexei's hunger strike, one of the other prisoners broke the rule and handed him a small icon, saying:

"This will give you strength."

This incident illustrated, Ms. Navalnaya said, that tyrannical regimes were not as strong as they appeared. Putin wanted to give the impression that the whole country supported him, but that was just part of his empire of lies. Alexei Navalny, stated Ms. Navalnaya, was fascinated by questions of the role of morality in public life, and how morality and trust in the Orthodox Church could be restored to Russian public life. Since Putin murdered Alexei, she continued, it was up to us to seek answers to such questions. Russia, she said, deserves a government that is not built upon lies and violence.

ATHENAGORAS HUMAN RIGHTS AWARD

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



Past Recipients of The Award

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| 2024 · Yulia Navalnaya | 2006 · Nicholas J. Bouras |
| 2023 · The Prince's Trust | 2005 · Mikhail Gorbachev |
| 2022 · His Beatitude Patriarch Theodore II, Pope and Patriarch of Alexandria and All Africa | 2004 · Alex G. Spanos |
| | 2003 · IOCC & OCMC |
| 2021 · Scientists who saved humanity from the Covid pandemic
Dr. Albert Bourla, Pfizer;
Dr. Uğur Şahin and Dr. Özlem Türeci, BioNTech; and
Dr. George D. Yancopoulos and Christos Kyratsous, Regeneron Pharmaceuticals | 2002 · President George H. W. Bush and First Lady Barbara Bush |
| | 2001 · Archbishop Anastasios of Albania |
| | 2000 · Archbishop Desmond M. Tutu |
| | 1999 · Elie Wiesel |
| 2019 · His Beatitude Metropolitan Epiphaniy of Kyiv and All Ukraine | 1998 · Nana Mouskouri |
| | 1997 · Reverend Clergy of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese |
| 2018 · Father Alexander and Presbytera Xanthi Karloutsos | 1996 · Order of AHEPA |
| 2017 · Emilia Kamvisi and Efstratios Valamios | 1995 · Hon. Edward Derwinski |
| | 1994 · Hon. Paul S. Sarbanes |
| 2016 · Governor Andrew M. Cuomo | 1993 · George Douris |
| 2015 · Vice President Joe Biden | 1992 · Ladies Philoptochos |
| 2014 · Jay Alan Sekulow, PhD, JD | 1991 · Andrew A. Athens |
| 2013 · 60 Minutes | 1990 · Hon. John Brademas |
| 2012 · Stavros Niarchos Foundation | 1989 · Anthony G. Borden, MD |
| 2011 · Admiral James G. Stavridis | 1988 · Mother Theresa |
| 2009 · Anthony J. Limberakis, MD | 1987 · President Jimmy Carter |
| 2008 · Rabbi Arthur Schneier | 1986 · Archbishop Iakovos |
| 2007 · Archbishop Demetrios of America | |



Don't Be Afraid. Don't Be Silent.

National Commander Dr. Anthony J. Limberakis displays a message on a T-shirt from Yulia Navalnaya's Anti Corruption Foundation, "Не бойтесь. Не молчите." which translates to "Don't Be Afraid. Don't Be Silent."

Dr. Limberakis offered a moving tribute to Ms. Navalnaya, stating: "Outstanding courage arises as a response to outrageous evil. In that sense, Yulia and Alexei, together forever, will be remembered for risking everything to make the largest country in the world, Russia, a free nation, with open and democratic elections and a government that is devoid of corruption and authoritarianism. What a tragedy it is that mighty Russia, unlike our own Patrida Greece, the birthplace of democracy and Western Civilization, had been led by the likes of Ivan the Terrible, Joseph Stalin and now Vladimir Putin. Putin will be remembered not only for his unprovoked imperialistic war on Ukraine but also for his murderous and sadistic methodology in forever silencing dissent in his own country."

Alexei Navalny, said Dr. Limberakis, "became Russia's foremost defender of human rights and individual freedom, side by side with Yulia."

Dr. Limberakis said that Yulia Navalnaya, "at tremendous personal risk, under an active arrest warrant in Russia has become the leader of the Russian opposition against Vladimir Putin, and something greater than that as well: she is nothing less than the conscience of the international community. With a prophetic voice, she has called upon the oikoumene to show its commitment to freedom, democratic ideals and human rights and take decisive action against the criminal police state in Moscow."



Michael G. Psaros
introduces dais guests



National Vice Commander
Hon. B. Theodore Bozonelis



Serge Schmemmann, *New York Times*
Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist



Archon leadership with Yulia Navalnaya



His Eminence Archbishop Elpidophoros of America welcomed Yulia Navalnaya to the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America.



Archons and friends from the Metropolis of Chicago gather together.

The Bouras Award

Honoring
Peter J. Skeadas

On Friday, October 18, 2024, before an enthusiastic overflow crowd at the Archons of the Ecumenical Patriarchate's annual Bouras Award Dinner, Archon Peter J. Skeadas received the 2024 Nicholas J. Bouras Award for Extraordinary Archon Stewardship.

The warm outpouring of love and gratitude from the attendees for Archon Skeadas and his beloved wife Aphrodite bore striking testimony to their lifelong service to the Holy Mother Church.





*It's simple: we offer
what we have."*

—Peter J. Skeadas



The 2024 Recipient

Peter J. Skeadas, above, is joined by his wife, Aphrodite, and his children Nicholas and Constantina, as he receives the Nicholas J. Bouras Award for Extraordinary Archon Stewardship through the hands of His Eminence Archbishop Elpidophoros of America and National Commander Dr. Anthony J. Limberakis.

National Commander Dr. Anthony J. Limberakis began the evening by informing those in attendance that the Bouras Award Dinner was the traditional kickoff event of Archon Weekend. "All morning long," he stated, "new Archons have had Boot Camp to learn how to be Archons like Nicholas J. Bouras." Listing some of Archon Bouras of blessed memory's accomplishments, Dr. Limberakis stated that Archons try to emulate him from alpha to omega.

National Vice Commander Hon. B. Theodore Bozonelis, trustee of the Nicholas J. and Anna K. Bouras Foundation, offered a toast to Archon Peter and Aphrodite Skeadas, noting their "lifetime commitment of service to our faith," which he said "exemplifies all the attributes of Nicholas J. Bouras." He repeated the memorial tribute given by His All-Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew, who described Archon Bouras' humility and philanthropy in this way: "He was righteous in his ways, generous in his heart, faithful in his soul, and noble in his spirit." This applied, said Judge Bozonelis, to Archon Skeadas as well.



Archon Peter and Aphrodite Skeadas

In his Archepiscopal Acclamation, His Eminence Archbishop Elpidophoros declared: "This evening is an auspicious and blessed event, for it calls to mind the memory of a great man, and we remember him by honoring a man with a similar dedication to service. He explained that Archon Skeadas' offikion, Hieromnimon, which was chosen for him by His All-Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew himself, was highly significant. Hiero, His Eminence explained, essentially means "one who is consecrated." This was fitting, he said, addressing Archon Peter, as "you take very seriously your role in the Church." His Eminence added that mnimon, meanwhile, means "one who holds the memory, a spiritual archivist, if you will." He stated that no corner of the Church has not been touched by Archon Peter's service and wisdom. "You are a leader," His Eminence concluded. "You are most worthy to receive the Nicholas J. Bouras Award."



Past recipients of the Nicholas J. Bouras Award with National Council members and Regional Commanders.



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

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



Past Recipients of The Award

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



His Eminence Archbishop Elpidophoros of America



Archon Skeadas with family and friends



On Saturday, October 19, 2024, at the Annual Archon Agape Family Luncheon, the Archons of the Ecumenical Patriarchate presented the Archon Sophia Award for Excellence to Archon John G. Gumas.

National Commander Dr. Anthony J. Limberakis explained that Archon John G. Gumas suggested last year that key Archons gather for a symposium, for which Archon Michael G. Psaros provided a location: his offices in New York City, which offer a panoramic view of the entire city.

In that singular location, key Archons along with dedicated Greek Orthodox female leaders including Maria Allwin, Aphrodite Skeadas, Elizabeth Limberakis (the daughter

of Drs. Anthony J. and Maria A. Limberakis), and Leah Kats met to study how best to express the Archons' mission and goals. Under

the coordination with Archon John Gumas, a veteran of the advertising and marketing industry with over forty years of experience, they



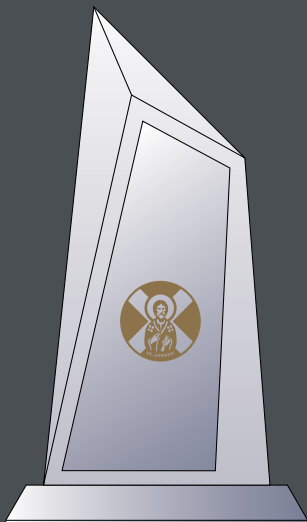
*Each one of us has a brand.
It's how people see you.
It's everything about you.
You can choose to articulate that,
or you can let the market do it for you.
The Commander chose the former."*

—John G. Gumas



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.



Past Recipients of The Award

2024 • John G. Gumas

and to the GUMAS Advertising Team in effectively communicating the identity and ancient mission of the Archons of the Ecumenical Patriarchate to the modern world

2023 • Cappella Romana

which passionately connects New Rome-Constantinople, and its Slavic Commonwealth as well as the medieval Greek concept of the Roman Oikoumene, embracing Rome and Western Europe.

2023 • Ambassador Archon George J. Tsunis

in recognition of his service to the Ecumenical Patriarchate and the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America

2022 • Archon Nawaf and Rim Salameh

in recognition of their extraordinary generosity and invaluable assistance for the 2022 Archon Religious Freedom Mission to Romania

2022 • Archon Boris and Youlianna Gurov

in recognition of their extraordinary generosity and invaluable assistance for the 2022 Archon Religious Freedom Mission to Bulgaria

2021 • Santiago Calatrava

For his inspirational vision in the rebuilding of the Saint Nicholas National Shrine at the World Trade Center grounded on the Holy Wisdom of God

worked on developing a logo, clarifying the name, and formulating a tagline for the Order that would best express its determination to protect and strengthen the Holy Mother Church of Constantinople.

It was during these deliberations, the Strategic Branding Initiative, that the Archon catchphrase “Protecting the Future of Faith” was developed, as a positive statement of the Order’s determination to safeguard the religious freedom of the Ecumenical Patriarchate.

Archon Gumas then explained that “each one of us has a brand. It’s how people see you. It’s everything about you. You can choose to articulate that, or you can let the market

do it for you. The Commander chose the former.” He pointed out that the development of the new Archon logo and the other fruits of the Strategic Branding Initiative “did not happen by accident, and was not guessing or assumption. It was very thorough analysis and discovery process.”

Archon Gumas explained that it was easy to take pages to describe oneself or one’s organization, but much harder to do it all in a paragraph. He thanked the Archon Communications Committee, and particularly Archons Rocky Sisson, James Speros and John Mindala, for working with him on this all-important effort.

The Class of 2024

Archons of the Ecumenical Patriarchate Add 28 Distinguished New Members

His Eminence Archbishop Elpidophoros of America, accompanied by His Eminence Metropolitan Gerasimos of San Francisco and His Eminence Metropolitan Savas of Pittsburgh, presided at the Investiture of twenty-eight new Archons of the Ecumenical Patriarchate from throughout the United States, following the Divine Liturgy at the Archdiocesan Cathedral of the Holy Trinity in New York City on Sunday, October 20, 2024

The Archon of the Great Church of Christ is a Protector of the Future of Faith and as such is expected to demonstrate leadership in the support of his local Parish, Diocese/ Metropolis, Archdiocese and, most importantly, the Ecumenical Patriarchate.



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Saugus, Massachusetts

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Saddle Brook, New Jersey



Archon International Conference

The 4th Archon International Conference on Religious Freedom was held from May 26 through May 29, 2024 in Athens, Greece. The conference was organized and hosted by the Archons of the Ecumenical Patriarchate in America, Canada, Europe and Australia.

The conference was held in many of the most notable and historic venues in Athens, and featured some of the world's foremost defenders of human rights and religious freedom, including His All-Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew (via video); His Beatitude Archbishop Ieronymos of Athens and All Greece; His Eminence Metropolitan Emmanuel, Geron of Chalcedon; His Eminence Archbishop Elpidophoros of America; and former U.S. Secretary of State Michael R. Pompeo.



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Conference Keynote Speakers



His Eminence Archbishop of Vilnius
Gintaras Grušas



Hon. Michael R. Pompeo
Former Secretary of State



Dr. Despina Chatzivassiliou-Tsovilis
Secretary General of PACE



Divine Liturgy

The proceedings began on Sunday in Athens' inspiring and beautiful Metropolitan Cathedral, the Church of the Annunciation, which is the Cathedral of His Beatitude Archbishop Ieronymos.

Following Orthros, His Eminence Archbishop Elpidophoros celebrated an Archieratical Divine Liturgy. After the Divine Liturgy, in keeping with the theme of the conference, a 50-year anniversary Memorial Service commemorating the victims of the tragic invasion of Cyprus and all other martyrs who have lost their lives because of religious persecution.



Official Opening at the Agora

The Official Opening of the Conference took place at the Stoa of Attalos in the ancient Agora of Athens on Monday, May 27. Dr. Limberakis stated that the Agora was the heart of political life in Athens, and that all the administrative, cultural and religious activities of the ancient Athenians took place there.



Welcome Reception at the Foreign Ministry

A Welcome Reception was held at the Foreign Ministry of the Hellenic Republic. Deputy Foreign Minister Giorgos Kotsiras welcomed the conference participants and emphasized that religious freedom does not exist without respect for human rights and the equality of all people before the law.

Session I: Democracy, Authoritarianism and The Implications (Challenges and Opportunities) for Faith Communities Worldwide

His Excellency Gintaras Grušas addresses participants inside the Old Parliament.



Welcome Dinner at the Acropolis Museum

Archon Athanasios Martinos, Olga Tsunis, Archbishop Elpidophoros, Marina Martinos and Ambassador Archon Hon. George J. Tsunis.



Session II: How is Freedom of Religion or Belief Related to Current Global Trends and Humanitarian Need

The Second Session of the Conference took place at the Zappeion Hall, an enduring icon of Greek civilization, on Tuesday morning, May 27. The keynote speaker was Dr. Despina Chatzivassiliou-Tsovilis, Secretary General of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe, who holds the double honor of being the first-ever Secretary General serving from the country of Greece and first-ever woman holding this leading position in the Council of Europe, as her predecessors were all men.





The 4th Archon International Conference on Religious Freedom



Session III: Human Rights and Religious Freedom and Their Implications to the Geopolitical Order

Archon James C. Rockas served as moderator during a fireside chat with Secretary of State Mike Pompeo, the 70th Secretary of State of the United States from 2018 to 2021 and the Conference's keynote speaker.



Secretary of State Mike Pompeo

Secretary of State Mike Pompeo speaks during the third session held at the Zappeion.



Archon Leadership with Pompeo

A presentation was made to Secretary of State Mike and Susan Pompeo following his address.

Special Presentation

A special presentation was made to Father Alex and Presbytera Xanthi Karloutsos for their labors for the Ecumenical Patriarchate.



Farewell Dinner

Evangelos Venizelos, Former Deputy Prime Minister of Greece, was the evening's featured speaker.



Farewell Dinner

The Conference concluded with a Farewell Dinner at the Zappeion Hall where National Commander Dr. Limberakis offered closing remarks..



The 1st Summit of Global Archons

The 1st Summit of Global Archons convened on May 29, 2024 in the Old Parliament House at the National Historical Museum in Athens, Greece, in conjunction with the 4th Archon International Conference. Archons from throughout North America and Europe met in this first-ever gathering of Archons from around the world in order to discuss ways to coordinate their efforts to defend the religious freedom of the Ecumenical Patriarchate and protect the future of faith worldwide.

Dr. Anthony J. Limberakis said that the meeting was intended to develop a proposal and initiative that would establish a new image for the Archons, who date back to the tenth century BC.

Protecting The Future Of Faith



Addressing Summit Participants

Dr. Limberakis also made a compelling and comprehensive review of the office of Archon from ancient to contemporary times and presented a dramatic audio-visual call for global Archon unity which resulted in a formal request to Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew and the Holy and Sacred Synod.



Summit Leadership

His Eminence Metropolitan Emmanuel of Chaceldon, Patriarchal Representative; Archon Chrisostomos Perentes, President of Archons in Canada; His Eminence Archbishop Elpidophoros of America, and Archon Athanasios Martinos, President of the Pammakaristos Brotherhood of Archons in Europe.



Very Rev. Grand Ecclesiarch Aetios

The Very Rev. Grand Ecclesiarch Aetios explains that recent activities have led to a new era of warm relations with the Church in Bulgaria, in which His All-Holiness was invited to be present at the enthronement of the new Patriarch of Bulgaria.

Archon Leadership

Members of the Executive Committee and National Council listen to the presentation by the National Commander.

Metropolitan Emmanuel of Chaceldon

In his remarks, Metropolitan Emmanuel said that all the assembled Archons were united for the benefit of the Ecumenical Throne. He spoke of the profound sense of humility and acute sense of awareness of the responsibility that this Summit bestowed on all those present. This was, he said, a divinely opportune moment, when the weight of tradition intersected with contemporary realities. He also provided a historical overview of the Archons, pointing out that they were originally part of civic life. When the Church adopted many aspects of the existing civil government, the Archons took on ecclesiastical role, overseeing liturgical functions and managing Church affairs.



Worldwide Observations

Ecumenical Patriarch Discusses The Situation Of Christians In Syria With Turkish President Erdogan



On December 26, 2024, Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew met, at his request, with the President of the Turkish Republic, Recep Tayyip Erdogan, at the Presidential Palace in Ankara.

His All-Holiness raised the issue of the situation of Christians in Syria. He asked President Erdogan to exert all of his influence there in order to protect the life and safety of Christians and all religious minorities of Syria. His All-Holiness also referred to the close historical ties between the Ecumenical Patriarchate and the Greek Orthodox Patriarchate of Antioch and All the East, which is centered in Damascus.

In a recent phone conversation with His Beatitude Patriarch John X of Antioch and All the East, the



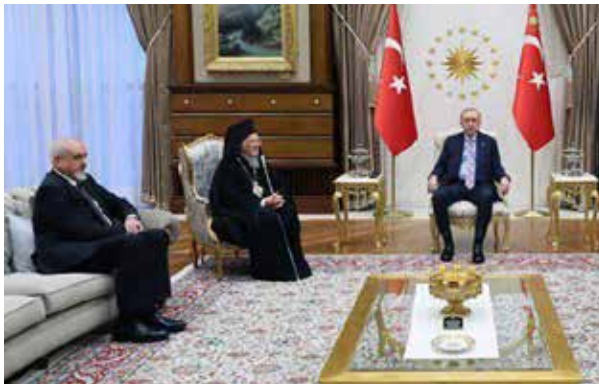
Ecumenical Patriarch expressed, “on behalf of the Holy Church of Christ the Great and himself personally, his intense concern for the situation of the Hierarchy, the clergy and the people of the historic Church of Antioch, and his absolute support for it, for its safety and stability.”

In his meeting with President Erdogan, His All-Holiness also thanked the President for the order he gave for the reopening of the Halki Theological School, and re-

quested that he speed up the relevant procedures required for the reopening. The President promised his help without any reservations.

During the meeting, the Ecumenical Patriarch and the President discussed the planned celebrations during the coming year for the 1700th anniversary of the First Ecumenical Synod in Nicaea in 325, and the arrival in Turkey of His Holiness Pope Francis in May to participate in the observances.

The Ecumenical Patriarch was accompanied by His Eminence Geron Metropolitan Emmanuel of Chalcedon and Archon Panteleimon Vingas, Grand Archivist of the Holy and Great Church and an active community advocate of the omogeneia.



Archon Dr. Nawaf Salameh Explains Syria's Crisis — And Opportunity



Archon Nawaf Salameh reflects on his Syrian Christian roots and the opportunity for peace and stability for all Faiths in Syria with the end of the Assad regime. Archon Salameh is Founder and Chairman of the Nawaf Salameh Family Office and Alexandrion Foundation, Romania.

For 43 years, I have been a proud citizen of Romania and a staunch supporter of Romanian traditions and values. These include our adherence to a faith in God that, I think it safe to say, is second to no other people on earth.

And as a Christian born and raised in Syria, who shares with my many family members and the Syrian people that same deep devotion to faith, and as an Archon of the Ecumenical Patriarchate of Constantinople-New Rome, I think often of the land of my ancestors.

My community has been in Syria for millennia. My extended family is there, native to the Valley of the Christians.

We have long prayed for the deliverance of Syria and its diverse society from the aberrant, abhorrent, and repressive dictatorship and ideology that have wreaked havoc on this land for over half a century. And so, we are overjoyed by the news of the end of the Assad Regime.

As a result, Syria now has the opportunity to establish peace after long years of horrific war, and to work in concert with its neighbors to that end. In particular, I believe Turkiye's role will be key to progress. Turkiye is an amazing country, a true success story with rich, profound, and natural cultural connections and interests across

the region. I have long supported, both publicly and privately, strong relations and friendship with Turkiye as central to achieving prosperity and stability in the Balkans, the Middle East, and elsewhere.

We are acutely aware that the bloodshed and brutality of war have left their mark on all the people of Syria, and that rebuilding will be a long, difficult and uncertain process. The current moment is fraught with the serious potential risk of chaos, which we all seek to avoid.

As a person trained as a medical doctor, and with a deep love of the glories of Greece and Greek culture, both ancient and modern, I have always approached my endeavors in light of the great Hippocrates, the Father of Medicine, who admonished doctors to "first, do no harm." Like Hippocrates, we should be clear-eyed and mindful of the complexities of any situation confronting us. We should also strive to avoid oversimplification, or reducing our understanding to a mere caricature of reality, to be manipulated in the service of one political agenda or another.

In that light, the first order of business is to establish stability and peace, to bring an end once and for all to violence. Christians, as well as Muslims, Jews, and other communities, have an abiding interest in dialogue, comity, and tolerance, built on deep respect for faith and absolute equality of all Syrian citizens.

In my view, achieving stability will require a strong commitment to the territorial integrity of Syria, and governmental arrangements that enshrine the principle of equality in law and

practice, and without favoring or disadvantaging any individual or group. In this way, we will avoid repeating what in other countries has, unfortunately, too often degenerated into a mere spoils system among different communities, one that promotes parochial interests and fierce competition for resources in ways that can too easily be portrayed as a fundamentally "religious" or ethnic competition, inexorably devolving into antagonism and strife.

In the period ahead, various organizations will be involved in what we expect will be an iterative process representing the views of all citizens. In that light, I would note that the Christian community has long played a major role in building Syria, despite the predations of the Assad Regime, and in the development of civil society. We have always been, and continue to be, the bridge that connects all religions and communities in Syria to the wider region, including above all to Muslims and Christians, and between East and West more generally.

Our community will seek support for initiatives as Christian laypeople and as full citizens of this country, and to participate in the leadership of institutions, associations, and assistance in cooperation with people of other faiths. In this way, we can continue to help rebuild and protect Syria and safeguard the social fabric of the country.

There is much work to do, but we believe that with God's blessing, the understanding and support of regional neighbors, and the sincere, constructive efforts of the Syrian people, Syria will one day be a land of faith, peace, plenty, and democratic stability.

Archons of Ecumenical Patriarchate Sound Urgent Call for Protection of Christians in Syria



With fervent prayer and immense concern, we are monitoring daily the developments in Syria. Since the fall of the Assad regime, the situation for the Christians in that tragic land has become extremely serious.

We urgently beseech the United Nations and all relevant international human rights organizations to move quickly to protect the Christians of Syria. In a recent phone conversation with His Beatitude John X, Patriarch of Antioch and All the East, His All-Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew expressed, “on behalf of the Holy Church of Christ the Great and himself personally, his intense concern for the situation of the Hierarchy, the clergy and the people of the historic Church of Antioch, and his absolute support for it, for its safety and stability.”

In pledging “the unwavering support of the Mother Church of

Constantinople,” His All-Holiness emphasized “the enduring unity and fraternal bonds between the two Patriarchates during these trying times.” Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew “offered prayers to Almighty God, asking for peace to prevail in the hearts of all and for stability and reconciliation to be restored in Syria.”

The Archons of the Ecumenical Patriarchate join in the appeal of the Ecumenical Patriarchate “to all competent political leaders to respect the life and integrity of all people, as well as the historical monuments of Syria’s Christianity and its cultural heritage in general.”

We also applaud the call of the Patriarchate of Antioch for “wisdom, solidarity, and collective action.” Under the wise guidance of His Beatitude Patriarch John X, the Patriarchate also “called for unwavering trust in

God’s mercy and guidance, urging all Syrians to remain steadfast in their love for their homeland and committed to safeguarding the dignity of their fellow citizens.”

We likewise are heartened by the statement of Prime Minister Kyriakos Mitsotakis of the Hellenic Republic, who emphasized “Greece’s important role in Syria, stating that Greece is de facto playing the role of spiritual protector of the Greek Orthodox, whose security is a primary concern for Athens.”

Let us all continue in prayer that, by God’s grace, the courageous and long-suffering Christians of Syria will be able to continue to live there in peace, freedom, and security, and that the extraordinary Christian heritage of Syria would be preserved. Anything less than this would be a heart-rending and irreplaceable loss for the Middle East and the entire world.

US Ambassador Calls for Reopening of Halki during OSCE in Warsaw



On Monday, October 7, 2024, at the Warsaw Human Dimension Conference (WHDC) of the Organization for Security and Co-Operation in Europe (OSCE) in Warsaw, Poland, Ambassador Michael G. Kozak, Head of the United States Delegation at the WHDC, issued a public call for the reopening of the Theological School of Halki.

Founded in 1844 and forcibly closed down by Turkish authorities in 1971, the Theological School

of Halki was the Ecumenical Patriarchate’s primary institution for the training of new clergy. Since its closing, the Ecumenical Patriarchate has had to send the young men from its community desiring to enter the priesthood to one of the theological schools in Greece. In many instances, they do not return given the onerous restrictions in getting work permits and the general climate of intimidation.



Ambassador Kozak stated: “In Türkiye, the Theological School of Halki has been closed for more than 50 years. We welcome Turkey’s official statements that they would like to see it reopened and we urge them to act promptly on that stated desire.”

Ecumenical Patriarch speaks at Summit on Peace in Ukraine, meets with Zelensky



On Sunday, June 16, 2024, His All-Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew addressed the International Summit for Peace in Ukraine, which was held in Bürgenstock in the Canton of Nidwalden in Switzerland. Around 100 states and international organizations sent their highest-level representatives to the Summit; His All-Holiness, who appeared at the official invitation of Her Excellency Viola Amherd, the president of the Swiss Confederation, was the only religious leader who was invited to the Summit.

At the Summit, His All-Holiness stated: "War is always destructive. To remain silent in front of the cruelty of war is a shame! It is our duty and mission to defend and promote peace. 'Blessed are the

peacemakers.'" (Mat. 5:9) His All-Holiness also declared that "The driving force behind this Summit has been the emphasis on and the power of dialogue," and explained that he granted autocephaly to the Orthodox Church in Ukraine in January 2019 "because we firmly believe that the Orthodox Christians in Ukraine deserve an ecclesiastical voice of their own."

On Saturday, June 15, 2024, President of Zelensky met with His All-Holiness on the sidelines of the Summit and thanked him for his support for Ukraine as it defends itself from the aggression of the Russian Federation.

On the Telegram messaging app, President Zelensky wrote: "I met with His Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew. Thank you

for your humanitarian support for Ukraine, especially in the matter of the return of Ukrainian children and the exchange of prisoners. Thank you for your prayers for peace and your help for Ukrainians who have suffered as a result of Russian aggression. This is very important to us. We also appreciate the efforts of His All-Holiness to promote the development and strengthening of Orthodoxy in Ukraine, and the dialogue with the clergy of the countries of the world and partner states on this issue."

According to the Ukrainian President's official website, Zelensky also expressed gratitude to Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew for working to increase the participation of the nations of the world in the Global Peace Summit.

The Turkish and Russian Threats to the Ecumenical Patriarch



The following written report was presented by Archon Rocky Sisson, who together with Archon Hon. Steven G. Counelis, presented statements to the OSCE Conference held in Warsaw in October.

The eradication of the Ecumenical Patriarchate of Constantinople and the Greek Orthodox community of Turkey would not only be an egregious violation of human rights, but it would also be a tremendous opportunity for Russia to expand its imperialism and global adventurism.

Turkey is providing Russia with a golden opportunity. The Turkish government's longstanding hostility to ethnic and religious minorities is well documented, going back to the Armenian, Greek, and Assyrian genocides of a century ago. Today, that government is pursuing policies that will lead, in the not-too-distant-future, to the complete eradication of the historic Greek Orthodox Christian community, the indigenous people of Turkey.

Amid all this, the Archons of the Ecumenical Patriarchate are fighting to defend and protect the religious freedoms of our Holy and Great Mother Church.

One of the chief destructive policies of the Turkish government is the fact that the Ecumenical Patriarchate has no legal identity or

bona fide legal personality in Turkey. This means that in terms of Turkish law, it does not exist. An entity that does not exist cannot own property—not even its churches or the sacred icons, including world-historical works of art, and holy relics that are housed in them.

Turkish authorities forced the closure of the Theological School of Halki, the primary source of new clergy for the Ecumenical Patriarchate, in 1971. At the same time, it demands that the Ecumenical Patriarchate be a citizen of Turkey. Yet no new clergy can be trained in Turkey, and many who are sent abroad for training never return. The Turkish government's goal is clear: it is trying to asphyxiate the Ecumenical Patriarchate and completely annihilate the Hellenic community in Asia Minor, which has been present there for millennia.

If the Turkish government forces the end of the Ecumenical Patriarchate's two-thousand-year-long presence in Constantinople, the chief beneficiaries will not be the Turks, but the Russians. Vladimir Putin is waging an unjust and unprovoked war against Ukraine, slaughtering wholesale his fellow Orthodox Christians, with the wholehearted approval of his accomplice, Patriarch Kirill of Moscow.

The Moscow Patriarchate has severed communion with the Ecumenical Patriarchate over His All-Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew's important decision to grant autocephaly—independence—to the Orthodox Church of Ukraine in 2019.

If the Ecumenical Patriarchate is forced to leave Turkey, Russia is poised to take advantage. Putin and Kirill might establish a new, Russian Ecumenical Patriarchate, or simply claim for the Patriarchate of Moscow the canonical rights of the Ecumenical Patriarchate. This would be part of Moscow's efforts to secure control over the entire Orthodox Christian world, which would have far-reaching implications in both the geopolitical and religious spheres.

Accordingly, governments that are concerned about Russian expansionism and imperialism should make it a priority to work on multiple fronts to secure the presence and rights of the Ecumenical Patriarchate in Constantinople.

We ask the members of the OCSE to:

Advocate for legal identity for the Ecumenical Patriarchate.

Advocate for the reopening of Halki.

Advocate to stop Russia's ambitions in Turkey.

Our responsibility for the further dissemination of Orthodox witness in Japan and Korea under the Ecumenical Patriarchate



The following speech was delivered by His Eminence Metropolitan Ambrosios of Korea, Exarch of Japan during a webinar: Putin, Patriarch Kirill, And The Threat To Global Orthodoxy. The event was held on May 19, 2024 and hosted by the Archons of the Ecumenical Patriarchate's Academia Symposia Committee.

Moscow Patriarchate's illegal expansionist policy in the Orthodox Metropolis of Korea and Exarch of Japan is of profound concern to the Ecumenical Patriarchate and Orthodox Christians worldwide. What must be done to support the canonical jurisdiction of the Ecumenical Patriarchate in Japan and the attendant ecclesiastical issues? The Ecumenical Patriarchate founded the Metropolis of Korea and Exarchate of Japan in 2004, entrusted it to the first Metropolitan of Korea and Exarch of Japan, the late Soterios Trampas.

In 1970 the Moscow Patriarchate illegally granted autonomy status to the Orthodox Church in Japan. This concession was made uncanonically because the Moscow Patriarchate did not have the right to grant "autonomy" or "autocephaly" on its own. As a result, the Autonomous Church of Japan is not officially recognized by the Ecumenical Patriarchate and the other Patriarchates and Autocephalous Orthodox Churches.

At the time, Metropolitan Soterios did not exercise his ecclesiastical rights in Japan in that he felt as he said, . . . "it is not good to disturb the peace between the Orthodox faithful of two neighboring nations. Instead, let us pray that the existing irregularity in Japan may be resolved through synodical procedures." The Church of Russia did not attend the

Holy and Great Synod of Crete in 2016. Regrettably, the opportunity to resolve this important ecclesiastical issue in a pan-Orthodox synod was lost.

In Christmas 2018, the Moscow Patriarchate uncanonically invaded Korea and created a Russian ecclesiastical jurisdiction of its own, under the pretext of the Autocephaly granted to Ukraine by the Ecumenical Patriarchate. Yet, the numerous documents and other testimonies in the Archives of the Metropolis of Korea, unequivocally show that Moscow's aspirations for its illegal invasion of Korea, began in 1993, after the fall of the Soviet Union.

Despite numerous appeals to the ecclesiastical and diplomatic Russian authorities, the Moscow Patriarchate destroyed the normal ecclesiastical order in Korea. The Orthodox faithful of Korea have been scandalized profoundly by the recruitment tactics of the representatives of the newly establish Moscow Patriarchate community in Seoul. Korean clergy were implored to leave the Orthodox Metropolis of Korea under the Ecumenical Patriarchate and come instead under the jurisdiction of the Moscow Patriarchate. Coming back to the ecclesiological problem that exists in Japan, the Exarch of Japan is taking steps in the right direction to solve it.

The Exarch of Japan has begun making pastoral visits to meet the liturgical and pastoral needs of the faithful or catechumens who do not wish to belong to the "Russian World." Since the beginning of Russia's war against Ukraine, many Orthodox Japanese and Ukrainians who fled the war to Japan, do not worship in Moscow's "Autonomous

Church of Japan" in protest to the war. Among those Russians, Belarusians and other Orthodox from countries of the former Soviet Union, who live in Japan and Korea, worship in the Orthodox Metropolis of Korea and in the Orthodox Exarchate in Japan under the Ecumenical Patriarchate.

The lack of privately owned space to house the Ecumenical Patriarchate's Exarchate in Japan has impeded the liturgical and pastoral work of the Metropolis. Services are held in Tokyo at St. Alban's Church, twice monthly on a temporary basis, but there is a clear need for the purchase of property to begin the process of building a church, community center, and priest's residence to meet the pastoral and liturgical needs of the faithful.

Fortunately, a property, which fully meets the needs of the Exarchate in Japan was found, consisting of space for a church with a capacity for 80 persons, an office and reception hall for parish events, and a residence for the priest's family. The property cost is 2M US dollars. An appeal on behalf of our Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew, to every person of good will, who understands the great threat to Global Orthodoxy of the Moscow Patriarchate.

Please help us to obtain the necessary material and technical infrastructure to establish an Orthodox Center in Japan under the ecclesiastical jurisdiction and love of the Ecumenical Patriarchate for the dissemination of Orthodoxy in Japan, for the glory of God and of the Mother Church of us all.

Archons condemn Conversion of Ancient Chora Church into a Mosque



The Archons of the Ecumenical Patriarchate note with dismay Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan's decision to proceed with plans, originally announced in 2020, to convert the historic and renowned Church of the Holy Savior in Chora, an emblematic monument of Byzantine iconography that is listed among the masterpieces of UNESCO's World Heritage List, to a mosque. This is yet another contemptuous act against religious freedom perpetrated by the government of Turkey; the Archons strongly condemn this action.

The Church of the Holy Savior in Chora was built in the fourteenth century on the site of churches that

date back to the fourth century. It was one of the most celebrated churches in Constantinople, as it contained mosaic icons and frescoes that are some of the foremost examples anywhere in the world of Byzantine iconography.

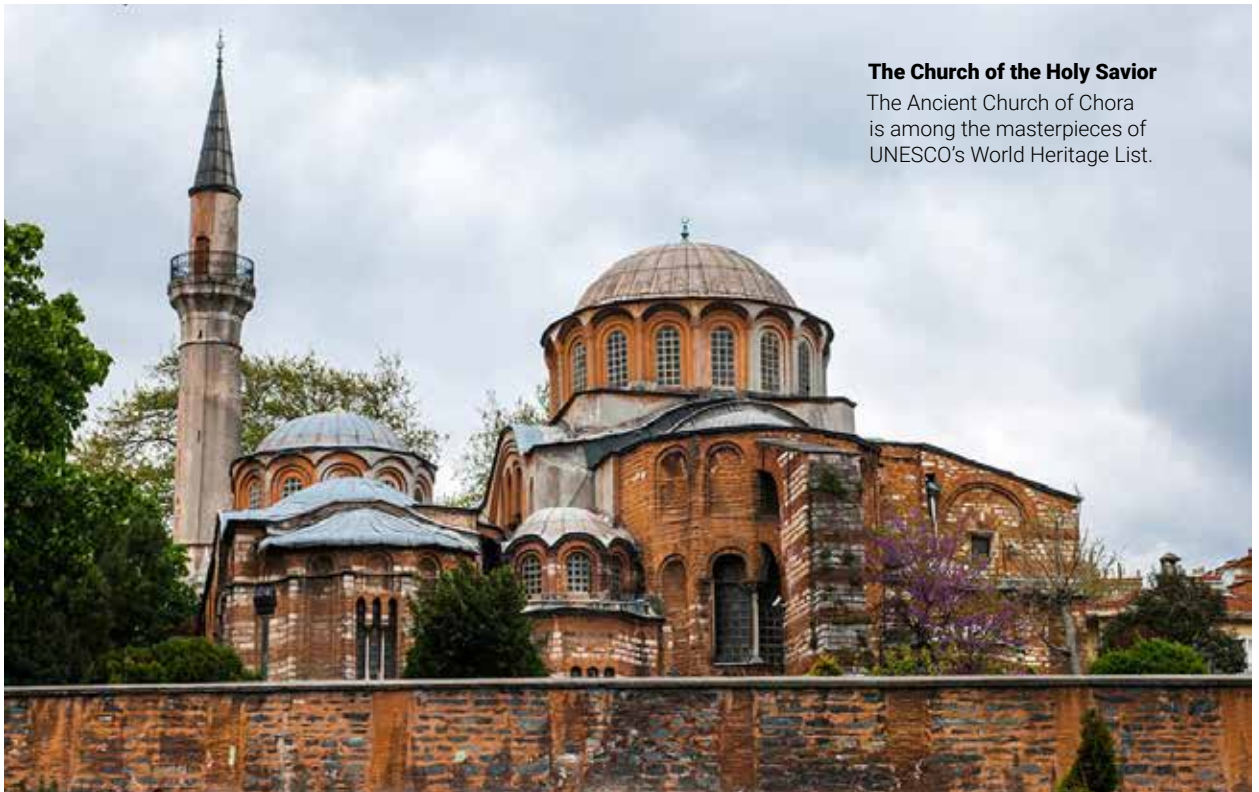
When the Ottoman Turks conquered Constantinople in 1453, that magnificent Christian art was plastered over, but it was revealed to the world again when the Turkish government designated the building a museum in 1945.

Now that artwork, part of the creative heritage of the entire world, risks being lost forever. Contrary to assurances, the icons and frescoes of Hagia Sophia, a UNESCO World

Heritage Site and vitally important site for the world's Orthodox Christians, have become significantly less available for viewing since Erdogan converted that historic and magnificent cathedral to a mosque. The Church of the Holy Savior in Chora contains even more breathtaking examples of Byzantine iconography, as UNESCO states: "Its mosaics and frescoes, commissioned by the Byzantine humanist and poet Theodore Metochites (14th century) form one of the most complete ensembles of late Byzantine art to survive in Istanbul." If international human rights organizations do not act now, they could never be seen again.

The Church of the Holy Savior

The Ancient Church of Chora is among the masterpieces of UNESCO's World Heritage List.





This ill-advised decision once again makes a mockery of the Turkish government's commitment to religious tolerance and religious freedom. Hagia Sophia and the Chora Church have for centuries been a source of inspiration and enlightenment not only for millions of Orthodox Christians, but for people of other faith traditions all over the world. The Turkish government's appropriation of both as the property of one faith group not only constitutes yet another sign of that government's contempt for Turkey's rich Orthodox Christian heritage, but further imperils the religious freedom of the Ecumenical Patriarchate and the remaining Christians of that land.

Chora Church was the first to be looted when the Ottomans conquered Constantinople. This must not happen again. We urgently call upon international organizations

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and governments of the world that are committed to religious freedom to compel the Turkish government to reverse this decision as well as the conversion of Hagia Sophia to

a mosque, and to reestablish both with a status that respects their entire history, including their many centuries as centers of Christian prayer and worship.

Evolving Leadership

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

Officers

On December 13, at a National Council meeting elections were held for officers and functionaries. The following officers were unanimously re-elected for a one-year term.



RE-ELECTED

National Vice Commander

The Hon. B.
Theodore Bozonelis



RE-ELECTED

National Treasurer

Peter J. Skeadas



RE-ELECTED

National Secretary

Gus M. Pablecas



RE-ELECTED

Legal Counselor

Peter
Kakoyiannis, Esq.



RE-ELECTED

Sergeant at Arms

Alexander Pritsos

Functionaries

The following functionaries were also unanimously re-elected for a one-year term.



RE-ELECTED

Historian

Dr. George E.
Demacopoulos,
Ph.D.



RE-ELECTED

Assistant Treasurer

Andreas D.
Comodromos, CPA

Newly-Appointed Audit Committee Member

The following individual was appointed to the Audit Committee.



APPOINTED

Audit Committee

George N.
Pappas, CPA

Regional Commanders

Throughout the year, five new Regional Commanders were appointed by the National Commander.



APPOINTED

Metropolis of New Jersey

Michael D.
Camarinos, Esq.



APPOINTED

Direct Archdiocesan District in New York City and Long Island

Michael P.
Neamonitakis



APPOINTED

Metropolis of Chicago

Perry C. Siatis, Esq.



APPOINTED

Metropolis of Atlanta, State of Alabama

Gregory B. Saad

Archon Regions Re-Zoning Project

The Archon Regional Commander Liaison Committee (ARCL) chaired by Archon Dr. Nicholas Loutsion and co-chaired by Archon John Manos were given the task by the Executive Committee to delineate a national map including each Archon region. The previous Vice Chairman, Archon John Halecky, of blessed memory, was the original architect of this project decades ago. Several new Regional Commanders were appointed in the last few years, as well as, a few of the old regions remapped and re-assigned. This development added confusion within the ranks of the

Regional Commanders as to what their actual region entailed.

This project was brought to fruition through a group effort including the enthusiastic participation of dedicated Regional Commanders. With the historical information on hand and the information provided by the Regional Commanders, the map, shown below, was crafted by the ARCL Chair and the addendum by our ARCL Co-Chair. The map has been added to Archon website and will provide a vehicle for everyone to have an accurate picture of each region and eliminate the confusion.

The committee thanks Archon



ARCL Co-Chairs

Archon Dr. Nicholas Loutsion, left, and Archon John Manos, right, led efforts in this project.

John Mindala and Nicholas Kyritsis from the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America's Internet Ministries for their technical advice.



The Power of Presence

Several important events throughout the year occurred that required official representation.

National Commander Addresses International Religious Freedom Summit

On January 30, 2024, Dr. Anthony J. Limberakis, National Commander of the Archons of the Ecumenical Patriarchate delivered remarks on the pivotal importance of religious freedom and the words and example of His All-Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew at the International Religious Freedom (IRF) Summit in Washington, D.C. Dr. Limberakis participated in a panel discussion entitled “Law and Religion: Legal Victories & Tools for IRF.” Dr. Elizabeth Prodromou, Visiting Professor in the International Studies Program at Boston College and Vice Chair of the Archon Engagement Committee on Women in Orthodoxy, was the moderator for the discussion.



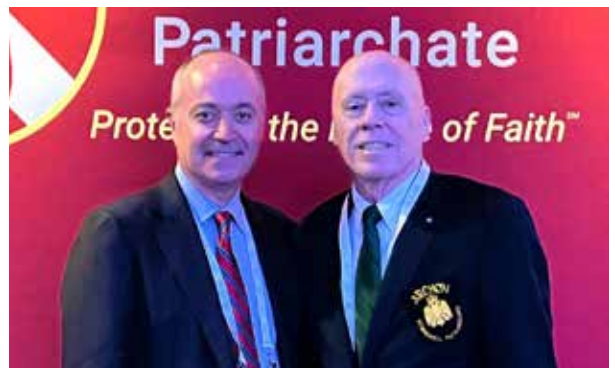
Addressing Summit Participants

The IRF Summit 2024 brought together a broad coalition of passionate supporters of religious freedom from around the globe for a two-day in-person event.



IRF Summit Co-Chair

Archons with Ambassador Sam Brownback, IRF Summit 2024 Co-Chair



Archon Participation

Archon John Gumus was conducting interview and Archon Rocky Sisson manned the the Archon exhibit area.

Archons Travel To Warsaw For Conference Of The Organization For Security And Co-Operation In Europe

On September 30, 2024, the Warsaw Human Dimension Conference of the Organization for Security and Co-Operation in Europe (OSCE) began in Warsaw, Poland. Archons Rocky Sisson and Hon. Steven G. Counelis traveled to Warsaw for the Conference and gave presentations on the plight of the Ecumenical Patriarchate and the necessity for the government of Turkey to grant full religious freedom to the Orthodox Christians and other religious minorities of that country.

In a written report, Archon Rocky Sisson, Archon Prepositos, stated that “the eradication of the Ecumenical Patriarchate of Constantinople and the Greek Orthodox community of Turkey would not only be an egregious violation of human rights, but it would also be a tremendous opportunity for Russia to expand its imperialism and global adventurism.”

On October 8, Archon Hon.



Counelis delivered an oral statement at the conference's third Plenary Session, which was devoted to issues of tolerance and non-discrimination. Archon Hon. Counelis noted that the Theological School of Halki “has remained shuttered for the last 53 years, since the Turkish Government forcibly closed it in 1971.”



Rocky Sisson at Auschwitz Nazi Concentration and Extermination Camp, Poland, October 5, 2024

At the recommendation of the National Commander, Archon OSCE delegations will now visit Auschwitz, in solidarity with all the victims of the Nazi genocide of the Jews and others during World War II, and all those who have been brutalized or killed for their creed or ethnicity. Auschwitz in operation from May 1940 to January 1945, site of at least 1.1 million murdered.

Archons Demacopoulos And Papanikolaou Address Conference At Athens' Historic Old Parliament Building

On November 26, 2024, Archons Prof. Dr. George E. Demacopoulos and Prof. Dr. Aristotle “Telly” Papanikolaou were featured speakers at a major conference in Athens, Greece on the state of Orthodox Theology. The conference was sponsored by the Church of Greece and the University of Athens.

There were about 180 talks, of which around 140 were presented by bishops, priests, and professors from Greece. Archons Demacopoulos and Papanikolaou were the only two lay Greek-Americans invited.





Greek Independence Day Flag Raising Ceremony in Philadelphia

National Commander Anthony J. Limberakis, MD offered remarks at the Flag Raising Ceremony in Philadelphia, PA on April 5, 2024. The ceremony was part of the Greek Independence Celebrations of the Federation of Hellenic-American Societies of Philadelphia and the Greater Delaware Valley.



National Commander Limberakis And Archon Sideridis Appear On Popular Grecian Echoes Radio Show

Dr. Anthony J. Limberakis, National Commander of the Archons of the Ecumenical Patriarchate, and Archon Constantine Sideridis, Regional Commander for the Metropolis of Boston, were interviewed on Grecian Echoes, a popular New England radio show focusing on the Greek American community.



National Commander Dr. Limberakis Has Fruitful Discussion With Kimberly Guilfoyle, Nominated To Be Ambassador To Greece

On December 18, 2024, National Commander Dr. Limberakis had an illuminating and productive phone conversation with President-elect Trump's nominee to be U.S. Ambassador to Greece, Kimberly Guilfoyle. Following His Eminence Archbishop Elpidophoros of America's important discussion with Ms. Guilfoyle, he had a cordial and wide-ranging conversation where she emphasized that she was "looking forward to a strong working relationship with the Archons of the Ecumenical Patriarchate."

Young Adults In Pilgrimage of Discovery (POD) Have Moving Experience with Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew

The Archons of the Ecumenical Patriarchate chose sixteen exceptional young adults to participate in the 2024 Pilgrimage of Discovery (POD) where they had the opportunity to meet with His All-Holiness. Sponsored and funded by the AEP, the POD is a life-changing journey to Constantinople, giving participants a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to travel to the Sacred Center of the Orthodox Faith and deepen their understanding of the vital importance of the Ecumenical Patriarchate, as they prepare to lead the Orthodox Church in the future. The POD took place August 4 through 11, 2024, and was the cornerstone of a major AEP religious educational campaign for young adults.

The Pilgrimage of Discovery Committee is led by Co-Chairs Archon Hon. Jeffery Chrones, Hellena Chrones, and Archon Perry C. Siatis, Esq., and consists of Archon and AEP Youth Participation Activities Co-Chair Nicholas J. Tranto; Archon and AEP Youth Participation Activities Committee Co-Chair Hon. Steven Counelis; Archon Dr. John Fotopoulos; Archon Dr. Alexandros Kyrou; Archon and Metropolis of Chicago Regional Commander John Manos; Archon Nick Terezis; Joan Berg; Presvytera Anna Kallis; Dr. Eleni Makris; Tina Manikas; and Dr. Elizabeth Prodromou.





Archon Participation in the 47th Biennial Clergy-Laity Congress, San Diego, CA

Plenary Session

On July 3, ministry reports were heard at the 47th Biennial Clergy-Laity Congress plenary session in San Diego, CA. Left, National Commander Anthony J. Limberakis, MD presented a report on the work of the Archons and their pursuits for religious freedom.



Archon Family Reception

Special presentations were made to the Patriarchal Representatives, Archbishop Nikitas of Great Britain and His Eminence Metropolitan Cleopas of Sweden. Regional Commanders Gerry Ranglas and Hon. Steven G. Counelis welcomed guests and offered greetings.



Clergy Breakfast, hosted by AEP, in honor of the 5th anniversary of the Enthronement of Archbishop Elpidophoros

On the morning of July 4, a Clergy Breakfast was sponsored by the Archons of the Ecumenical Patriarchate, in honor of the 5th anniversary of the Enthronement of His Eminence Archbishop Elpidophoros of America. National Commander Dr. Limberakis and National Vice Commander Bozonelis attended.

Rev. Dr. Nicholas And Dr. Roxanne Louh Lead The John Halecky, Jr. 20th Annual National Archon Lenten Retreat

With the blessings of His Eminence Archbishop Elpidophoros of America, , the Rev. Dr. Nicholas G. Louh and Presbytera Dr. Roxanne Louh led the John Halecky, Jr. 20th Annual National Archon Lenten Retreat from April 19 to 21, 2024. The Retreat was held at the Dormition of the Virgin Mary Greek Orthodox Church of the Hamptons, hosted by Rev. Protopresbyter Alexander Karloutsos, Archon Spiritual Advisor, and Father Constantine Lazarakis, who served as Retreat Pastors.

Fr. Nicholas and Dr. Roxanne, a clinical psychologist, addressed over 100 participants both in person and virtually. Focusing on renewal of one's marriage, the couple discussed how the personality of both the husband and the wife shape every marriage; God's blueprint for lasting love; and God's blueprint for "fighting right," that is, managing marital disagreements so that they do not result in a lasting breach.



Archon Achievements

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

Two Archons Receive Extraordinary Recognition From The Government Of Greece: Their Visages On Postage Stamps

The Hellenic Post (ELTA) and the International Foundation for Greece (IFG) have designated two U.S. Archons of the Ecumenical Patriarchate for a rare and extraordinary honor: they are among four members of the global Greek diaspora who are depicted in the latest issues of the Commemorative Stamp Series "Distinguished Greek Personalities – IFG." Archons Michael G. Psaros and Dean A. Spanos were honored on October 14, 2024 at the Dimitrios Pandermalis amphitheater of the Acropolis Museum in Athens, as images of the stamps were unveiled.

IFG Founder and President Aspasia Leventis and the event's moderator, journalist and author Giorgos Archimandritis, explained that the postage stamps constituted "recognition of successful Hellenes abroad who not only do not forget their Hellenic origin, but through their work and lives express, promote, and invigorate the Hellenic Spirit."

Present at the press conference were Archon Psaros' wife Robin and also Archon Spanos' wife Susie, along with his brother Michael, sister Alexis Spanos Ruhl and Barry Ruhl. Archon Spiritual Advisor Rev. Protopresbyter Alexander Karloutsos, and Father Alex's son,



Archon Michael Psaros, left, and Archon Dean Spanos, right.

Archon Michael Karloutsos were also in attendance.

National Commander Dr. Anthony J. Limberakis, said, "We are extremely grateful to God for this immense honor that has been accorded to two of our brother Archons, Michael Psaros and Dean Spanos, by the government of Greece. With admirable dedication and energy, they have both provided superb examples of what it truly means to give one's time, talent and resources in support of our Holy Mother Church of Constantinople and the Orthodox Christian Church throughout the United States. The same can be said of our brother Archons who were previous IFG

honorees depicted on stamps: Archons John Catsimatidis, Andrew Liveris, George Stephanopoulos, and George Behrakis."

Along with Archons Psaros and Spanos, also among the 2024 honorees were producer, director and screenwriter Dr. George Miller and architect and urban planner Dr. Demetri Porphyrios, who is also an Archon of the Ecumenical Throne.

At the press conference announcing this singular honor, IFG President Leventis announced that Archon Psaros had made a 100,000 euro donation to the IFG's school fuel fund, which supplies heating oil to schools and charitable institutions, especially in northern Greece.

Archon Steve Zeis' Textile Extension To Create Textile Manufacturing Jobs In Four Southeastern States

A \$15 million National Science Foundation Grant to the Wilson College of Textiles was administered by Zeis Textiles Extension (ZTE) personnel. Archon Steve Zeis explains that those regions "are basically the major textile manufacturing areas in the United States," and that the ZTE's undertaking goes "way beyond the scope of the original vision."

National Commander Dr. Anthony J. Limberakis remarked: "Archon Steve and his indispensable life partner Frosene Zeis manifest the true phronema of the Archon: selfless service, concern for the most marginalized and downtrodden, and a determination to serve God and His Holy Church by shining forth His light into the world."

Archon Zeis was invested on October 18, 2018 and conferred with the offikion Skevophylax.



National Commander Dr. Limberakis and Archon Galatis Honored

Archon Bill Galatis is first Archon invested from Somerville, MA since 1966

On November 10, 2024, National Commander Dr. Anthony J. Limberakis made a presentation at Dormition of the Virgin Mary Greek Orthodox Church in Somerville, Massachusetts. At the festive event, Archon Bill Galatis, who generously underwrote the entire event along with the Dormition Church parish council, was honored as the first Dormition parishioner to be invested as an Archon since Archon James Levanos of blessed memory, 58 years ago.

In commemoration of this special event and in gratitude to both Dr. Limberakis and Archon Galatis for selfless service to the parish and to the Holy Mother Church, the parish, through the hands of Fr. Anthony Tandilyan, presented them with the George Dilboy medal.



Archons Elected President & Vice President of Judicial Organization

On November 7, 2024, the Honorable Chief Judge Timothy C. Evans installed the 2024-2026 Officers and Board of Directors for the Order of Themis at Winston & Strawn LLP in Chicago. Two Archons of the Ecumenical Patriarchate in the Metropolis of Chicago will serve as President and Vice President of the organization: Honorable Anthony C. "Tony" Kyriakopoulos as President, and Honorable Jeffery G. Chrones as Vice President, both of whom were founding members of the Order of Themis.



Archon Michael J. Kratsios Appointed Director Of The Office Of Science And Technology Policy And Science Advisor To The President

On Dec. 22, 2024, President-elect Donald Trump announced his intention to appoint Archon Michael J. Kratsios as Director of the Office of Science and Technology Policy and Science Advisor to the President. In this Cabinet-level position, Archon Kratsios will work on artificial intelligence and cryptocurrency.

Dr. Anthony J. Limberakis, National Commander of the Archons of the Ecumenical Patriarchate (AEP), stated: "The appointment of Archon Michael J. Kratsios to this key position illustrates anew the pervasive influence of the AEP in all sectors of society, including the scientific, the political, and cultural, and much more. In all of their endeavors in various realms, each individual Archon brings the light of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and unwavering dedication to the global ministry of the Ecumenical Patriarchate."

Announcing the appointment, President-elect Trump said: "Together, we will unleash scientific breakthroughs, ensure America's technological dominance, and usher in a Golden Age of American Innovation!"

Archon Kratsios served in the first Trump administration as a technology adviser to the President beginning in 2017. In 2019, he became Chief Technology Officer. During his confirmation hearing, he said: "My mother and my grandfather came to the United States from their native Greece in search of a more prosperous future. They instilled in me that enduring optimism for a better tomorrow. And I believe that embracing technological innovation, building new technologies in America and shaping those technologies with American values will lead us to that stronger future."

In his new duties, Kratsios will advise "AI and Crypto Czar" David Sacks as director of the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy. In 2020, Archon Kratsios accompanied former Secretary of State Michael Pompeo on his visit to Greece, played a key role in the conclusion of a groundbreaking science and technology agreement between the Hellenic Republic and the United States.



Archon Kratsios' family is from Volissos on the island of Chios and the city of Kastoria in Greece. During the first Trump administration, he led efforts on artificial intelligence and quantum information science, and is the architect of the American AI Initiative.

His All-Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew invested Michael J. Kratsios as an Archon on Oct. 31, 2021 and conferred upon him the offkion Kastrinsios.

PA Dental Association Installs Dr. Cary J. Limberakis As President

Dr. Cary J. Limberakis was elected president of the Pennsylvania Dental Association (PDA). Archon Dr. Cary is Regional Commander of the Archons of the Ecumenical Patriarchate, Greater Philadelphia Region, and Chair of the Archon Engagement Committee: Women In Orthodoxy. Archon Cary also serves on the Advisory Board to the Saint Phoebe Center for the Deaconess. He was invested as an Archon on October 10, 2004 and conferred with the offkion Aktouarios.



Rutgers Hall Of Distinguished Alumni Honors Archon Mike Emanuel

On April 25, 2024, Archon Mike Emanuel was inducted into the Rutgers University Hall of Distinguished Alumni. Archon Emanuel is the Chief Washington Correspondent and a former White House Correspondents' Association journalist for Fox News. Among the many notable accomplishments of his journalistic career have been exclusive interviews with President George W. Bush and Vice President Dick Cheney, and on-the-scene reporting while embedded with U.S. troops in Iraq and Kuwait. Archon Emanuel has served several times as Master of Ceremonies at the annual Athenagoras Human Rights Award banquet. Michael S. Emanuel was invested as Archon in 2009 and conferred with the offikion Hypomnematografos.



Archon Telly Papanikolaou Named University Of Chicago Divinity School Alum Of The Year

Archon Aristotle "Telly" Papanikolaou has been named the University of Chicago Divinity School Alum of the Year for 2024. This honor is being conferred upon recommendation from the University of Chicago Divinity School's Alumni Council and the Board of Trustees of the Baptist Theological Union. Archon Papanikolaou delivered his Alum of the Year address at the Divinity School on May 24, 2024.

Archon Papanikolaou is Professor of Theology at Fordham University, where he holds the inaugural Archbishop Demetrios Chair in Orthodox Theology and Culture. He is also the co-founding director of the Orthodox Christian Studies Center, located at Fordham. He is also McDonald Distinguished Senior Fellow at the Emory University Center for the Study of Law and Religion.

He was invested as Archon in 2010 and conferred with the offikion Prostatist ton Grammaton.



Federation Of Hellenic-American Societies Of Philadelphia Awards Eleftheria Medal To Archon Commander Dr. Limberakis



On April 6, 2024, the Federation of Hellenic-American Societies of Philadelphia and the Greater Delaware Valley presented its Eleftheria Medal to Dr. Anthony J. Limberakis, Archon Megas Aktouarios, National Commander of the Archons of the Ecumenical Patriarchate. The Eleftheria Medal is given annually in honor of an individual who has perpetuated Hellenism.

Left, President Georgia Chletcos, Dr. Limberakis, Metropolitan Apostolos of New Jersey and Archon John Vasilou.

Inaugural Archon Sunday 2024

On Sunday, December 1, 2024, parishes throughout the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America commemorated the indefatigable work of the Archons of the Ecumenical Patriarchate to support and defend the Holy Mother Church of Constantinople on the first annual National Archon Sunday, which has been established by unanimous decision of the Holy Eparchial Synod of the Sacred Archdiocese of America. This year, the commendation featured the reading of the first-ever Encyclical on the Archons by His Eminence Archbishop Elpidophoros of America, Exarch of the Ecumenical Patriarchate. His Eminence stated of the Archons that “a visit to their website would reveal an incredible number of initiatives that impact the Church in America in positive, Christ-affirming ways. The Archons exercise a worldwide reach that extends to Greece and the Eparchies of the Ecumenical Throne to promote religious freedom around the globe, and recognize virtuous, humanitarian leadership through the annual Athenagoras Human Rights Award. Indeed, their voices are heard throughout the oikoumene!”



The Archons exercise a worldwide reach that extends to Greece and the Eparchies of the Ecumenical Throne to promote religious freedom around the globe.”

—His Eminence Archbishop Elpidophoros of America

Annunciation Church, Elkins Park, PA

National Commander Dr. Anthony J. Limberakis receives third \$10,000 donation to the Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew Foundation from Fr. John L. Johns, Proistamenos, at Annunciation Church, Elkins Park, PA, during the inaugural National Archon Sunday, along with parish leaders.



Encyclical of His Eminence Archbishop Elpidophoros of America For Archon Sunday



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Unto the Most Reverend and Right Reverend Hierarchs, Pious Priests and Deacons, the Monks and Nuns, Presidents and Members of Parish Councils, Honorable Archons of the Ecumenical Patriarchate, Members of Leadership 100, the Day and Afternoon Schools, Philoptochos Societies, the Youth, Greek Orthodox Organizations, and the entirety of the Christ-named Plenitude of the Sacred Archdiocese of America:

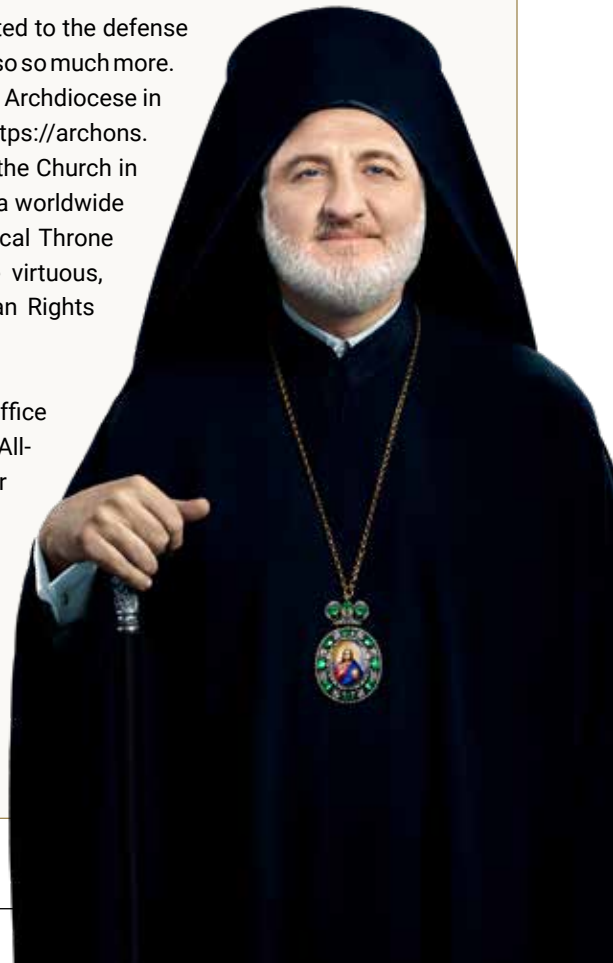
Their sound has gone forth unto all the earth, and the words unto the ends of the oikoumene.
(Psalm 18:4, LXX)

Beloved brothers and sisters in the Lord,

By unanimous decision of the Holy Eparchial Synod of the Sacred Archdiocese of America, the honorable and most esteemed Order of Saint Andrew, Archons of the Ecumenical Patriarchate, is to be recognized yearly for the Feast of their Celestial Patron, Saint Andrew the Apostle and First-Called Disciple of the Lord. This year, the commendation of our beloved Order of Archons will occur on Sunday, December 1, with the reading of this first-ever Encyclical.

The Order of Saint Andrew is a venerable organization dedicated to the defense and protection of our Venerable Ecumenical Patriarchate; but it is also so much more. The Archons represent the interests of the Mother Church and our Archdiocese in all manner of public and private forums. A visit to their website (<https://archons.org>) would reveal an incredible number of initiatives that impact the Church in America in positive, Christ-affirming ways. The Archons exercise a worldwide reach that extends to Greece and the Eparchies of the Ecumenical Throne to promote religious freedom around the globe, and recognize virtuous, humanitarian leadership through the annual Athenagoras Human Rights Award. Indeed, their voices are heard throughout the oikoumene!

Many of our parishes have members who are Archons, an office (offikion) that is personally approved and bestowed by His All-Holiness himself. On this Sunday, when we take time to show our respect and esteem for the Archons of our Church who are the Members of the Order of Saint Andrew, let us resolve to stand with them in their spiritual phalanx in defense of the Holy Great Church of Christ. We are all sons and daughters of the Mother Church of Constantinople, and we express our gratitude and appreciation to Her brave and devoted Archons for all that they accomplish on Her behalf. May they enjoy many years of health and spiritual prosperity!





St. Andrew Church, Chicago, IL

Regional Commanders John G. Manos and National Secretary Gus M. Pablecas with Metropolis of Chicago Archons at St. Andrew Church in Chicago, IL.



Archangel Michael Church, Port Washington, NY

Archon Peter Gerazounis presented and Archon Michael Psyllos organized events at Archangel Michael Church in Port Washington, NY



St. Mark Church, Boca Raton, FL

Father Mark Leonsis with Archons at St. Mark Church, Boca Raton, FL



St. Demetrios Church, Weston, MA

At St. Demetrios Church with Fr. Nicholas Krommydas and Fr. Tom Chininis along with Regional Commander James D. Speros and POD participant Sophia Kyrou, along with her parents, Professor Elizabeth Promdromou and Archon and Professor Alex Kyrou.



Holy Trinity Church, Westfield, NJ

Archons Peter Tarhanidis, Dr. Stamatis Kartalopoulos, Fr. John Alexandrou, Fr. Peter Delvizi, National Vice Commander Hon. B. Theodore Bozonelis and Nicholas J. Pappas, at Holy Trinity Church, Westfield, NJ



Holy Cross Church, Brooklyn, NY

Regional Commander Michael P. Neamonitakis along with Archons James Vavas and Demetrius Kalamaras at Holy Cross Church in Brooklyn, NY.



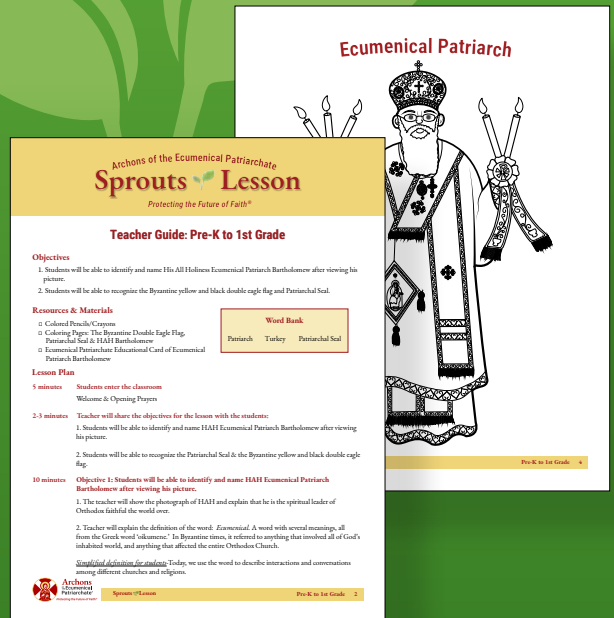
Holy Trinity Church, Camp Hill, PA

Archon George Spanos speaks at Holy Trinity Church, Camp Hill, PA

Archon Sprout Program

Archons Create Unique Sunday School Program Singularly Focused On Educating Youth About The Ecumenical Patriarchate

With the blessing of His Eminence Archbishop Elpidophoros of America, and the venerable Metropolitans of the Eparchial Synod, and in conjunction with National Archon Sunday and the Feast Day of Saint Andrew the First-Called, all Sunday School students now have a unique and unprecedented opportunity to learn about the central importance of the Ecumenical Patriarchate for the Church and the world, and about His All-Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew.



Archon Sprout Lessons at Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church, Dayton, OH



Orthodox students can play a significant role in realizing a better future for our Orthodox church through their faith, their works, and their commitment to learning about and taking an active role in the mission and vision of the Ecumenical Patriarchate.

The Archon Ecumenical Patriarchate Global Educational Initiative is designed to provide students with an introduction to the Ecumenical Patriarch and the Patriarchate in an engaging and creative way. Our Sunday School educators serve as our partners to carry this work forward through our Sprout Lessons!

Students will learn about the factors that shape their Orthodox identity and develop an appreciation for the ways in which our Ecumenical Patriarch and other Orthodox leaders work tirelessly to inspire, lead, and defend the Orthodox faith around the world.

Global Educational Initiative Features...

- Lesson Plans by Grade Level (Pre-K to High School)
- Articles
- Videos
- Teacher Resources
- Websites
- Glossary

Committee Members

Regional Commander Nicholas J. Tranto
Regional Commander Nicholas E. Terezis
Archon Soterios "Ted" Argeroplos
Helen Nixon, Ed.D.
Katina Limberakis Tsatalis, M.Ed.

Special Thanks

We wish to recognize the generosity of Archon Michael and Robin Psaros for funding this initiative.



St. Constantine and Helen Church, Washington, D.C.



Fr. Evagoras Constantinides taught over 160 Parochial School students at Saints Constantine and Helen Greek Orthodox Cathedral, Brooklyn, NY



Regional Commander Greg Saad and Archon Dr. Dimitris Kyriazis at Annunciation Church, Mobile, AL

Archon Engagement Committees

The mission of the Archon Engagement Committee is to provide meaningful opportunities for all Archons to participate in the active and ongoing defense of the Ecumenical Patriarchate across a wide range of fields. Divided into several, subject matter specific subcommittees, the Archon Engagement Committee is designed to encourage participating Archons to develop original initiatives for consideration of inclusion in the national policy of the Archons of the Ecumenical Patriarchate.

Academia Symposia Committee

Communications Committee

Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew Foundation

Editorial Publication Committee

Federal and State Governmental Affairs Committee

International Archons Committee

Metropolis and Parish Education Committee

Patriarchal Green Initiatives Committee

Patriarchal Properties and Legal Issues Committee

Youth Participation Activities Committee

Women in Orthodoxy



Academia Symposia Committee

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

We are in the second year of the Academia Symposia Committee,

(ASC) having streamed 4 webinars in that period, it be a good time to revisit the mission statement to take measure of what needs to be done to achieve the aims of the committee Mission Statement. This committee is charged with the responsibility of organizing and managing academia symposia focusing both on the external challenges facing the Ecumenical Patriarchate and on the five major religious freedom issues critical to the Patriarch and to Orthodox Christians.

Chair
George P. Zimmar, PhD
Vice Chair
Stamatios V. Kartalopoulos, PhD

We are pleased to report that all of all of our webinars were suggested, sponsored, and attended by members of the Academia Symposia Committee. Accordingly, their participation is the backbone of the symposium program. We encouraged members to sponsor future symposia. The content of the symposia flow from the suggestions and sponsors of the Academia Symposia Committee. Well look forward to hearing from our committee members.



Communications Committee

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

All of our website migration and design has been completed. This has increased the speed of search on the website. All information and data have been transferred to our new site.

Successfully promoted all activities related to the Athens conference. All presentations from

Athens are available for view on the website. If you follow the Archons on Facebook, you received continuous update on all actives and summaries of all meetings and events. John Mindala captured every event in Athens with great photos and all are available on the website.

We are bringing the work from the Gumas team in-house effective September 1. We thank John Gumas and his team for all the great work they have done to bring us to this point.

All intellectual property of the AEP including our name, logo and tag line have been successfully trademarked and protected. We received this notification from the US

Trademark office in July.

The website Christian Persecution has been folded into Archons.org and reidentified as Faith Alerts. These alerts keep you updated on religious discrimination against Christians and all faiths around the world.

The Archon App continues to be fine-tuned. Downloading this App gives you instant access to all information regarding the AEP and EP.

The establishment to Archons.org/resources is a page dedicated to downloading assets such as logos and PowerPoint presentations to be used in you local endeavors.

Your Communication Committee also drives the AEP pr

Chair
Franklin (Rocky) Sisson
Vice Chair
Theodore H. Vagelos



Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew Foundation

Chair

Anthony J. Limberakis, MD

Vice Chair

George E. Safiol

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

The Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew Foundation successfully expanded worldwide at the 1st Global Summit of Archons. As of this writing, there are 232 FOUNDERS (\$100,000 pledge payable over 10 years) in good standing, with \$25.1

million pledged from all contributors, including 68 Fulfilled FOUNDERS.

The EPBF Investment Committee has continued to do a masterful job in navigating a challenging investment environment. The Koudounis Team, working closely with Michael G. Psaros and the Investment Committee (Archon Robert A. Buhler Vice Chair, Christopher Allwin, Archon Michael N. Bapis, Archon Frank D. Catricken, John A. Catsimatidis, Jr., Archon William H. Spell and Archon John A. Catsimatidis), and the J. P. Morgan Investment Bank, which holds the financial assets of the Foundation, has been able to make some nice returns. Kudos once again to Archon Koudounis and his team!

The EPBF Audit Committee (Archon Carl R. Hollister, Chair) works with the audit, tax and con-

sulting firm of FORVIS LLP, a top ten North American Audit firm, to ensure complete transparency.

A New Members Committee is organizing the upcoming "An Evening with Maria Callas," a performance in support of the Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew Foundation by the world-renowned opera company Teatro Grattacielo. This gala production will be presented on Thursday, October 17, 2024 at the University Club of New York, during Archon Weekend. Sponsors of this landmark cultural event include the Archons of the Ecumenical Patriarchate; Archon George and Lee Ann Anderson; Archon Joseph and Anna Kokolakis; Archon Markos and Sevasti Lagos; and Archon Michael and Meropi Neamonitakis.



Editorial Publication Committee

Chair
George P. Vittas

Vice Chairs
George G. Demos, Esq.
George G. Horiates, Esq.

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

Editorial Publications members continue to monitor print, network and cable news, and online alert systems to identify reports and opinions which require responses concerning religious freedom,

religious persecution, the Ecumenical Patriarchate and His All-Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew.

Year to date discussions with Communications Chair Archon Rocky Sisson, Archons Jim Speros and Ted Vagelos, and others, have led to concluding an approach to publishing a national archon newsletter. The new publication will be called the "ARCHON BULLETIN". Its mission will be... "to disseminate historical and current events information to extend the reach of the archons.org website in educating, informing and reporting on Archon activities regarding religious freedom, the Ecumenical Patriarchate, and His All-Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch

Bartholomew"... The Bulletin will be electronically published monthly to each Metropolis for distribution to its parishes. Its brief format will facilitate inclusion in parish bulletins with each article linked to the archons.org website for in depth reading. The Editorial Board for the new Archon Bulletin will consist of Archon representatives from the Metropolis and Parish Education, Academia Symposia, and Editorial Publications committees with a focus on wide geographic representation among the Archon Regions.... The Archon Bulletin expands upon the Pittsburgh Region local newsletter initiative of Archon George Spanos.



Federal and State Governmental Affairs Committee

Chair

Mike A. Manatos

Vice Chair

Stephen A. Georgeson, Esq.

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

Extensive efforts were undertaken to plan for the first annual Archon Washington, DC Conference. Such a conference will:

- give Archons from around the country the opportunity to bring their US Senators and Member of the House to this gathering, introduce them to our members and have them learn more about our organization and efforts to protect the future of faith;
- strengthen the relationships between these influential Archons with their representatives in the US Congress; and
- better educate US policymakers on the threats to the religious freedom of the Ecumenical Patriarchate. Contacted the general managers of 5 of the top hotels in Washington, DC to negotiate sleeping rooms and event space.

The target dates for this conference were April 9-11, 2024. However, it was decided that this first conference will be held in February of 2025 and, hopefully, during this month in the years to follow.

Newly appointed Archon Chris Chrisafides is working to pass an Ecumenical Patriarchate-initiated religious freedom resolution in New Hampshire, one of the few states in the country that has not yet passed such a resolution.

In addition, we are continuing our efforts to enable our 68 Committee Members (and other Archons) to meet with their two US Senators and Member of the US House of Representatives to brief them and their staff on the lack of religious freedom of the Ecumenical Patriarch.

Manatos & Manatos identified for each Archon Committee member their two US Senators and one Member of Congress. We also provided the email address for the best staffer in each office for them to contact to request a meeting with

the Senator or Member in the state or district. We additionally provided each Archon with a draft email for them to send which can increase the likelihood of them securing such a meeting.

Committee Co-Chairs Manatos and Georgeson then engage with each Archon before their meetings to share with them some “tricks of the trade” to maximize the impact of their meeting. We then captured the outcome of each of these meetings.

Most recently we are working with Archon Regional Commander for the Boston Metropolis Costas Sideridis to intensify such efforts in the Boston area.



International Archons Committee

Chairs

George C. Rockas, Esq.
Constantine Sideridis

Vice Chairs

Harry G. Dimopoulos, PhD
Nicholas R. Larigakis

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

Committee Scope

The committee's goals include the continued effort with the Executive committee in fostering closer relations with Archons throughout the world. It assisted in the successful

execution and completion of the 4th Archon International Conference on Religious Freedom in Athens Greece, May 26-29th, 2024.

The Religious Freedom Conference

The International Archons Committee ("Committee") was engaged in organizing the Fourth International Archons Religious Freedom Conference and the First International Meeting of Archons. The combined meeting took place in Athens on May 26 – May 29, 2024.

International Meeting of Archons

This meeting was distinct from the Religious Freedom Conference. The first goal of the meeting was to cultivate cooperation between Archons from across the globe and build a

coalition to address the concerns of the Ecumenical Patriarchate. A formal motion was made on the floor to consider establishing a worldwide global order of Archons hand in hand to work synergistically to promote the needs of the Mother Church and to further extend the reach of the Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew Foundation.

Future Aspirations

The Committee will work with the Executive and National Council members to identify future collaborations and symposiums with our global fellow Archons brothers. Ideas and strategic intents will be garnered as we look ahead towards the 5th Archon International Conference.



Metropolis and Parish Education Committee

Chair
Frank Boardman

Vice Chair
John Thibault

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

- The Metropolis and Parish Education Committee continues to meet monthly.
- We continue to give presentations to our communities and at Metropolis Clergy/Laity conferences.
- Our current initiatives include:
 - Continuing to educate our parishes
 - Provide a database to the Archon of presentations and notes
 - Present at Metropolis Clergy-Lait gatherings
- Present at parishes near our home parish
- Present at family nights in our local communities
- Include in our presentation information on the Pilgrimage of Discovery
- Work with the Youth Education committee with presentations as requested
- Present at Holy Friday youth retreats at our local parishes.
- We have reached over 100 parishes across the USA.



Patriarchal Green Initiatives Committee

Chair
John Harbilas

Vice Chair
George J. Spanos

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

We continue to work through the Communications, Metropolis and Parish Education, and Youth

and Young Adult Engagement Committees to bring awareness of His All Holiness as the "Green Patriarch".

We are raising awareness of September 1 as the Day of Protection of the Natural Environment by encouraging each parish to share the Patriarch's Encyclical with their parishes. Additionally, we are promoting the activity from Halki Summit VI and sharing the new book titled Sustaining the Future of Our Planet Together: The Prophetic Ministry of Pope Francis and Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew.

We drafted a proposal for a nationwide contest aimed at encouraging Greek Orthodox Parishes across the country to implement sustainable practices and initiatives within their congregations consistent with the vision of the previously developed "Greening the Parish Initiative". The contest seeks to raise awareness of His All Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew as "The Green Patriarch" and promote environmental stewardship and community engagement within our parish communities.



Patriarchal Properties and Legal Issues Committee

Chair

Joseph J. Kokolakis, Esq.

Vice Chair

Theodore M. Kakoyiannis, Esq.

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

The most pressing issue facing the Ecumenical Patriarchate is lack of legal status. Without legal personality, the Patriarchate cannot own property, run institutions, or manage its affairs. Our committee has been working with Archon Paris Asanakis to develop a path to Legal Personality for the Patriarchate. We plan to draft a "White Paper" on the issue of

Legal Identity. The paper will define the challenges that an entity faces without legal personality and propose a pathway towards recognition that can be supported by US and European leaders without being perceived as a threat by the Turkish government. This effort may take close to one year to complete and will require: 1) Index and analysis of Turkish cases on Legal Identity; 2) Index and analysis of European Convention of Human Rights cases involving Turkey; 3) Engage a Turkish attorney to interpret Turkish law; 4) Engage experts in EU, US and Turkish doctrine to assist in

developing the argument. Committee members will commit resources in the international legal community to further this effort and work in unison with legal counsel for the Ecumenical Patriarchate. Ultimately, our goal is to convince all parties that establishing the Legal Identity of the Ecumenical Patriarchate does not threaten the integrity of the Turkish State and is in the best interests of all policy makers throughout the world. We must clearly state the problem and propose a solution that everyone can support.



Youth Participation Activities Committee

Chair

Nicholas J. Tranto

Vice Chairs

Hon. Steven G. Counelis

George K. Moutis

Pericles C. Siatis, Esq.

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

Archon Sprout Program

Received Eparchial Synod approval on Sept 13, 2024 to launch a fully dedicated EP Sunday School lesson plan for the Feast Day of St Andrew in November 2024 in commemoration of St Andrews Feast Day. For more details go to archons.org

Pilgrimage Of Discovery Journey To Constantinople (POD)

As part of the POD developmental team, \$78,000 was raised from Archons and \$5,000 from Ladies

Philoptochos of Pittsburgh in addition to the \$56,000 budgeted by the AEP to fully fund the 2024 POD program.

The POD sent 16 YA's in August 2024 to Constantinople at an average cost of \$6500 per person which included RT air, lodging, meals, tour guides, buses, boats, videographers, social media costs and subject matter experts.

The goal is to send 16 YA for the Class of 2025 which will require a aggressive fundraiser effort from archons and the GOA community. The goal is to raise \$125,000 to fully fund the program.

YAL/OCF (Ages 19-35- Young Adult)

The YAL/OCF subcommittee is focused on ages 18-35 and is led by Hon. Steven Counelis of San Francisco, Archon Regional Commanders Hon. Steven G. Counelis (Southern California), and Dr. Gregory G. Papadeas (Denver)

Archon Regional Commanders Hon. Steven G. Counelis (Southern California) and Dr. Gregory G. Papadeas (Denver), members of the Youth Participation Activities Engagement Committee, once again, engaged at the National YAL (Young Adult) Conference in conjunction with the Clergy-Laity Congress, in San Diego, California. With over 300 young adults in attendance, the Archons introduced three young adult Pilgrims of Discovery – Eva Marie Kailas [Metropolis of San Francisco], Sophia Looney [Metropolis of San Francisco], and Elyse Zappia [Archdiocesan District] who attended the Conference.



Women in Orthodoxy

Chair

Cary J. Limberakis, DMD

Vice Chair

Elizabeth H. Prodromou, PhD

We support the greater participation of women in the life of the Church. The WORD was established by our Lord and Savior and evangelized by the Four Evangelists, Matthew, Mark, Luke and John, but the very FIRST Evangelists were the Myrrh-bearing Women. The Myrrh-bearing Women were the very first to witness the empty tomb and were instructed by the risen Lord to bring the joyful news to the Apostles. That voice of the very first Evangelists, transmitted through the millennia, needs to be heard today from the countless Orthodox women who are the backbone of every parish in America. Consonant with the encouragement of the Exarch, His Eminence Archbishop Elpidophoros of America, and the official policy of the Archons of the Ecumenical Patriarchate, this Engagement Committee Women in Orthodoxy is designed to foster that greater participation and is open to Archons and non-Archons, women and men.

Following a survey to the Committee members and based on the response, the following 4 topics discussion points were discussed in a zoom meeting on 9/8/2024: 1) Women Archons, 2) Women's Roles in the Church, 3) Causes and Demographics of Women Leaving the Church, and 4) Survey Design. About 35 members attended the zoom meeting. Restoration of women Archons, by far, was the chief talking point. It was noted that the Archon bylaws are gender neutral. An historical revisit of female Archons, as well as information regarding its discontinuation were requested. A webinar on the history of Archons is being considered.

The need to expand women's roles in the Church is great: female acolytes, tonsured chanters and readers, trained chaplains, pastoral assistants and female deacons, as well as inclusion in the decision-making bodies of the Church. Determining the methodology to attain these outcomes

requires dialogue with our hierarchs.

Delving into the causes and demographics of young women leaving the Church reveals that "there is a progressive mentality, higher achieving roles secularly but not so much in the Church."

A discussion for an environmental survey, targeting Church-related, cross-generational, clerical, lay, and diverse demographic organizations, concluded that a professional expert survey designer would absolutely be necessary to obtain objective responses, but that perhaps this should be conducted by the GOA.

The Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew Foundation

For the Sacred See of Saint Andrew



The Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew Foundation: For the Sacred See of Saint Andrew, has been established as an endowment by the Archons of the Ecumenical Patriarchate. Ours is a global mission and invitation for everyone across the various Eparchies of the Ecumenical Patriarchate to be united as one.





Archon Religious Freedom Conference and Global Summit Take Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew Foundation Worldwide

In late May 2024 in Athens, Greece, the Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew Foundation became a worldwide initiative, in keeping with its mission to enable the Ecumenical Patriarchate to perform its global salvific ministry in perpetuity. At the the 4th International Archon Conference on Religious Freedom, which took place from May 26 to 29, and the 1st Summit of Global Archons on Wednesday morning, May 29, Archons from the United States, Canada, [Greece, other areas of Europe, and Australia heard presentations on the importance of the Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew Foundation, and the tremendous need to which it responds.

Archon Athanasios Martinos, President of the Pammakaristos Brotherhood of Archons in Europe, explained how crucial the mission of the Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew Foundation is today.

He observed that the Church and the world are blessed with the leadership of His All-Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew, and spoke of the establishment of the Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew Foundation in order to ensure that the Mother Church can fulfill its sacred global mission in perpetuity.

Archon Martinos demonstrated the seriousness of his remarks, and of his commitment to this great cause, by donating \$300,000 to the Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew Foundation on the spot.

Speaking on video from Constantinople, His All-Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew, gave his blessing to this remarkable initiative, and to its establishment on an international footing. The Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew Foundation, His All-Holiness said, was a worthy institution that has as its purpose a definitive solu-

Presentation about the EPBF

Dr. Anthony J. Limberakis, Chair, speaks on the importance of the Foundation during a presentation inside the Old Parliament Building in Athens, Greece, during the 1st Summit of Global Archons.

tion to the financial difficulties that have long plagued the Ecumenical Patriarchate. This solution can only be brought to full fruition, he said, through a common effort and the broad participation of Archons worldwide.

Archon Dr. Anthony J. Limberakis, National Commander of the Archons of the Ecumenical Patriarchate in America and Chair of the Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew Foundation, further underscored the importance of the Foundation by noting that in the past, His All-Holiness has said, "I feel like a second-class citizen in my own country." Dr. Limberakis explained:

“At that time, I realized that the U.S. Archons had an awesome responsibility to change that and unchain the shackles of religious persecution.” It is an ongoing struggle, he said, but the Berlin Wall came down after eighty years of struggle, and the Archons need to continue laboring for the Ecumenical Patriarchate.

His Eminence Archbishop Elpidophoros of America likewise offered a presentation on the Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew Foundation. Explaining the efforts of the Foundation to provide a secure financial footing for the Mother Church amid difficult and uncertain circumstances, His Eminence asked how the Ecumenical Patriarchate could carry out its God-given missionary and social roles without a firm financial base.

The focus on the Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew Foundation



Pammakaristos Brotherhood

Archon Athanasios Martinos, President of the Pammakaristos Brotherhood of Archons in Europe and Grand Benefactor of the Ecumenical Patriarchate.

at the 1st Global Summit of Archons was testimony to the great need it addresses, and its centrality to the mission of the Archons worldwide.

Archon leaders worldwide are confident that the Summit will mark just the beginning of the Foundation as a truly global initiative.

Farewell Banquet

The Archon Conference brought together an international community during the Grand Banquet, held at the Zappeion, in support of the Mother Church.



Investment Update

John R. Koudounis, Chair, Investment Committee

The Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew Foundation Investment Portfolio was inception a little over two and a half years ago in February 2022. Since then, we have invested approximately \$12.25 million, and the total portfolio value as of July 31st is approximately \$14.89 million, generating around \$2.07 million or about 16% in total net cumulative returns. During that time period, global equity markets (MSCI ACWI) are up approximately 23.3%, and U.S. fixed income markets (U.S. Bloomberg Aggregate) are down approximately 3.6% on a cumulative basis. The

portfolio is currently allocated 65% to Equities, 11% to Alternatives, and 24% to Fixed Income and Cash.

Some of the recent shifts we made in the portfolio include adding KKR's Private Equity Evergreen Fund (\$350,000), Sculptor Diversified Real Estate (\$200,000), and Antares Strategic Credit (\$150,000). These funds have just called their capital, and some more time is needed to start evaluating their performance. That being said, with these investments, the overall cash/money market fund position now sits at 4%, which we have thoughtfully reduced by adding various alternative invest-

ments since the end of last year when our cash position was closer to 12%. We will aim to identify additional alternative investments over the balance of the year to deploy the remaining cash.

Looking under the hood, our equity and fixed income investments have outperformed their benchmarks on a relative basis since inception. On an annualized basis, the equity portion of the portfolio is up 8.7% versus the MSCI All Country World up 8.5%, and the fixed income portion of the portfolio is up 1.5% versus the Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate down 1.5%.

Audit Update

Carl R. Hollister, Chair, Audit Committee

The Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew Foundation ("EPBF") was established formally as a charitable entity in the State of New York in January 2019. The subsequent application to the IRS for tax exempt status as a 501c3 foundation was approved on August 26, 2020. Since inception the EPBF Board of trustees lead by Dr. Anthony Limberakis has been diligent in establishing and maintaining the highest degree of professionalism, fiduciary care and transparency. The audit committee's charge was, and is the safeguarding of transparency, integrity, and accountability for the EPBF's financial operations. The audit committee was initially comprised of myself, Andrew Zachariades and James Pantelides of Blessed Memory. Our first task was to identify firms that were leaders in the field of tax, audit, and consulting with a strong competency in the non-profit

arena. We were charged with spear heading the request for proposal (RFP) process. After an extensive and deliberate review, the committee presented our assessments of strengths and weaknesses of each firm that presented a proposal to the EPBF Board. The board chose FORVIS LLP, a top eight firm in North America. That decision has proven to be fortuitous in that FORVIS LLP is now part of Forvis Mazars, LLP creating a top global firm in tax, audit and consulting. The committee working closely with our foundation treasurer, Chris E. Tsamutalis, and our assistant treasurer Andreas Comodromos ensure that our internal controls are effective and reasonable. Additionally, we work closely with our accountants at Crane, Rosenberg, Pacio & Company who prepare our monthly financial reconciliation and consolidation of financial accounts. On the front

line we work with our Foundation Administrator Leah Kats who receives and or processes all contributions to the foundation. The foundation has a seamless process to make sure the contributions collected are swiftly deposited into the operating account for disbursement to the investment accounts held at JP Mogan under the watchful eyes of our Investment Committee chaired by John Koudounis. This level of internal collaboration working closely with our auditors has been the primary reason we have received "clean audits" for the last three years. To those of you who have entrusted the foundation with your generous contributions we thank you. To those of you who have yet to decide to make a gift, take heart in the processes and protocols we have put in place to be worthy stewards of your gifts to serve the missions of our Mother Church.

The Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew Foundation (EPBF) has been established as an endowment by the Archons of the Ecumenical Patriarchate. Its global objective is to grant economic independence to the Ecumenical Patriarchate to fulfill its apostolic mission. Some of the foundation’s goals include supporting religious, educational and philanthropic institutions, increasing the global presence of Orthodox Christians and promoting inter-Orthodox dialogue. In order to fulfill this objective, the foundation’s financial health is essential for its continued mission. This article provides a summary of the year-over-year financial performance of the EPBF, focusing on key metrics such as cash balances, pledges receivable, and a summary of foundation assets.

Financial Overview – Calendar years 2022 and 2023

(as per audited financial statements)

KEY METRICS

Cash Balances & Market Value of Investments	Pledges Receivable	Summary of Foundation Assets Total Assets:
2022: \$9.1 million 2023: \$12.3 million	2022: \$8.2 million 2023: \$7.8 million	2022: \$17.3 million 2023: \$20.1 million
Analysis: The cash balance improved significantly by 35.2%. This increase indicates a stronger liquidity position, enabling the foundation to invest its funds and meet immediate obligations while also preparing for future initiatives.	Analysis: A steady level of pledges receivable suggests a strong collection efficiency. As pledges receivable are converted to cash, they are being supplanted by new pledges reflecting robust interest in support for the foundation.	Analysis: The total assets of the foundation grew significantly, reflecting strong financial management and growth in both cash and investments. This upward trend in assets reinforces the foundation’s ability to fulfill its mission.

The year-over-year performance of the Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew Foundation showcases a robust financial trajectory marked by increased donor support, strategic investments, and prudent financial management. The significant growth in key metrics such as cash & market value of investments, and total foundation assets illustrates the foundation’s commitment to its mission and its capacity to further its objectives. As the EPBF continues to navigate a dynamic philanthropic landscape, these financial indicators will play a crucial role in shaping its strategies and initiatives in the years to come.

The foundation remains dedicated to transparency and accountability, ensuring that every dollar raised is directed toward the Ecumenical Patriarch’s mission which is to provide financial independence to the Ecumenical Patriarchate in perpetuity. Looking ahead, the EPBF is poised for continued growth and success in fulfilling its mission.

EPBF FOUNDERS Enjoy Gala Production of World-Renowned Opera Company Teatro Grattacielo, “An Evening With Maria Callas”

With the blessing and in the presence of His Eminence Archbishop Elpidophoros of America, the Board of Trustees of the Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew Foundation (EPBF) on Thursday evening, October 17, 2024 presented “An Evening with Maria Callas,” by the world-renowned opera company Teatro Grattacielo. This gala production at the University Club of New York took place during Archon Weekend, the annual gathering of the Archons of the Ecumenical Patriarchate in New York City, and was presented in support of the EPBF. The performance was open to FOUNDERS in good standing (pledges up-to-date) of the EPBF.

Sponsors of this landmark cultural event include the Archons of the Ecumenical Patriarchate; Archon George and Lee Ann Anderson;



New Members Committee and Concert Underwriters

Underwriters of the concert included the Archons of the Ecumenical Patriarchate; Archon George and Lee Ann Anderson; Archon Joseph and Anna Kokolakis; Archon Markos and Sevasti Lagos; Archon Michael and Meropi Neamonitakis and the Dormition of the Virgin Mary Greek Orthodox Church of the Hamptons.

Archon Joseph and Anna Kokolakis; Archon Markos and Sevasti Lagos; and Archon Michael and Meropi Neamonitakis. The Dormition of the Virgin Mary Greek Orthodox Church of the Hamptons also donated \$10,000 to underwrite the event. His Eminence Archbishop Elpidophoros opened the evening with an invocation. Then Dr. Anthony J. Limberakis,

Chair of the EPBF and National Commander of the Archons of the Ecumenical Patriarchate, welcomed those in attendance, explaining that the evening was an annual event for FOUNDERS in good-standing, as well as welcoming new FOUNDERS, and to thank them for their sacrificial support of our Holy Mother Church of Constantinople.

A Gala Production

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Philanthropic Efforts

\$65.7 Million Raised and Pledged

**in Direct and Indirect Support
for the Ecumenical Patriarchate by the
Archons of the Ecumenical Patriarchate in America**

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

The Archons of the Ecumenical Patriarchate in America from 2002 to 2024 has raised \$65,678,376, which includes \$24,344,085 in collective Pledges and Bequests from 2020 to 2024, for the direct and indirect support of the sacred mission of the Ecumenical Patriarchate of Constantinople.

The detailed report prepared by the Archon's Assistant Treasurer Archon Andreas D. Comodromos, CPA at the request of Commander Limberakis, indicates that

\$41,334,291 was raised for the direct and indirect benefit of various initiatives supporting the Ecumenical Patriarchate which includes the full gamut of the Archons' domestic and international religious freedom programming (documentation available upon request). This \$41,334,291 (which includes \$7,962,506 of donated services) coupled with the \$24,344,085 received in Pledges and Bequests by the Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew Foundation, another initiative of the Archons,

amounts to \$65,678,376, a most significant statement reflective of the Order's ongoing diakonia to the Holy Mother Church. The Archons of the Ecumenical Patriarchate is extremely proud of our Band of Archon Brothers, who serve as Stalwart Protectors of the Future of Faith offering their Time, Talent and Treasure abundantly and generously for the well-being of the Holy and Great Mother Church of Constantinople.

In Memoriam

President Jimmy Carter, Recipient Of The Athenagoras Human Rights Award, Passes Away At 100

Nobel Peace Prize laureate Jimmy Carter, the 39th president of the United States from 1977 to 1981 and the recipient of the 1987 Athenagoras Human Rights Award, passed away at his home in Plains, Georgia on Sunday, December 29, 2024. He was 100 years old.

Renowned for his profound compassion, deep Christian commitment, and consistent dedication to human rights for all people around the globe, President Carter was presented the Athenagoras Human Rights Award by His Eminence Archbishop Iakovos of North and South America and Dr. Anthony G. Borden, National Commander of the Archons of the Ecumenical Patriarchate, on February 21, 1987. In addition to receiving the Athenagoras Human Rights Award, President Carter was at the same time made an honorary Archon of the Ecumenical Patriarchate.

President Carter had a long-standing love and respect for the Greek Orthodox Church and the Ecumenical Patriarchate. In



1978, when Pope John Paul I died, President Carter asked His Eminence Archbishop Iakovos to be a member of the U.S. Presidential delegation at the pope's funeral; two years later, President Carter awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom to Archbishop Iakovos.

In 1985, President Carter traveled to Constantinople to visit His All-Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Demetrios and His Eminence Metropolitan Bartholomew of Philadelphia, who later succeeded Patriarch Demetrios as

Ecumenical Patriarch. At the Phanar, Metropolitan Bartholomew showed President Carter the burnt-out structure of the Ecumenical Patriarchate's main building, which had burned down in 1941. (View a photo of President Carter with His Eminence Metropolitan Bartholomew at the Phanar here.) Carter promised to speak with Turkish Prime Minister Turgut Özal in order to urge him to grant permission for its reconstruction. Carter gave his chief of staff, George Schira, the responsibility of working with the Turks until permission was granted; the former president also worked with Archon Arthur Cheokas of blessed memory to gain permission from Turkish authorities to reconstruct. The new headquarters was finally constructed and dedicated in 1989.

President Carter, National Commander Dr. Anthony G. Borden of blessed memory and Archbishop Iakovos of blessed memory, February 21, 1987.



President Carter was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 2002 “for his decades of untiring effort to find peaceful solutions to international conflicts, to advance democracy and human rights, and to promote economic and social development.”

Upon President Carter’s passing, Dr. Anthony J. Limberakis, National Commander of the Archons of the

Ecumenical Patriarchate, stated that “Jimmy Carter was one of the moral heroes of our age. As president of the United States, he dared to conduct international affairs with a fundamental belief in human decency and the dignity of every human person – qualities that are all too often lacking in world leaders. His openness and humility regard-

ing his Christian commitment were exemplary for us all, and his efforts to bring that decency into the political arena will be remembered with gratitude for centuries to come. By God’s grace, may we all strive to emulate his deep regard for human rights for all people, wherever they may be and whatever their station in life. May his memory be eternal!”

Departed Archons In 2024

Andrew Evangelatos

Nomophylax
Encino, CA
Departed on Jan 30, 2024

Peter Christopoulos

Primikirios
Edison, NJ
Departed on Feb 13, 2024

Achilles Adamantiades

Prostatis ton Grammaton
Chevy Chase, MD
Departed on Mar 7, 2024

James Economou

Horarchis
Tulsa, OK
Departed on Mar 15, 2024

Louis J. Laros

Proto Notarios
Champaign, IL
Departed on Apr 20, 2024

Harry J. Pappas

Referendarios
Reno, NV
Departed on Apr 24, 2024

Andrew C. Andron

Depoutatos
Garden City, NY
Departed on May 26, 2024

Gregory Nodaros

Orphanotrofos
Ridgewood, NY
Departed on May 31, 2024

George Tita

Hartoularios
Koppel, PA
Departed on May 9, 2024

Gus Stavropoulos

Depoutatos
Westland, MI
Departed on June 16, 2024

Peter A. Mesologites

Depoutatos
Kings Point, NY
Departed on June 27, 2024

Elias “Lee” Gounardes

Kastrinsios
Staten Island, NY
Departed on July 24, 2024

Hon. Tom C. Korologos

Ekdikos
Washington, D.C.
Departed on July 26, 2024

Phillip T. Frangos

Referendarios
East Lansing, MI
Departed on July 27, 2024

Dr. Vaios N. Athanasiou

Maestor
Bee Caves, TX
Departed on Aug 25, 2024

George H. Grigos

Maestor
Huntingdon Valley, PA
Departed on Aug 27, 2024

Louis G. Malevitis

Hartophylax
Oak Brook, IL
Departed on Sep 11, 2024

Peter E. Tiboris

Hieromnimon
Wellington, FL
Departed on Sep 17, 2024

Nicholas I. Karamatsoukas

Ostiaros
Gladwyne, PA
Departed on Oct 9, 2024

Constantine Kaganis

Referendarios
Bronx, NY
Departed on Oct 11, 2024

Angelo P. Demos

Ekdikos
Pinecrest, FL
Departed on Nov 7, 2024

John Kalinoglou

Aktouarios
Atlanta, GA
Departed on Nov 5, 2024

Notis M. Kotsolios

Ostiaros
Westfield, NJ
Departed on Nov 10, 2024

William Pappas

Depoutatos
Garden City, N
Departed on Nov 28, 2024

John T. Pappas

Primikirios
Calabasas, CA
Departed on Dec 2, 2024

James H. Moshovitis

Depoutatos
Washington, D.C.
Departed on Dec 28, 2024

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