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BARTHOLOMEW

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

PATRIARCHAL MESSAGE
ON THE ANNUAL REPORT OF THE ORDER OF SAINT ANDREW THE APOSTLE
ARCHONS OF THE ECUMENICAL PATRIARCHATE IN AMERICA

To the Honorable Members of the Order of Saint Andrew the Apostle, Archons of the Ecumenical Patriarchate in America, our beloved in the Lord: Grace be unto you and peace from God.

With paternal joy, we greet the publication of this Annual Business Report during the sixtieth-anniversary year of your Order. Its pages reflect a sacred trust: every gift received from God calls for a faithful response in service to others. Such a record invites gratitude for all that has been accomplished.

For sixty years, the Archons in America have upheld the rights and religious freedom of the Ecumenical Patriarchate. We give thanks for your steadfast advocacy before public authorities and international bodies, and we commend your efforts to engage younger generations in this ministry and to strengthen the resources sustaining the mission of the Mother Church of Constantinople.

We express our heartfelt appreciation to our Exarch, His Eminence Archbishop Elpidophoros of America, for his pastoral leadership; to your National Commander, Dr. Anthony J. Limberakis, for his devoted service; and to the National Council, Regional Commanders, and Diakonia Ministries for their generous labors. Through each person's contribution, the work of your Order becomes a shared offering of love.

May this Report inspire you to discern the needs ahead and renew your commitment to meeting them. The dignity of the Archon's office finds its fullest expression in faithful service, undertaken humbly for the good of the Church and of those who will come after you.

Upon each of you and your families, we invoke the grace and boundless mercy of God, through the intercessions of the Holy Apostle Andrew, the First-Called.

At the Ecumenical Patriarchate, on the 30th of September 2026

Your fervent supplicant before the Lord,

✠ **BARTHOLOMEW**
Archbishop of Constantinople-New Rome
and Ecumenical Patriarch

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October 1, 2026

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

Esteemed Archons, Beloved Brothers in the Lord,

The activities of the Order of Saint Andrew, Archons of the Ecumenical Patriarchate, is a marvelous compendium of the initiatives in which you have engaged on behalf of the Mother Church of Constantinople. Whether it is in areas of education, political and legal advocacy, or the vast field of religious freedom, the Archons consistently bring to bear their many talents and resources for the continuing worldwide ministries of the Great Church of Christ.

Especially in this year – the happy and blessed Thirty-Fifth Anniversary of the Election and Enthronement of His All-Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew (and the Sixty-Fifth Year of his Ordination into the Priesthood of our Lord Jesus Christ) – the labors of the Archons have been focused on exceedingly positive and constructive endeavors. The impact of the Archons on societal awareness, particularly in regard to the various foreign-funded campaigns of misinformation and disinformation directed at the Ecumenical Patriarchate, is having a salutary effect. Moreover, within the Church itself, the reach of the Archons is growing ever wider, notably among young people. Of especial importance is the ongoing work of the Religious Freedom Project, which defends and advocates for the rights of the Ecumenical Throne on every level. Moreover, the Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew Foundation continues to grow and to sustain the future needs Mother Church of Orthodox Christianity.

In addition to this milestone in the Patriarchal Ministry of His All-Holiness, the recognition last year by the John Temple Foundation with the Templeton Prize was a cause of overwhelming joy and pride for the Sacred Archdiocese of America. As ever, the Archons as an Institution, and as individuals of the highest standing, supported the Visit of His All-Holiness with a multitude of means and resources.

The additional anniversaries this year of the Sixtieth Year since the Founding of the Order of Saint Andrew under the ever-memorable Archbishop Iakovos of North and South America, and the Two Hundred and Fiftieth Year since the founding of the United States through the Declaration of Independence, make this year of 2026 a particular time of celebration and reflection.

I express my abiding thankfulness to the National Commander of the Order of Saint Andrew, Archon Grand Aktouarios Dr. Anthony J. Limberakis, and all the Members of the National Council and the Order for their constant efforts. This Annual Report is an inspiring look at their multifaceted service to the Mother Church.
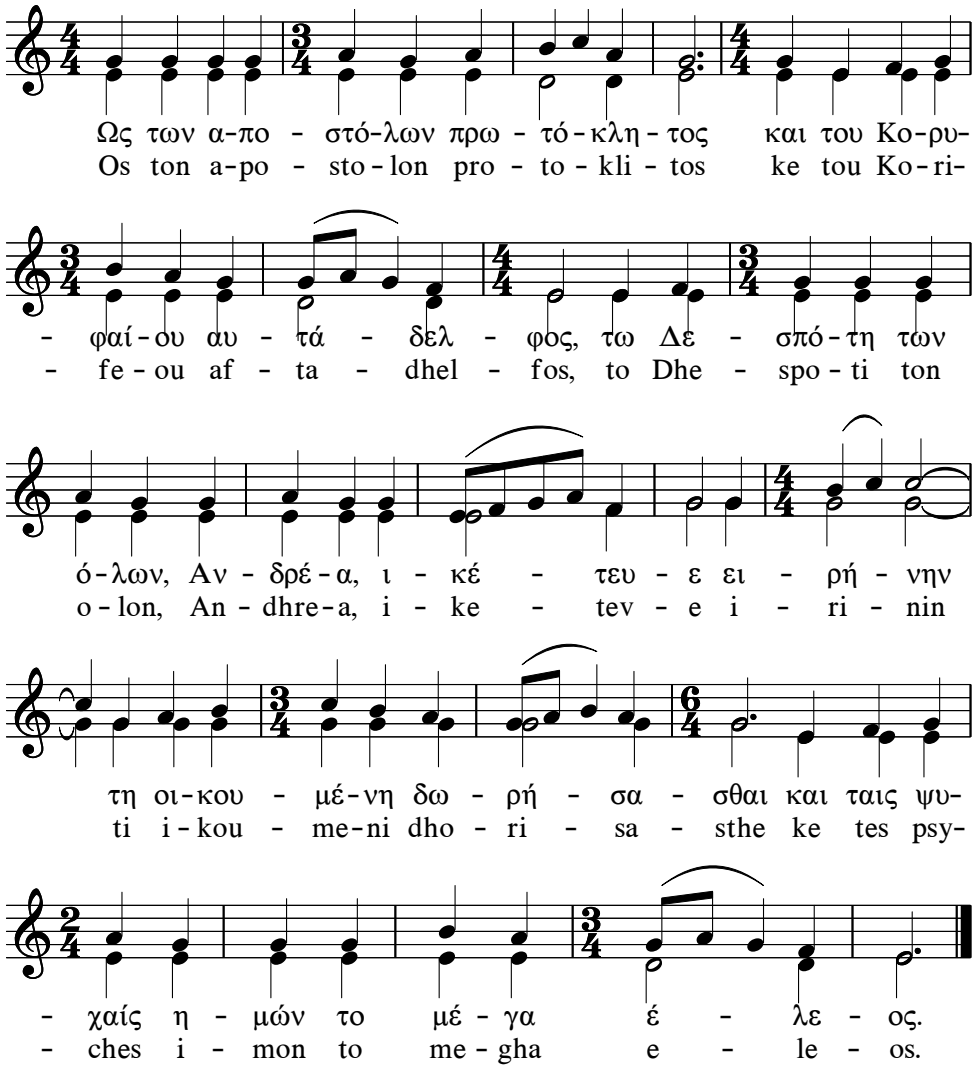
May God, through the intercessions of the First-Called Apostle Andrew, grant to every Archon and his family every spiritual and material blessing, as they continue to serve our Most Holy Ecumenical Patriarchate of Constantinople.

With blessings and gratitude in our Lord Jesus Christ,

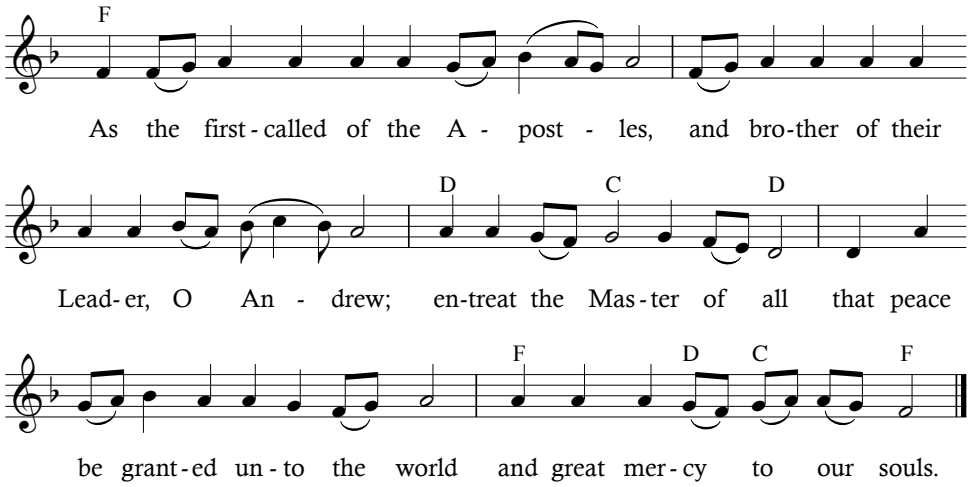
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Archbishop of America

Apolytikion of Andrew the First Called

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Report of the National Commander

Report of the National Commander

Submitted by
Dr. Anthony J. Limberakis
The Archon Grand Aktouarios
National Commander

October 6, 2026

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, Grand Protopresbyter of the Holy and Great Church of Christ and Archon Spiritual Advisor,

Reverend Clergy and beloved Presbyteres,

Brother Archons of the Ecumenical Patriarchate in America,

and Friends,

2026 has been one of the most memorable years in the annals of the Archons of the Ecumenical Patriarchate. This year, Archons have added to our honor roll of magnificent achievements, and I remain thankful for each and every one of you. Some of the milestones from the final months of 2025 and from 2026 so far:

Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew Concludes Triumphant Apostolic Visit to the U.S.

His All-Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew visited the United States from September 14 to 25, 2025, his eighth Apostolic Visit to this country. While here, he received the prestigious Templeton Prize in recognition of his "pioneering efforts to bridge scientific and spiritual understandings of humanity's relationship with the natural world."



His All-Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew also delivered a major address at the Council on Foreign Relations; was the keynote speaker at the 2025 Concordia Annual Summit; was honored at Stony Brook University on International Cleanup Day; was presented with the key to New York City; and much more.



Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew Meets With World Leaders

While in the United States in September 2025, **Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew** met with U.S. **President Donald Trump**; U.S. **House Speaker Mike Johnson** and other House leaders; United Nations **Secretary-General António Guterres;** Ukrainian **President Volodymyr Zelenskyy**; the President of Armenia, **Vahagn Khachaturyan**; the Prime Minister of the Hellenic Republic, **Kyriakos Mitsotakis**; and the Prime Minister of Bulgaria, **Rosen Zhelyazkov**.



Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew Meets With Pope Leo XIV in Nicaea

1,700 years after the First Council of Nicaea, H**is All-Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew** and His Holiness Pope Leo XIV gathered in Nicaea, now Iznik, for a profound display of Christian unity. At the conclusion of the prayer service, they recited the Nicene-Constantinopolitan Creed together at the very site where it was first proclaimed, the ancient Basilica of **Saint Neophytos**.



Ecumenical Patriarch and Pope Sign Joint Declaration Affirming Commitment to Unity, Rejection of Violence

At the Phanar, the sacred center of the Ecumenical Patriarchate in Constantinople, on November 29, 2025, **His All-Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew** and **His Holiness Pope Leo XIV** signed a historic Joint Declaration reiterating their commitment, on behalf of both Churches, to continue pursuing dialogue toward the ultimate goal of restoring full communion between the Orthodox Church and the Roman Catholic Church. The Declaration also reaffirms the hierarchs' mutual rejection of using religion to justify violence.



Archons Undertake Historic Pilgrimage to the Ecumenical Patriarchate and the Sacred Sites of the First and Seventh Ecumenical Councils

In November 2025, **Archon National Treasurer Peter J. Skeadas, National Secretary Gus (Kosmas) Pablecas**, and **Sergeant-at-Arms Alexander Pritsos**, traveling as an official delegation of the Order of Saint Andrew the Apostle, undertook a historic pilgrimage marking the 1,700th anniversary of the Nicene Creed. Their journey brought them to the Ecumenical Patriarchate in Constantinople and to the sacred city of Nicaea, where the First (325 AD) and Seventh (787 AD) Ecumenical Councils profoundly shaped the faith, unity, and life of the worldwide Church.



His All-Holiness Elevates Archon Spiritual Advisor Father Alex Karloutsos to Grand Protopresbyter of the Holy and Great Church of Christ

In a special ceremony at the conclusion of the Patriarchal Divine Liturgy with members of the Holy Synod of America on Sunday, September 21, 2025, **His All-Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew** conferred the title Grand Protopresbyter of the Holy and Great Church of Christ upon the Spiritual Advisor of the Archons of the Ecumenical Patriarchate, **Father Alexander Karloutsos**.



Archon National Commander Dr. Limberakis Represents Ecumenical Patriarch and Archons Worldwide at 30th Anniversary of Metropolis of Mexico

His All-Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew designated me to represent him, as well as the Archons of the Ecumenical Patriarchate worldwide, at the celebration of the 30th anniversary of the establishment of the Ecumenical Patriarchate's Sacred Metropolis of Mexico. The anniversary commemorations took place from Friday, January 30 through Tuesday, February 3, 2026, in Panama City, Panama.



Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew Admitted to the French Academy of Moral and Political Sciences

At the historic Institut de France in Paris on Monday, March 30, 2026, **His All-Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew** was formally admitted as an Associate Member of the French Academy of Moral and Political Sciences, assuming the chair once held by **Joseph Ratzinger,** who later became **Pope Benedict XVI**. In his inaugural address, His All-Holiness offered a profound reflection on the thought and legacy of Pope Benedict XVI, illuminating the deep convergence between his theology and Orthodox Christian thought, and cautioned that liberty severed from truth loses both its meaning and its direction. This singular honor, and the wisdom His All-Holiness imparted to the Academy, stand as a further testament to his historic and universally respected voice.



The AEP was honored to help underwrite the journey of the Patriarchal Entourage so that it could witness this historic occasion firsthand. Representing the AEP at the French Academy were National Vice Commander the **Hon. B. Theodore Bozonelis** and **Mrs. Helen Bozonelis**, together with our Spiritual Advisor **Fr. Alexander Karloutsos** and **Presbytera Xanthi Karloutsos**.



In Athens, Archons Host Dinner in Honor of His All-Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew

On Tuesday, May 5, 2026, the Archons of the Ecumenical Patriarchate in America and the Pammakaristos Brotherhood of Archons in Europe hosted a dinner in honor of His **All-Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew** at the Electra Palace Hotel in Athens, overlooking the Acropolis, courtesy of proprietor **Archon Gerasimos Fokas**.



The evening was hosted by **Athanasios Martinos, President of the Pammakaristos Brotherhood of Archons in Europe,** and **Dr. Anthony J. Limberakis, National Commander of the Archons of the Ecumenical Patriarchate in America** — co-chairs of the 4th Archon International Conference on Religious Freedom, held in Athens in 2024. Also instrumental was Vice President Archon George J. Procopiou, founder of Dynacom Tankers, Sea Traders, and Dynagas.



Archons of the Ecumenical Patriarchate in New Jersey Honor Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew's 35 Years of Ministry

With the blessing of **His Eminence Metropolitan Apostolos** of New Jersey, more than 250 Greek Orthodox Christian faithful gathered on Thursday, June 25, 2026, at the Metropolitan Cathedral of Saint John the Theologian in Tenafly, New Jersey, to honor the 35-year Patriarchal ministry of **His All-Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew.** The successful event was shared by New Jersey Metropolis Regional Commander Micheal D. Camarinos, Esq.





The Archons of the Ecumenical Patriarchate in New Jersey and the Greek Orthodox Metropolis of New Jersey hosted the evening of prayer, education, and tribute, which drew clergy, Archons, FOUNDERS of the **Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew Foundation**, diplomatic representatives, seminarians, Philoptochos leaders, and lay faithful from across the region.

Alexandrion Foundation Honors Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew in Bucharest

During the October 2025 Apostolic Visit of **His All-Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew** to Romania, the Alexandrion Foundation presented a special award to His All-Holiness for his promotion of peace and spiritual unity.



The Archons Stand for Religious Freedom

The Archons of the Ecumenical Patriarchate emphatically applauded and stood firmly behind the decision of Saint Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church and National Shrine at the World Trade Center to honor Ukrainian **President Volodymyr Zelenskyy** with its 2026 Beacon of Hope Award.



On July 27, 2026, I issued a statement noting the sixth anniversary of the conversion of Hagia Sophia into a mosque, asking that its 900-year history as a cathedral not be erased.

We issued a statement affirming the Wall Street Journal's judgment that "Russian Orthodoxy's leaders are instruments of Russian state power."

In June 2026, we drew attention to the Tom Lantos Human Rights Commission's work shedding light on the **deteriorating situation for religious freedom and human rights in the Republic of Turkey.**



After years of effort by the Archons and others, the European Court of Human Rights (ECHR) on Tuesday, May 26, 2026, condemned Turkey for violating freedom of religion, and upheld the rights of two clergymen of the Ecumenical Patriarchate whom Turkish authorities had barred from seeking election to the administrative boards of Greek Orthodox Vakıflar (pious foundations).



A Word of Profound Gratitude to Archon Michael G. Psaros, Our "Cheerful Giver"

We would be remiss not to offer special recognition to **Archon Michael G. Psaros, lovingly known among us as the "cheerful giver."** His extraordinary philanthropy touches nearly every corner of our mission — from sustaining the Pilgrimage of Discovery, to supporting the Athenagoras Human Rights Award, to so many of our other endeavors — and it continues to inspire Archons across the country. **Archon Psaros**, a 7-day sponsor of our Exarch's Appeal, also serves as Chairman of the Board of Trustees of Saint Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church and National Shrine at the World Trade Center, the very institution bestowing its 2026 Beacon of Hope Award upon President Zelenskyy, as I described in an article for archons.org. We are profoundly grateful for his generous heart and his devoted leadership.



Archons Celebrate 60th Anniversary

This year, the Archons of the Ecumenical Patriarchate celebrated the 60th anniversary of our founding. The Archons in the United States were organized on the Sunday of Orthodoxy, March 10, 1966, when **Archbishop Iakovos** of North and South America, of blessed memory, conferred upon thirty outstanding laymen of the Church the respective offikia of the Ecumenical Patriarchate on behalf of the late **Ecumenical Patriarch Athenagoras**.



Canadian Archon Delegation Visits Ottawa to Advance Issues Regarding the Ecumenical Patriarchate

Archon Evagelos Sotiropoulos, President of the Ecumenical Patriarchate Archons in Canada, and **Archon Theodore Papadatos** traveled to Ottawa, the capital of Canada, on June 4, 2026, to meet with Canadian parliamentarians for discussions on the Ecumenical Patriarchate. **Senator and Archon Leo Housakos** joined them there.



Archons Honored

On the evening of Friday, July 31, 2026, I received the **AHEPA Archbishop Iakovos Humanitarian Award**, which honors those who dedicate themselves to the betterment of human and civil rights and religious freedoms for people suffering under tyranny and oppression.

On June 7, 2026, the Hellenic Federation of New Jersey honored **Archon George A. Tsougarakis, Esq.**, with its Alexander the Great Lifetime Achievement Award at the Foundation's Thirteenth Annual Awards Gala.

Jeannie Ranglas — wife of **Regional Commander Archon Gerry Ranglas** and President of the Metropolis of San Francisco Philoptochos — received an Honorary Doctorate in the Humanities at Hellenic College Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology in Brookline, Massachusetts, on Saturday, May 16, 2026.

In March 2026, **Governor Bob Ferguson** of Washington State appointed **Archon Theo J. Angelis, Esq.,** to the Washington State Supreme Court.

Chancellor Kimberly van Noort and the Board of Trustees of the University of North Carolina Asheville bestowed honorary degrees upon **Archon Stavros (Steve) Zeis** and his beloved wife **Frosene**, in recognition of their many years of dedicated philanthropy and support for the university.

At an extraordinary event hosted by **Archon John S. Koudounis** at Chicago's historic United Center on March 7, 2026, **Archon John P. Calamos** received The Hellenic Initiative Lifetime Achievement Award. This historic celebration of Hellenism, brought about largely through the efforts of Archon Koudounis, drew more than 13,000 people — what The Hellenic Initiative called "the largest gathering in history of the Greek diaspora in support of Greece." Archon Koudounis also













hosted His All-Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew at a grand reception in Washington, D.C., in partnership with the Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew Foundation, during the Patriarch's September 2025 Apostolic Visit to the United States.

At the Presidential Palace in Nicosia, Cyprus, on August 29, 2025, **Archon Andreas Kyprianides** received the Medal of Exceptional Service from **Nikos Christodoulides**, President of the Republic of Cyprus, in recognition of his many decades of devoted and multifaceted service to Cyprus, the Cypriot diaspora, and Hellenism in general.

The John Halecky, Jr. Archon Lenten Retreats Extend Our Spiritual Outreach from Coast to Coast to Coast

With the blessing of H**is Eminence Archbishop Elpidophoros** of America, Exarch of the Ecumenical Patriarchate, the Archons sponsored three Lenten Retreat weekends across the country this year as part of the 22nd Annual John Halecky, Jr. National Archon Lenten Retreats. The Retreats were held March 6–8 in St. Augustine, Florida, with Retreat Master **Father Nicholas Anton** on the theme "Discernment and Spiritual Life"; March 13–15 in Pasadena, California, with Retreat Master **Father James C. Pappas** on the theme "My Heart, God's Home"; and March 20–22 in Southampton, New York, with Retreat Master **Father Constantine Lazarakis** on the theme "Faithfulness, Humility and Courage: The Intersection of Crucial Virtues." Each weekend offered our brother Archons a meaningful opportunity for prayer, fellowship, and spiritual renewal during the Lenten season.

John Halecky, Jr.

22ND ANNUAL NATIONAL

Archon Lenten Retreat







AEP Presentations All Over the Country

Engagement Committees, Regional Commanders, and other Archons continued to offer incisive presentations around the nation on the central importance, history, and present-day plight of our Holy Mother Church of Constantinople.

On September 6, 2026, a vitally important panel discussion, "Before and After the Istanbul Pogrom of September 6–7, 1955: The Destruction of the Hellenic (Rum) Community of Turkey," was held at 2 p.m. EDT on the atrocities perpetrated against the Greek Orthodox faithful 68 years ago in Istanbul. **Archon Harry G. Dimopoulos, PhD, MBA**, Archon Hartophylax of Naples, FL, was one of the panelists and offered an extraordinary first-hand account of this appalling tragedy, detailing what he personally witnessed and survived.

In July 2026, with the blessing of **His Eminence Metropolitan Sevastianos** and in coordination with **Fr. Stavros Akrotiriankis, Fr. Ioannis Capones, Fr. Dino Carros, Fr. Kyriakos Hambos, Fr. Alexander Kamilaris, Fr. Robert Lawrence, and Ms. Monica Gjerde, Youth Director for the Metropolis, Archons Gus Kazakos, Dr. Terry Sarantou, Drew Theodore, and Steve Trakas** developed an Archon presentation delivered to more than 500 campers and youth advisors at St. Stephen's Summer Camp, held at the Alexios Retreat Center in Salem, South Carolina.

Religious leaders of a wide variety of faith traditions from across South Carolina, along with state political leaders, gathered on Thursday, **January 8, 2026, for the second annual South Carolina Religious Liberty Conference**. The conference, sponsored by the J. Reuben Clark Law Society, was held in the **Chambers at the State House of South Carolina**. Among the featured speakers was **Archon Stephanos (Steve) G. Trakas**, Regional Commander for North and South Carolina.









On November 6, 2025, the Archons of the Ecumenical Patriarchate (AEP)'s Patriarchal Properties and Legal Issues Committee (PPL) held a landmark forum on the **critical need for the Ecumenical Patriarchate in Turkey to gain legal identity under Turkish** law for its future preservation. The two speakers were the Hon. Senior **Judge Delissa A. Ridgway** of the U.S. Court of International Trade and **Archon George S. Kounoupis, Esq.,** Chair of the Legal Identity Subcommittee of the PPL.



"Nicaea Then and Now," a groundbreaking Archon Symposium, was held on Saturday, November 15, 2025, at St. George Greek Orthodox Cathedral in Philadelphia. The Symposium took participants into the world of the First Ecumenical Council, the Council of Nicaea, and illuminated that Council's continuing importance for Orthodox Christians, as well as Christians of other faith traditions, even today.



Pilgrimage of Discovery Is Thriving, Now in Its Fourth Year

Eighteen Orthodox Christian young adults from across the United States arrived in Constantinople on August 2, 2026, to begin the 4th Annual Pilgrimage of Discovery (POD), a program founded by the Archons of the Ecumenical Patriarchate. With ongoing funding from the Archons, as well as from charitable contributions from generous donors across the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America, the POD is a religious and educational journey through Constantinople awarded to Orthodox Christian young adults across America.





Special Recognition to Archon Perry Siatis and the POD Team

Special thanks are due to **Archon Pericles (Perry) C. Siatis, Esq.,** Regional Commander for the Metropolis of Chicago, who continues to guide the Pilgrimage of Discovery as Chair of its Committee, alongside an exceptional POD Team. Archon Siatis's devotion to the Order runs deep: he is a 10-day sponsor of our Exarch's Appeal, one of the most generous individual commitments in the entire Order. We are deeply grateful for his steadfast leadership and for the dedication of the whole POD Team.



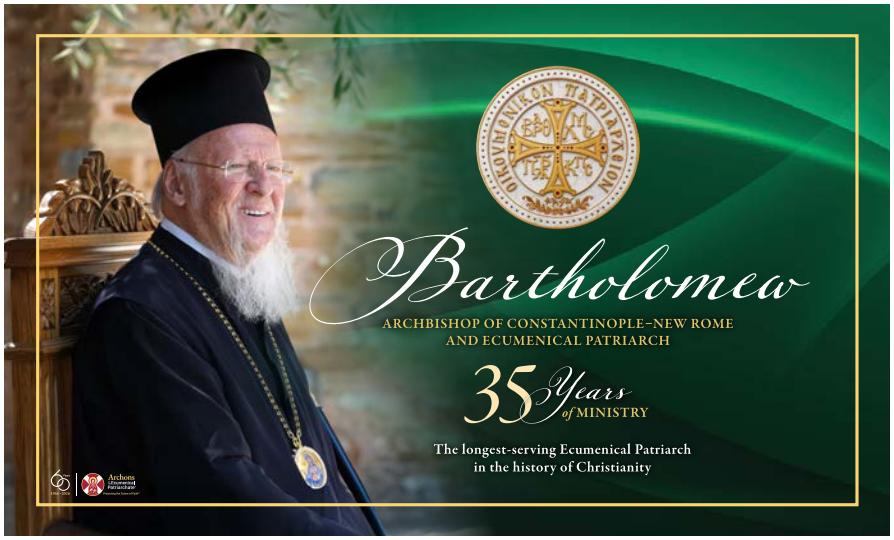
Pilgrimage of Discovery Alumni Leadership Network Conducts Second Annual Retreat

The Pilgrimage of Discovery Alumni Leadership Network conducted its second annual retreat in Chicago, Illinois, the weekend of April 17–19, 2026, bringing together alumni of the POD program described above.



Archons Present 700 Parishes With Banners Commemorating 35th Anniversary of Enthronement of His All-Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew

The Archons offered parishes of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America, the American Carpatho-Russian Diocese of North America, the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA, and the Palestinian/Jordanian Orthodox Christian Communities a beautiful 3-ft x 5-ft fabric banner commemorating the 35th anniversary of the Enthronement of His All-Holiness Bartholomew as Archbishop of Constantinople-New Rome and Ecumenical Patriarch.



Archon Sprout Program Now Available in Spanish

The Archon Sprout Program, which introduces Orthodox Christian children to the Ecumenical Patriarchate, is now officially bilingual, with much more to come. The Sprouts Program Committee, chaired by **Archons Nick Tranto and Nick Terezis**, has completed the translation of Sprout 1.0 into Spanish under the leadership of **Archon Ted Argeroplos. Helen Nixon and Katina Limberakis-Tsatalis** served as the authors of the content.

The Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew Foundation Continues to Grow

As of this writing, there are 294 FOUNDERS ($100,000 pledge payable over 10 years) in good standing.

In keeping with the Foundation's guiding principles of transparency and accountability, we are pleased to report that as of September 30, 2026, the Foundation assets are: $38,527,705 comprised of $26,371,177 cash and investments and $12,156,528 of pledges receivable.

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.

Archons Manos and Tsamutalis Elected National Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer; Archons Skeadas and Comodromos Assume Emeritus Status

The National Council, at its meeting on December 6, 2025, elected Archon **John G. Manos** National Treasurer of the Archons of the Ecumenical Patriarchate, and Archon **Chris E. Tsamutalis, CPA,** Assistant Treasurer. Archons Manos and Tsamutalis succeed Archons **Peter J. Skeadas and Andreas D. Comodromos, CPA**, who assumed Emeritus status.

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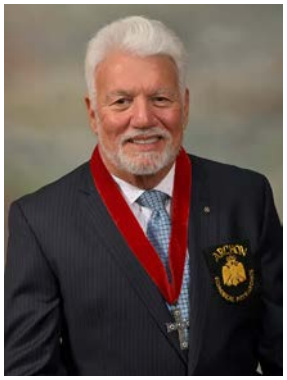
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BARTHOLOMEW FOUNDATION
For the Sacred See of Saint Andrew

294 FOUNDERS

$38,527,705



New Regional Commanders Appointed







Archon James G. Lakerdas, Esq., was appointed Regional Commander for the Metropolis of Chicago. Archon Lakerdas succeeds Archons Gus (Kosmas) Pablecas and John G. Manos, who assumed Emeritus status.

Archon Konstantinos (Dino) Mastorakis was appointed Regional Commander for the Metropolis of Atlanta, South Florida. Archon Mastorakis succeeds Archon John Scurtis, who assumed Emeritus status.

Archon Demetrios J. (Jim) Ziozis was appointed Regional Commander for the Direct Archdiocesan District for Long Island, Brooklyn, Queens, and Staten Island. Archon Ziozis succeeds Archon Inspector John V. Kassimatis, who fell asleep in the Lord on June 14, 2026.

Cardinal Dolan, Archbishop Emeritus of New York, to Receive 2026 Athenagoras Human Rights Award



The 2026 Athenagoras Human Rights Award will be presented to **His Eminence Cardinal Timothy Dolan**, Archbishop Emeritus of New York. The award will be presented on Saturday, October 17, 2026, at the AEP's annual Athenagoras Human Rights Award black-tie banquet at the New York Hilton Midtown Hotel in New York City.

Archon Dr. Nicholas G. Loutsion to Receive 2026 Nicholas J. Bouras Award



National Council member **Nicholas G. Loutsion, VMD,** Archon Aktouarios, will be the recipient of the 2026 Nicholas J. Bouras Award for Extraordinary Archon Stewardship. The award will be presented on Friday, October 16, 2026, at the Bouras Award Dinner during the Order's annual Archon Weekend in New York City.

Archon Hon. Michael J. Kratsios to Receive the Archon Sophia Award

Also at Archon Weekend, **Archon Hon. Michael J. Kratsios** will receive the Archon Sophia Award for Excellence. The presentation will be made on Saturday, October 17, 2026, at the Archon Agape Family Luncheon at the New York Hilton Midtown Hotel in New York City.



Archon John Scurtis Becomes First Recipient of the Dr. Anthony G. B. Borden Regional Commander Award for Distinguished Diakonia

Archon John C. Scurtis, who recently concluded his tenure as Regional Commander for the Metropolis of Atlanta, South Florida, is the inaugural recipient of the newly established **Dr. Anthony G. B. Borden** Regional Commander Award for Distinguished Diakonia. The honor was conferred on Saturday, May 30, 2026, at Gallaghers Steakhouse in Boca Raton, Florida, in recognition of his years of devoted service. Archon Scurtis now holds the distinguished status of Regional Commander Emeritus.



The Archons Serve the Church

The Archons of the Ecumenical Patriarchate's direct and indirect support of the Ecumenical Patriarchate between 2002 and 2025 has amounted to a staggering $73,969,933. This is vivid and striking testimony to the remarkable impact the AEP has had over the last 24 years on the ability of the Holy Mother Church of Constantinople to fulfill its sacred mission in perpetuity.

$73,969,933

Our Outstanding Team



We continue to be unshakably devoted to defending the Holy and Great Mother Church of Constantinople and securing its religious freedom.

Our Spiritual Father in America, Archbishop Elpidophoros

We offer special gratitude to **His Eminence Archbishop Elpidophoros** of America, the Exarch and our spiritual father in America, with whom it is our ongoing and indispensable privilege to work together in service of the needs of the Holy and Great Church of Christ.

Our Spiritual Advisor, Father Alex Karloutsos



We are profoundly thankful, as always, to our Spiritual Advisor **Fr. Alex Karloutsos**, the Grand Protopresbyter of the Holy and Great Church of Christ, who offers constant and essential guidance to me every day on matters concerning the AEP and the EPBF. Over the course of his ministry, Father Alex has raised half a billion dollars for the Church at large — an unparalleled achievement that has empowered the Church to realize its salvific mission. We are equally grateful to **Presbytera Xanthi Karloutsos**, whose indispensable hand in planning so many of our cherished social and fellowship gatherings brings warmth and joy to our Archon family.



I remain indebted to my dear and beloved friend, our exceptional National Vice Commander, the **Honorable B. Theodore Bozonelis**, whom I consult on a daily basis. The Archon officers are also always a tremendous blessing: along with Judge Bozonelis, we are blessed with **National Secretary Gus M. Pablecas, National Treasurer John G. Manos, Legal Counselor Peter Kakoyiannis, Esq., Sergeant-at-Arms Alex Pritsos, Religious Freedom Chair John A. Catsimatidis, Historian Prof. George Demacopoulos, Assistant Treasurer Chris Tsamutalis, CPA**, and the entire National Council.

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

A word of deep gratitude to Archon John A. Catsimatidis, Chair of Our Religious Freedom Committee



We also wish to recognize **Archon John A. Catsimatidis**, Chair of our Religious Freedom Committee, whose reach as a media owner is extraordinary. Archon Catsimatidis owns WABC radio, which Nielsen data confirms as the most listened-to talk radio station in the United States, reaching more than 400,000 listeners each week, and he hosts his own programs on the station. We are grateful for his voice, his stewardship, and his steadfast commitment to religious freedom.

We remain grateful for the contributions of the Regional Commanders: **Archons Dr. Theodore P. Vlahos, M.D.; Frank Boardman; James A. Frangis; Terry Sarantou, M.D.; Gregory B. Saad; Stephanos G. Trakas; Konstantinos Mastorakis; James Speros; Constantine Sideridis; Pericles C. Siatis, Esq.; James G. Lakerdas, Esq.; Gregory G. Papadeas, D.O.; Christopher J. Pappas; Lazaros A. Kircos; William B. Martin; Nikiforos Mathews, Esq.; Michael P. Neamonitakis; Demetrios J. Ziozis; Cary J. Limberakis, DMD; Andrew E. Manatos; George A. Tsougarakis, Esq.; Michael D. Camarinos, Esq.; Nicholas Terezis; Nicholas J. Tranto; Isidoros Garifalakis; Gerry Ranglas; Theodore Konopisos; Paul Sogotis; the Hon. Steven G. Counelis; and Gary Grysiak** — as well as to our superb Graphic Designer, **Archon John J. Mindala II**, and Tsesme Consulting, which manages our social media initiatives and the Religion and Faith section of our website.

A Shout-Out to Leah Kats, AEP & EPBF Administrator



No small measure of thanks is owed to **Leah Kats**, our tireless AEP and EPBF Administrator, who works around the clock — 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year — to keep our two institutions running smoothly. Leah's devotion goes well beyond her role on staff: she is herself a FOUNDER of the Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew Foundation, having pledged $100,000 of her own to help secure the Ecumenical Patriarchate's future. We are deeply grateful for her extraordinary commitment.

Tremendous Gratitude to Archon Anthony C. Limberakis for transforming the IT platforms of the AEP and EPBF



We also wish to recognize **Archon Anthony C. Limberakis**, who has transformed the digital operations of both the AEP and the Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew Foundation by managing and launching our new Bloomerang Customer Relationship Management system — a platform that has reshaped the day-to-day operations of both institutions. Archon Limberakis brings this expertise from his work as a senior information technology executive in the private sector, and he also serves as Parish Council President of the Annunciation Church in Elkins Park, Pennsylvania, the sixth-oldest parish in the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America. We are grateful for his vision and his generous investment of time and talent.



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.

Our Indispensable Comrades-in-Arms: The Nicholas J. and Anna K. Bouras Foundation and Trustee the Hon. B. Theodore Bozonelis



Once again, we offer thanks for the ongoing legacy of Archon stewardship left by **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. National Vice Commander the Hon. B. Theodore Bozonelis, a Trustee of the Bouras Foundation, always ensures that just as Nicholas J. Bouras empowered the AEP to serve the needs of the Ecumenical Patriarchate throughout his lifetime, that same mission is carried forward today — even as Nicholas J. Bouras now resides in the Kingdom, praying for all of us.

And the People Without Whom All This Would Not Be Possible… Our beloved families

We express our continuous and profound gratitude to our beloved wives and families. Being an Archon is a commitment of service not just to our God and our Church, but to our families. Without the ongoing love, encouragement, patience, and understanding of our wives and families, we simply could not fulfill our holy calling to be Defenders of the Faith.



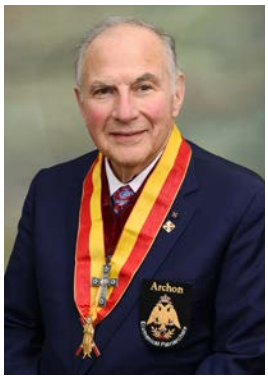
On a personal note, I owe my deepest gratitude to my beloved wife, **Maria**, whose steadfast love, wisdom, and quiet strength are the true foundation beneath everything I am able to do in service to our Church. Maria, thank you for being my constant and my greatest blessing.

In the Service of the Ecumenical Patriarchate,

Anthony Limberakis, MD

Dr. Anthony J. Limberakis
National Commander
Archons of the Ecumenical Patriarchate

History of National Commanders



Anthony J. Limberakis, MD
(1998–Present)
The Archon Grand 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

Agendas

ECUMENICAL PATRIARCH
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For the Sacred See of Saint Andrew

Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew Foundation
Board of Trustees Breakfast Meeting
9:00–11:00AM
New York Hilton Midtown, 2nd Floor, Nassau

October 15, 2026

AGENDA

TO ENSURE A QUORUM, THIS MEETING WILL ALSO BE CONDUCTED BY ZOOM

We will be voting on proposed amendments to the Bylaws, which requires a super-majority (15 Trustees). Last year we did not have a quorum, and this should never happen again. Thank you.

I. **Invocation & Opening Remarks** – His Eminence Archbishop Elpidophoros of America, *Exarch of the Ecumenical Patriarchate*

II. **Epistle & Holy Gospel Lessons**

a. Epistle Reading: St. Paul's Letter to the Philippians 3:1-8

Brethren, rejoice in the Lord. To write the same things to you is not irksome to me, and is safe for you. Look out for the dogs, look out for the evil-workers, look out for those who mutilate the flesh. **For we are the true circumcision, who worship God in spirit, and glory in Christ Jesus, and put no confidence in the flesh.** Though I myself have reason for confidence in the flesh also. If any other man thinks he has reason for confidence in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law a Pharisee, as to zeal a persecutor of the church, as to righteousness under the law blameless. But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ. Indeed I count everything as loss because of the surpassing

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b. Gospel Lesson: he Gospel According to Luke 9:7-11
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III. **Roll Call & Minutes** – Secretary Archon Peter Kakoyiannis, Esq.
a. Approval of EPBF Board of Trustee Meeting Minutes of July 17, 2026

IV. **Treasurer's Report** – Chris E. Tsamutalis, CPA, Treasurer and Andreas D. Comodromos, CPA, Assistant Treasurer
a. Treasurer's Report
i. YTD September 30, 2026

V. Update on Pledges

a. FOUNDERS: 294 FOUNDERS

105 Fulfilled Founders|187 Remaining Founders|18 Founding Parishes

b. Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew Foundation's total assets stand at $38,527,705 consisting of $26,371,177 in cash and investments and $12,156,528 in pledges receivable as of September 30, 2026

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***Logo of EPBF** honors historic tenure of His-All Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew, longest serving Ecumenical Patriarch in history

VI. **Audit Committee** – Carl R. Hollister
a. **2025 Independent Audit**
FORVIS MAZARS, LLP (globally the firm generates $5.7 billion in revenue and employs 40,000 professionals)
a. Chad Avink, CPA, Director

b. Linda Artusa, Associate Assurance

VII. **Investment Committee** – John S. Koudounis
- a. **Update from John S. Koudounis September 30, 2026**
- b. **Sunset of 5-year moratorium on EPBF Funds Disbursement**
- **c. Distribution to the Ecumenical Patriarchate**
  - **i. Received official request from the Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew from the Exarch Archbishop Elpidophoros of America – see attachment**
  - **ii. Bylaws amendment required to clarify distribution formula**

VIII. **Bylaws Committee – Hon. B. Theodore Bozonelis, Chair**
- a. **Proposed Amendments**
  - **i. Number of Meetings:**

Amendment to Article V, Section F: Meetings

The Board shall meet up to four (4) times (Replaces: The Board shall meet at least four (4) times) each calendar year at such time and place as set by the Chairman or by his/her representative. Meetings may also be called by the Chairman or the request of one-third (1/3rd) of the Board. A majority of the members of the Board, serving at any time, shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. No Trustee may appear by proxy. Meetings of the Board or of any committee may be conducted telephonically, by conference call, in which a quorum participates simultaneously. Notice of the meetings shall be given, either by mail or email, not less than six (6) days in advance of the meeting; except for emergency meetings, when notice shall be given twenty-four (24) hours in advance of the Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew Foundation Inc. meeting. A Trustee may waive notice by appearing at the meeting or by a written waiver.

- ii. **Distribution formula**

AMENDMENT TO THE ECUMENICAL PATRIARCH BARTHOLOMEW FOUNDATION
To support the Patriarchate of Constantinople (the "Patriarchate") and its religious, education and philanthropic institutions.

THIS IS THE APPROVED LANGUAGE THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AGREED UPON ON SEPTEMBER 23, 2026

Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew Foundation Distribution Policy

Rolling 12-Quarter Average Market Value Methodology

1. Purpose

This policy establishes a disciplined and sustainable framework for annual distributions from the Foundation's endowment portfolio. It is intended to balance current funding needs with preservation of the endowment's long-term purchasing power.

2. Distribution Rate

The annual distribution shall be set within a range of **0% to 5%** of the endowment portfolio's rolling 12-quarter average market value. The Board shall approve the final rate based on the recommendation of the Investment Committee.

3. Calculation and Payment Method

The distribution base shall equal the arithmetic average of the endowment portfolio's market value at the end of each of the 12 consecutive fiscal quarters immediately preceding the fiscal year for which the distribution is approved.
The annual distribution shall be calculated as follows:

Annual Distribution = Approved Distribution Rate × Average Market Value for the Previous 12 Consecutive Quarters

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Unless otherwise approved, the calculated amount shall be paid in equal periodic installments during the applicable fiscal year on a quarterly basis pro-rated at 75% of the previous year's distribution with the final quarter payment being a true up for that fiscal year.

4. Investment Committee Recommendation

In recommending a distribution rate within the approved range, including a distribution of 0%, the Investment Committee shall consider:

- Expected long-term investment returns and inflation;
- Portfolio liquidity, asset allocation, and risk;
- Current and projected operating needs;
- Capital requirements and other anticipated obligations; and
- The effect of the proposed distribution on the portfolio's long-term value.

5. Exceptions

Any distribution outside the 0%–5% range requires specific approval by the Board of Trustees. The reasons for the exception shall be documented in the meeting record. In the instance where there is an emergency request for funds from the Ecumenical Patriarchate, the board may at its discretion, with consent from the Investment Committee may exceed the 5% distribution cap, while staying in compliance with the New York Prudent Management of Institutional Funds ("NYPMIFA" or "the Act").

6. Administration and Review

The Investment Committee shall review this policy at least annually and recommend amendments when appropriate. Portfolio market values and calculations shall be supported by the organization's investment custodian, investment adviser, or other reliable financial records.
Effective Date: [Insert date]
Approved By: [Insert governing body]

IX. **Communications Committee** – Aphrodite Skeadas
   a. **Newsletter**

X. **New Members Committee –** Markos K. Lagos, Joseph J. Kokolakis, Esq., & Michael P. Neamonitakis
   a. 2026 ARCHON WEEKEND EPBF SPECIAL FOUNDERS EVENT – Meropi Neamonitakis
      i. When: Thursday, October 15, 2026
      ii. Where: The Metropolitan Club, 1 East 60th St., NY, NY 10022
         1. Entertainment
         2. Cost
         3. Ticket pricing - $275/ticket
      iii. 18 FOUNDING Parishes
         1. Proistamenos and Presbyteres will be invited
         2. Parish Council Presidents and their wives will be invited

      iv. Possible 2026 Houston, TX Event hosted by FOUNDER Dr. & Mrs. Vasilios Mathews together with John and Joni Zavitsanos

   b. 2027 ARCHON WEEKEND EPBF SPECIAL FOUNDERS EVENT
      1. When: Thursday, October 14, 2027
      2. Where: Rainbow Room, iconic venue
         30 Rockefeller Plaza
         65th Floor
         New York, NY 10112

   c. Regional Archons
      i. Pittsburgh – became FOUNDER
      ii. Chicago – became FOUNDER
      iii. Discussion

   d. How can we encourage more Churches in the GOA to become FOUNDERS?
      - Will be preparing parish-specific literature to encourage GOA churches to become FOUNDERS or Builders

There are 18 parishes out of some 500 of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America who are FOUNDERS.

- **18 GOA Parishes are FOUNDERS**

i. Have approached several parishes and are hopeful there will be more parishes who wish to contribute to the financial security of the Holy Mother Church

ii. Developing parish-specific literature aimed at clergy and parish councils – see attachment

iii. Encourage Regional Commanders to reach out to Archons in their jurisdiction for their own parishes to become a FOUNDER or Builder

iv. Video on EPBF can be used https://archons.org/archons-epbf-work/

Here is a list of the churches by Metropolis that have stepped up:

1. Direct Archdiocesan District – 5 parishes
    a. Saint Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church and National Shrine, New York, NY
    b. Archdiocesan Cathedral of the Holy Trinity, New York, NY
    c. Dormition of the Virgin Mary Greek Orthodox Cathedral, Southampton, NY
    d. Kimisis tis Theotokou Greek Orthodox Church, Brooklyn, NY
    e. Saints Constantine and Helen Cathedral, Brooklyn, NY (the very first parish in the GOA to become a FOUNDER)
2. Metropolis of Boston Metropolis of Boston – 1parishes
    a. St. George the Great Martyr & Trophy-Bearer Church, Pittsfield, MA
3. Metropolis of Detroit – 3 parishes
    a. Saint George Greek Orthodox Church, Southgate, MI
    b. Nativity of the Virgin Mary, Plymouth, MI
    c. Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church, Carmel, IN
4. Metropolis of Pittsburgh – 2 parishes
    a. All Saints Greek Orthodox Church, Weirton, WV
    b. Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Cathedral, Camp Hill, PA
5. Metropolis of San Francisco – 0 parishes
6. Metropolis of Atlanta – 3 parishes
    a. Saint Katherine Greek Orthodox Church, Naples, FL
    b. St. Mark Greek Orthodox Church, Boca Raton, FL
    c. Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church, Mobile, AL
7. Metropolis of New Jersey – 3 parishes
    a. Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church, Elkins Park, PA
    b. Cathedral of Saint John the Theologian, Tenafly, NJ
    c. Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church, Westfield, NJ
8. Metropolis of Chicago – 1 parish
    a. Assumption Greek Orthodox Church, Chicago, IL
9. Metropolis of Denver – 0 parishes

XI. Class of 2026 Archons includes 17 FOUNDERS (42 candidates submitted to His All-Holiness for his personal approval)

XII. Old/New Business

a. Increase cybercrime insurance – update – do we remain compliant?

i. Need NIST compliance attestation
ii. Should have cybersecurity audit annually
    1. Identity
    2. Protect
    3. Detect
    4. Respond
    5. Recover

b. EPBF Cuff links – Maria Allwin
   i. Deep gratitude to Trustee Maria Allwin who is donating 500 sets of EPBF cufflinks ($5610)
   ii. Will distribute Archon Weekend to FOUNDERS exclusively
c. Bloomerang Customer Relations Software – update from Leah Kats and Archon Anthony C. Limberakis
   i. https://bloomerang.octiv.com/view/bloomerang-proposal-for-ecumenical-patriarch-bartholomew-foundation

XIII. Adjournment

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Diakonia Ministries joined by
National Council, Regional Commanders
Luncheon Meeting

New York Hilton Midtown, 2nd Floor, Murray Hill

October 15, 2026
12:00 – 3:00 pm

AGENDA

I. **Invocation & Opening Remarks** – His Eminence Archbishop Elpidophoros of America, *Exarch of the Ecumenical Patriarchate*

II. **Epistle and Holy Gospel Lessons**

III. **Epistle Reading: St. Paul's Letter to the Philippians 3:1-8**

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IV. **Gospel Lesson: The Gospel According to Luke 9:7-11**

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V. **Diakonia Ministries**

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i. **Academia Diakonia Ministry** – Archon Prof. John Fotopoulos, PhD, Chair; Archon Stamatios V. Kartalopoulos, PhD, Chair (38 members)

ii. **Communications Diakonia Ministry** – Archon Rocky Sisson, Chair; Theodore H. Vagelos, Vice Chair (36 members)

iii. **Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew Foundation** – Archon Anthony J. Limberakis, MD, Chair; Archon George E. Safiol, Vice Chair (42 members)

iv. **Editorial Publication Diakonia Ministry** – Archon George P. Vittas, Chair; Archons George G. Demos, Esq. and George Horiates, Esq., Vice Chairs (23 members)

v. **Federal and State Governmental Affairs Diakonia Ministry** – Archon Mike A. Manatos, Chair; Archon Stephen P. Georgeson, Esq., Vice Chair (76 members)

vi. **International Archons Diakonia Ministry** – Archons George C. Rockas, Esq. and Constantine Sideridis, Chairs; Archons Harry Dimopoulos, PhD and Nicholas Larigakis, Vice Chairs (35 members)

vii. **Metropolis and Parish Education Diakonia Ministry** – Archon Frank Boardman, Chair and Archon John Thibault, Vice Chair (100 members)

viii. **Patriarchal Green Initiatives Committee** – Archon George J. Spanos, Chair, Vice Chair (24 members)

ix. **Patriarchal Properties and Legal Issues Diakonia Ministry** – Archon Joseph J. Kokolakis, Esq. Chair and Archon Theodore M. Kakoyiannis, Esq., Vice Chair (18 members)

x. **Technology Diakonia Ministry –** Archon Anthony C. Limberakis and David G. Matty, PhD Chairs, Archon John M. Patzakis, Esq., Vice Chair (5 members)

xi. **Women in Orthodoxy Diakonia Ministry** – Archon Cary J. Limberakis, DMD, Chair and Elizabeth Prodromou, PhD, Vice Chair (57 members which include 10 Archons and 47 non-Archons)

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xii. **Youth Participation Activities Diakonia Ministry** – Archon Nicholas J. Tranto, Chair and Archons Hon. Steven G. Counelis, George K. Moutis and Pericles C. Siatis, Esq. (POD Chair); Archon Hon. Jeffery G. Chrones; Vice Chairs (30 members)

xiii. **Medical and Dental Missionary Work** – Chair Archon Thomas P. Williams, DDS, MD, FACS; working on difficult liability insurance concerns to ensure protection of AEP; inactive at this time

VI. Protocol of Approval Process for Regional Initiatives

a. The Commander and Executive Committee extend their appreciation for your commitment to the Ecumenical Patriarchate and to the creation of the many programs and local religious freedom representations which are being conducted throughout the jurisdictions in America. We are collectively making a positive difference in defending and protecting our Holy and Great Mother Church.

b. As we continue to move forward in our mission, as a reminder, it is imperative that Regional Commanders and Archons within their jurisdiction, adhere to the established protocol policies that will ensure that our Archon message is consistent throughout America and are within the mission of the Archons. The two protocols are as follows:

i. All Archon *events, speakers, publications, programs, invitations, undertakings must first be submitted to the AEP Executive Committee for approval* as established by the National Council on July 30, 2023 (see attached); and,

c. As directed by the National Commander at the National Council meeting on June 21, 2024, any "*funds raised by the Archons must be for the Ecumenical Patriarchate, the Archons of the Ecumenical Patriarchate or the EPBF.*" Of course, the Archons email address list is never shared with for other fund-raising activity or notifications outside the AEP.

VII. Miscellanea

VIII. Old/New Business

IX. Adjournment

Joint National Council and Regional Commanders

New York Hilton Midtown, 2nd Floor Madison Room

October 16, 2026

Longinos the Centurion

This Martyr was in the service of Pontius Pilate at the time of Christ our Saviour's Passion. While standing guard at the Cross and beholding the earthquake and all that came to pass, he cried out with fear, "Truly this was the Son of God" (Matt. 27:54). After the Resurrection, he forsook the military and departed for Cappadocia, his homeland, where he preached Christ. By the agency of Pontius Pilate, Tiberius Caesar had him arrested and beheaded.

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a. Epistle Reading: St. Paul's Letter to the Philippians 3:8-19
Brethren, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. **For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them as refuse, in order that I may gain Christ, and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own, based on law, but that which is through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith; that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, that if possible I may attain that resurrection from the dead.** Not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Brethren, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but one thing I do, forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on

toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus. Let those of us who are mature be thus minded; and if in anything you are otherwise minded, God will reveal that also to you. Only let us hold true to what we have attained. Brethren, join in imitating me, and mark those who so live as you have an example in us. For many, of whom I have often told you and now tell you even with tears, live as enemies of the cross of Christ. Their end is destruction, their god is the belly, and they glory in their shame, with minds set on earthly things.

b. **Gospel Lesson: The Gospel According to Matthew 27:33-54**
At that time, when the soldiers came to a place called Golgotha (which means the place of a skull), they offered him wine to drink, mingled with gall; but when he tasted it, he would not drink it. And when they had crucified him, they divided his garments among them by casting lots; then they sat down and kept watch over him there. And over his head they put the charge against him, which read, "This is Jesus the King of the Jews." Then two robbers were crucified with him, one on the right and one on the left. And those who passed by derided him, wagging their heads and saying, "You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself! If you are the Son of God, come down from the cross." So also the chief priests, with the scribes and elders, mocked him, saying, "He saved others; he cannot save himself. He is the King of Israel; let him come down now from the cross, and we will believe in him. He trusts in God; let God deliver him now, if he desires him; for he said, 'I am the Son of God.'" And the robbers who were crucified with him also reviled him in the same way.

Now from the sixth hour there was darkness over all the land until the ninth hour. And about the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, "Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani?" that is, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" And some of the bystanders hearing it said, "This man is calling Elijah." And one of them at once ran and took a sponge, filled it with vinegar, and put it on a reed, and gave it to him to drink. But the others said, "Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to save him." And Jesus cried again with a loud voice and yielded up his spirit.

And behold, the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom; and the earth shook, and the rocks were split; the tombs also were opened, and many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised, and coming out of the tombs after his resurrection they went into the holy city and appeared to many. When the centurion and those who were with him, keeping watch over Jesus, saw the earthquake and what took place, they were filled with awe, and said, "Truly this was the Son of God!"

II. **Roll Call & Minutes** – Archon Kosmas (Gus) M. Pablecas, National Secretary

a. **Sixteen Executive Committee (EC) meetings since last NC Meeting 7-18-2026**

7/18/26 – Approval of AEP stock contribution policy.

7/22/26 – Approval of Michael Kratsios to be the recipient of the 2026 Archon Sophia Award.

8/7/26 - $5,000 donation for the enthronement of His Eminence Archbishop Apostolos of Canada.

8/7/26 –a) Archon delegation travels to Toronto, Canada to attend the enthronement of Archbishop-elect Apostolos. $25,000 funding to assist the travel of the delegation provided by the Nicholas J. & Anna Bouras Foundation. Archon delegation shall consist of the Commander and Dr. Maria, Vice Commander, and Helen, Fr. Alex & Presbytera Xanthi. As part of the delegation, the Secretary and Treasurer shall self-fund unless there are funds remaining from the $25,000.

b) $50,000 donation to the Beacon of Hope.

c) Robert Spencer and spouse have been invited attend Archon Weekend as guests of the AEP

8/14/26 – Retaining independent contractor Amalia Deligiannis, at a billing rate of $45. per hour. Ms. Deligiannis will work remotely and directly with Archons John Mandala and Anthony C. Limberakis, as needed.

8/28/26 – a) 500 soft cover publications of "Wisdom & Inspiration," commemorating the 35th Anniversary of HAH at the price of $4,345.

b) Pilgrimage to Phanar in commemorating the 35th Anniversary of HAH. Nicholas J. Bouras & Anna Foundation to donate to assist in pilgrimage cost. Delegation to include Commander, Vice Commander, (Officers) Fr. Alex, and spouses.

c) $16,000 for publication Museum of the Bible. Fr. Alex, through the Dormition Cathedral, Southampton, graciously offered underwrite this donation

d) Raise ticket prices and some sponsorship levels for the Nicholas J. Bouras event and AHRA Banquet as follows:

Bouras ticket price $250 (from $200).

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AHRA ticket price $350 (from $300).
Friends $1,500 (from $1000)
Supporter $3,000 (from $2500)
Patron $6,500 (from $5000)
The balance of the sponsorship levels to stay the same.

9/1/26 – Approval of an accounting procedure; in where, due to the setup of ticket sales, the EPBF shall receive the revenue from ticket sales for the AHRA Banquet and in turn reimburse the AEP.

9/4/26 – Purchase of two publications for the 2026 Archons-elect, Mechanism of Catastrophe ($20 each; out of print), and Phantom Byzantium $37.50 each.

9/8/26 – To include as an option to the donor using a credit card, the ability to offset the bank charge for use of credit card.

9/11/26 – a) cover travel cost of a security detail from representatives of Department Homeland Security (DHS) traveling with the AEP Officers and pilgrimages who will accompany them to Constantinople for the commemorating the 35th Anniversary of HAH.

b) to comply with the current contract with the Hilton Midtown for Archon Weekend, the "Conrad" room will be retained for the Commander's use, as needed.

c) $10,000 for the 10th Year Anniversary of the Great Holy Conference, (aka Council of Crete).

9/15/26 - $10,000 donation to the Annunciation Evangelismos Greek Orthodox Church, Elkins Park, PA. in honor of Archon National Commander Dr. Anthony J. Limberakis, and family, for their extraordinary lifetime commitment to the parish and in connection with the celebration of the parish's 125th Anniversary, the sixth oldest parish of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America.

9/15/26 – $2,600 for iPhone Duo 1 TB gift for His Eminence Archbishop Elpidophoros provided as part of a yearly gift during Archon Weekend.

9/18/26 - $10,000 Named Day Gala honoring His Eminence Archbishop Elpidophoros in celebration of his Name Day.

9/21/26 – iPhones for Fr. Alex and Presbytera Xanthia.

9/24/26 – Deferment of the $35,000 until 2027 previously requested by the GOA to cover the shortfall for the Clergy Family Dinner held at the CLC in Cleveland, OH, in addition to the previously donated $50,000 for same. The use of the $35,000 will now be used for expenses associated with the upcoming Paris commemoration of the **10th Anniversary of the Holy and Great Council of Crete, t**ogether with an additional $5000 donation to the GOA. Including the $10,000 previously provided by the AEP, the deferment of the $35,000 and the additional $5000, **the total AEP contribution towards the Paris Commemoration will be $50,000.**

9/30/26 - $1,000 for the individuals performing two operatic presentations at the NJB Event and the two National Anthems at AHRA Banquet, Archon Weekend.

Minutes of National Council Meeting July 17, 2026

III. **Treasurer's Report** – Archon John G. Manos, National Treasurer and Archon Chris E. Tsamutalis, CPA, Assistant Treasurer

a. Bills for Approval
b. Exarch's Appeal Update
c. Monthly Treasurer's Report – July, August and September 2026
d. Approval of Amended 2026 Budget

IV. Archon Selection

Archons of the Ecumenical Patriarchate

Class of 2026

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Oak Brook, IL
Steel Products Industry

2. Spiros Peter Beckas
Long Beach, CA
Real Estate Investor

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Professor, Univ. of Pittsburgh
School of Dental Sciences

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Dania Beach, FL
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Slavic Vicariate

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Attorney

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V. Regional Commander Reports

a. Direct Archdiocesan District

i. Archon Demetrios J. Ziozis, Eftaxias
ii. Archon Nikiforos Mathews, Esq., Ekdikos
iii. Archon Michael P. Neamonitakis, Maestor

b. Metropolis of Boston

i. Archon James Speros, Kastrinsios
ii. Archon Constantine Sideridis, Proto Notarios

c. Metropolis of Detroit

i. Archon Lazaros (Lou) A. Kircos, Orphanotrofos
ii. Archon William Brock Martin, Ostiarios

d. Metropolis of Pittsburgh

i. Nicholas Terezis, Ekdikos
ii. Nicholas J. Tranto, Proto Ekdikos

e. Metropolis of San Francisco

i. Hon. Steven G. Counelis, Nomophylax
ii. Isidoros Garifalakis, Depoutatos
iii. Theodore Konopisos, Hieromnimon
iv. Gerry Ranglas, Depoutatos
v. Paul P. Sogotis, Orphanotrofos

f. Metropolis of New Jersey

i. Michael D. Camarinos, Esq., Dikaiophylax
ii. Cary J. Limberakis, DMD, Aktouarios
iii. Andrew E. Manatos, Depoutatos
iv. George A. Tsougarakis, Esq., Dikaiophylax

g. Metropolis of Chicago

i. James G. Lakerdis, Esq., Asingritis
ii. Pericles C. Siatis, Esq., Hieromnimon

h. Metropolis of Denver

i. Archon Dr. Gregory G. Papadeas, DO, Aktouarios
ii. Archon Christopher J. Pappas, Maestor

i. Metropolis of Atlanta

i. Archon James A. Frangis, Notarios
ii. Archon Gregory B. Saad, Nomodotis
iii. Archon John C. Scurtis, Hartoularios
iv. Archon Frank Boardman, Maestor
v. Archon Terry Sarantou, MD, Hartoularios
vi. Archon Stephanos (Steve) G. Trakas, Hartoularios
vii. Archon Theodore P. Vlahos, MD, Aktouarios

j. **The American Carpatho-Russian Diocese of North America**

i. Archon Gary C. Gryciak, Aktouarios – wishes to step down; discussing possible candidates for succession.

VI. Protocol of Approval Process for Regional Initiatives

a. The Commander and Executive Committee extends its appreciation for your commitment to the Ecumenical Patriarchate and to the creation of the many programs and local religious freedom representations which are being conducted throughout the jurisdictions in America. We are collectively making a positive different in defending and protecting our Holy and Great Mother Church.

b. As we continue to move forward in our mission, as a reminder, it is imperative that Regional Commanders and Archons within their jurisdiction, adhere to the established protocol policies that will ensure that our Archon

message is consistent throughout America and are within the mission of the Archons. The two protocols are as follows:

i. **All Archon *events, speakers, publications, programs, invitations, undertakings must first be submitted to the AEP Executive Committee for approval* as established by the National Council on July 30, 2023 (see attached); and,**

c. **As directed by the National Commander at the National Council meeting on June 21, 2024, any "*funds raised by the Archons must be for the Ecumenical Patriarchate, the Archons of the Ecumenical Patriarchate or the EPBF."* Of course, the Archons email address list is never shared with for other fund-raising activity or notifications outside the AEP.**

VII. Miscellanea

VIII. Old/New Business

IX. Adjournment

Annual Meeting of the Archons of the Ecumenical Patriarchate
A Joint Assembly of
Archons, Archons-elect and Spouses

New York Hilton Midtown, Trianon Ballroom, 3rd Floor

October 17, 2026

AGENDA

THE NUMBERS

From 2002 through 2025, the Archons of the Ecumenical Patriarchate in America raised a remarkable $73,969,933 in direct and indirect support of the sacred mission of the Ecumenical Patriarchate of Constantinople.

Prepared by National Assistant Treasurer Chris E. Tsamutalis, CPA and
National Assistant Treasurer Emeritus Andreas D. Comodromos, CPA

ECUMENICAL PATRIARCH BARTHOLOMEW FOUNDATION
Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew Foundation's total assets stand at $38,527,705 consisting of $26,371,177 in cash and investments and $12,156,528 in pledges receivable as of 9-30-2026

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I. **Invocation & Opening Remarks** – His Eminence Archbishop Elpidophoros of America, *Exarch of the Ecumenical Patriarchate*

II. **Welcome** – Dr. Anthony J. Limberakis, The Grand Aktouarios, *National Commander*

III. **Patriarchal Exhortation** – *National Commander* Dr. Limberakis

IV. **Archiepiscopal Exhortation** – *Archon* Hon. B. Theodore Bozonelis, Jr., *National Vice Commander*

V. **Introduction of National Council & Regional Commanders** – *Commander* Dr. Limberakis:

VI. **VI. Welcome Three New Regional Commanders**
ΑΞΙΟΙ!

A. Archon James G. Lakerdas, Esq., Metropolis of Chicago (April 2, 2026)
1. Archon James joins Archon Perry C. Siatis, Esq. as Regional Commander in the Metropolis of Chicago.
2. https://archons.org/lakerdas-regional-commander/

B. Archon Konstantinos Mastorakis, Metropolis of Atlanta, South Florida (May 18, 2026)
1. Archon Dino joins the other Regional Commanders in the Metropolis of Atlanta: Archons Theodore P. Vlahos, M.D., G. Frank Boardman, James A. Frangis, Terry Sarantou, M.D., Gregory B. Saad, and Stephanos G. Trakas.
2. https://archons.org/mastorakis-rc-atlanta/

C. Archon Demetrios J. Ziozis, Direct Archdiocesan District for Long Island, Brooklyn, Queens, and Staten Island (July 13, 2026)
1. Archon Jim joins Regional Commanders Nikiforos Mathews, Esq. and Michael P. Neamonitakis.
2. https://archons.org/ziozis-appointed-regional-commander/

VII. **The importance of bringing into the Archon Leadership younger, energetic, talented Archons** to strengthen the AEP and advance its sacred mission to serve the needs of the Holy and Great Mother Church of Constantinople. I welcome your suggestions and please email me directly: alimberakis@archons.org.

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a. **Please note that 16 new Regional Commanders have been appointed in the past four years infusing fresh energy and sustained commitment to the Sacred AEP Mission to serve the needs of the Holy Mother Church**

VIII. **Approval of October 18, 2025, Annual Meeting Minutes** – *Archon* Gus (Kosmas) M. Pablecas, *National Secretary*

IX. **Approval Treasurer's Report** – *Archon* John G. Manos, *National Treasurer and National Assistant Treasurer* Chris E. Tsamutalis, CPA:

a. Audit Committee Report – Archon Peter Kakoyiannis, Esq.;

i. Presentation and Approval of Audited Financial Report for 2025 Frank Fico, CPA of BDO USA;

X. **Presentation of Archon Class of 2026** – *Archon* Constantine G. Caras, Esq.:

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XI. **Exarch's Appeal, Update** – *Archon* John Zavitsanos, Esq.

a. Refresh of Exarch's Appeal Day Sponsorship Program initiated in 2014:

i. $4,000 One Day Sponsorship, endorsed by His Eminence Archbishop Elpidophoros and approved by National Council beginning 2024;

ii. An increase of 3.67% per year from original $3,000/day;

iii. Exarch's Appeal Pledge Cards are available at every seat. Please complete your card; the cards will be collected during meeting.

XII. **Athenagoras Human Rights Award** – *Archon* Michael G. Psaros, Chair and Co-Chair *Archon* Alexander Pritsos

a. 2026 Recipient: **Cardinal Dolan, Archbishop Emeritus of New York**

b. A portion of this year's sponsorship and ticket funds net of expenses will be restricted for the sole use of the Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew Foundation;

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c. Banquet Underwriters ($100,000) to whom we express deep gratitude

i. Nicholas J. Bouras and Anna K. Foundation (each year since 1998!), Archon Hon. B. Theodore Bozonelis, Trustee

ii. *Archon* Michael G. and Robin Psaros (each year since 2016!).

XIII. **2026 Nicholas J. Bouras Award for Extraordinary Archon Stewardship –**

Congratulations to Archon Dr. Nicholas G. Loutsion, VMD, a most worthy recipient!

AXIOS!

Archon Dr. Loutsion has been a member of the National Council for over twenty years, and has served as Chairman of the Archon Regional Commander Liaison Committee for nearly as long. He has represented the Archons at the annual meeting of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe in Warsaw, and was coauthor of the Pennsylvania House of Representatives Resolution in defense of Religious Freedom for the Ecumenical Patriarchate. In addition to these and other great responsibilities, Archon Dr. Nick recently helped organize our outstanding Archon Family Reception and Archon Booth at the 2026 Clery-Laity Congress in Cleveland.

XIV. Archon Sophia Luncheon and Presentation of Sophia Award for Excellence to the Hon. Michael J. Kratsios, Director of the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy

Archon Hon. Michael J. Kratsios is President Trump's science and technology advisor. As an Assistant to the President and the thirteenth Director of the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy, Michael oversees the development and execution of the Nation's science and technology agenda. He leads the Trump administration's efforts to ensure American leadership in scientific discovery and technological innovation, including in critical and emerging technologies such as artificial intelligence, quantum computing, nuclear energy, and space. In July 2026, Michael published *Science: A New Golden Age*, a blueprint for the most comprehensive overhaul of the American scientific enterprise in 75 years.

XV. **Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew Foundation for the Sacred See of St. Andrew** – *Archon* Anthony J. Limberakis, MD, Chair:

a. FOUNDERS – Pledges of at least $100,000 payable over 10 years

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i. 294 (compared to 259 last year at this time) faithful, with 105 fulfilled (compared to 86 last year at this time)

ii. EPBF assets as of 9-30-26 are $38,527,705 comprised of $26,371,177 cash/investments and $12,156,528 of pledges receivable

b. BUILDERS

i. Donations at levels below $100,000.

XVI. <u>National Council Committee Reports from Chairs:</u>

a. Nominating Committee – *Archon* Gus (Kosmas) M. Pablecas
This Committee presents the following current National Council Members who have expressed their willingness to continue to serve as National Council Members:

2026 NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT
Submitted & Prepared by:
Gus (Kosmas) M. Pablecas, *Archon Ostiarios,* National Secretary
***DATE:* National Council Meeting –October 16, 2026**
Annual Meeting – October 17, 2026
BYLAWS - ORDER of ST. ANDREW the APOSTLE - ARTICLE IX
1. Nominating Committee
The Nominating Committee shall be responsible for considering and proposing to the National Council at a meeting prior to the Annual Meeting of the Order, Archons constituting one-third (a) of the National Council membership to fill the vacancies created in the National Council each year. The candidates for election may or may not be incumbent National Council members. In the absence of extraordinary service and contributions by an incumbent member, the Nominating Committee should strive to recommend Archons who will bring renewed energy and new ideas to the National Council. The proposals of the Nominating Committee should be given full faith and credit by the National Council which, however, shall have the ultimate responsibility to vote and pass upon final slate of such candidates for election to the National Council. The Chairman of the Nominating Committee shall submit the slate of candidates, approved by the National Council, to the Annual Meeting of the Order for ratification.

THE COMMITTEE PRESENTS THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS OF THE ORDER, WHO HAVE EXPRESSED THEIR WILLINGNESS TO SERVE AS MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR THE: THREE-YEAR TERM 2027– 2029

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Constantine C. Caras, Esq.
John Fotopoulos, Ph.D.
John G. Gumas
Peter Kakoyiannis, Esq.
John G. Manos
Gus (Kosmas) M. Pablecas
Alexander Pritsos
Michael G. Psaros

REMAINING NATIONAL COUNCIL MEMBERS AND TERMS ARE:
TWO-YEAR TERM, 2027 – 2028
Hon. B. Theodore Bozonelis
Michael D. Camarinos, Esq.
John A. Catsimatidis
John S. Koudounis
Nikiforos Mathews, Esq.
George E. Safiol
Peter J. Skeadas
Stephen J. Yallourakis, MD, DDS
AND

ONE-YEAR TERM, 2027
Anthony C. Limberakis (fulfilling term of Thomas S. Cappas, Esq., now emeritus)
Chris E. Tsamutalis, CPA
Carl R. Hollister
Nicholas G. Loutsion, VMD
Franklin (Rocky) G. Sisson
William J. Spell
George A. Tsougarakis, Esq.
John Zavitsanos, Esq.

a. **Bylaws Committee** – *Archon Hon. B. Theodore Bozonelis* and *Archon* Gus (Kosmas) M. Pablecas
    i. **Bylaws changes**

ii. The current bylaws are set forth at length for review at **archons.org/about/bylaws**

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The proposed revised bylaw amendments, with explanations, and followed by the proposed amended text:

EXPLANATIONS

Article II 4 now requires the approval and consent of the Ecumenical Patriarch on expulsion

Article V 4 now requires approval from the Executive Committee prior to notice of removal for failure to attend meetings, and it also deletes repetitive language on expulsion covered under Article II 4.

Article V 8 now only requires up to 6 meetings of the National Council rather than at least 6,

Article VI now states that the Sergeant at Arms and Legal Counselor are officers ex officio by virtue of their positions, adds to the Functionaries a Documentarian, and further that:

The appointment of the National Commander now states that he is appointed by the Ecumenical Patriarch, and after the appointment of Dr. Limberakis, his successors are subject to a term limit of 4 years and he may receive an additional term at the discretion of the Ecumenical Patriarch, the length of which is subject to the Ecumenical Patriarch. These changes comport with the direction given by His All-Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew.

Article VII 10 adds the Documentarian as a Functionary

Article VII 11 again clarifies the role of Sergeant At Arms and Legal Counselor as officers ex officio who attend all the meetings by their roles but would not be voting as voting is by the four National officers.

Article IX 3—refines the language of the Committee to Elect New Archons, with the role of the Metropolitans to be consulted without any administrative review or authority by them, and sets the course of final approval by the Ecumenical

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Patriarch. These changes comport with the direction of His All-Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew

Article XII states amendments to the bylaws now require approval of the Ecumenical Patriarch.

The proposed amended text:

ARTICLE II

4. Expulsion

The National Council (as hereinafter defined), by a vote of two thirds (⅔'s) among those present and voting and with the approval and consent of the Ecumenical Patriarch is hereby empowered to remove from its membership rolls or, depending upon the degree of the transgression, impose lesser sanctions, any Member of the Order who has conducted himself in a manner inconsistent with the principles and objectives of the Order and has deliberately violated these Bylaws or has brought disrepute to the Order; provided, however, that prior to a final determination by the National Council, such Member is afforded an opportunity to appear either in person or by virtual video or by certified mail or by overnight delivery before the National Council and rebut any and all accusations made against him. (Amended Oct. 27th, 2007; Oct. 27th, 2018, October 8, 2022, and October 17, 2026)

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ARTICLE V

4. Removal

A member who, without excuse or fair cause or by reason of permanent disability, does not attend three (3) consecutive meetings of the National Council, shall be presumed to have resigned from his office. In such event, the National Secretary, after receiving written approval from the Executive Committee, shall by written notice delivered to such member, advise him of such presumption, which shall be deemed irrefutable and conclusive unless, within ten (10) days following receipt of the notice, the offending member presents to the National Commander written representations regarding his absences and requests reinstatement. The National Commander shall, thereupon, present such representations at the next meeting of the National Council, which shall then make a final decision by majority vote of those present and voting. Amended (October 17, 2026)

To be Deleted:

XXX—Furthermore, the National Council may, by a unanimous vote of those present and voting and with the approval of the Exarch, remove any of its members who, in the opinion of the Council, is determined to have brought disrepute to the Order, have acted in a manner inconsistent with the principles and objectives of the Order and has deliberately violated these Bylaws; provided, however, that prior to such vote, the accused member is given an opportunity to appear before the National Council for the purpose of rebutting any and all accusations made against him.XXX

8. Place, Time and Notice of Meetings

The National Council shall hold its meetings at such place and time as the National Commander may, from time to time, designate. There shall be up to six (6) regular meetings each year. Special meetings may be called by the National Commander or by the written request of a majority of the National Council members.

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Written notice of regular meetings shall be sent by first class mail or by fax or email signed by the National Commander or by the National Secretary, not later than seven (7) working days before the date of the meeting. Notice of a special meeting may be given by letter, fax, email or telephone, not later than three (3) working days before the meeting. “In the event the exigencies of the moment require immediate action, the National Commander is empowered to call an emergency meeting of the National Council under such circumstances pertaining to notice for the meeting as the National Commander may, in the exercise of his sound discretion, consider appropriate or necessary. In such event, Council Members may appear and participate in the meeting by way of teleconferencing.” Amended (Oct. 21st, 2008, and October 17, 2026)

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ARTICLE VI

The officers of the Order shall be the National Commander, the National Vice Commander, the National Treasurer, the National Secretary, and the Sergeant at Arms and the Legal Counselor as officers ex officio, and the Functionaries shall be the Assistant Treasurer, Deputy Legal Counselor, Historian, and Documentarian.

The National Commander shall be appointed by the Ecumenical Patriarch. Following the appointment of National Commander Anthony J. Limberakis, M.D., his appointed successors shall serve a four-year term and at the discretion of the Ecumenical Patriarch, he may be appointed to an additional term the length of which shall be determined by the Ecumenical Patriarch.

The remaining officers shall be elected by the National Council at its next regular meeting following the Annual Meeting of the Members of the Order and shall serve for a period of one (1) year or until their successors shall have been elected and qualified. At the same meeting, the National Council shall elect an Assistant Treasurer, Deputy Legal Counselor, Historian and Documentarian who shall serve for a period of one (1) year or until their successors shall have been elected and qualified. Amended (October 27th, 2007, October 31, 2009 and October 19, 2024, and October 17, 2026)

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ARTICLE VII

Functionaries

7. Assistant Treasurer

The Assistant Treasurer shall assist the Treasurer in his duties and perform the same in his absence. He will be responsible for the preparation of accrual basis financial statements and schedules with appropriate footnote disclosures. The Assistant Treasurer must be an Archon but not necessarily a member of the National Council. Amended (October 31, 2009, October 19, 2024)

8. Deputy Legal Counselor

The Deputy Legal Counselor shall assist the Legal Counselor in his duties and perform the same in his absence. The Deputy Legal Counselor must be an attorney licensed to practice in one or more States in the United States who remains in good standing at all times. He must be an Archon, but not necessarily a member of the National Council. He shall discharge his duties pro bono. Amended (October 19, 2024)

9. Historian

The Historian shall advise the National Council and the Members of the Order on the advisability of publishing materials or sponsoring events consistent with the historical integrity of the Order and, when requested, shall undertake the responsibility of implementing those recommendations. The Historian shall be a scholar who specializes in Orthodox Church and Byzantine history. The Historian must be an Archon, but not necessarily a member of the National Council.

10. Documentarian

The Documentarian shall supervise the creation, organization, maintenance and security of the records, mission initiatives, and photographic and video documentation for the Order's archives, consistent with contemporary data,

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information and intellectual programming applications available. Amended (October 17, 2026)

Executive Committee

11. Executive Committee

The officers of the National Council shall constitute the Executive Committee. Between meetings of the National Council, the Executive Committee shall have general charge and supervision of the affairs of the Order. During such periods, the National Commander may, at his discretion and as needs might require, convene the Executive Committee for the purpose of considering, approving and carrying out, for the benefit and best interests of the Order, such actions as the exigencies of the moment might dictate. Decisions of the Executive Committee shall be made by majority vote of the original National Officers, that is the National Commander, National Vice Commander, National Treasurer and National Secretary. The Sergeant At Arms and Legal Counselor as officers ex officio shall participate in the Executive Committee meetings to offer advice and guidance consistent within their respective roles as set forth in the within bylaws.

The National Commander shall report all activities and interim decisions of the Executive Committee at the next meeting of the National Council. Amended (Oct. 27th, 2018) Amended to numerical listings 1-11 (October 19, 2024, and October 17, 2026)

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ARTICLE IX 3

3. Committee to Recommend New Archons

Following the Annual Meeting of the Order, a Committee shall be appointed to screen, investigate, consider, and review candidates for investiture as Archons of the Ecumenical Patriarchate. After consulting with the local Metropolitans, without their exercising any administrative review or authority, the Committee shall recommend to the National Council, the approved candidates for investiture as Archons of the Ecumenical Patriarchate. Thereafter the final list of approved candidates shall be transmitted to the Ecumenical Patriarch for His final approval of each candidate with the grant of Offikia. An application for consideration by the Committee must be endorsed by two Archons of the Order and the Committee must be further fully satisfied that each candidate possesses the following qualifications: ……etc , at the end add: Amended (October 17, 2026)

ARTICLE XII Article 12: Amendments

Subject to the prior approval by mail, email. or message by the Ecumenical Patriarch, these Bylaws may be amended by the vote of two-thirds of all Members attending a regularly called General or Specially called meeting of the Order; provided, however, that the text of each proposed amendment shall be mailed, by first class mail, or emailed, to each Member of the Order, not later than fifteen (15) days before the convening of such meeting. Amended (October 8, 2022, and October 17, 2026)

a. **Communications Committee** – *Archon* Franklin (Rocky) Sisson
    i. **State-of-the-art Streaming hardware and software for Ecumenical Patriarchate for St. George Patriarchal Cathedral**, including mobile capability to stream Patriarchal religious services anywhere in the world

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1. **Archon Ted Vagelos – world's expert in streaming of Holy Orthodox Services**

b. **Religious Freedom Initiatives** – *Archon* John A. Catsimatidis

i. **OSCE Human Rights Meetings, Warsaw, Poland** – *Archon* Steve Trakas

ii. **Washington Initiative** - *Archon* Andrew E. Manatos.

c. **Archon Spirituality Committee –** *Archon* Peter J. Skeadas, Chair and Archon Michael G. Psaros, Co-Chair:

The John Halecky Jr. 23rd Annual National Archon Lenten Retreat

1. **South – St. Photios National Shrine, St. Augustine, FL**
2. **Friday, March 26 through Sunday, March 28, 2027**
   a. **Retreat Master: Rev. Dr. Nicholas G. Louh**
   b. **Learn about Fr. Louh https://stjohnthedivine.com/staff/rev-dr-nicholas-g-louh/**
   c. **Retreat Theme: TBD**
3. **East Coast – Southampton, Dormition of the Theotokos**
   a. **Friday, April 2, through Sunday, April 4, 2027**
   b. **Retreat Master: Father Constantine Lazarakis Protopresbyter Dormition of the Virgin Mary Cathedral**
   c. **Learn About Father Lazarakis**
   d. **Retreat Theme: TBD**
4. **West Coast – St. Anthony Greek Orthodox Church, Pasadena, CA; or perhaps at another parish**
   a. **Friday, April 9, through Saturday, April 10, 2027**
   b. **Retreat Master: TBD**
   c. **Learn about: TBD**
   d. **Retreat Theme: TBD**

d. **Archon Diakonia Ministries:**

i. **11 Diakonia Ministries with Chairs and Vice Chairs completed 3-hour meeting Thursday, October 15, 2026;**

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ii. **Over 425 Archons actively engaged with programing throughout the country;**

1. **Youth Activities Diakonia Ministry**
    a. **2026 Pilgrimage of Discovery- Archon Perry C. Siatis, Esq.**
        i. All expenses paid 7-day trip to Constantinople for young adults ages 23-30 (https://www.pilgrimageofdiscovery.org)
        ii. 2026 POD:18 participants from across the country
        iii. All Archons are requested to donate at least $250/year to fund this worthy, life-changing endeavor (https://www.pilgrimageofdiscovery.org/donate)
        iv. POD Video Presentation (4 minutes)
        v. Brief Presentation from 2026 Pilgrims
            1. Mauretta Patitsas, Columbus, OH
            2. Matthew Delaney, Cedar Grove, NJ

    b. **Archon Sunday and Archon Ecumenical Patriarchate Education Global Initiative (https://archons.org/sprouts/)**
        i. Now in three languages: English, Spanish, French
        ii. Archon Sunday November 29, 2026
        iii. Archons in their respective parishes offer scripted presentation on Ecumenical Patriarchate and religious freedom issues

e. **Regional Commanders Liaison Committee** – Archon Nicholas G. Loutsion, VMD, Chair and Archon Greg Saad, Vice Chair

i. **Regional Commanders held 3-hour joint meeting with National Council October 16, 2026 to review their initiatives**

XVII. Old/New Business

XVIII. ***Trisagion* for departed Archons** – His Eminence Archbishop Elpidophoros of America

DEPARTED ARCHONS

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Theofanis V. Economidis
Ekdikos
Emeritus National Council Member & Regional Commander
San Jose, CA
Departed on Nov 29, 2025

Konstantine L. Vellios
Depoutatos
Former National Council Member
Brooklyn, NY
Departed on Jan 2, 2026

John Lewis Marks
Depoutatos
Chicago, IL
Departed on January 19, 2026

Tom Nixon
Dikaiophylax
Charlotte, NC
Departed on January 23, 2026

John C. Harbilas
Eftaxias
Mechanicsburg, PA
Departed on February 4, 2026

George H. Kossaras
Ostiarios
Scottsdale, AZ
Departed on February 20, 2026

Ernie Anastos
Hieromnimon
New York, NY
Departed on March 12, 2026

Spiro C. Hondros
Ostiarios
Charlotte, NC

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Departed on March 23, 2026

Dr. Louis J. Roussalis
Aktouarios
Casper, WY
Departed on March 29, 2026

Inspector John V. Kassimatis
Depoutatos
Former Regional Commander
Hempstead, NY
Departed on June 15, 2026

G. Thomas Yearout
Ekdikos
Former Regional Commander
Birmingham, AL
Departed on June 17, 2026

Theodore G. Kays
Eftaxias
Miami, FL
Departed on July 16, 2026

George P. Vourvoulias
Eftaxias
Green Lake, WI
Departed on Sep 3, 2026

Michael Johnson
Depoutatos
Denver, CO
Departed on Sep 20, 2026

XIX. **Benediction** – His Eminence Archbishop Elpidophoros of America

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Minutes

Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew Foundation ("EPBF")
Board of Trustees Minutes of
July 17, 2026 Meeting

PENDING APPROVAL

CALL TO ORDER:

The Chair Dr. Anthony J. Limberakis called the Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew Foundation (the "EPBF) Board of Trustees Meeting on Friday, July 17, 2026 to order at 9:00 A.M.

INVOCATION/WELCOME/ROLL CALL AND MINUTES:

Dr. Anthony J. Limberakis, Chair urged the Trustees to read the Daily Epistle and Gospel Readings, and also thanked the Trustees for their continuing efforts.

A roll call confirmed a quorum was present with the following Trustees of the Foundation in attendance at the meeting. Father Alexander Karloutsos, Dr. Anthony J. Limberakis, Hon. B. Theodore Bozonelis, Andreas Comodromos, CPA, Peter Kakoyiannis, Esq., Chris Tsamutalis, CPA, Maria Allwin, Frank Catrickes, George Safiol, Michael Psaros, Meropi Neamonitakis, Markos Lagos, Carl R. Hollister and Aphrodite Skeadas.

Guests – Leah Kats, John Mindala, Anthony C. Limberakis, Gus Pablecas, Michael Neamonitakis and John Manos.

ROLL CALL AND MINUTES

The Minutes of June 13, 2026 were presented by Peter Kakoyiannis, Esq., Secretary for review and on motion by Hon. B. Theodore Bozonelis, seconded by Andreas Comodromos, CPA the minutes were unanimously passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Chris Tsamutalis, CPA, Treasurer, was introduced and gave the Treasurer's Report as of June 30, 2026 and reported as follows:

TOTAL MEMBER PLEDGES COLLECTED (AS OF JUNE 30, 2026):	$ 1,374,755.00
RESTRICTED DONATIONS (AEP):	$ -0-
TOTAL PLEDGES AND DONATIONS (as of June 30, 2026):	$ 1,374,755.00
Total Cash-Balance including Investments at MV as of 12/31/2025	$ 22,501,799.00
Balance in checking account	$ 85,782.00

Interest Earned	$ 4,311.00
Dividends Earned	$ 291,643.00
Gain on Sale of Donated Stock	$ -0-
Realized Gain	$ 799,624.00
Total Investment Income	$ 1,095,578.00
Total Receipts	$ 2,470,333.00
Total Disbursements	$ 131,693.00
Total New Pledges	$ 2,033,981.00
Total Assets of the Foundation as of June 30, 2026:	**$ 37,763,329.00**
Receivables – beginning balance	$ 11,302,231.00
Total New Pledges	$ 2,033,981.00
Pledges Collected	$ (1,374,756.00)
Ending Balance Receivables	$ 11,961,456.00

EPBF SUMMARY OF ASSETS

Cash	$ 85,782.00
Investments at MV	$ 25,716,090.00
Member Pledges	$ 11,961,456.00
TOTAL	**$ 37,763,328.00**

Motion by Andreas Comodromos, CPA seconded by George Safiol to accept the Treasurer's Report, passed unanimously.

UPDATE ON PLEDGES:

1. FOUNDERS: 290 (25 new FOUNDERS YTD since last meeting 12/13/2025 of which 105 are fulfilled.
2. Total Foundation Assets as of 6/30/2026 are $37,763,329 comprised of $25,801,872 cash/investments and $11,961,457 of pledge receivables as of 6/30/2026.
3. Three new individuals from our trip to Athens from the Archons of Pammakaristos Brotherhood made Pledges to become FOUNDERS.

NEW MEMBER COMMITTEE:

Markos K. Lagos, Joseph J. Kokolakis, Esq., and Michael P. Neamonitakis.

Savas Tsivicos – joined as a New Member Committee to the Committee.

REGIONAL ARCHONS REPORT:

Several Archons of the Ecumenical Patriarchate living in the Metropolis of Pittsburgh, are becoming a FOUNDER as one body.

17 GOA PARISHES ARE FOUNDERS

1. Have approached several parishes and are hopeful there will be more parishes who wish to contribute to the financial security of the Holy Mother Church.
2. Developing parish-specific literature aimed at clergy and parish councils.
3. Encourage Regional Commanders to reach out to Archons in their jurisdiction for their own parishes to become a FOUNDER or Builder.
4. Video on EPBF can be used https://archons.org/archons-epbf-work/ to help educate.

Michael Neamonitakis reported on the:

2026 ARCHON WEEKEND EPBF SPECIAL FOUNDERS EVENT

1. When: Thursday, October 15, 2026
2. Where: The Metropolitan Club, 1 East 60th Street, New York, NY
    1. Entertainment – to be determined
    2. Ticket pricing - $275.00 per person
    3. There should be an effort to obtain Sponsors.

3. Need to examine costs to help these events to be self-sustaining.
    1. Last year's $5,000 mentalist perfect – very entertaining at a reasonable cost
    2. Consider Greek-American Comic this year
4. Possible 2026 Houston, TX Event hosted by FOUNDER Dr. and Mrs. Vasilios Mathews

2027 ARCHON WEEKEND EPBF SPECIAL FOUNDERS EVENT

1. When: Thursday, October 14, 20270
2. Where: Rainbow Room, iconic venue, 30 Rockefeller Plaza, 65th Floor, NY, NY
   More details to follow

AUDIT COMMITTEE:

Carl Hollister, Chair reported that Audit Report would be available in 2-3 weeks

COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE:

Aphrodite Skeadas – no update

INVESTMENT COMMITTEE:

John S. Koudounjis, Robert A. Buhler, Frank D. Catrickes – update as July 16, 2026 by Frank D. Catrickes who gave the report.

The Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew Foundation Investment Portfolio was established at the end of February 2022. Since then, we have invested $16.34 million (net of withdrawals). As of June 30th, the total portfolio value is approximately $25.72 million, generating around $705,000.00 (net of fees), or about 11.7% annualized returns (net of fees) – the long term annualized return target for the overall portfolio is 8%. During the investment period, global equity markets (MSCI ACWI) have risen – 13%, and the U.S. fixed income markets (U.S. Bloomberg Aggregate) are up 0.8%. The portfolio is currently allocated 61.2% to equities, 18.8% to alternatives, and 20.0% to fixed income and cash. YTD the portfolio is up 8.4% or $1.94 million.

The Chair read a letter dated July 16, 2026 from His All-Holiness requesting for the release of available FOUNDATION funds to be used consistent with the By-laws of the FOUNDATION.

Following a discussion by the Board on motion by Hon. B. Theodore Bozonelis and seconded by Aphrodite Skeadas to accept His All-Holiness request and to forward same to the Investment Committee to review and make recommendations.

Passed unanimously.

The Board also discussed the need to amend the By-laws to consider the EPBF to be in compliance with New York State regulations.

NEW ARCHONS ELECTIONS:

Class of 2026 Archons includes 17 FOUNDERS (42 candidates submitted to His All-Holiness for his personal approval.

OLD/NEW BUSINESS:

Amendment to the By-laws – to be presented at next meeting.

DEVELOPMENT OF EPBF CUFF LINKS – Dr. Stephen Yallourakis working with John Mindala have finalized the EPBF FOUNDERS cuff links. The Chair also expressed deep gratitude to Trustee Maria Allwin who was donating 500 sets of EPBF FOUNDERS cuff links, totaling $5,610.00 to be given exclusively to EPBF FOUNDERS.

BLOOMERANG CUSTOMER SERVICE SOFTWARE UPDATE:

Update from Leah Kats and Archon Anthony C. Limberakis – no report

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Aphrodite Skeadas, seconded by Meropi Neamonitakis, at 11:00 A.M., passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Peter Kakoyiannis, Esq.
Secretary

ARCHONS OF THE ECUMENICAL PATRIARCHATE IN AMERICA (AEP)

NATIONAL COUNCIL ZOOM MEETING

July 17, 2026

with

Regional Commanders and
Chairs & Vice Chairs of the Diakonia Ministries

ZOOM Meeting held in standing for the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese
8 East 79th Street, New York City, New York

CALL TO ORDER

The Archon National Commander, Dr. Anthony J. Limberakis ("Commander") called the National Council meeting to order at 9:00 A.M. EDT and led the Council in chanting the traditional Hymn to Saint Andrew, and subsequently in English by James D. Speros.

INVOCATION

Father Alexander Karloutsos ("Fr. Alex"), Spiritual Advisor to the Archons of the Ecumenical Patriarchate in America offered the Invocation.

EPISTLE AND HOLY GOSPEL LESSONS

The Commander shared scripture reading(s) along with *recognizing Marina the Great Martyr of Antioch.* The Commander continues to encouraged and reminded of the importance in reading the word of God in the daily Epistle Readings,

WELCOME / REMARKS / ROLL CALL

The Commander's remarks included, but not limited to:

1. Welcoming Archon Demetrios (Jim) J. Ziozis as the newly appointed Regional Commander for the Direct Archdiocesan District for Long Island, Brooklyn, Queens, and Staten Island, joining Regional Commanders Nikiforos Mathews, Esq. and Michael P. Neamonitakis;

2. Expression of praise and moment of silence, followed by a prayer offered by Fr. Alex for Regional Commander Archon Inspector John V. Kassimatis, who fell asleep in the Lord on June 14, 2026.

3. Congratulations and gratitude to Archon John C. Scurtis, Emeritus, for his distinguished service as Regional Commander of Southern Florida beginning May 15, 2008, and of the newly designed plaque created by Archon Mindala for presentation. Archon Scurtis conveyed his appreciation; and,

4. Conveyance of condolences upon the falling asleep in the Lord of John Mindala's father-in-law Panagiotis Delimaris.

ROLL CALL

A roll call confirmed a quorum of sixteen (16) National Council members.
See Addendum -A- for list of National Council members.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (EC) MEETINGS –

The Commander sought a legal opinion from Vice Commander Hon. B. Theodore Bozonelis and AEP Legal Counsel Peter Kakoyiannis, who confirmed that a single motion approving all EC actions would be acceptable. The Commander proceeded to report on the Executive Committee meetings held since the last National Council meeting on March 20, 2026 as follows:

6/18/26

1. $3,249. Apple MacBook laptop computer for The Grand Archimandrite Iakovos, of the Ecumenical Patriarchate.
2. Not to exceed $5,000. upgrade of computer due to expanded needs of the AEP for Archon Creative Director, John Mindala, and; and,
3. AEP to subscribe to ChatGPT and Claude for use by Executive Committee, Creative Director, Diakonia Ministries, and those within the AEP in need of AI services, including certain individuals at the Phanar. Charges as follows: a) ChatGPT -$8 per user/month, billed annually, or
   $10 per user/month, billed monthly, and;
   b) Claude -$8 per user/monthly.

6/28/26

$25,000 donation to Order of AHEPA Sponsorship honoring Archon National Commander Dr. Anthony J. Limberakis connected with the "AHEPA Archbishop Iakovos Humanitarian Award." AHEPA's Supreme President, Archon Emmanuel Chris Kaitson, will present this prestigious award at the Grand Banquet of the AHEPA Supreme Convention in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania on Friday evening, July 31, 2026.

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$35,000 additional donation to the previously approvaled $50,000 for Clergy Family Dinner event at the Clergy-Laity Congress, Cleveland, Ohio. Increased request from GOA Treasurer Elaine Allen due to record number of attendees.

7/10/26

a. To increase previously approved $45,000 "a not to exceed $55,000" for the production and distribution of the AEP Commemorative Banners honoring the 35th Anniversary of His All-Holiness to be distributed to all the parishes of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America, the American Carpatho-Russian Diocese of North America and the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA - Fabrication of 750 banners.
b. Approval dates for 5th Archon International Conference on Religious Freedom, Washington, D.C., Tuesday, January 25 through Thursday, January 27, 2028. Dates subject to further review as this continues a work in progress.

7/16/26 AEP Contribution Policy – Peter Kakoyiannis provided a detailed review of the policy established to ensure proper handling and receipt of stock donation.

MOTION: Carl R. Hollister moved to approve the expenses as provided in the Commander's report, with a second by Peter J. Skeadas The Commander asked for any discussion, there being none the National Council unanimously approved.

MINUTES – MAY 30, 2026 NATIONAL COUNCIL

Minutes of the National Council Meeting held on May 30, 2026, previously disseminated to the National Council, were presented for approval by the Commander.

MOTION: Peter J. Skeadas moved to accept the May 30, 2026 minutes as presented, with a second by Vice Commander Hon. B. Theodore Bozonelis. The Commander asked for any additions, omissions or corrections, there being none the National Council unanimously approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Due to a poor internet connection while Treasurer John G. Manos was travels abroad, Assistant Treasurer Christ E. Tsamutalis, CPA , presented for approval the monthly financials for June 2026, and proceeded to provide a detailed report with the use of

"screen sharing" that included, but not limited to: Exarch's Appeal, cash disbursements; with net disbursements over receipts of $51,890 and cash in bank of $434,463.

MOTION – Secretary Gus (Kosmas) M. Pablecas moved to accept the Treasurer's Report for the month of June 2026 as presented, with a second by Carl R. Hollister. The Commander asked for any further discussion, additions, correction or commentary, there being none the National Council unanimously approved.

CORRESPONDENCE –

The Commander reported on the condolence letter sent on behalf of the AEP to His All-Holiness in reference to the falling asleep in the Lord of a hierarch and of the letter of gratitude received in response from His All-Holiness. In addition, all letters received from His Eminence Archbishop Elpidophoros are copied and forwarded to the National Council.

HISTORIAN REVIEW – No report

COMMITTEE REPORTS

ARCHON WEEKEND- ATHENAGOROS HUMAN RIGHTS AWARD - Fr. Alex advised that work continues with Archon Reince Priebus, former White House Chief of Staff, to secure Secretary of State Marco Rubio as the recipient of the Award in recognition of his support for the Ecumenical Patriarchate and advocacy for human rights. Secretary Rubio has indicated his earnest willingness to accept the Award and is working on his schedule, understanding that the demands of his office are fluid and schedules can change. In the event scheduling becomes an issue, another option is being held in abeyance until details can be finalized with Secretary Rubio. Continues a work in progress.

Andy Manatos added that the selection of Secretary Rubio would represent a strong bipartisan choice. He noted that Secretary Rubio played an important role in significant legislation strengthening the strategic relationship among the United States, Greece, and Israel, originally introduced by Senator Bob Menendez, with then-Senator Rubio helping secure Republican support for its passage.

Fr. Alex shared that with Secretary Rubio being honored, together with the anticipated presence of Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy at the St. Nicholas National Shrine on September 26, 2026, that these significant events will provide an important opportunity to further promote the work and mission of the Archons in advancing the Ecumenical Patriarchate and religious freedom.

SOPHIA AWARD: Fr. Alex, after providing details, recommended either Anthony Kaldellis or Michael Huffington.

MOTION – Peter Kakoyiannis, Esq. moved to accept either Anthony Kaldellis or Michael Huffington to be the recipient of the 2026 Sophia Award, with a second by Vice Commander Hon. B. Theodore Bozonelis. The Commander asked for any further discussion, additions, correction or commentary, there being none the National Council unanimously approved.

HILTON MID-TOWN – Sergeant-at-Arms, Alexander Pritsos provided a detailed report as to the Hilton contract, reservations, sleeping & meeting rooms, event setup and status of working with the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese (GOA). The room rack rate has been established at $389 per night. "Save the date" notices will be coordinated upon John Mindala's return. Archon Pritsos stated that the GOA has been slow in responding and in essence hindering the progress of the planning. The Commander suggested that a paper trail be established when reaching out to the GOA, with copies to the AEP officers.

NICHOLAS J. BOURAS AWARD FOR EXTRAORDINARY ARCHON STEWARDSHIP- The Commander praised the work of Dr. Nicholas G. Loutsion and spoke as to his worthiness leading to his nomination. Dr. Loutsion expressed his humility and profound thanks, accepting the honor on behalf of all Archons.

AUDIT COMMITTEE

Peter Kakoyiannis, Esq. reported that work with Andrew Pavlak, Cranes office continues, and that a final draft should be available in the next few weeks. Continues work in progress.

BYLAWS COMMITTEE

Vice Commander Hon. B. Theodore Bozonelis reported that proposed amendments will be prepared for the October 2026 Annual General Meeting, e.g., changing current language mandating six (6) National Council meetings per year, to "up to six (6)"; and to establish the position of Documentarian. Other changes will be presented, including His All-Holiness's direct involvement in the final appointment of any future Archon National Commander, and that His All-Holiness will consult with the Archbishop in America, and with the current Archon National Commander, Dr. Anthony J. Limberakis. Revisions will also be made to the EPBF bylaws to safeguard future control of the Foundation's funds. The Vice Commander will continue to work with AEP Legal Counsel Peter Kakoyiannis, Esq. to finalize the revisions and will disseminate prior to the General Meeting for review.

Fr. Alex offered the perspective that His All-Holiness take into account the extraordinary success of National Commander Dr. Limberakis, the strong team he has assembled, and the powerful and influential work accomplished under his leadership. He further suggested that there is a desire to protect this continuity of leadership, ensuring that the work of the Order continues and that the significant impact the Commander has achieved, particularly in sustaining and strengthening the Mother Church financially, is preserved and will continue to flourish.

The National Council was advised that the proposed amendments to the Bylaws will have no effect on the tenure or position of the current Archon National Commander, Dr. Anthony J. Limberakis, who will continue to serve in that capacity until the time of his choice.

ECUMENICAL PATRIARCH BARTHOLOMEW FOUNDATION (EPBF)

The Commander and Chair of the EPBF thanked the EPBF Treasurer and Andrew Pavlak, CPA, for providing the current financial figures as of June 30, 2026, reflecting approximately $26 million in cash and $12 million in pledges.

The Commander engaged in discussion with Fr. Alex, Regional Commander James J. Ziozis, and other members of the National Council regarding efforts to encourage parishes to become FOUNDERS, with particular focus on parishes having a significant number of parishioners who are already FOUNDERS. This continues to be a work in progress. The Commander praised Fr. Alex for his continued guidance and invaluable assistance to the AEP in his role as Archon Spiritual Advisor.

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GRANT COMMITTEE - Secretary Gus (Kosmas) M. Pablecas reported no requests for financial assistance were received since the last National Council meeting.

LEGAL COMMITTEE – Peter Kakoyiannis, Esq. advised no activity to report.

NEW ARCHONS COMMITTEE - The Commander advised that the 2026 Archons-elect class is awaiting final approval from His All-Holiness.

BOOT CAMP - NEW ARCHONS – No report

NATIONAL COUNCIL NOMINATING COMMITTEE - The Commander recognized National Council member and former EPBF Trustee, Archon Thomas S. Cappas, Esq., for his extraordinary service and advised that Archon Cappas has decided to step down from the National Council. The Commander further advised of his intend to offer Archon Cappas emeritus status.

National Secretary and Nominating Committee Chair Gus (Kosmas) M. Pablecas recommended Anthony C. Limberakis (ACL), Co-Chair of the Technology Diakonia, to fulfill the remaining term of Archon Cappas. Archon Pablecas reviewed ACL's pro bono service to the AEP, including the significant time devoted to facilitating the successful CRM transition from Network for Good to Bloomerang. He further noted that the recommendation was purely based on ACL's demonstrated record of merit and service to the AEP, EPBF, GOA, and the Ecumenical Patriarchate, and not as the son of Commander Limberakis.

The Vice Commander seconded the nomination of ACL and commented on the talent that ACL brings to the AEP and would serve the National Council, as well as the Executive Committee with his expertise.

Peter J. Skeadas, Treasurer emeritus, added his support for ACL, commenting on his experience in working with him and that ACL has "stepped up" when needed, and would be a "great candidate". Archon Skeadas strongly stated and attested to the comments of the Vice Commander and the Secretary. Archon Skeadas thanked the Nominating Committee for their worthy recommendation. Archon Skeadas commented on the possible optics of the nominee being the Commander's son and to

ignore any reference due to ACL's qualifications and applauded the Commander to allow the nomination to be brought to the National Council for consideration.

Alexander Pritsos, Sergeant-at-Arms, commented on ACL's extraordinary knowledge and ability to assist him in setting up a base in the course of Archon activities.

Peter K. Kakoyiannis, Esq., Legal Counselor, stated that his experience working with ACL has demonstrated ACL's credentials, accomplishments, and abilities, and that he is well positioned to step forward in helping lead the AEP.

The Commander asked for any other nominations, none were noted.

MOTION – Vice Commander Hon. B. Theodore Bozonelis moved to close the nominations, seconded by Peter J. Skeadas. The Commander called for the vote at which time the National Council unanimously approved.

MOTION – Secretary Gus (Kosmas) M. Pablecas moved to nominate Anthony Constantine Limberakis (ACL) to fulfill the remaining National Council term of Thomas S. Cappas, Esq., with a second by Vice Commander Hon. B. Theodore Bozonelis, The Commander called for the vote at which time the National Council unanimously approved.

Following the approval of the motion, the Commander stated that he was deeply humbled and honored at the National Council's decision supporting the nomination.

REGIONAL COMMANDERS LIAISON COMMITTEE (ARCL) –

Dr. Nicholas G. Loutsion welcomed the newly appointed Regional Commander, Archon Demetrios (Jim) J, Ziozis for the Direct Archdiocesan District. Archon Loutsion made inquiry as to the status of the Regional Commander Key Performance Indicator (KPI) submissions, in which the Commander acknowledged were adequate for his needs. Regional Commander Greg Saad discussed the potential regional event in New Orleans. Continues a work in progress.

Malbis Plantation, Daphne, Alabama: The Commander conveyed his interest in considering a future possible Lenten retreat at the Plantation.

Regional Commander Archon Inspector John V. Kassimatis of blessed memory: The Commander provided details of the funeral and eulogy. The Commander, Vice Commander, along with the Archon Spiritual Advisor and many Archons attended the funeral.

RELIGIOUS FREEDOM COMMITTEE

OSCE Human Dimension Meeting: The Commander provided details as to the event and requested that Hon. Steve Counelis and Steve Trakas continue their review of the event dates. Andrew (Andy) E. Manatos brought to the National Council's attention the importance and well-timed decision to have the 5th Archon International Religious Freedom Conference in Washington, D.C., in 2028, an election year, and as such, exposing the Archons mission to influential political leaders.

5th. Archon International Religious Freedom Conference: After consultation with the Vice Commander and Fr. Alex, the Commander appointed John Zavitsonos as Chair of the Conference with co-chairs with the Andy & Mike Manatos along with Archon Leon Andris. Regional Commander Brock Martin offered the assistance of his son, William (Will) Martin, who lives in Washington, D.C. who holds a degree in Russian studies and who worked at the Hellenic American Institute.

SPIRITUALITY COMMITTEE –

Carl R. Hollister shared photos tracing the history of the first arrivals of Greek immigrants to St. Augustine. Florida. The Shrine is working on incorporating into their Lenten Retreat, documenting the arrival of the Greek immigrants as when "Orthodoxy Came to the New World". Continues a work in progress.

Lenten Retreat details for all three Retreats were discussed. Dates and other information appear in the agenda attached as Addendum -D-

DIAKONIA MINISTRY REPORTS

(All Diakonia Ministry Committee Reports that have been provided are made part of these minutes and attached as Addendum C).

Academia Symposia Committee –The Commander thanked George Zimmer, for his service to the AEP who is retiring from his Chair position. To take his place, the Commander appointed Archon John Fotopoulos, Ph.D. from the Department of

Religious Studies, St. Mary's College, Notre Dame. Archon Fotopoulos will serve along with Stamatios V. Kartalopoulos, Ph.D. as Co-Chairs.

Archon Stamatios V. Kartalopoulos, Ph.D. provided a detailed report as to a proposed September webinar, along with the description and availability of his recent two-volume English-language publication covering the history of 1,600 cities in Asia Minor along with a history of the Archons.

Communications Committee – See Addendum – C -

Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew Foundation – The Commander and Chair provided an oral review report which included total Foundation assets of $37,763,329 consisting of $25,801,872 in cash and investments, and $11,961,457 in pledges as of June 30, 2026.

Editorial Publication Committee –See Addendum – C -

Federal and State Governmental Affairs Committee – See Addendum – C -

International Archons Committee – See Addendum – C -

Metropolis and Parish Education Committee – See Addendum – C -

Patriarchal Green Initiatives Committee –See Addendum -C- for written report.

Patriarchal Properties and Legal Issues Committee –See Addendum -C- for written report.

Technology Diakonia –David G. Matty, Ph D. provided a detailed Diakonia report, that included, but not limited to licensing progress with the Phanar, abundance of weekly news affecting the Ecumenical Patriarchate that is being monitored by the Diakonia. Due to the expiration of Brand24 subscription, Archon Matty requested to continue with Brand24 on a month-to-month basis and to again review at Archon Weekend.

MOTION – Peter J. Skeadas moved to extend the Brand24 subscription to December 31, 2026, with a second by Secretary Gus (Kosmas) M. Pablecas. The Commander called for the vote at which time the National Council unanimously approved.

Archon Matty will follow through with the renewed of the Brand24 subscription.

To provide better technical internet security for the AEP, the Commander advised that Fr. Alex recommended to meet with President Donald J. Trump's Security and Technical Security Advisor, Archon Michael Kratsios, in Washington, D.C., . With consultation with the Ecumenical Patriarchate, the Commander has designated Grand Archimandrite Iakovos of the Ecumenical Patriarchate to be the designated IT person at the Fanar, and to take the lead in coordinating a ZOOM call with Officers of the AEP in coordinating IT efforts. The Commander requested the Diakonia Chairs assist in working with Fr. Iakovos in setting up the ZOOM call. See Addendum -C- for written report.

Women in Orthodoxy – See Addendum -C- for written report.

Youth Participation Activities Committee –POD- Nicholas Tranto reported that 18 young adults will be traveling to Constantinople on August 1, 2026 bringing the total of young adults to have traveled under the POD program to 55. Total funds raised to date are approximately $100,000 with a goal of $130,000. Archon Tranto encouraged the Regional Commanders to get the word out to their local Archons to support the $250 donation program established by the Executive Committee to assist in the funding of the POD young adults. Mindala will be asked to send an update reminder to Archons in support of the POD donation program. See Addendum -C- for written report.

The Commander conveyed the appreciation of Helen Crones of the POD Diakonia Ministry for the work conducted by Archon Anthony C. Limberakis in developing a dedicated donation portal for the POD through Bloomerang.

Archon Loutsion praised the work of Archons Tranto and Terezis in their roles as Regional Commanders. See Addendum -C- for written report.

35th. ANNIVERSARY ELECTION OF HIS ALL-HOLINESS

The Commander reviewed the green commemorative banners, (photo provided in agenda). Th green banner will be offered in two sizes to be distributed to all parishes within the GOA for an approximate cost of $55,000.

48th BIENNIAL CLERGY-LAITY CONFERENCE –

The Commander praised the exemplary work conducted by Archons Dr. Nicholas G. Loutsion, Nicholas Tranto, Nicholas Terezis for the Clergy-Laity Congress held in Cleveland, Ohio. Archon Tranto thanked all who attended, along with thanking Archon John Trihas, wife Effie in securing the alternate venue at the St. Clare Ballroom. He further commented on John Mindala's extraordinary work. Archon Terezis discussed the video loop presented at the Archon Booth and thanked those who assisted in working the booth.

OLD & NEW BUSINESS

The Commander spoke about the importance of the AEP's support of the clergy and the extradentary financial support provided by the Nicholas J. Bouras & Anna Bouras Foundation towards increasing the clergy pension fund. The Commander also saluted Archbishop Elpidophoros for his outspoken support for the pension fund. The Commander thanked, with profound gratitude, Vice Commander Hon. B. Theodore Bozonelis for his continued support through the Bouras Foundation. The Vice Commander voiced the importance in supporting the clergy in their Defined Benefit Pension.

Archons Tranto and Terezis reported the introduction of the Ecumenical Patriarch Poster Contest for Sunday School children between the ages of 5 and 18, that will commence on 8/1/26 with a press release, along with thanking Catherine Limberakis Tsatalis for her professional input in the creation of the Poster Contest.

The Commander provided comments as to the following with the details as they appear in the agenda attached as Addendum -D-:

1. The June 10 Special Concert in honor of Name Day of His All-Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew held at Brookville;
2. 2028 Los Angeles Olympics LA 2028;
3. Cappella Romana opportunity to serve on its Board;
4. Reviewed the Greek Night event at Yankee Stadium where the event raised $37,000. for the Camp Saint Paul, and;

5. Huffington Ecumenical Institute at HCHC event, September 14-15, 2026. In association with this Huffington Ecumenical Institute event, a $15,000.00 sponsorship opportunity is available.

MOTION – Peter J. Skeadas moved to approve a $15,000 sponsorship, with a second by National Secretary Gus (Kosmas) M. Pablecas. The Commander asked for any further discussion, there being none the National Council unanimously approved.

ADJOURNMENT –*Secretary Pablecas moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Treasurer Manos.*

Minutes Respectfully submitted,

Gus M. Pablecas
National Secretary

End 11:53 AM EDT

FINAL NC 7.17.26

NATIONAL COUNCIL MEMBERS - PLEASE NOTE

If you are not able to attend a meeting, please notify the Archon Office at (212) 570-3550.

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THE BYLAWS OF THE ORDER, ARTICLE V, PARAGRAPH 4 STATES:

A MEMBER WHO, WITHOUT EXCUSE OR FAIR CAUSE OR BY REASON OF PERMANENT DISABILITY, DOES NOT ATTEND THREE (3) CONSECUTIVE MEETINGS OF THE NATIONAL COUNCIL, SHALL BE PRESUMED TO HAVE RESIGNED HIS OFFICE

ADDENDUM - A -

ZOOM ROLL CALL FOR: July 17, 2026

	NATIONAL COUNCIL
X	Bozonelis, B. Theodore
X	Camarinos, Michael D.
	Cappas, Thomas S.
X	Caras, Constantine G.
	Catsimatidis, John A.
	Demacopoulos, George
X	Gumas, John S.
X	Hollister, Carl R.
X	Kakoyiannis, Peter
	Koudounis, John G.
X	Limberakis, Anthony J.
X	Loutsion, Nicholas G.
X	Manos, John G.
X	Pablecas, Gus M.
X	Pritsos, Alexander
	Psaros, Michael G.
	Safiol, George E.
X	Sisson, Franklin G.
X	Skeadas, Peter J.
	Spell, William J.
X	Tsamutalis, Chris E.
X	Mathews, Nikiforos
	Tsougarakis, George A.
X	Yallourakis, Stephen
	Zavitsanos, John

	REGIONAL COMMANDERS
	Boardman, Frank
X	Camarinos, Michael D.
X	Counelis, Steven G.
	Frangis, James A.
	Garifalakis, Isidoros
X	Grysiak, Gary
	Kircos, Lazaros A.
X	Konopisos. Theodore D.
X	Lakerdas, James G.
X	Limberakis, Cary J.
X	Manatos, Andrew E.
X	Manos, John G.
X	Martin, William Brock
X	Mastorakis, Konstantinos
	Mathews, Nikiforos
X	Neamonitakis, Michael P.
X	Pablecas, Gus M.
	Papadeas, Gregory
	Pappas, Christopher
	Ranglas, Gerry
X	Saad, Gregory B.
X	Sarantou, Terry
E	Siatis, Pericles C.
	Sideridis, Costa
	Sogotis, Paul P.
X	Speros, James D.
X	Terezis, Nicholas T.
X	Trakas, Stephanos G.
X	Tranto, Nicholas J.
	Tsougarakis, George A.
	Vlahos, Theodore D.
X	Ziozis, Demetrios J.

	SPIRITUAL LEADERS
	HE Elpidophoros AB
X	Karloutsos, Alex, FR
	Papazafiropoulos, Panagiotis, FR
	Constantinides, Evagoras, FR.

EMERITI

	Behrakis, Drake G.
	Cavalaris, Harry T.
	Cherpelis, Stephen
	Comodromos, Andreas D.
	Drakotos, Nikitas
	Economides, Theofanis
	Georgeson, Stephen P.
	Kallins, James
	Papanikolaou, Aristotle
	Stratakis, Christopher D.
X	Scurtis, John
	Theophilos, Theodore
	Tissura, Manuel

E	Mindala, John -Creative Director
X	Kats, Leah -Administrator

INVITEES

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	ADDENDUM - B -				
	DIAKONIA MINISTRIES - National Council Meeting Date: 7/17/26				
	Last Name	**First Name**	**M**	**Diakonia**	**Position**
X	**Limberakis, MD**	**Anthony**	**J**	**EPBF**	**Chair**
	Safiol	George	E	EPBF	Vice Chair
	Harbilas	**John**	**C**	**Patriarchal Green Initiatives**	**Chair**
	Spanos	George	J	Patriarchal Green	Vice Chair
X	**Sisson Jr.**	**Rocky**	**G**	**Communications**	**Chair**
X	Vagelos	Ted	H	Communications	Vice Chair
	Rockas, Esq	**George**	**C**	**International**	**Chair**
	Sideridis	**Constantine**		**International**	**Chair**
X	Dimopoulos, Ph.D.	Harry	G	International	Vice Chair
	Larigakis	Nicholas	R	International	Vice Chair
	Boardman	**Frank**	**P**	**Education**	**Chair**
	Thibault	John		Education	Vice Chair
	Manatos	**Mike**	**A**	**Governmental Affairs**	**Chair**
	Georgeson	Stephen	A	Governmental Affairs	Vice Chair
	Zimmar, Ph.D.	**George**	**P**	**Academia**	**Chair**
X	Kartalopoulos, Ph.D.	Stamatios	V	Academia	Vice Chair
	Vittas	**George**	**P**	**Publications**	**Chair**
	Horiates	George	G	Publications	Vice Chair
	Demos, Esq	George	G	Publications	Vice Chair
X	**Tranto**	**Nicholas**	**J**	**Youth**	**Chair**
	Moutis	George	K	Youth	Vice Chair
E	Siatis, Esq	Pericles	C	Youth	Vice Chair
X	Counelis	Steven	G	Youth	Vice Chair
	Kokolakis, Esq	**Joseph**	**J**	**Properties/Legal**	**Chair**
	Kakoyiannis, Esq	Theodore	M	Properties/Legal	Vice Chair
	Limberakis, Dr.	**Cary**	**J**	**WIO**	**Chair**
	Prodromou, Ph.D.	Elizabeth		WIO	Vice Chair
	Williams, Dr.	**Thomas**	P	**Medial & Dental**	**Chair**
	Limberakis,	**Anthony**	**C**	**Technology**	**Chair**
X	**Matty, Ph.D.**	**David**	**G**	**Technology**	**Chair**
X	**Mastorakis**	**Konstantin**		**Facilities**	**Chair**
	Pogas	**John**		**Church Security**	**Chair**

ADDENDUM – C

DIAKONIA MINISTRY REPORTS

7/17/26

No Reports Proved for this Period

ADDENDUM -D-



National Council Meeting with
Regional Commanders and
Chairs & Vice Chairs Diakonia Ministries
Via Zoom

July 17, 2026

Marina the Great Martyr of Antioch

THE NUMBERS

The Archons of the Ecumenical Patriarchate in America
from 2002 to 2025 has raised a staggering
$73,969,933
for the direct and indirect support of the sacred mission of the
Ecumenical Patriarchate of Constantinople
Prepared by National Assistant Treasurer Chris E. Tsamutalis, CPA and
National Assistant Treasurer Emeritus Andreas D. Comodromos, CPA

Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew Foundation's total assets stand at $37,763,329 consisting of $25,801,872 in cash and investments and $11,961,457 in pledges receivable as of June 30, 2026

II. **Invocation & Opening Remarks** – His Eminence Archbishop Elpidophoros of America, *Exarch of the Ecumenical Patriarchate*

III. **Epistle & Holy Gospel Lessons**

a. **Epistle Reading: St. Paul's Letter to the Galatians 3:23-29; 4:1-5**
Brethren, before faith came, we were confined under the law, kept under restraint until faith should be revealed. So that the law was our custodian until Christ came, that we might be justified by faith. **But now that faith has come, we are no longer**

under a custodian; for in Christ Jesus you are all sons of God, through faith. For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus. And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to promise. I mean that the heir, as long as he is a child, is no better than a slave, though he is the owner of all the estate; but he is under guardians and trustees until the date set by the father. So with us; when we were children, we were slaves to the elemental spirits of the universe. But when the time had fully come, God sent forth his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons.

b. Gospel Lesson: The Gospel According to Mark 5:24-34

At that time, a great crowd followed Jesus and thronged about him. And there was a woman who had had a flow of blood for twelve years, and who had suffered much under many physicians, and had spent all that she had, and was no better but rather grew worse. She had heard the reports about Jesus, and came up behind him in the crowd and touched his garment. For she said, "If I touch even his garments, I shall be made well." And immediately the hemorrhage ceased; and she felt in her body that she was healed of her disease. And Jesus, perceiving in himself that power had gone forth from him, immediately turned about in the crowd, and said, "Who touched my garments?" And his disciples said to him, "You see the crowd pressing around you, and yet you say, 'Who touched me?'" And he looked around to see who had done it. **But the woman, knowing what had been done to her, came in fear and trembling and fell down before him, and told him the whole truth. And he said to her, "Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace, and be healed of your disease."**

IV. **Welcome newly appointed Regional Commander FOUNDER and Archon Demetrios (Jim) Ziozis!**

With the blessings of His Eminence Archbishop Elpidophoros of America Dr. Anthony J. Limberakis, National Commander of the Archons of the Ecumenical Patriarchate, has appointed Archon Demetrios J. (Jim) Ziozis Regional Commander for the Direct Archdiocesan District for Long Island, Brooklyn, Queens, and Staten Island, joining Regional Commanders Nikiforos Mathews, Esq. and Michael P. Neamonitakis.

AXIOS!

https://archons.org/ziozis-appointed-regional-commander/

Archon Ziozis succeeds Archon Inspector John V. Kassimatis, who fell asleep in the Lord on June 14, 2026.

V. **Congratulations to Archon John C. Scurtis, Emeritus for distinguished service as Regional Commander South Florida beginning May 15, 2008; AXIOS**

a. **Establishment of The Dr. Anthony G. Borden Regional Commander Award for Distinguished Diakonia**
   i. The office of Regional Commander was established during the tenure of Dr. Anthony G. Borden, 1976 ~ 1989; he was appointed National Commander by Archbishop Iakovos of blessed memory during the Bicentennial of America at the Clergy-Laity Congress, which was appropriately held in Philadelphia, the Birthplace of America
   ii. Archon John Mindala, Creative Director will design an appropriate plaque/award

VI. **Roll Call & Minutes – Archon Gus (Kosmas) M. Pablecas,** National Secretary

a. FIVE **Executive Committee (EC) meetings since last NC Meeting March 20, 2026**
   i. **6/18/26**
      1. $3,249. Apple MacBook laptop computer for The Grand Archimandrite Iakovos, of the Ecumenical Patriarchate**6/26/26** –
      2. Not to exceed $5,000. upgrade of computer due expanded needs of the AEP for Archon Creative Director, John Mindala, and;
      3. AEP to subscribe, ChatGPT and Claude for use by Executive Committee, Creative Director, Diakonia Ministries, and those within the AEP in need of AI services, including certain individuals at the Phanar. Charges as follows:
         a. ChatGPT -$8 per user/month, billed annually, or;
            $10 per user/month, billed monthly.
         b. Claude -$8 per user/monthly.

   iii. **6/28/26**

   $25,000 donation to Order of AHEPA Sponsorship honoring Archon National Commander Dr. Anthony J. Limberakis with the "AHEPA Archbishop Iakovos Humanitarian Award." AHEPA's Supreme President, Archon Emmanuel Chris Kaitson, will present this prestigious award at the Grand Banquet of the AHEPA Supreme Convention in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania on Friday evening, July 31, 2026.

   iv. **7/1/26**

   $35,000 additional donation to the previous approval of $50,000 for **Clergy Family Dinner** event at the Clergy-Laity Congress, Cleveland, Ohio. Increase request from GOA Treasurer Elaine Allen due to record number of attendees.

   v. **7/10/26**

   a. To increase previously approved $45,000 to "a not to exceed $55,000" for the production and distribution of the AEP **Commemorative Banners honoring the 35th Anniversary of His All-Holiness to be distributed to all the parishes of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America, the American Carpatho-Russian Diocese of North America and the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA**
      - Fabrication of 750 banners

b. **Approval dates for 5th Archon International Conference on Religious Freedom, Washington, D.C., Tuesday, January 25 through Thursday, January 27, 2028.** Dates subject to further review as this continues as a work in progress.

b. Minutes of National Council Meeting May 30, 2026

VII. **Treasurer's Report** – Archon John G. Manos, National Treasurer and Archon Chris E. Tsamutalis CPA, Assistant Treasurer
   a. Bills for Approval
   b. Exarch's Appeal Update Q2 $956,971 YTD; Q2 2025 $853,076; INCREASE OF $103,895
      AMAZING ARCHON STEWARDSHIP FOR THE MOTHER CHURCH
   c. Monthly Treasurer's Report – May and June 2026

VIII. **Correspondence** – National Commander Dr. Limberakis

IX. **Historian Review** – Archon Prof. George Demacopoulos, AEP Historian

X. **Committee Reports**

XI. **2026 Athenagoras Human Rights Award – Archons Michael G. Psaros, Chair, Alex Pritsos, Vice Chair**
   a. Who:
   b. When: Archon Weekend October 15~18, 2026
   c. Where: New York Hilton Midtown

XII. **Nicholas J. Bouras Award for Extraordinary Archon Stewardship**
   a. Who: Dr. Nicholas G. Loutsion (https://archons.org/member/nicholas-g-loutsion-vmd/)
   b. When: Friday, July 17, 2026, T
   c. Where: Trianon Room New York Hilton Midtown
   d. AXIOS! AXIOS! AXIOS!

XIII. **Audit Committee – Archon Peter Kakoyiannis, Esq., Chair**

XIV. **Bylaws Committee – Archon Hon. B. Theodore Bozonelis**
   a. Establishment of AEP Documentarian
      i. Functionary position
   b. Change to "up to six" National Council Meetings
   c. Documentation of greater input of His All-Holiness the Ecumenical Patriarch in the governance of AEP

XV. **Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew Foundation – National Commander Archon Dr. Anthony J. Limberakis, Chair**

   a. FOUNDERS: 290 (previously 285) of whom 105 are fulfilled (previously 101 fulfilled)

b. Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew Foundation's total assets stand at $37,763,329 consisting of $25,801,872 in cash and investments and $11,961,457 in pledges receivable as of June 30, 2026

c. 17 GOA Parishes are FOUNDERS

i. Have approached several parishes and are hopeful there will be more parishes who wish to contribute to the financial security of the Holy Mother Church
ii. Developing parish-specific literature aimed at clergy and parish councils
iii. Encourage Regional Commanders to reach out to Archons in their jurisdiction for their own parishes to become a FOUNDER or Builder
iv. Video on EPBF can be used https://archons.org/archons-epbf-work/

ECUMENICAL PATRIARCH BARTHOLOMEW FOUNDATION
For the Sacred See of Saint Andrew

***Logo of EPBF** honors historic tenure of His-All Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew, longest serving Ecumenical Patriarch in history

XVI. **Grants Committee** – Archon Kosmas (Gus) M. Pablecas, Chair

XVII. **Legal Committee** – Archon Peter Kakoyiannis, Esq., Chair; Archon Nikiforos Mathews, Vice Chair

XVIII. **Committee to Recommend New Archons** – Archon Constantine G. Caras, Esq., Chair and Archon Michael Camarinos, Vice Chair

a. ~70 Archon candidates being reviewed
b. 41 approved by Archon Selection Committee and Archbishop Elpidophoros and conveyed to His Eminence Archbishop Elpidophoros for submission to His All-Holiness for final decision

XIX. **New Archon Bootcamp Committee** – Archon John Zavitsanos, Esq., Chair

XX. **Regional Commanders Liaison Committee** – Archon Nicholas G. Loutsion, VMD and Archon Greg Saad

a. Establishment of Regional Commander Key Performance Indicators (KPIs)

i. Requested all Regional Commanders to respond to KPI survey
ii. Based on responses, will be making several appointments

b. Potential regional event in New Orleans with Archon & FOUNDER John Georges – in development; Friday, September 17 – 18 or 19.

c. Funeral of Regional Commander Archon Inspector John V. Kassimatis of blessed memory

https://archons.org/kassimatis-funeral/

Eulogy presented by National Commander Dr. Limberakis
https://mcusercontent.com/53cefdfff960bed00b3336e12/files/39a0aa33-8c53-cad0-d8b8-84fcbb571a40/AJL_Eulogy_Kassimatis.pdf

XXI. **Religious Freedom Committee** – Archon John A. Catsimatidis, Chair
- a. **State Legislative Initiative** – Archon Stephen P. Georgeson, Esq.
- b. **OSCE Human Dimension Meetings**, Warsaw, Poland – Archons Judge Steve Counelis & Steve Trakas for consideration
- c. **Patriarchal Property and Minority Concerns Committee –** See Diakonia Ministries Reports

XXII. **Spirituality Committee** – Archons Peter J. Skeadas and Michael G. Psaros
- a. The John Halecky Jr. 23rd Annual National Archon Lenten Retreat
  1. **South – St. Photios National Shrine, St. Augustine, FL**
  2. **Friday, March 26 through Sunday, March 28, 2027**
     - a. **Retreat Master:**
     - b. **Learn about######**
     - c. **Retreat Theme:**

  3. **East Coast – Southampton, Dormition of the Theotokos**
     - a. **Friday, April 2, through Sunday, April 4, 2027**
     - b. **Retreat Master: Father Constantine Lazarakis Protopresbyter Dormition of the Virgin Mary Cathedral**
     - c. **Learn About Father Lazarakis**
     - d. **Retreat Theme:**

  4. **West Coast – St. Anthony Greek Orthodox Church, Pasadena, CA; or perhaps at another parish**
     - a. **Friday, April 9, through Saturday, April 10, 2027**
     - b. **Retreat Master:**
     - c. **Learn about######**
     - d. **Retreat Theme:**
- b. **What to do with Lenten Retreat financial overage?**
  - i. **Return monies to AEP Treasury**
  - ii. **Earmark for following year's Lenten Retreat**

XXIII. **Diakonia Ministries** – (formerly Engagement Committees) See individual attached reports

- a. Academia Symposia Diakonia
  - i. Chair Archon George Zimmer, PhD retiring; Archon John Fotopoulos, PhD, Professor, Department of Religious Studies, St. Mary's College, Notre Dame, IN joining Archon Stamatis Kartalopoulos, PhD as chair
- b. **POD Update – Archon Perry C. Siatis, Esq., Chair- 35 POD ALUMNI**
  - i. Service project proposal / Yallourakis Monastery Project – Archon Peter Kakoyiannis

XXIV. **35th Anniversary of Election of His All-Holiness as Ecumenical Patriarch**

- **a. With blessings of His Eminence Archbishop Elpidophoros preparing a commemorative banner to be distributed to all the Parishes of the GOA; ~$55,000 approximate cost**
  - **i. Archon John Mindala, Archon Creative Genius**
  - **ii. Portrait of His All-Holiness**
  - **iii. Unveiled at CLC Archon Family Reception**
    - **1. 4x5 foot banner**
  - **iv. Will gift to all the parishes of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America, the American Carpatho-Russian Diocese of North America and the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA; roughly 700**



XXV. **48th Biennial Clergy-Laity Congress – Archon Dr. Nicholas G. Loutsion and Regional Commanders Nicholas Tranto and Nicholas Terezis who hit a GRANDSLAM organizing the Archon Family Reception**

- a. Where: Cleveland, OH
- b. When: Tuesday, June 30, 2026 ~ Thursday, July 2, 2026
- c. Who: Patriarchal Representatives:
  - i. His All-Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew has appointed their Eminences, Metropolitan Arsenios of Austria and Metropolitan Philotheos of Thessaloniki, as well as the Very Reverend Grand Archimandrite Iakovos (Krochak), as representatives of the Mother Church to the forthcoming 48th Clergy-Laity Congress of the Archdiocese, which will take place in Cleveland, Ohio, from June 30 through July 2, 2026.
- d. New reporting format – video presentation
- e. Archon Family Reception, Wednesday, June 30, 2026, 4:30 – 6:00 pm

  Marriott Hotel St. Clair Ballroom at Key Tower
  100 St. Clair NE
  Cleveland, Ohio 44114

  - Debut of Patriarchal Banner
  - Presentation of magnificent commemorative recognition awards to Exarch, Patriarchal Representatives and Host Metropolitan, H.E. Metropolitan Savas noting 35th

Anniversary of HAH, 60th Anniversary of AEP and 250th Anniversary of our beloved nation

https://archons.org/flickr_collection_album/clergy-laity-congress-archon-family-reception-2/

f. **Budget – $110,000**
   i. **$85,000** to **host Clergy Family Dinner in honor of the Exarch, Archbishop Elpidophoros of America**
      1. Wednesday, July 1, 2026 6:30 – 8:30 pm

https://archons.org/flickr_collection_album/day-three-the-48th-biennial-clergy-laity-congress-in-cleveland/



   ii. **$25,000** for Archon Family Reception
      1. Tuesday, June 30, 2026, 4:30 – 6:00 pm


America
250
Archon
Family Reception
48th Biennial Clergy-Laity Congress
Cleveland, Ohio





g. Archon Booth



Key Details for the 2026 Congress:

- **Theme:** "Rise and Build" (Nehemiah 2:18).

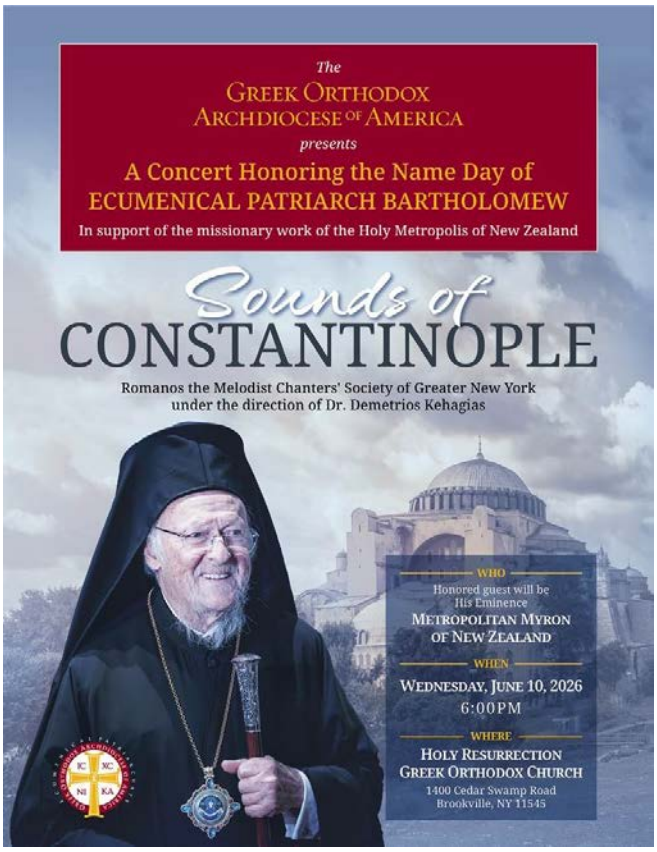
- **Location:** Huntington Convention Center, Cleveland, Ohio.
- **Dates:** June 30 – July 2, 2026 (shorter format to honor attendee time).
- **Highlights:** Opening of the exhibit hall, ministry pavilion, welcome reception, and a Synodal Divine Liturgy.
- **Hotel Info:** Registration is open for official hotels, including the Cleveland Marriott Downtown.
- **Young Adult Events:** The National YAL Conference will be held in conjunction with the Congress.

XXVI. **Old & New Business**

a. **Bloomerang** – update; Archon Anthony C. Limberakis and Leah Kats
   i. **Went live January 1, 2026**
   ii. AEP – transitioning from Network for Good to Bloomerang in progress

   iii. EPBF

b. Special Concert in honor of Name Day of His All-Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew, Brookville, NY, June 10, 2026, 6:00 pm; encourage all Archons to attend (National Commander made presentation "First Among Equals AND First Without Equal)



https://archons.org/concert-honoring-ecumenical-patriarch-bartholomews-name-day/

https://archons.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/06/AJL-Concert-2.pdf

c. Archives of the AEP

i. Currently held by GOA
ii. Menios Papadimitriou, GOA Archivist

d. 2028 Los Angeles Olympics LA2028

i. ~1,000 days to Summer Olympics
ii. Mr. Isidoros Kouvelos, President of the Hellenic Olympic Committee noting His Eminence Archbishop Elpidophoros hosting luncheon at GOA
iii. Archon Andrew Eliopulos
iv. Develop planning committee with AEP Representation

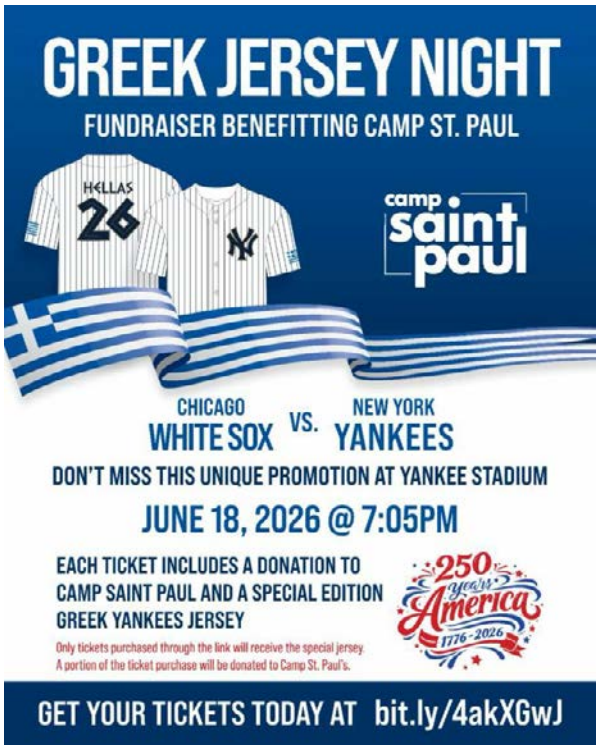
e. Cappella Romana opportunity to serve on its Board; if interested contact AJL

XXVII. Greek Night at Yankees Stadium June 18, 2026 – Fr. Alex

a. Archons Costa Sideridis & Michael Neamonitakis

https://orthodoxobserver.org/greek-americans-fill-yankee-stadium-for-greek-jersey-night/

Raised $37,000 for Camp St. Paul



XXVIII. **Huntington Ecumenical Institute**

- **This September, the Huffington Ecumenical Institute (HEI) at Hellenic College Holy Cross (HCHC) will host a colloquium in recognition of the 35th anniversary of His All-Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew's enthronement.**
- **The event will take place September 14-15, 2026, held under the auspices of His Eminence Archbishop Elpidophoros of America and hosted at HCHC's Maliotis Cultural Center in Brookline, Massachusetts.**
- **Assembling distinguished scholars, clergy, and laity, the colloquium will reflect on His All-Holiness's 35 years of unprecedented Patriarchal ministry, which has shaped contemporary Orthodox Christianity and influenced inter-Orthodox dialogue, interfaith engagement, and environmental stewardship.**
- **Sponsorship opportunity $15,000**

https://orthodoxobserver.org/huffington-ecumenical-institute-to-honor-ecumenical-patriarch-bartholomews-35-years-of-patriarchal-ministry/

XXIX. Benediction – His Eminence Archbishop Elpidophoros of America

Next National Council Meeting
Friday, August 14, 2026 @ 9:00 AM EASTERN

Submitted by
Gus M. Pablecas, National Secretary

ANNUAL MEETING

ORDER OF SAINT ANDREW THE APOSTLE

ARCHONS OF THE ECUMENICAL PATRIARCHATE (AEP)

New York Hilton Midtown Hotel
New York City, New York

October 18, 2025

CALL TO ORDER / QUORUM

With a quorum established, National Commander Dr. Anthony J. Limberakis, *Grand Aktouarios* ("Commander"), called the Annual General Meeting to order at 10:00 A.M. E.T. The Invocation was offered by His Eminence Archbishop Elpidophoros.

Following the Invocation, His Eminence offered remarks recognizing Father Alexander Karloutsos, *Grand Protopresbyter of the Ecumenical Throne and Archon Spiritual Advisor,* and the AEP for their extraordinary work in connection with the recent visit of His All-Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew to the United States. His Eminence also extended congratulations to Alexander Pritsos, recipient of the Nicholas J. Bouras Award for Extraordinary Archon Stewardship; Dr. Helen Nixon and Katina Limberakis Tsatalis, M.Ed., recipients of the Archon Sophia Award for Excellence; and former Secretary of State Michael Pompeo, recipient of the Athenagoras Human Rights Award.

His Eminence concluded his remarks by emphasizing the significance of the Archon offikion and the important responsibilities associated with being bestowed the honor of Archon.

WELCOME

The Commander welcomed His Eminence Archbishop Elpidophoros, Archons, Archons-elect and attendees of the Annual Meeting and led the National Council in chanting the traditional Hymn to Saint Andrew, followed by a rendition in English by Archon James D. Speros.

PATRIARCHAL EXHORTATION

The Commander presented the Patriarchal Exhortation on behalf of His All-Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew.

ARCHIEPISCOPAL EXHORTATION

The National Vice Commander, Hon. B. Theodore Bozonelis ("Vice Commander"), presented the Archiepiscopal Exhortation on behalf of His Eminence Archbishop Elpidophoros of America.

INTRODUCTION OF NATIONAL COUNCIL & REGIONAL COMMANDERS

The Commander welcomed and introduced the newly appointed five (5) Regional Commanders: Gary C. Grysiak, (*The American Carpatho-Russian Diocese of North America);* Frank Boardman, Metropolis of Atlanta; Terry Sarantou, Metropolis of Atlanta; Stephanos (Steve) G. Trakas, Metropolis of Atlanta; and William Brock Martin, Metropolis of Detroit.

The Commander conveyed the importance of bringing into the Archon leadership young, energetic, and talented Archons to strengthen the AEP and its sacred mission to serve the needs of the Holy and Great Mother Church of Constantinople.

MINUTES OF OCTOBER 19, 2024 ANNUAL MEETING,

National Secretary Gus (Kosmas) M. Pablecas made available for review the minutes from the October 19, 2024, Annual Meeting, which were included in the 2025 Archon Annual Meeting Report provided to all Archons. The Commander asked for a motion to accept the minutes as presented.

MOTION: Carl R. Hollister moved to accept the minutes as presented, seconded by Stamatios F. Pantazopoulos. The Commander asked for any additions, corrections or omissions, there being none, a vote was taken at which time the Archons unanimously approved.

Apostolic Visit of His All-Holiness Bartholomew to the United States of America on the Occasion of the Templeton Prize

As an official component of the meeting, the Commander introduced all major aspects covering the Patriarchal Voyage, as reflected on page 38 in the 2025 Archon Annual Meeting Report. The Commanded conveyed his gratitude to His Eminence Archbishop Elpidophoros, Fr. Alex, Michael Kartloutsos, and to all for their exemplary work.

TREASURER'S REPORT / AUDIT REPORT

The National Treasurer Peter J. Skeadas provided his report and advised that the financial status of the Order was in excellent form. The cash balance as of September 30, 2025, was approximately $350,000.00, "appearing more than adequate to cover all of the Order's projected expenditures…". The details of the Treasurer's Report are attached to and made part of these minutes as ADDENDUM – A –

MOTION: John G. Manos moved to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented by Treasurer Peter J. Skeadas, seconded by George A. Tsougarakis, Esq. The Commander asked for any questions, corrections, concerns, or comments, there being none, a vote was taken at which time the Archons unanimously approved.

Audit Review - Peter Kakoyiannis, Esq., Chair of the AEP Audit Committee, acknowledged fellow Audit Committee members George Pappas and John Psaltos and praised the efforts of the AEP Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer, and AEP accountant Andrew Pavlak, CPA, noting the AEP's "clean" financial record.

Kakoyiannis then introduced Frank Fico, representing the independent audit firm BDO USA, LLP. Mr. Fico reviewed the results of the independent audit, including the statements of financial position as of December 31, 2024 and 2023, and the related statements of activities, functional expenses, and cash flows for the years then ended, together with the related notes to the financial statements. He further reviewed BDO's Independent Auditor's Report, as set forth on pages 117–131 of the 2025 Archon Annual Meeting Report.

Mr. Fico reported that the financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Order as of December 31, 2024 and 2023, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States. Mr. Fico further stated that there were "no clear sufficient findings or deficiencies" noted and that management provided excellent cooperation throughout the audit, with no delays or issues encountered.

AUDIT MOTION: The Commander provided an opportunity for questions related to the BDO presentation, there being none, Archon Dean T. Maragos, Esq., moved to accept the BDO Independent Auditor's Report as presented, with a second by Archon Michael P. Neamonitakis. The motion was unanimously approved by the General Assembly.

The Commander reviewed the Archon invoice approval protocol at both the Executive Committee and National Council levels and reiterated the importance of maintaining financial accountability and transparency.

HELLENIC COLLEGE HOLY CROSS (HCHC)

The Commander invited Demetrios S. Katos, Ph.D., President of Hellenic College Holy Cross ("HCHC"), to the podium for remarks. President Katos conveyed greetings and expressed appreciation for the Archons' support of the Ecumenical Patriarchate, the Archdiocese, and HCHC. He emphasized the importance of HCHC in preparing future priests and Christian leaders and noted that Orthodox Christianity is experiencing a "renaissance" in America and abroad, citing increased membership at local parishes. He further reported that enrollment at HCHC is at its highest level and that HCHC has launched new programs and refocused its mission toward growth in meeting future needs.

His Eminence Archbishop Elpidophoros offered remarks regarding the continuing challenge, after nearly 90 years of operation, of securing consistent and adequate funding for HCHC. His Eminence compared this challenge with the success of the EPBF endowment after only four years, as well as the successful endowments established by other universities. His Eminence expressed confidence that, with

strong support and the ability to inspire and gain the trust and confidence of donors, HCHC can achieve similar success in establishing a strong and sustainable endowment.

ARCHON YOUTH COMMITTEE

Pilgrimage of Discovery (POD)

Representing Pericles (Perry) Siatis, POD Committee Chair, the Commander called to the dais podium Archon John G. Manos, Archon Hon. Jeffery G. Chrones, Hellena Chrones, and POD alumni, Anastasia Maragos, Stathi Pakes, Chris Benis, Sophia Kyrou, Alex Pirsos, Mariana Frangos, and Joanna Nikolakakos. Manos provided a detailed report highlighting the success of the program since its inception, sharing a quote from His All-Holiness:

"Your pilgrimage is not merely a journey across the Atlantic, but a spiritual ascent. It is a sacred encounter with your deepest roots in the Orthodox faith.

You will enter temples where emperors once knelt, where confessors of the faith preached and served, and where the same Divine Liturgy that sustains us today has been offered for centuries.

You will witness the quiet resilience of the Orthodox faithful still present in this city—whose numbers may be few, but whose dignity and devotion remain profound. This pilgrimage is not only a discovery of the Church's past, but also of your personal vocation.

Carry the light you have received here, and reflect it in your communities, your parishes, your Metropolises, your professions, and in every corner of your daily lives. May your time in Constantinople leave an indelible mark upon your hearts."

(POD Report is attached as Addendum -B-)

Three POD alumni spoke about their life-changing experiences with the program and the importance of sharing those experiences with their peers. Thay also expressed their appreciation to the Archon leadership for providing them with the opportunity to participate.

Michael G. Psaros commented that, as an institutional investor who understands the value of investing capital, there is "no higher or better use than investing in our youth." Archon Psaros described the POD program as "extraordinary" and also praised the SPROUT program.

PRESENTATION OF THE ARCHON CLASS OF 2025

Archon Constantine G. Caras, Esq., presented the Archon Class of 2025.

The names of the 2025 Archons-elect are listed on the attached ADDENDUM - C - and hereby made part of the minutes.

EXARCH'S APPEAL

Archon John Zavitsanos, Esq., Chair of the Exarch's Appeal Committee, welcomed the Archons-elect and explained how the Exarch's Appeal is the primary source of funds used to operate the AEP. He further explained the working concept of the Sponsor A Day program and encouraged participation.

ATHENAGORAS HUMAN RIGHTS AWARD

Archon Michael G. Psaros reported that the evening's event raised $700,000 and thanked the sponsors and the team responsible for organizing the event. Archon Psaros encouraged the Archons-elect to support the event in the future, including through table sponsorships. The Commander expressed his deep gratitude to the Underwriters of the Banquet, the Nicholas J. & Anna K. Bouras Foundation, guided by Vice Commander Hon. B. Theodore Bozonelis, and by Archon Michael G. and Robin Psaros.

2025 NICHOLAS J. BOURAS AWARD FOR EXTRAORDINARY ARCHON LEADERSHIP

The Commander commented on the memorable evening and congratulated honoree Archon Sergeant-at-Arms Alexander Pritsos for his extraordinary display of time, talent, and treasure.

ECUMENICAL PATRIARCH BARTHOLOMEW FOUNDATION (EPBF)

The Commander provided a report highlighting the continued success of the EPBF. Approximately $31 million has been raised to date, consisting of approximately $20 million in funds received and $11 million in outstanding pledges.

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NATIONAL COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS

Nominating Committee

National Secretary and Chair of the Nominating Committee Gus (Kosmas) M. Pablecas presented the following slate of members who have expressed their willingness to serve as Directors on the National Council for the three-year term 2026-2028 to be confirmed by the General Assembly:

Hon. B. Theodore Bozonelis
Michael D. Camarinos, Esq.
John A. Catsimatidis
John S. Koudounis
Nikiforos Mathews, Esq.
George E. Safiol
Peter J. Skeadas
Stephen J. Yallourakis, MD, DDS

And

Chris E. Tsamutalis, CPA
(fulfilling the 2026-2027 term of Andreas D. Comodromos, CPA, now emeritus)

MOTION: Vice Commander Hon. B. Theodore Bozonelis moved to confirm the slate as presented, with a second from Secretary Gus (Kosmas) M. Pablecas. The National Commander asked for any other nominations, there being none, a vote was taken at which time the members of the Archon body unanimously approved.

Bylaws Committee – No changes to report.

Religious Freedom Initiative

The Commander reviewed the state-of-the-art live-streaming equipment and services being provided by the AEP to St. George Cathedral at the Ecumenical Patriarchate, including the associated costs, which will allow for worldwide

viewing of services and events. Fiber-optic service is scheduled to be installed by the local authorities.

The Commander further advised that if needed, Archon Ted Vagelos, will travel to the Ecumenical Patriarchate to assist with implementation and training in the use of the equipment.

OSCE (Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe)

Franklin (Rocky) G. Sisson summarized the Committee's Report and advised that the AEP presentation at the OSCE is available for viewing on the Archon website. Archon Sisson commented on remarks made by the representative of the government of Turkey at the OSCE, noting what he described as a distortion of the facts when compared with the realities existing in Turkey.

Archon Sisson further reported that he was approached by a Ukrainian Orthodox representative attending the OSCE, who complimented the Archons on their presentation and expressed gratitude to His All-Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew, stating that His All-Holiness "gave us our freedom."

The Commander congratulated His Eminence Archbishop Elpidophoros on his appointment by President Donald J. Trump to the Advisory Board of Religious Leaders for the Religious Liberty Commission and on his installation as Chair of the Governing Board of the National Council of Churches.

Suspension of Agenda -The Commander advised that, due to time constraints, the balance of the agenda, subject to the following, would be suspended.

TRISAGION

His Eminence Archbishop Elpidophoros led the Trisagion Service for the departed Archons who had fallen asleep in the Lord, followed by the Benediction. May their memories be eternal.

Attached and made part of the minutes are the names of the departed Archons as ADDENDUM- D-

OLD/NEW BUSINESS

The Commander reminded the Archons-elect to have their official Archon portrait photographs taken during Archon Weekend.

The Commander extended his profound thanks to Archdeacon Dionysios Papiris for his invaluable assistance to His Eminence and the AEP.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn by Cary J. Limberakis, MD., with a second by Secretary Gus (Kosmas) M. Pablecas. On unanimous vote, the meeting was adjourned at 12:08 P.M. E.T.

Respectfully submitted,

Gus M. Pablecas,
National Secretary

(NOTE: A copy of all Committee Reports can be found in the "2025 Annual Meeting Report" binder as provided at the Annual General Meeting and also maintained at the Archon National office. Portions of the agenda were *abbreviated in part due to time constraints and accordingly not-reflected in these minutes.)*

ADDUNDUMS attached are as follows:

ADDENDUM – A - Treasurer's Report,
ADDENDUM – B – POD Report,
ADDENDUM – C – Archons-elect, Class of 2025,
ADDENDUM – D – Trisagion, Departed Archons

ADDENDUM – A –

TREASURERS REPORT (10/18/25)

BY ARCHON NATIONAL TREASURER PETER J. SKEADAS

Your Eminence Archbishop Elpidophoros of America

Rev. Grand Protopresbyter of the Holy and Great Church of Christ Fr. Alexander Karloutsos

Reverend Clergy

National Commander Dr. Anthony J. Limberakis

Brother Archons

Archons-elect

Ladies and Gentlemen

Good morning. In this season of thanksgiving filled with all God's gifts, in grace and in hope of peace throughout the world, we are grateful to once again convene and unite in person.

I am honored to serve the Order of St. Andrew the Apostle as National Treasurer with the blessings and under the auspices of the Exarch of the Ecumenical Patriarchate, His Eminence Archbishop Elpidophoros of America.

Today, I am pleased to report to you that the financial health of the Order of St. Andrew is in excellent form. As the close of the 2025-year approaches, our cash balance as of September 30, 2025 is approximately $350,000, appearing more than adequate to cover all of the Order's projected expenditures including our commitments to the Ecumenical Patriarchate, the Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew Foundation, the Archdiocese of America, and particularly, all those expenses relating to the just completed Patriarchal Voyage and our current 2025 Archon Weekend. Today's cash balance includes the approximate restricted

amounts of $77,000 for the Pilgrimage of Discovery program and $90,000 for the AEP Educational Initiative (commonly referred to as the Sprout program). These amounts include the unspent portions of $70,000 and $100,000 restricted donations originally made by the "cheerful giver," Archon Michael Psaros, for the POD and Sprout programs, respectively. Please note that in 2025, the Order of St. Andrew has met all its financial obligations in a proper and timely fashion, as was done in all previous years during my terms as National Treasurer.

I also inform you that during the year 2024, the Order donated $50,000 for the benefit of the Ecumenical Patriarchate and its affiliates and $109,000 for the Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew Foundation in support of the mission of the Order of St. Andrew the Apostle.

In addition to those sums, in 2025, as of October 14, the Order has expended $887,000 for the recent Patriarchal Voyage when His All-Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew travelled to America as honoree of the Templeton Prize. For this multi-day muti-city major event, Archon Spiritual Advisor Father Alex Karloutsos was dutifully responsible and, of course, most successful in raising the almost entire cost of funds for the Patriarchal Voyage, with the exception of the approximate $100,000 donation subsidized by the Order of St. Andrew the Apostle. Substantial portions of the expenses were underwritten by the Nicholas J. and Anna K. Bouras Foundation in the amount of $125,000, by Archon John Koudounis in the amount of $94,000, by Archon Michael Psaros in the amount of $238,000, and by the Kimisis Tis Theotokou Cathedral in Southampton in the amount of $100,000. As a result of their financial support coupled with the tenacious fundraising efforts of Father Alex and the general support of all Archons, the total cost of the Patriarchal Voyage was fully funded in the Order's 2025 budget. Thank you to everyone who contributed to the financial success of the Patriarchal Voyage.

Appropriately, I recognize the generosity of our many faithful sponsors whose contributions will allow the Order to raise such funds in excess of

provide the required support in executing all fundraising programs and events scheduled for our 2025 Archon weekend estimated at $700,000. The substantial contributions and generous giving in support of the initiatives undertaken by the Order provide the means by which the Order is able to meet its $3,600,000 expense commitment as outlined in the 2025 budget.

The Order's most notable actions and achievements, as outlined above, are the outcome of the continuing commitment and cumulative effort of a strong team led by our exceptional National Commander, Dr. Anthony J. Limberakis, our most dear Father Alex Karloutsos serving the Order as its Spiritual Advisor (and chief fundraiser) with National Vice Commander Judge Bozonelis, National Secretary Gus Pablecas, Sergeant at Arms Alex Pritsos, Legal Counselor Peter Kakoyiannis, National Assistant Treasurer Andreas Comodromos and Exarch's Appeal overseer John Zavitsanos.

From the onset of my tenure as National Treasurer of the Order of St. Andrew, protocols and controls have been established to which have been strictly adhered. The offices of the Order of St. Andrew, including that of the National Treasurer, are located at the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America in Manhattan. It is there that all books and records of the Order of St. Andrew are kept.

All bills for expenses are received and paid through the Order's office by the capable Archon Office Administrator and Manager Ms. Leah Kats, who also serves as the internal accountant for the Order and to whom I offer my extreme gratitude for her diligence in performing her responsibilities in full compliance of the provisions of our accounting protocol. After examination, the National Treasurer must approve each invoice for payment.

This process requires signatures by two of the four officers of the Order which is most often performed by the National Vice Commander and the National Treasurer. All receipts are deposited and all expenses are paid in full transparency and utilizing best practices set forth. The National Treasurer and National Assistant Treasurer Archon Andreas

Comodromos report monthly on the financial activities of the Order to the National Council for their review and approval.

Archon Andreas Comodromos, a CPA by profession, has been the Assistant National Treasurer for the last 30 years. As a trained professional, he is extremely thorough in his duties and with his support, the Order's books and records are maintained meticulously. National Assistant Treasurer Andreas Comodromos also plays a critical role in formulating the Order's annual budget and is in constant communication with the National Treasurer, our Office Administrator/Manager and the Order's external accountants, Crane, Rosenberg, Pacio who offer their superb assistance to the Order in keeping the financial reporting accurate, precise and timely. Our accounting team works closely with the Order's Audit Committee and the accounting firm BDO, our independent auditors, for the performance of the annual audit for the Order of St. Andrew, and the issuance of their audit report for the Order's annual financial statements, included in the 2025 Archon Annual Meeting Report, and which will be immediately presented. I am truly honored to inform you that the 2024 Auditor's Report provides for a *Clean Opinion* consistent with the results of all prior years audits.

In closing, I wish to thank Peter Kakoyiannis, the Audit Committee Chair, and its members, John Psaltos and George Pappas, for their assiduous efforts in coordinating and overseeing the successful completion of the Order's annual audits. At this time, I invite and welcome at the podium Committee Chairman Peter Kakoyiannis for the presentation of the 2024-2023 BDO Audited Financial Statements.

Thank you.

END TREASURER'S REPORT

ADDENDUM – B –

Pilgrimage of Discovery (POD) Report

Presented by John G. Manos

Your Eminence, Reverent Fathers, National Commander, Brother Archons and friends, good morning,

This year marks the third year of the POD Program, a visionary initiative created by the Archons of the Ecumenical Patriarchate.

It began as a local effort that quickly grew into something much greater, a national movement that now connects young Orthodox men and women across our entire Archdiocese.

With the blessing of our National Commander and the National Executive Board, the program expanded nationwide, reaching every Metropolis.

Today, I'm proud to share that 16 young adults, at least one from each Metropolis, were given the extraordinary opportunity to embark on this spiritual pilgrimage.

A journey made possible largely through the generous support of you, the Archons.

Since its inception, 37 young adults have now taken part in this once-in-a-lifetime experience, traveling to the Phanar, to Constantinople, to our Ecumenical Patriarchate, and meeting personally and privately with His All-Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew.

During this most recent pilgrimage, His All-Holiness shared these deeply moving words with our pilgrims:

"Your pilgrimage is not merely a journey across the Atlantic, but a spiritual ascent. It is a sacred encounter with your deepest roots in the Orthodox faith. You will enter temples where emperors once knelt, where confessors of the faith preached and served, and where the same Divine Liturgy that sustains us today has been offered for centuries.

You will witness the quiet resilience of the Orthodox faithful still present in this city—whose numbers may be few, but whose dignity and devotion remain profound. This pilgrimage is not only a discovery of the Church's past, but also of your personal vocation.

Carry the light you have received here, and reflect it in your communities, your parishes, your Metropolises, your professions, and in every corner of your daily lives. May your time in Constantinople leave an indelible mark upon your hearts."

Truly inspiring words from His All-Holiness, words that remind us of why this program matters so deeply.

As part of their commitment, each of these young adults returns home to share their experience, offering presentations throughout their Metropolis during the two years that follow their pilgrimage.

Our growing POD Alumni Network continues to guide and mentor them, helping each one grow as a faithful ambassador of Orthodoxy and of the Ecumenical Patriarchate.

We are blessed to have ten of our POD pilgrims with us here this weekend.

To briefly share their experience, let me introduce our first pilgrim from this year's journey…

Before we conclude, I invite all of you to visit the POD booth upstairs, just across from the registration desk.

Please take a few moments to meet these inspiring young adults and hear, in their own words, how this pilgrimage has transformed their lives.

They are an extraordinary group, full of faith, purpose, and promise, and we are so proud to have them as part of our Archon family.

In closing, I wish to express my heartfelt thanks to our POD Committee, who work tirelessly throughout the year to ensure the success, safety, and spiritual depth of this program.

And most importantly, to our National Commander, our Executive Board, and to all of you, my brother Archons, thank you for your vision, your generosity, and your unwavering commitment to supporting this life-changing program for our young adults.

Together, we are helping shape the future of our Church and ensuring that the light of our faith continues to shine brightly for generations to come.

Thank you, and God bless you all.

END POD REPORT

ADDENDUM – C –

ARCHON CLASS OF 2025

John A. Aivazoglou Esq.
Glen Mills, PA
Metropolis of New Jersey

Dick "Diakos" Anagnost
Bedford, NH
Metropolis of Boston

Dr. Stavros Anthony
Las Vegas, NV
Metropolis of San Francisco

Dr. John Andreas Bartzokis
Boca Raton, FL
Metropolis of Atlanta

John Andreas Catsimatidis Jr.
New York, NY
Archdiocesan District

Anthony Joseph Diamandakis
New York, NY
Archdiocesan District

Peter Takis Dionisos
West Chester, PA
Metropolis of New Jersey

Asteris James Fanikos
Chesterfield, NJ
Metropolis of New Jersey

Jimmy Fokas
Little Neck, NY
Archdiocesan District

William John Georgas
Palm Beach, FL
Metropolis of Atlanta

Stephen Hanna
Huntsville, AL
Metropolis of Atlanta

Emmanuel Chris Kaitson
Bellaire, TX
Metropolis of Denver

Steven Nicholas Kalkanis, MD
Bloomfield Hills, MI
Metropolis of Detroit

Konstantinos (Gus) M. Karpathakis
Hampton Bays, NY
Archdiocesan District

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Ambassador Michael Kozak
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Stephen Seremetis
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Nicholas Spanakis
Canal Fulton, OH
Metropolis of Pittsburgh

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Metropolis of Atlanta

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Archdiocesan District

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ADDENDUM- D-

DEPARTED ARCHONS

January 2025 ~ September 2025

Mr. Louis G. Malevitis, *Archon Hartophylax*,
IL, Departed on September 11, 2024

Mr. Nicholas I. Karamatsoukas, *Archon Ostiarios*,
PA, Departed on October 9, 2024

Mr. Constantine Kaganis, *Archon Referendarios*,
NY, Departed on October 11, 2024

Mr. John Kalinoglou, *Archon Aktouarios*,
GA, Departed on November 5, 2024

Mr. Angelo P. Demos, *Archon Ekdikos*,
FL, Departed on November 7, 2024

Mr. Notios M. Kostolios, *Archon Ostiarios*,
NJ, Departed on November 10, 2024

Mr. William Pappas, *Archon Depoutatos*,
NJ, Departed on November 28, 2024

Mr. John T. Pappas, *Archon Primikirios*,
CA, Departed on December 2, 2024

Mr. James H. Moshovitis, Esq., *Archon Depoutatos*,
DC, Departed on December 28, 2024

Mr. Michael J. Wesko, *Archon Notarios*,
NY, Departed on January 4, 2025

Mr. Ted J. Theodore, *Archon Didsakalos Tou Genous*
OH, Departed on January 7, 2025

Dr. William N. Hunter, *Archon Hartoularios*
MD, Departed on January 11, 2025

Mr. Alvin C. Galloway, *Archon Depotatos*,
GA, Departed on February 1, 2025

Dr. Sotirios J. Vahaviolos, *Archon Hartoularios*
NJ, Departed on February 6, 2025

Mr. John G. Poles, *Archon Ipomnimon*,
NY, Departed on March 5, 2025

Mr. Theodore Pedas, *Archon Exarchos*,
D.C., Departed on March 21, 2025

Mr. Constantine V. Politis, *Archon Referendarios*,
PA, Departed on April 2, 2025

Mr. Zachary Marantis*, Archon Depoutatos*,
NV, Departed on April 3, 2025

Mr. Nawaf Salameh *Archon Referendarios*
Romania, Departed on April 20, 2025

Dr. Tikey A. Zes, *Archon Lambadarios*,
CA, Departed on May 7, 2025

Dr. Thomas Lelon, *Archon Notarios*,
MA, Departed on May 18, 2025

Mr. James Thomas, *Archon Hiermnemon*,
IN, departed on May 23, 2025

Mr. Nicholas Kapnison, *Archon Depoutatos*,
NM, Departed on June 11, 2025

Mr. Harry Raptakis , *Archon Exarchos*,
NY, Departed on July 21, 2025

Dr. James P. Pappas*, Archon Depoutatos*
OK, Departed on August 2, 2025

Mr. Peter John Couchell, *Archon Hartoularios*
NC, Departed on October 6, 2025

Mr. Franklin R. Manios, *Archon Depoutatos*
OH, Departed on October 7, 2025

END LISTING
- END OF MINUTES -

National Council Committee Reports

Order of St. Andrew the Apostle, Inc.
(d/b/a Archons of the Ecumenical Patriarchate)

Financial Statements
Years Ended December 31, 2025 and 2024

The report accompanying these financial statements was issued by BDO USA, P.C., a Virginia professional corporation, and the U.S. member of BDO International Limited, a UK company limited by guarantee.

Order of St. Andrew the Apostle, Inc.

(d/b/a Archons of the Ecumenical Patriarchate)

Financial Statements

Years Ended December 31, 2025 and 2024

Order of St. Andrew the Apostle, Inc.
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Independent Auditor's Report

The National Council
Order of St. Andrew the Apostle, Inc.
(d/b/a Archons of the Ecumenical Patriarchate)
New York, New York

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of the Order of St. Andrew the Apostle, Inc. (d/b/a Archons of the Ecumenical Patriarchate) (the AEP), which comprise the statements of financial position as of December 31, 2025 and 2024, and the related statements of activities, functional expenses, and cash flows for the years then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the AEP as of December 31, 2025 and 2024, and the changes in its net assets and its cash flows for the years then ended, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAS). Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of the AEP and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audits. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, and for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the AEP's ability to continue as a going concern within one year after the date that the financial statements are available to be issued.

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Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with GAAS will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the AEP's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.
- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the AEP's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit, significant audit findings, and certain internal control-related matters that we identified during the audit.

BDO USA, P.C.

September 2, 2026

Order of St. Andrew the Apostle, Inc.
(d/b/a Archons of the Ecumenical Patriarchate)

Statements of Financial Position

December 31,		**2025**		2024
Assets				
Cash and cash equivalents	**$**	**490,755**	$	587,977
Contributions receivable		**73,349**		105,203
Other assets		**78,731**		47,590
Fixed assets, net		**16,488**		16,380
Total Assets	**$**	**659,323**	$	757,150
Liabilities and Net Assets				
Liabilities				
Due to the Archdiocese	**$**	**2,729**	$	1,570
Accounts payable and accrued expenses		**202,380**		293,386
Total Liabilities		**205,109**		294,956
Commitments and Contingencies				
Net Assets				
Without donor restrictions		**193,287**		197,633
With donor restrictions		**260,927**		264,561
Total Net Assets		**454,214**		462,194
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	**$**	**659,323**	$	757,150

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

Order of St. Andrew the Apostle, Inc.
(d/b/a Archons of the Ecumenical Patriarchate)

Statement of Activities

Year ended December 31, 2025

	Without Donor Restrictions	With Donor Restrictions	Total
Support and Revenues			
Special event revenues:			
Annual Archon weekend, net of costs of direct benefits to donors of $450,877	$ 256,381	$ 103,782	$ 360,163
Annual appeal contributions	1,577,988	20,000	1,597,988
Contributions - 2025 Patriarchal Voyage	-	939,407	939,407
Contributions - 2025 Papal Patriarchal Voyage	-	170,796	170,796
Contributions - Pilgrimage of Discovery	-	116,788	116,788
Contributions - Regional Archons	-	38,901	38,901
Contribution – other	-	161,855	161,855
Sale of religious material	6,363	-	6,363
Interest income	5,678	-	5,678
Other income	56,906	-	56,906
Net assets released from restrictions	1,555,163	(1,555,163)	-
Total Contributions, Special Event Revenue, and Other Income	3,458,479	(3,634)	3,454,845
Contributions of nonfinancial assets:			
Donated services - Religious Freedom Programs, public relations	505,850	-	505,850
Donated services - CRM support	19,500	-	19,500
Total Contributions of Nonfinancial Assets	525,350	-	525,350
Total Support and Revenues	3,983,829	(3,634)	3,980,195
Expenses			
Program expenses	3,201,651	-	3,201,651
Management and general expenses	519,107	-	519,107
Fundraising expenses	267,417	-	267,417
Total Expenses	3,988,175	-	3,988,175
Change in Net Assets	(4,346)	(3,634)	(7,980)
Net Assets, beginning of year	197,633	264,561	462,194
Net Assets, end of year	$ 193,287	$ 260,927	$ 454,214

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

Order of St. Andrew the Apostle, Inc.
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Statement of Activities

Year ended December 31, 2024

	Without Donor Restrictions	With Donor Restrictions	Total
Support and Revenues			
Special event revenues:			
Annual Archon weekend, net of costs of direct benefits to donors of $381,652	$ 297,800	$ 60,000	$ 357,800
Fourth International Conference – Athens, net of costs of direct benefits to donors of $268,157	522,261	-	522,261
Annual appeal contributions	1,409,689	13,000	1,422,689
Contributions - Pilgrimage of Discovery	-	143,000	143,000
Contributions - Regional Archons	3,380	-	3,380
Contribution – other	2,070	190,100	192,170
Sale of religious material	16,589	-	16,589
Interest income	9,205	-	9,205
Other income	23,288	-	23,288
Net assets released from restrictions	254,141	(254,141)	-
Total Contributions, Special Event Revenue, and Other Income	2,538,423	151,959	2,690,382
Contributions of nonfinancial assets:			
Donated services - Religious Freedom Programs, public relations	423,000	-	423,000
Total Support and Revenues	2,961,423	151,959	3,113,382
Expenses			
Program expenses	2,291,336	-	2,291,336
Management and general expenses	462,892	-	462,892
Fundraising expenses	209,765	-	209,765
Total Expenses	2,963,993	-	2,963,993
Change in Net Assets	(2,570)	151,959	149,389
Net Assets, beginning of year	200,203	112,602	312,805
Net Assets, end of year	$ 197,633	$ 264,561	$ 462,194

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

Order of St. Andrew the Apostle, Inc.
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Statement of Functional Expenses

Year ended December 31, 2025

	Program	Management and General	Fundraising	Total
Annual Archon weekend:				
Archon Conference - meal and service	$ 51,140	$ 51,140	$ 25,570	$ 127,850
Archon Conference - publications	7,286	7,286	3,643	18,215
Archon Conference - audio/visual	30,704	30,704	15,352	76,760
Archon Conference - other	2,499	2,499	1,250	6,248
Human Rights Banquet - audio/visual	-	-	54,756	54,756
Human Rights Banquet - other	-	-	16,284	16,284
Nicholas J. Bouras Award Banquet - other (Dinner Dance)	-	-	14,450	14,450
Donations:				
Ecumenical Patriarchate	117,237	-	-	117,237
Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew Foundation Inc.	110,482	-	-	110,482
Other	191,916	-	-	191,916
2025 Patriarchal Voyage	939,407	-	-	939,407
2025 Papal Patriarchal Voyage	169,159	-	-	169,159
Religious Freedom Program - conferences, meetings, and travel	333,465	-	-	333,465
Religious Freedom Program - consulting	60,000	-	-	60,000
Religious Freedom Program - donated consulting services	505,850	-	19,500	525,350
Religious Freedom Program - institutional advancement	86,250	-	86,250	172,500
Religious Freedom Program - Educational Initiative	3,776	-	-	3,776
Religious Freedom Program - other	67,050	-	-	67,050
Clergy Laity, Lenten Retreat, and other meetings	103,191	-	-	103,191
Communications	191,685	22,316	1,613	215,614
Regional Archons activities	19,423	9,690	-	29,113
Purchases of religious materials and other program services	55,519	5,856	-	61,375
Compensation, bonuses, and related benefits	122,999	122,999	-	245,998
Office expense and supplies	24,271	89,115	20,407	133,793
Audit and accounting expense	-	152,325	-	152,325
Local travel expense	6,317	6,317	6,317	18,951
Depreciation expense	2,025	2,025	2,025	6,075
Insurance and other expenses	-	16,835	-	16,835
	$ 3,201,651	$ 519,107	$ 267,417	$ 3,988,175

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

Order of St. Andrew the Apostle, Inc.
(d/b/a Archons of the Ecumenical Patriarchate)

Statement of Functional Expenses

Year ended December 31, 2024

	Program	Management and General	Fundraising	Total
Annual Archon weekend:				
Archon Conference - meal and service	$ 44,942	$ 44,942	$ 22,471	$ 112,355
Archon Conference - publications	6,476	6,476	3,238	16,190
Archon Conference - audio/visual	24,197	24,197	12,098	60,492
Archon Conference - other	3,094	3,094	1,547	7,735
Human Rights Banquet - audio/visual	-	-	39,978	39,978
Human Rights Banquet - other	-	-	20,506	20,506
Nicholas J. Bouras Award Banquet - other (Dinner Dance)	-	-	22,450	22,450
Donations:				
Ecumenical Patriarchate	150,000	-	-	150,000
Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew Foundation Inc.	109,456	-	-	109,456
Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America	20,000	-	-	20,000
Other	16,000	-	-	16,000
Religious Freedom Program – Athens International Conference	564,606	-	-	564,606
Religious Freedom Program - conferences, meetings, and travel	180,002	-	-	180,002
Religious Freedom Program - consulting	60,000	-	-	60,000
Religious Freedom Program - donated consulting services	423,000	-	-	423,000
Religious Freedom Program - institutional advancement	60,000	-	60,000	120,000
Religious Freedom Program - Educational Initiative	8,439	-	-	8,439
Religious Freedom Program - other	12,591	-	-	12,591
Clergy Laity, Lenten Retreat, and other meetings	83,468	15,304	-	98,772
Communications	309,196	17,998	1,970	329,164
Regional Archons activities	9,519	1,495	-	11,014
Purchases of religious materials and other program services	61,566	3,802	-	65,368
Patriarch support and Archbishop ministries	220	-	-	220
Compensation, bonuses, and related benefits	114,203	116,003	2,996	233,202
Office expense and supplies	25,308	77,949	17,458	120,715
Audit and accounting expense	-	131,497	-	131,497
Local travel expense	3,735	3,735	3,735	11,205
Depreciation expense	1,318	1,318	1,318	3,954
Insurance and other expenses	-	15,082	-	15,082
	$ 2,291,336	$ 462,892	$ 209,765	$ 2,963,993

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

Order of St. Andrew the Apostle, Inc.
(d/b/a Archons of the Ecumenical Patriarchate)

Statements of Cash Flows

Year ended December 31,	**2025**	2024
Cash Flows from Operating Activities		
Change in net assets	**$ (7,980)**	$ 149,389
Adjustments to reconcile change in net assets to net cash provided by (used in) operating activities:		
Depreciation expense	**6,075**	3,954
Donated investments	**(340,006)**	-
Proceeds from sales of donated investments	**340,006**	-
Decrease (increase) in:		
Contributions receivable	**31,854**	(14,294)
Other assets	**(31,141)**	(3,414)
Increase (decrease) in:		
Due to the Archdiocese	**1,159**	(4,430)
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	**(91,006)**	144,239
Net Cash (Used in) Provided by Operating Activities	**(91,039)**	275,444
Cash Flows from Investing Activities		
Capital expenditures	**(6,183)**	(11,868)
Net (Decrease) Increase in Cash and Cash Equivalents	**(97,222)**	263,576
Cash and Cash Equivalents, beginning of year	**587,977**	324,401
Cash and Cash Equivalents, end of year	**$ 490,755**	$ 587,977
Supplemental Disclosure of Cash Flow Information:		
Donated services	**$ 525,350**	$ 423,000

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

Order of St. Andrew the Apostle, Inc.
(d/b/a Archons of the Ecumenical Patriarchate)

Notes to Financial Statements

1. Nature of Organization

The Order of St. Andrew the Apostle, Inc. (d/b/a Archons of the Ecumenical Patriarchate) (the AEP) was incorporated under the laws of the state of New York in 1980. It is a non-profit, religious organization affiliated with the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America (the Archdiocese). The activities of the AEP underscore steadfast support of the Ecumenical Patriarchate of Constantinople and the Orthodox Christian Church in the United States, including the Affiliated Institutions of the Ecumenical Patriarchate and of the Greek Orthodox Church of America. The AEP is dedicated to the inculcation and education of all faithful persons into the historical role of the Ecumenical Patriarchate and its leadership, through education, philanthropy, and spirituality. The AEP also supports other non-profit organizations dedicated to religious and humanitarian activities. The AEP's support comes primarily through donor contributions from its members and the public.

The AEP 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. Archons are individuals who have been recognized for their outstanding service to the Orthodox Church in the United States and honored with a Patriarchal title bestowed upon them by the Ecumenical Patriarch. The AEP is exempt from filing and paying federal and state income taxes under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code).

2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Basis of Presentation

The financial statements have been prepared on an accrual basis. In the statements of financial position, assets are presented in order of liquidity or conversion to cash, and liabilities are reflected in order of their maturity resulting in the use of cash.

Financial Statement Presentation

The classification of a not-for-profit organization's net assets and its support, revenue, and expenses is based on the existence or absence of donor-imposed restrictions. It requires that the amounts for each of the two classes of net assets—with or without donor restrictions—be displayed in a statement of financial position and that the amounts of change in each of those classes of net assets be displayed in a statement of activities.

These classes are defined as follows:

Without Donor Restrictions – This class consists of net assets that are not subject to donor-imposed restrictions and may be expended for any purpose in performing the primary objectives of the AEP. These assets are considered fully available, at the discretion of the National Council or the Executive Committee, for the AEP to utilize in any of its programs or supporting services.

With Donor Restrictions – This class consists of net assets that are subject to donor-imposed restrictions, whose use is restricted by time and/or purpose. The AEP reports gifts of cash and other assets as revenue with donor restrictions if they are received with donor stipulations that limit the use of the donated assets. When a donor restriction expires—that is, when a purpose restriction is fulfilled, or a time restriction ends—such net assets are reclassified to net assets without donor restrictions and reported on the statements of activities as net assets released from restrictions.

Some net assets with donor restrictions include a stipulation that the assets provided be maintained permanently (perpetual in nature), while permitting the AEP to expend the income generated by the assets in accordance with the provisions of additional donor-imposed stipulations or a National Council-approved spending policy. At December 31, 2025 and 2024, the AEP did not have any assets with donor restrictions held in perpetuity.

Functional Expenses

The financial statements report certain categories of expenses that are attributed to more than one function. Therefore, expenses require allocation on a reasonable basis that is consistently applied. The expenses that are allocated include compensation and related benefits, newsletter, publications, and print media, which are allocated on the basis of estimates of time and effort. Other allocated expenses include depreciation and office expenses, which are allocated on the basis of estimates of square footage and asset usage.

Cash and Cash Equivalents

For purposes of the statements of cash flows, the AEP considers all cash and highly liquid investments purchased with an original maturity of three months or less at time of purchase to be cash equivalents.

Contributions and Pledges Receivable

Contributions and pledges receivable are recorded as revenue at the time they are made or pledged unconditionally and supported by a written commitment. Recurring credit card donations are recorded as revenue when they are received. Contributions are classified as with or without donor restrictions, depending on the existence and/or nature of any donor-imposed restrictions. Contributions are nonexchange transactions in which no commensurate value is exchanged. Therefore, contributions fall under the purview of Accounting Standards Codification (ASC) Topic 958, *Not-for-Profit Entities*.

Contributions receivable outstanding at December 31, 2025 and 2024 were $73,349 and $105,203, respectively, and were fully collected January 2026 and January 2025, respectively.

Revenue Recognition

In accordance with ASC Topic 606, *Revenue from Contracts with Customers* (ASC 606), the AEP recognizes revenue when control of the promised goods and services is transferred to outside parties in an amount that reflects the consideration that the AEP expects to be entitled to in exchange for goods and those services. ASC 606 also requires new and expanded disclosures regarding revenue recognition to ensure an understanding as to the nature, amount, timing, and uncertainty of revenue and cash flows arising from contracts with customers. The AEP has identified event revenues, which consist of ticket fees for the Athenagoras Human Rights Award Banquet, the Nicholas J. Bouras Award Dinner Dance, and the Ecumenical Patriarchate Bartholomew Foundation Founders Dinner as categories subject to the adoption of ASC 606.

Special event revenues are recognized as revenue when control of the promised goods or services is transferred to outside parties in an amount that reflects the consideration the AEP expects to be entitled to in exchange for those goods or services. Special event revenues contain a ticket component of the AEP's special events. Revenue is recognized when events take place. Special

event revenues include banquet ticket sales and are reported net of the direct benefit to donors (i.e., exchange transactions).

The Athenagoras Human Rights Award Banquet is held annually to present an award to a person or organization that has consistently exemplified action, purpose and dedication, concern for the basic rights and religious freedom of all people. The Nicholas J. Bouras Award Dinner Dance is held annually to present an award to an individual who has demonstrated extraordinary and incomparable stewardship to the AEP, enabling Archons to vigorously pursue securing religious freedom for the Mother Church of Constantinople. In 2025, the AEP also held the Ecumenical Patriarchate Bartholomew Foundation Founders Dinner, a gala during Archon Weekend to celebrate the Founders of the Ecumenical Patriarchate Bartholomew Foundation. For the year ended December 31, 2025, the AEP reported special events revenue of $811,040 and direct expenses of $450,877 of which $302,975 are recorded as an exchange transaction. For the year ended December 31, 2024, the AEP reported special events revenue of $1,529,870 and direct expenses of $649,809, of which $403,700 are recorded as an exchange transaction. At December 31, 2025 and 2024 there were no accrued expenses pertaining to special event revenue.

Contributions

Contributions are recognized when a donor makes a promise to give to AEP and that promise is, in substance, unconditional. Conditional promises to give are recognized as contributions when substantially all conditions are met. AEP is not aware of any conditional promises. Contributions received are measured at their fair value and reported as an increase in net assets at net realizable value. Contributions to be received over periods longer than a single year are discounted at an interest rate commensurate with the risk involved. Amortization of the discount is included in contributions revenue. In 2025, AEP had $0 in conditional contributions.

AEP provides for losses on the receivable using the allowance method, which is based on experience, collection history, and other circumstances that may affect the donor's ability to meet its obligations. It is the policy of AEP to charge off an uncollectible receivable when management determines that the receivable will not be collected.

Unconditional promises to give that are expected to be collected within one year are recorded at net realizable value. Pledges primarily represent promises from individuals, while grants represent promises from foundations and other entities. Unconditional promises to give that are expected to be collected in the future years are recorded at fair value discounted with risk-adjusted rates.

Fixed Assets, Net

Fixed assets, net, are recorded at cost, less accumulated depreciation. The AEP capitalizes fixed assets that have a cost of $2,500 or more and useful lives greater than one year. Depreciation is provided over the estimated useful life for each class of depreciable asset and is computed using the straight-line method. The estimated useful lives of various asset classes are as follows:

Asset Category	Useful Lives (Years)
Computers and equipment	3-5
Furniture	7

Impairment of Long-Lived Assets

The AEP reviews long-lived assets for impairment whenever events or changes in business circumstances indicate that the carrying amount of an asset may not be fully recoverable. An impairment loss would be recognized when the estimated future cash flows from the use of the asset are less than the carrying amount of that asset. As of December 31, 2025 and 2024, there have been no such losses.

Contributions of Non-Financial Assets

The AEP recognizes contributed non-financial asset revenue and a corresponding expense in an amount approximating the estimated fair value at the time of the donation. Contributions of non-financial assets are recognized if the services received (a) create or enhance non-financial assets or (b) require specialized skills, are provided by individuals possessing those skills, and would typically need to be purchased if not donated. Contributions of investment securities are reported at fair value at the date of the receipt of the securities.

Income Taxes

The AEP was incorporated in the state of New York and is exempt from federal and state income taxes under Section 501(c)(3) of the Code. In addition, the AEP has been determined by the Internal Revenue Service not to be a "private foundation" within the meaning of Section 509(a) of the Code. There were no unrelated business incomes from an unrelated trade or business for the years ended December 31, 2025 and 2024.

The AEP has adopted the provisions of ASC 740, *Income Taxes*. Under ASC 740, an organization must recognize financial statement effects of a tax position taken for tax return purposes when it is more likely than not that the position will not be sustained upon examination by a taxing authority. The AEP does not believe it has taken any material uncertain tax positions and, accordingly, it has not recorded any liability for unrecognized tax benefits. For the years ended December 31, 2025 and 2024, there were no interest or penalties recorded or included in the statements of activities. As of December 31, 2025 and 2024, the AEP was not subject to any examination by a taxing authority.

Under current regulations, the AEP is not required to file a tax return.

Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP) requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect certain reported amounts and disclosures. Accordingly, actual results could differ from those estimates.

3. Fixed Assets, Net

Fixed assets, net, consist of the following:

December 31,	**2025**	2024
Computers and equipment	**$ 65,620**	$ 59,437
Furniture	**25,469**	25,469
	91,089	84,906
Less: accumulated depreciation	**(74,601)**	(68,526)
	$ 16,488	$ 16,380

Depreciation expense for the years ended December 31, 2025 and 2024 was $6,075 and $3,954, respectively.

4. Contributions of Non-Financial Assets

Donated Services

The AEP receives a substantial amount of services donated by its members in carrying out the mission and obligations of the AEP. In 2025 and 2024, public relations services were provided by a member of the AEP to further its efforts in the Patriarchal Religious Freedom project, including, but not limited to, assisting the AEP and the Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew Foundation Inc. in performing support services. The value of these services is estimated to be $505,850 and $423,000 for the years ended December 31, 2025 and 2024, respectively. Also, during 2025 a member donated services in the implementation of a new constituent relationship management (CRM) platform. The value of this service is estimated to be $19,500. These amounts were recorded in donated services – Religious Freedom Programs, public relations and donated services CRM support in the statements of activities and functional expenses at their estimated fair value at the date of receipt. These contributed services did not have donor-imposed restrictions. No other amounts have been reflected in the financial statements for contributed services since they do not meet the criteria for recognition.

Donated Investments

During the year ended December 31, 2025, the AEP received a donation of securities valued at $340,006. The AEP's policy is to liquidate publicly traded securities immediately upon their receipt.

5. Transactions Involving the Archdiocese, Affiliates, and Related Parties

The AEP owed the Archdiocese $2,729 and $1,570 as of December 31, 2025 and 2024, respectively. The Archdiocese pays certain expenses and other costs on behalf of the AEP and is periodically reimbursed throughout the year. The AEP has no employees or payroll of its own. The AEP uses the labor available from the Archdiocese to complete its mission, and reimburses the Archdiocese for these expenses, which are included below. These transactions are valued at arm's length. Furthermore, the AEP provides financial support (donations) to other organizations affiliated with the Archdiocese. These donations are also included below.

December 31,	**2025**	2024
Donations	**$ 5,000**	$ 20,000
Compensation and related benefits	**241,997**	216,400
Rent	**48,000**	48,000
Clergy Laity Congress	**-**	61,830
Office supplies, printing, and postage	**4,226**	4,539
Data processing	**-**	7,200
Total	**$ 299,223**	$ 357,969

The AEP provides financial support (donations) to the Ecumenical Patriarchate. No amounts are due to or from the Ecumenical Patriarchate.

December 31,	**2025**	2024
Donations	**$ 117,237**	$ 150,000
Total	**$ 117,237**	$ 150,000

The AEP provides financial support (donations) to the Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew Foundation Inc. No amounts are due to or from the Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew Foundation Inc.

December 31,	**2025**	2024
Donations	**$ 110,482**	$ 109,456
Total	**$ 110,482**	$ 109,456

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6. Net Assets with Donor Restrictions

Net assets with donor restrictions are available for the following programs or purposes:

December 31,		**2025**		2024
Restricted by purpose:				
Ecumenical Patriarchate Bartholomew Foundation Inc.	**$**	**60,000**	$	60,000
Pilgrimage of Discovery		**82,366**		60,000
AEP Educational Initiative		**87,785**		91,561
Chicago Archons		**10,776**		-
2025 Religious Freedom Conference – Washington DC		**-**		40,000
Restricted by time:				
Annual Appeals Received for Subsequent Year		**20,000**		13,000
Total Net Assets with Donor Restrictions	**$**	**260,927**	$	264,561

Net assets were released from donor restrictions by incurring the following expenses satisfying the restricted purposes or by occurrence of other events specified by donors:

Year ended December 31,		**2025**		2024
Ecumenical Patriarchate Bartholomew Foundation Inc.	**$**	**103,782**	$	102,600
Pilgrimage of Discovery		**94,422**		92,541
Religious Freedom Travel		**144,000**		-
2024 Athens International Conference Registrations		**-**		4,500
Annual Appeals Received for Subsequent Year		**13,000**		54,500
Regional Archons		**19,160**		-
Chicago Archons		**8,965**		-
Patriarchal Voyage		**939,407**		-
Papal Patriarchal Voyage		**170,796**		-
Other		**61,631**		-
Total Net Assets Released from Restrictions	**$**	**1,555,163**	$	254,141

7. Risk Concentration

Financial instruments that potentially subject the AEP to concentration of credit risk consist principally of cash deposits. Accounts at each institution are insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) up to $250,000. At December 31, 2025 and 2024, the AEP had approximately $234,000 and $337,000, respectively, in excess of the FDIC insured limit. The financial institutions have strong credit ratings, and management believes that credit risk related to these accounts is minimal.

The AEP's Annual Archon weekend includes major fundraising events. The revenues realized from these events were 18% and 20% of total revenue for 2025 and 2024, respectively. The AEP received large individual donor contributions in support of these events totaling $200,000 and $225,000 in 2025 and 2024, respectively, which represent 25% and 30%, respectively, of special event income, and 5% and 6% of the total revenue for 2025 and 2024, respectively.

The 2025 Patriarchal Voyage revenue was 21% of total revenue for 2025. Of that amount, large individual donor contributions totaled $937,406, which represent 100% of the 2025 Patriarchal Voyage revenue and 21% of 2025 total revenue.

The Athens Conference revenue was 21% of total revenue for 2024. Of that amount, large individual donor contributions totaled $404,733, which represent 51% of the Athens Conference income and 11% of 2024 total revenue.

In addition, the AEP received several large individual contributions in support of its mission totaling approximately $225,000 and $187,000 in 2025 and 2024, respectively, which represent 5% of the total revenue for 2025 and 2024.

8. Liquidity and Availability of Financial Assets

The AEP's financial assets available within one year of the statement of financial position date for general expenditures are as follows:

December 31,	**2025**	2024
Total Assets	**$ 659,323**	$ 757,150
Less amounts unavailable for general expenditures due to:		
Restricted by donor with time or purpose restrictions	**(260,927)**	(264,561)
Other assets	**(78,731)**	(47,590)
Fixed assets, net	**(16,488)**	(16,380)
Total Financial Assets Available to Management for General Expenditure Within One Year	**$ 303,177**	$ 428,619

As part of the AEP's liquidity management, it structures its financial assets to be available as its general expenditures, liabilities, and other obligations come due. During 2025 and 2024, portions of banquet-related revenues were restricted by donors for the sole use of the Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew Foundation Inc. As such, those amounts are not available for general expenditures and are deducted above.

9. Subsequent Events

The AEP's management has performed subsequent events procedures through September 2, 2026, the date the financial statements were available to be issued. The AEP is not aware of any subsequent events that would require recognition or disclosure in the accompanying financial statements.

Submitted by
Gus M. Pablecas, National Secretary

September 14, 2026
New York, NY

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING

TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE ARCHONS OF THE ECUMENICAL PATRIARCHATE (AEP), THE ARCHONS OF ORDER OF SAINT ANDREW THE APOSTLE

You are cordially invited to attend the Annual Meeting of the Archons of the Ecumenical Patriarchate (AEP), The Order of St. Andrew the Apostle, which will be held at the New York Hilton Midtown Hotel, New York City, New York, Saturday, October 17, 2026, at 10:00 AM, EDT.

For more information and for schedule of events, please go to:

archons.org/archonweekend

We look forward to seeing you at the meeting.

Very truly yours,

Gus M. Pablecas, *Archon Ostiarios*
National Secretary
Archons of the Ecumenical Patriarchate

Committee to Recommend New Archons

Submitted by
Constantine G. Caras, Esq., Chair
Michael D. Camarinos, Esq., Vice Chair

As early as 1,000 years ago, the Ecumenical Patriarch of Constantinople honored those who demonstrated exceptional zeal and devotion for the common good and extraordinary beneficial service to the Church with the offikion of Archon. The sacred offikion of Archon is the oldest and most prestigious honor that can be bestowed upon a layman in Christendom. This honor is not simply a recognition of past accomplishments, but a solemn responsibility before God to serve His Holy Church and protect and defend the Holy Mother Church of Constantinople. In turn, a new Archon renews his commitment to his fellow man, to the mission of the Great Church, and to the future of faith.

This tradition continues to this day. The role of the Committee to Recommend New Archons (also known as the "Archon Selection Committee") is to review and recommend candidates worthy of investiture as Archons of the Ecumenical Patriarchate, as part of the national selection process of the Order, for the final consideration and approval of His All-Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew. Investiture as an Archon is necessary for admission to the Order.

The members of the Committee are Dr. Anthony J. Limberakis, National Commander; The Hon. B. Theodore Bozonelis, National Vice Commander; Gus M. Pablecas, National Secretary; John G. Manos, National Treasurer; Peter Kakoyiannis, Esq., Legal Counselor; Alexander Pritsos, Sergeant at Arms; John S. Zavitsanos, Esq.; Constantine G. Caras, Esq.; and Michael D. Camarinos, Esq.

The protocol for the selection of new Archons is as follows. Once a year, the National Commander invites members of the Order of Saint Andrew the Apostle, Archons of the Ecumenical Patriarchate, to identify worthy candidates to serve the Ecumenical Patriarchate. The process begins with a nomination by an Archon of the Ecumenical Patriarchate, together with the required endorsement of another Archon. Credentials Forms are available online. Candidates then submit their completed Credentials Forms and supporting materials through the online portal. In addition to biographical information, candidates are asked to describe their service to the Church and answer questions evidencing their desire to become Archons. Input from the candidate's Regional Commander and parish priest is requested and considered as part of the Committee's review. The Committee weighs heavily the answers to these questions and the supporting statements submitted by the Archons nominating and endorsing the candidates. After carefully weighing the credentials of each candidate, the Committee reports its recommendations through the national selection process of the Order for the final consideration and approval of His All-Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew.

As stated in the Bylaws, candidates must demonstrate themselves to be as follows:

> *"Defenders of the Orthodox Faith; exemplary Orthodox Christian Stewards offering their time, talents and treasures to the Mother Church of the Ecumenical Patriarchate and the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America or other Orthodox Dioceses under the jurisdiction of the Ecumenical Patriarchate; well respected by their fellow citizens and known for their high degree of dignity, morality and upright character; and proclaim, support, participate and practice in the educational and philanthropic activities, as well as the liturgical and sacramental life of their local Orthodox Parishes."*

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

This year, 47 worthy Orthodox faithful were thus selected. Their names and all relevant information were then submitted to the Ecumenical Patriarch through the Exarch, who now, on behalf of His All-Holiness, confers upon them the Offikion of Archon of the Great Church of Christ in Constantinople.

The 47 new Archons are as follow:

Paul H. Athens, Depoutatos

Spiros Peter Beckas, Maistor

George G. Bellios, DMD, Kastrinsios

Ivan Belya, Th.D, Chartoularios

Christopher Steven Canellos, Skevophylax

Charles Capetanakis, Esq., Dikaiophylax

Constantine T. Dalson, Hymnodos

Petros Gikurias, Referendarios

George Michael Gines, Hypomnematographos

James Edward Gore, MD, Aktouarios

Mark T. Hudoff, Chartophylax

Hon. Michael Huffington, Referendarios

Todor Jeliaskov, Laosynaktis

Christ Kanellakis, Notarios

Dimitri Nikitas Kessaris, MD, Aktouarios

James John Klemes, Ostiarios

Anthony James Lalikos, Orphanotrophos

Charles Thomas Lelon, Didaskalos Tou Genous

Constantine Demetrios Liollio, Architekton

Theodore Christos Livanos, Exarchos

Nickolas J. Lorentzatos, Esq., Nomophylax

Loukas Loukopoulos, Depoutatos

Paul J. Lountzis, Quaestor

Dean James Marousis, Laosynaktis

John Mercuris, Eutaxias

Stephen J. Miller, Ritor

Steven Aristotle Mirones, Protonotarios

Theodore T. Pappas, Architekton

Peter Parthenis, Jr., Diermeneutis

John Dimitrios Passalaris, MD, Aktouarios

Peter Alexander Patsavas, DDS, Ostiarios

Gen. Andrew Peter Poppas (U.S. Army, Retired), Referendarios

Ernest Stephen Rafailides, Esq., Nomodotis

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George Stavro Soussou, Esq., Hypomimneskon

Michael A. Syrengelas, Kastrinsios

Apostolos Tassiopoulos, MD, Ritor

George Tenedios, Referendarios

Nicholas Theodore, MD, Eutaxias

Frank N. Tsamoutales, Laosynaktis

Evangelos S. Tsivicos, Chartophylax

Constandinos V. Tsourakis, Skevophylax

John Harry Vratsinas, Skevophylax

Harry James Wilson, Chartoularios

David C. Wittig, Depoutatos

Emmanuel E. Zervos, MD, Ostiarios

Aristotle Zervoudis, Quaestor

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Submitted by
John Zavitsanos

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Our sacred Mission to defend the Mother Church

September 9, 2026

Dear Brother Archon,

Every morning in the Phanar, before the city around it stirs, the gates of the Ecumenical Patriarchate open. They have opened this way for seventeen centuries — through empire and occupation, through fire and expropriation, through every season of hostility that history has devised. They open because someone keeps them open. They open because the Mother Church endures, and the Mother Church endures because men like you have refused to let her stand alone.

Today she does not stand alone, but she stands outnumbered. The Russian Orthodox Church and the Turkish government together spend hundreds of millions of dollars each year to diminish, delegitimize, and misrepresent the Ecumenical Patriarchate — a coordinated campaign of pressure and misinformation waged on every continent. Against those hundreds of millions, we field $3.3mm. That brothers is the razor thin budget of 2026.

Amidst threats, bombings, oppression and the historical killing of our bishops over the years, who is now entrusted with the solemn responsibility of protecting the Mother Church?

You

Against the machinery of two governments, we field roughly seven hundred men — the Archons of the Ecumenical Patriarchate, the only organization on earth dedicated to the protection of the Mother Church. You have been hand selected to make the Ecumenical Patriarchate one of the highest priorities in your life. That priority is realized through time, talent AND treasure.

That arithmetic should sober us. It should also clarify us. We will never outspend our adversaries, and we do not need to. What we need is for every one of us to carry his share of the watch — fully, faithfully, and without interruption.

Here is what that share looks like. Our annual operating budget of $3.3 million, divided across the year, comes to approximately $4,000 a day. Four thousand dollars keeps the lights on, the mission funded, and the truth told — for one day. And so I am asking you to do something both simple and profound:

Sponsor one or more days of the defense of the Mother Church.

One Archon. One day. $4,000.

If each of our seven hundred brothers claims a day, we do not merely meet our budget — we transform it from an annual anxiety into a standing vigil, a calendar on which every day belongs to someone, and no day goes unguarded.

To make this commitment as painless as it is meaningful, we ask that you pledge your day in twelve equal monthly installments of $333.33, charged to your credit card. Monthly giving gives the Order what our adversaries have always had and we have not: predictable resources, month after month, that allow us to plan, act, and respond rather than merely react. Your pledge will renew automatically each year, so that your day of the vigil remains yours — unbroken, year after year — until you choose otherwise. You may adjust or cancel it at any time with a single call or email.

One housekeeping matter, and an important one. Earlier this year, the Order transitioned its credit card processing from Network for Good to a new provider, Bloomerang. Because of this change, every Archon who had a recurring monthly payment in place must re-enter his card information — the old pledges did not carry over, and a number of our brothers' faithful commitments are currently sitting idle for no reason other than this technicality. If that includes you, the remedy takes 2 minutes: simply call Leah Kats at (212) 774-0550, and she will take your card information over the phone and restore your pledge on the spot. Do not let a change of vendors interrupt a vigil you have already chosen to keep.

Brothers, we were not invested with the Cross of St. Andrew for the honor alone. We were invested for the obligation — to be Defenders of the Faith not in title but in fact. Governments measure their commitment in hundreds of millions. Let each of us measure ours in something they cannot buy: a single day, freely given, standing watch at the gates of the Phanar.

Claim your day. I will be proud to see your name on the list of sponsors beside mine.

In service to the Mother Church,



John Zavitsanos
Archon Ekdikos

P.s. To the Archon class, of 2025, we remain optimistic that 100% of you will become sponsors. Waiting.....

The Annual Exarch's Appeal

With the extraordinary accomplishments and undertakings of the Archons, it now costs over $2,000,000 a year to operate our religious freedom mission.

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Nominating Committee

Submitted and Prepared by
Gus M. Pablecas
Archon Ostiarios
National Secretary

ANNUAL REPORT

2026 NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

Submitted & Prepared by:

Gus (Kosmas) M. Pablecas, *Archon Ostiarios,* National Secretary

DATE: **National Council Meeting –October 16, 2026**
Annual Meeting – October 17, 2026

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

1. Nominating Committee

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

THE COMMITTEE PRESENTS THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS OF THE ORDER, WHO HAVE EXPRESSED THEIR WILLINGNESS TO SERVE AS MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR THE:

THREE YEAR TERM 2027– 2029

Constantine C. Caras, Esq.
John Fotopoulos, Ph.D.
John G. Gumas
Peter Kakoyiannis, Esq.
John G. Manos
Gus (Kosmas) M. Pablecas
Alexander Pritsos
Michael G. Psaros

REMAINING NATIONAL COUNCIL MEMBERS AND TERMS ARE:

TWO YEAR TERM, 2027 – 2028

Hon. B. Theodore Bozonelis
Michael D. Camarinos, Esq.
John A. Catsimatidis
John S. Koudounis
Nikiforos Mathews, Esq.
George E. Safiol
Peter J. Skeadas
Stephen J. Yallourakis, MD, DDS

AND

ONE YEAR TERM, 2027

Anthony C. Limberakis (fulfilling term of Thomas S. Cappas, Esq., now emeritus)
Chris E. Tsamutalis, CPA
Carl R. Hollister
Nicholas G. Loutsion, VMD
Franklin (Rocky) G. Sisson
William J. Spell
George A. Tsougarakis, Esq.
John Zavitsanos, Esq.

Bylaws Committee

Submitted by
Hon. B. Theodore Bozonelis

Please take notice that the below revised amendments to the bylaws will be proposed for approval at the October 17, 2026 Annual Meeting of the Archons of the Ecumenical Patriarchate/Order of Saint Andrew the Apostle.

The current bylaws are set forth at length for review at: **archons.org/bylaws**

The proposed revised bylaw amendments, with explanations, and followed by the proposed amended text :

EXPLANATIONS

Article II 4 now requires the approval and consent of the Ecumenical Patriarch on expulsion

Article V 4 now requires approval from the Executive Committee prior to notice of removal for failure to attend meetings, and it also deletes repetitive language on expulsion covered under Article II 4.

Article V 8 now only requires up to 6 meetings of the National Council rather than at least 6,

Article VI now states that the Sergeant at Arms and Legal Counselor are officers ex officio by virtue of their positions, adds to the Functionaries a Documentarian, and further that:

The appointment of the National Commander now states that he is appointed by the Ecumenical Patriarch, and after the appointment of Dr. Limberakis, his successors are subject to a term limit of 4 years and he may receive an additional term at the discretion of the Ecumenical Patriarch, the length of which is subject to the Ecumenical Patriarch. These changes comport with the direction given by His All-Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew.

Article VII 10 adds the Documentarian as a Functionary

Article VII 11 again clarifies the role of Sergeant At Arms and Legal Counselor as officers ex officio who attend all the meetings by their roles but would not be voting as voting is by the four National officers.

Article IX 3—refines the language of the Committee to Elect New Archons, with the role of the Metropolitans to be consulted without any administrative review or authority by them, and sets the course of final approval by the Ecumenical Patriarch.These changes comport with the direction of His All-Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew

Article XII states amendments to the bylaws now require approval of the Ecumenical Patriarch.

The proposed amended text:

ARTICLE II

4. Expulsion

he National Council (as hereinafter defined), by a vote of two thirds (⅔'s) among those present and voting and with the approval and consent of the Ecumenical Patriarch is hereby empowered to remove from its membership rolls or, depending upon the degree of the transgression, impose lesser sanctions, any Member of the Order who has conducted himself in a manner inconsistent with the principles and objectives of the Order and has deliberately violated these Bylaws or has brought disrepute to the Order; provided, however, that prior to a final determination by the National Council, such Member is afforded an opportunity to appear either in person or by virtual video or by certified mail or by overnight delivery before the National Council and rebut any and all accusations made against him. (Amended Oct. 27th, 2007; Oct. 27th, 2018, October 8, 2022, and October 17, 2026)

ARTICLE V

4. Removal

A member who, without excuse or fair cause or by reason of permanent disability, does not attend three (3) consecutive meetings of the National Council, shall be presumed to have resigned from his office. In such event, the National Secretary, after receiving written approval from the Executive Committee, shall by written notice delivered to such member, advise him of such presumption, which shall be deemed irrefutable and conclusive unless, within ten (10) days following receipt of the notice, the offending member presents to the National Commander written representations regarding his absences and requests reinstatement. The National Commander shall, thereupon, present such representations at the next meeting of the National Council, which shall then make a final decision by majority vote of those present and voting. Amended (October 17, 2026)

To be Deleted:

XXX—Furthermore, the National Council may, by a unanimous vote of those present and voting and with the approval of the Exarch, remove any of its members who, in the opinion of the Council, is determined to have brought disrepute to the Order, have acted in a manner inconsistent with the principles and objectives of the Order and has deliberately violated these Bylaws; provided, however, that prior to such vote, the accused member is given an opportunity to appear before the National Council for the purpose of rebutting any and all accusations made against him.XXX

8. Place, Time and Notice of Meetings

The National Council shall hold its meetings at such place and time as the National Commander may, from time to time, designate. There shall be up to six (6) regular meetings each year. Special meetings may be called by the National Commander or by the written request of a majority of the National Council members.

Written notice of regular meetings shall be sent by first class mail or by fax or email signed by the National Commander or by the National Secretary, not later than seven (7) working days before the date of the meeting. Notice of a special meeting may be given by letter, fax, email or telephone, not later than three (3) working days before the meeting. "In the event the exigencies of the moment require immediate action, the National Commander is empowered to call an emergency meeting of the National Council under such circumstances pertaining to notice for the meeting as the National Commander may, in the exercise of his sound discretion, consider appropriate or necessary. In such event, Council Members may appear and participate in the meeting by way of teleconferencing." Amended (Oct. 21st, 2008, and October 17, 2026)

ARTICLE VI

The officers of the Order shall be the National Commander, the National Vice Commander, the National Treasurer, the National Secretary, and the Sergeant at Arms and the Legal Counselor as officers ex officio, and the Functionaries shall be the Assistant Treasurer, Deputy Legal Counselor, Historian, and Documentarian.

The National Commander shall be appointed by the Ecumenical Patriarch. Following the appointment of National Commander Anthony J. Limberakis, M.D., his appointed successors shall serve a four year term and at the discretion of the Ecumenical Patriarch, he may be appointed to an additional term the length of which shall be determined by the Ecumenical Patriarch.

The remaining officers shall be elected by the National Council at its next regular meeting following the Annual Meeting of the Members of the Order and shall serve for a period of one (1) year or until their successors shall have been elected and qualified. At the same meeting, the National Council shall elect an Assistant Treasurer, Deputy Legal Counselor, Historian and Documentarian who shall serve for a period of one (1) year or until their successors shall have been elected and qualified. Amended (October 27th, 2007, October 31, 2009 and October 19, 2024, and October 17, 2026)

ARTICLE VII

Functionaries

7. Assistant Treasurer

The Assistant Treasurer shall assist the Treasurer in his duties and perform the same in his absence. He will be responsible for the preparation of accrual basis financial statements and schedules with appropriate footnote disclosures. The Assistant Treasurer must be an Archon but not necessarily a member of the National Council. Amended (October 31, 2009, October 19, 2024)

8. Deputy Legal Counselor

The Deputy Legal Counselor shall assist the Legal Counselor in his duties and perform the same in his absence. The Deputy Legal Counselor must be an attorney licensed to practice in one or more States in the United States who remains in good standing at all times. He must be an Archon, but not necessarily a member of the National Council. He shall discharge his duties pro bono. Amended (October 19, 2024)

9. Historian

The Historian shall advise the National Council and the Members of the Order on the advisability of publishing materials or sponsoring events consistent with the historical integrity of the Order and, when requested, shall undertake the responsibility of implementing those recommendations. The Historian shall be a scholar who specializes in Orthodox Church and Byzantine history. The Historian must be an Archon, but not necessarily a member of the National Council.

10. Documentarian

The Documentarian shall supervise the creation, organization, maintenance and security of the records, mission initiatives, and photographic and video documentation for the Order's archives, consistent with contemporary data, information and intellectual programming applications available. Amended (October 17, 2026)

Executive Committee

11. Executive Committee

The officers of the National Council shall constitute the Executive Committee. Between meetings of the National Council, the Executive Committee shall have general charge and supervision of the affairs of the Order. During such periods, the National Commander may, at his discretion and as needs might require, convene the Executive Committee for the purpose of considering, approving and carrying out, for the benefit and best interests of the Order, such actions as the exigencies of the moment might dictate. Decisions of the Executive Committee shall be made by majority vote of the original National Officers, that is the National Commander, National Vice Commander, National Treasurer and National Secretary. The Sergeant At Arms and Legal Counselor as officers ex officio shall participate in the Executive Committee meetings to offer advice and guidance consistent within their respective roles as set forth in the within bylaws.

The National Commander shall report all activities and interim decisions of the Executive Committee at the next meeting of the National Council. Amended (Oct. 27th, 2018) Amended to numerical listings 1-11 (October 19, 2024, and October 17, 2026)

ARTICLE IX 3

3. Committee to Recommend New Archons

Following the Annual Meeting of the Order, a Committee shall be appointed to screen, investigate, consider, and review candidates for investiture as Archons of the Ecumenical Patriarchate. After consulting with the local Metropolitans, without their exercising any administrative review or authority, the Committee shall recommend to the National Council, the approved candidates for investiture as Archons of the Ecumenical Patriarchate. Thereafter the final list of approved candidates shall be transmitted to the Ecumenical Patriarch for His final approval of each candidate with the grant of Offikia. An application for consideration by the Committee must be endorsed by two Archons of the Order and the Committee must be further fully satisfied that each candidate possesses the following qualifications: ……etc , at the end add: Amended (October 17, 2026)

ARTICLE XII Article 12: Amendments

Subject to the prior approval by mail, email. or message by the Ecumenical Patriarch, these Bylaws may be amended by the vote of two-thirds of all Members attending a regularly called General or Specially called meeting of the Order; provided, however, that the text of each proposed amendment shall be mailed, by first class mail, or emailed, to each Member of the Order, not later than fifteen (15) days before the convening of such meeting. Amended (October 8, 2022, and October 17, 2026)

Grants Committee

Submitted by
Gus M. Pablecas, Chair

The Order of Saint Andrew the Apostle / Archons of the Ecumenical Patriarchate received the following requests for financial assistance since October 2025:

1. **REQUEST:** January 2026, total $5,000 donation made to Dormition Southampton for the funding request of two students at $2500 per student, i.e., Athanasia Grigoriadou and Spyridon Chasapis.

   ACTION: Approval as part of a motion passed by the National Council;

2. **REQUEST:** April 2026. Request from Ms. Gabriella Linares, SPOCS (internet search found acronym as "St Philip Orthodox Christian School") Fundraising Coordinator. The SPOCS organization serves 17 students across grades K–12 providing individualized attention, helping each child thrive academically while strengthening their relationship with God. Their mission is centered on educating the next generation while keeping deeply rooted in their faith and values.

   SPOCS is working toward establishing a private Orthodox Christian preschool alongside their current program. They were requesting financial support.

   ACTION: Denied. After careful consideration, consistent with Archon guidelines, providing financial support falls outside the mission of the Archon.

3. **REQUEST:** August 15, 2026, Request made by Lyubomir Mechev Founder & Executive Director, and Hristina Jensen Co-Founder & Chairwoman, Camino Bulgaria, for assistance in collaborating with the Archons of the Ecumenical Patriarchate to develop several pilgrimage routes across southeastern Bulgaria, connecting them with Romania and Central Europe, and one day establish a continuous Orthodox pilgrimage route leading toward Santiago de Compostela—a symbolic bridge between the Christian East and West. The desire is for Europe to be internationally recognized this Orthodox pilgrimage route that can stand alongside the great Western pilgrimage traditions while revealing the richness of Eastern Christianity.

   ACTION: Denied. After careful review, any meaningful expansion beyond our current duties and defined mission of the Archons would be difficult to undertake and sustain and currently not in a position to establish the type of formal collaborative relationship envisioned by the Camino Bulgaria.

Spirituality Committee

Submitted by
Peter J. Skeadas, Chair

The Order of St. Andrew, under the distinguished leadership of National Commander Dr. Anthony J. Limberakis, offered the John Halecky, Jr. 22nd Annual National Archon National Archon Lenten Retreat for the first time in 3 locations in 2026: the first at St. Photios National Shrine and Holy Trinity Church in St. Augustine, FL coordinated by Archon Carl Hollister, the second at St. Anthony Church in Pasadena, CA coordinated by Archons Hon. Steven Counelis, Gerry Ranglas and Ted Konopisos, and the third at the Dormition of the Virgin Mary Cathedral in Southampton, NY coordinated by Co-Chair Michael Psaros and Chair Peter Skeadas. Rev. Fr. Constantine Lazarakis served as Retreat Master for the Lenten Retreat in Southampton. Fr. Constantine serves the Greek Orthodox Church for over 22 years, 16 of those years in the Southampton community at the Kimisis Tis Theotokou Cathedral. Fr. Constantine presented his 3 session program with theme Faithfulness, Humility and Courage:The Intersection of Crucial Virtues. Archons met on March 20-21, 2026 at the Dormition of the Virgin Mary Cathedral of the Hamptons and welcomed by the gracious Kimisis community led by the Order's Spiritual Advisor, Grand Protopresbyter Rev. Fr. Alex Karloutsos and Fr. Constantine Lazarakis. The Archon Lenten Retreat provides a period of tranquility, connectivity, illumination and deep prayer, offering an opportunity for intellectual as well as spiritual advancement to renew, to fast, to pray and to make offerings.









Archon Stephanos G. Trakas Speaks Out for the Ecumenical Patriarchate at OSCE Conference in Warsaw

At the annual Warsaw Human Dimension Conference of the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE) on Wednesday, October 7, 2026, Archon Stephanos (Steve) G. Trakas, Archon Hartoularios, spoke forcefully about how the Christian population of Turkey is facing elimination while the world stands idly by.

Archon Trakas spoke at the third Plenary Session, which was entitled "Fundamental Freedoms not Humanitarian issues." In those remarks, Archon Trakas asked a poignant question: "Will future generations remember our era as one that protected humanity's sacred heritage and religious freedoms?"

He spoke particularly about "two issues of profound importance to the Ecumenical Patriarchate": the conversion of Hagia Sophia to a mosque in 2020, and the continuing closure of the Theological School of Halki. "This year," Archon Trakas noted, "marks the sixth anniversary of the conversion of Hagia Sophia from a museum into a mosque, a decision that deeply saddened millions of Orthodox Christians and people of goodwill around the world."

Archon Trakas stated that the conversion of Hagia Sophia from a museum to a mosque "generated concern worldwide among religious leaders, governments, historians, and international organizations." He concluded: "His All-Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew, Spiritual Leader of Orthodox Christians throughout the world, often reminds us that Hagia Sophia belongs to the entire world. Instead of uniting, a 1,500-year-old heritage is dividing us."

Turning to the issue of the Halki theological school, Archon Trakas stated that "the seminary served for more than a century as the principal institution for educating Orthodox clergy throughout the world. It was closed in 1971 following changes in Turkish higher education law that prohibited the operation of private religious institutions. Thus, depriving the Ecumenical Patriarchate of its principal institution for theological education and clergy formation."

Archon Trakas pointed out that “the reopening of Halki would represent a powerful affirmation of religious freedom and would demonstrate Turkey’s commitment to protecting the rights of religious minorities,” called upon members of the OSCE to: advocate for the reopening of Halki Theological School, as well as for the return of Hagia Sophia to unite the world.”

Like Archons Rocky Sisson and Hon. Steven Counelis before him, Archon Trakas also visited Auschwitz, the site of an infamous Nazi death camp during World War II, and a lasting monument of what can be the horrific result of the same intolerance he decried at the OSCE conference. Archon Trakas stated that being on the site of such horrors was a powerful experience, particularly when he saw the mass of hair shorn from the prisoners who were incarcerated there, many of whom were killed there: “Of all the rooms in Auschwitz, I could not bring myself to look at the hair, knowing it represented the lives of approximately 140,000 people. I felt as though I was disturbing their memory.”

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



Hagia Sophia and the Halki Theological Seminary: Symbols of Religious Freedom and Reconciliation

The Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe 2026
Human Dimension Implementation Meeting Warsaw, Poland
Plenary Session Fundamental Freedoms I

October 7, 2026
Presented on behalf of the Archons of the Ecumenical Patriarchate
Stephanos (Steve) Trakas
Archon Hartoularios

My name is Steve Trakas from the Order of St. Andrew the Apostle, Archon of the Ecumenical Patriarchate, Lay Leader of Greek Orthodox Christians throughout the world.

Will future generations remember our era as one that protected humanity's sacred heritage and religious freedoms?

I would like to address two issues of profound importance to the Ecumenical Patriarchate, the spiritual center of the world's 300 million Orthodox Christians.

This year marks the sixth anniversary of the conversion of Hagia Sophia from a museum into a mosque, a decision that deeply saddened millions of Orthodox Christians and people of goodwill around the world. Built in 537 AD, Hagia Sophia became the largest and most influential church in the Christian world and remained so for nearly a thousand years. Following the fall of Constantinople in 1453, it became a mosque and later, in 1935, was transformed into a museum, serving as a bridge between civilizations and a symbol of coexistence. Most recently, in 2020, following a ruling by Turkey's Council of State, Hagia Sophia's status was changed from a

museum to a mosque which generated concern worldwide among religious leaders, governments, historians, and international organizations.

His All-Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew, Spiritual Leader of Orthodox Christians throughout the world, often reminds us that Hagia Sophia belongs to the entire world. Instead of uniting, a 1,500-year-old heritage is dividing us.

Equally significant is the continued closure of the Halki Theological Seminary, located on the island of Halki near Istanbul. Founded in 1844, the seminary served for more than a century as the principal institution for educating Orthodox clergy throughout the world. It was closed in 1971 following changes in Turkish higher education law that prohibited the operation of private religious institutions. Thus, depriving the Ecumenical Patriarchate of its principal institution for theological education and clergy formation.

His All-Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew, himself a graduate of Halki, has consistently emphasized that reopening the school is not a political demand but a matter of fundamental religious liberty and institutional survival. Recent discussions between Turkish authorities and representatives of the Ecumenical Patriarchate have generated cautious optimism, with reports indicating that serious consideration is being given to a framework that could permit the school's reopening.

His All-Holiness has consistently spoken of Halki not with bitterness, but with hope. While he describes the continued closure "a great injustice", he affirms that the Mother Church of Constantinople has the right to maintain its own school of theology.

At the same time, he has expressed confidence that the long-awaited reopening can become a reality.

The reopening of Halki would represent a powerful affirmation of religious freedom and would demonstrate Turkey's commitment to protecting the rights of religious minorities.

We call upon members of the OSCE to:

Advocate for the reopening of Halki Theological School

Advocate for the return of Hagia Sophia to unite the world.

Thank you.

Defending Human Dignity and Religious Freedom

The Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe 2026
Human Dimension Implementation Meeting Warsaw, Poland
Plenary Session Tolerance and Non-discrimination I

October 8, 2026
Presented on behalf of the Archons of the Ecumenical Patriarchate
Stephanos (Steve) Trakas
Archon Hartoularios

My name is Steve Trakas from the Order of St. Andrew the Apostle, Archon of the Ecumenical Patriarchate, Lay Leader of Greek Orthodox Christians throughout the world.

Can genuine peace and stability exist where religious discrimination is tolerated?

History demonstrates that when the rights of religious minorities are diminished, the foundations of democracy, pluralism, and human dignity are weakened for everyone.

The Ecumenical Patriarchate of Constantinople, the spiritual center of the world's 300 million Orthodox Christians, has served for nearly seventeen centuries. Yet despite its historic role and international significance, it continues to face significant challenges.

Turkey has confiscated properties from the Ecumenical Patriarchate and the Greek Orthodox community including churches, schools, cemeteries, hospitals, and charitable institutions. These developments were linked to restrictions and declarations by the Turkish courts that severely affected the property rights of non-Muslim minorities, including Greek Orthodox, Armenian, and Jewish foundations.

Turkey must stop discriminating against these religious minorities and resolve outstanding property and governance issues for the historic institutions of the Ecumenical Patriarchate and the Greek Orthodox community.

Religious discrimination is also of grave concern in areas influenced by the Russian Orthodox Church and in territories affected by Russia's ongoing war against Ukraine. Numerous international human rights organizations have documented the destruction of hundreds of churches, monasteries, synagogues, mosques, and other religious sites, along with restrictions imposed on faith communities that are not aligned with the Moscow Patriarchate. United Nations human rights experts have emphasized that even during times of armed conflict, governments must ensure that measures taken in the name of national security do not undermine the fundamental right to freedom of religion and worship.

His All-Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew, Spiritual Leader of Orthodox Christians throughout the world, has consistently reminded the world that religious freedom is not a privilege granted by governments, but a fundamental human right rooted in the dignity of every person.

The Archons of the Ecumenical Patriarchate support constructive dialogue, mutual respect, and diplomatic engagement. We believe governments can strengthen social cohesion by ensuring equal treatment of all religious communities, protecting sacred sites, safeguarding minority rights, and fostering an environment where diversity is viewed as a strength rather than a threat.

As we look to the future, we call upon members of the OSCE to:

Advocate for Turkey to eliminate restrictions and the return of confiscated properties affecting religious minorities.

Advocate for the end of discrimination against religious minorities in Russia and in territories affected by Russia's ongoing war against Ukraine.

Thank you.

Submitted by:
Dr. Nicholas G. Loutsion, Chairman
Archon Aktouarios

Greg B. Saad, Co-Chairman
Archon Nomodotis

Prepared by:
Dr. Nicholas G. Loutsion
Archon Aktouarios

INTRODUCTION:

The ARCL Committee was originally given the mandate to better coordinate communication between all three levels of our Archon organization (National Council / Archon Regional Commanders / local Archon membership). This mandate, up to this point, has been accomplished through the Regional Commanders' attendance at the monthly National Council meetings either in person or by teleconference. This has provided the Regional Commanders with the opportunity to receive guidance from the National Council, as well as to disseminate information from the national level directly to the local Archon membership through their Regional Commanders. It also serves to bring the questions and concerns of the local Archons directly to the National Council. The ultimate goal is that every Archon in America will be involved, well informed, and

excited about their responsibility to share the message of the Order and ultimately of the Mother Church.

It was decided in late 2020 to resurrect the ARCL Quarterly Meetings. These meetings originally began in 2006 and ended in 2014 around the same time that the Regional Commanders were invited to join the National Council meetings to receive national updates directly. The idea behind resurrecting these meetings was to give the Regional Commanders a forum to discuss issues pertinent to their own specific work. This has given the ARCL Committee membership the ability to share ideas, develop strategies, and decide how best to put these ideas to work in the field. Below is a summary of the discussions that took place at our quarterly ARCL meetings this past year.

1. At each meeting, the Regional Commanders update the committee on their upcoming proposed activities for 2025-26. (See individual Regional Commander Reports.)
2. Regional Commanders discussed their participation in the implementation of the "Key Performance Indicator Survey" as directed by the National Council. Twenty-eight responses have been received to date.
3. A National Map outlining the regions covered by each Regional Commander was discussed, developed, and placed on the Archon website under the Regional Commander Section.
4. Archon Sunday annual standardized presentations were presented and discussed.
5. The Archon Sprout Program was presented and discussed.
6. Discussion on the protocol for Regional Commanders to obtain prior approval of proposed Archon activities.
7. Discussions on the Archon nomination procedure and recommendations for 2026.
    a. Archon Recruitment and Credentialing discussion led by Archon National Secretary Kosmas Pablecas.
8. Discussed Regional Commanders' requirement to update the list of Archons in their region in January of each year from the list sent from the National Office.
9. Update RCs on the upcoming Biennial Clergy-Laity Congress in Cleveland, Ohio, and the Archon Reception.

ARCL Regional Commander News

1. Archon R.C. Emeritus John Scurtis Becomes First Recipient of the Dr. Anthony G. B. Borden Regional Commander Award for Distinguished Diakonia. AXIOS!

2. This year we welcomed three new Regional Commanders:
   Archon R.C. James G. Lakerdas, Esq. (Chicago)
   Archon R.C. Constantine Mastorakis (Southern Florida)
   Archon R.C. Demetrios J. Ziozas (Archdiocesan District)

3. We thanked two Emeritus Regional Commanders for their many years of service to the Order:
   Archon R.C. John G. Manos (Chicago)
   Archon R.C. John C. Scurtis (South Florida)

4. We send our condolences to the families of our 9/11 hero Archon R.C. John Kassimatis (Archdiocesan District) and Regional Commander G. Thomas Yearout (Metropolis of Atlanta), of blessed memory.

Regional Commander Reports

Direct Archdiocesan District

Submitted by
Regional Commanders
Nikiforos Mathews
Michael Neamonitakis
James Ziozis



Archon John Kassimatis takes the lead in presenting on issues of importance to the Ecumenical Patriarchate and the mission of the Order on National Archon Sunday at Saint Paul Cathedral in Hempstead, NY.

Archons of the District participated in "National Archon Sunday", presenting on issues of importance to the Ecumenical Patriarchate and the mission of the Order to over 25 parishes. The Order's members also coordinated with parish youth directors to teach the "Sprout" Sunday School curriculum to Sunday Schools in the District as well as two day schools reaching over 1500 children.

The District was represented at the John Halecky, Jr. Twenty-Second Annual Lenten Retreat (East Coast), held at the Dormition of the Virgin Mary Orthodox Christian Church in Southampton, NY.

Regional Commanders of the District took a leading role in organizing the Greek Jersey Night at Yankee Stadium, which over 2500 Greek-Americans from the District attended.

Regional Commanders of the District planned and executed a presentation to the Holy Cross College seminarians, educating them on religious freedom issues.

Members of the District assisted with a special tribute concert honoring His All-Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew at Holy Resurrection Brookville.

The District will be represented at the Order's events planned for Archon weekend, including the presentation of the Athenagoras Human Rights Award to this year's recipient.

After many years of devoted service, Archon Regional Commander John Kassimatis fell asleep in the Lord. His commanding presence and unwavering commitment to the Mother Church will be profoundly missed. He was replaced as Regional Commander by Archon James Ziozis.

Metropolis of Boston

Submitted by
Regional Commanders
James Speros
Costa Sideridis



The Honorable Consul General of Greece in Boston, Symeon Tegos and his family featured with President Rev. Fr. Michael Lambakis of HCHC and others at the Maliotis Cultural Center.

- Participated in a Pan Orthodox celebration of the Sunday of Orthodoxy at the Saint Catherine Greek Orthodox Church in Braintree, MA. 14 hierarchs attended including Archbishop Elpidophoros, Metropolitan Methodios and the Archbishop of Albania.
- Successfully established the very first Archon Sunday in Canada coincident with the U.S. and leveraged existing content.
- Established 60th anniversary logo working with John Mindala and the Communications Committee.
- Established a quarterly learning series called, "Faith in Focus." The first session featured distinguished Professor, Dr.John Fotopoulos on the establishment of the date of Pascha.
- Leveraged an article by Dr. Dimopoulos on the topic of "Why We Can't Move the Ecumenical Patriarchate Out of Constantinople" and permanently placed it on Archons.org. Significantly expanded coverage with its placement in Public Orthodoxy.
- Regional Commander Costa Sideridis served as the 2026 Grand Marshall of Boston's Greek Independence Day Parade.
- Provided guidance to the Archdiocesan District in putting together their first "Greek Night" at Yankee Stadium. An estimated 2000+ Greeks attended with Archbishop Elpidophoros throwing out the first pitch.
- Attended the Archon Annual Lenten Retreat in the Hamptons.
- Represented the Archons at a farewell gathering at HCHC to honor the Consul General of Greece.
- Regional Commander James Speros delivered a talk at the "Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew Colloquium, 35 Years of Ministry."

Metropolis of Denver

Submitted by
Regional Commander
Dr. Gregory G. Papadeas



Denver Metropolis Archons gather for 2026 Paschal Divine Liturgy

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Saturday August 30, 2025 Metropolis of San Francisco YAL Conference: Archon Hon. Steven Counelis with the support of Archon Dr. Gregory Papadeas presented an update on the Pilgrimage of Discovery to over 180 young adults, the "emerging leaders" of our Faith and Church.

October 17–19, 2025 New York City, N.Y.: Archons from throughout the Denver Metropolis attend Archon weekend.

Sunday November 23, 2025 Denver, Colorado: Archons of the Order of St. Andrew hosted "coffee hour" at the Assumption of the Theotokos Cathedral in recognition of the St. Andrew Feastday.

Sunday March 1, 2026 at the Assumption Cathedral of the Theotokos, Denver, Colorado: On the Sunday of Orthodoxy, many Archons gathered and led the procession of the icons around the church to celebrate the triumph of Orthodoxy and the restoration of icons in the Holy Greek Orthodox church!

Sunday April 12, 2026 at the Assumption Cathedral of the Theotokos, Denver, Colorado: At the midnight service, many Archons gathered on the solea to receive the light from Metropolitan Constantine in solidarity supporting the Ecumenical Patriarch and Ecumenical Patriarchate.

June 30th – July 2, 2026 Clergy-Laity Congress Cleveland, Ohio: Many Archons from across the Archdiocese attended the Congress.

June 30th, Archon Reception Clergy-Laity Congress Cleveland, Ohio: Many Archons from the Denver Metropolis attended the Archon Reception.

Metropolis of Detroit

Submitted by
Regional Commander
Lazaros Kircos

Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew Foundation

Metropolis of Detroit Founders

1. Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Cathedral
Carmel, IN

2. Nativity of the Virgin Mary Church
Plymouth, MI

3. Saint George Church
Southgate, MI

4. AHEPA Omega Chapter 371,
Detroit, MI

5. Many Individuals

Slides used at the October 2025 Metropolis of Detroit Clergy Laity Conference.

Presentation at Metropolis of Detroit Clergy-Laity Congress. This included information about the Archons, the five issues, the POD, the Sprout Program and the EPBF. Slides are submitted with this report.

Participation of the Archons as accompanying Metropolitan Nicholas of Detroit in leading the Greek Independance Day parade held on May 3rd in Downtown Detroit Greek district.

Metropolis of Detroit

Submitted by
Regional Commander
Brock Martin

This was my first year serving as Regional Commander. I continue to work on determining how best to effectively impact the region from such a remote location: Little Rock is 878 miles from our Metropolis's main cathedral, 151 miles from the nearest parish in our Metropolis (Memphis), and 1,266 miles from the furthest parish.

I remain deeply passionate about my role as R.C. This year I addressed my home parish on Archon Sunday, and the message was very well received by the parish assembly. Since then, I have received requests for more in-depth discussion, and I hope to arrange an evening with the Archons where we can take a deeper dive into the issues facing the Patriarchate.

At this year's L100 event in Scottsdale, I met with my fellow Regional Commander, Lou Kirkos, and we discussed plans for a larger Archon gathering in Detroit, home to the largest contingent of Archons in our region. This event remains in the planning stages.

I have also met with our parish's Sunday School Director to discuss the SPROUT program, and I am hopeful that many facets of this program will be incorporated into our Sunday School curriculum.

Finally, my wife and I fulfilled our Founder's commitment this year.

Metropolis of Atlanta

Submitted by
Regional Commander Emeritus
Harry T. Cavalaris



The University of North Carolina Asheville Archon Steve and Frosene Zeis Honorary Degreef Ceremony attendees: Left to Right: Metropolitan Savastano's of Atlanta, University of North Carolina Ashville Chancellor Kimberly van Noort, Center Archon Steve and Frosene Zeis, Joanna and Archon James Cavalaris. Not Pictured Archon Harry Cavalaris

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1. 11/7/2025 Friday, Participated in Retirement Dinner of Metropolitan Alexios of Atlanta and the Metropolis Archangel Michael Honors Banquet and Hierarchical church services at Annunciation Cathedral in Atlanta on Sunday.
2. 11/30/2025 Sunday Participated in the celebration of 1700 anniversary of First council of Nicaea and feast of St. Andrew the Apostle with Pope Leo XIV and Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew I
3. 5/9/2025 Saturday attended the University of North Carolina Asheville awarding Archon Steve and Frosene Zeis with honorary degrees. Attendees: Metropolitan Savastano's of Atlanta, Archon James and Joanna Cavalaris., Archon Harry Cavalaris
4. 6/6/2026 Saturday Attended Silver Jubilee His Eminence Metropolitan Tarasios of Rhodopolis Primate and Exarch of Lazica (Former Metropolitan of Buenos Ares)
5. 6/023/2026 Tuesday Attended Funeral Regional Commander G. Thomas Yearout of Alabama, Mississippi & Louisiana), held at Holy Trinity-Holy Cross Greek Orthodox Cathedral Birmingham, Alabama
6. 6/30-7/3/2026 Attended Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America 2026 Clergy-Laity Congress in Cleveland, Ohio
7. Attend Order of St. Andrew Weekend New Hork New York October 2026

Metropolis of Atlanta

Submitted by
Regional Commander
Dino Mastorakis



From Left to right Contessa Mastorakis, Evan Scurtis, Emeritus RC John Scurtis, RC Dino Mastorakis

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On Archon Sunday, the Archons of South Florida celebrated the Feast of St. Andrew in parishes throughout the region. Presentations focused on religious freedom, the role and mission of an Archon, and the challenges facing His All-Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew and the Ecumenical Patriarchate.

Archons also introduced the Ecumenical Patriarchate Educational Lessons, known as the Sprout Program, which has been mandated by His Eminence Archbishop Elpidophoros for Sunday Schools to educate young Greek Orthodox Christians about the Ecumenical Patriarchate and its five key areas of concern.

In March, South Florida Archons hosted a Lenten Retreat at the St. Photios National Shrine and Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church in St. Augustine. We thank newly appointed Shrine Director, Archon Carl Hollister, for organizing this successful retreat, which was attended by Archons from South Florida, neighboring regions, and national leadership. The retreat was led by Fr. Nicholas Anton. Many participants visited the Shrine for the first time and were inspired by its history and beauty. Archon Hollister is already planning the 2027 retreat in St. Augustine, and we encourage all Archons to join us.

In May, a fellowship luncheon was held in Boca Raton to bid farewell to Archon Dr. Harry Dimopoulos, who is relocating to Pennsylvania, honor Regional Commander Emeritus Archon John Scurtis, and welcome Archon Dino Mastorakis as the new Regional Commander of South Florida.

Metropolis of Atlanta

Submitted by
Regional Commander
Theodore P. Vlahos MD



Event chairman and host Regional Commander Dr. Theodore P. Vlahos and presenter Alex Billinis, Clemson University lecturer.

Archons of the Tampa Bay area hosted a dinner for His Eminence Archbishop Elpidophoros, Metropolitan Sevastianos and area clergy and Archons during the annual Epiphany celebration in Tarpon Springs. We also helped plan, sponsor, and attend the first annual Archon Lenten Retreat in the Southeast held in St. Augustine, FL at the St. Photios National Shrine. This was well attended by many Archons from throughout the Metropolis of Atlanta as well as throughout the nation. The success of this event has been noted by the National Council and with their blessing will become an annual event.

Our annual Religious Freedom event featured a stirring presentation by Clemson Professor Alex Billinis on the 1955 Pogrom of Constantinople and its lasting effects on the Greek Orthodox community and the Ecumenical Patriarchate. Area Archons have remained very active chairing and participating on various Engagement committees and the EPBF.

Metropolis of Atlanta

Submitted by
Regional Commander
Gregory B. Saad



Honoring Archbishop Elpidophoros and Metropolitan Sevastianos. Galerie de Galatoire, New Orleans, January 17, 2026. Occasion - Annual Greek Dance Festival, Metropolis of Atlanta

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Greetings from the Brother Archons of Alabama, Mississippi, and Louisiana.

Dinner Honoring Our Hierarchs. On January 17, 2026, our Archons hosted a dinner at Galerie de Galatoire in New Orleans honoring His Eminence Archbishop Elpidophoros of America and His Eminence Metropolitan Sevastianos of Atlanta, during the Hellenic Dance Festival. Fifty-three guests attended. To have both hierarchs at table was a wonderful blessing for all.

Archon Sunday. Our brothers presented on the Ecumenical Patriarchate and the work of the Order in their own parishes, our most effective means of building support for the Mother Church.

Archon Sprout. Our Archons encouraged their parishes and Sunday School teachers to use the Sprout lesson plans and materials.

Pilgrimage of Discovery. Our Archons carried word of the Pilgrimage to our priests and youth directors. Our pilgrims come home from Constantinople the most persuasive voices for the Mother Church.



Archon G. Thomas Yearout, Esq., Ekdikos. Our Regional Commander and brother Tommy Yearout fell asleep in the Lord on June 17, 2026. The Brother Archons gathered for his funeral at Holy Trinity-Holy Cross Cathedral in Birmingham, the parish he served his entire life. With the blessings of the Exarch and by action of the National Council, the Archon Memorial Cross was presented to Rhonda Yearout and the family by Regional Commander Gregory B. Saad, Nomodotis, and Archon Harry T. Cavalaris, Regional Commander Emeritus. Eternal be his memory.

Metropolis of Atlanta

Submitted by
Regional Commanders
Steve Trakas
Terry Sarantou
Frank Boardman



Archon Regional meeting at St. George Cathedral in Greenville, SC on July 26, 2026

Archon Sprout Sunday School Curriculum and Archon Sunday were delivered across the Carolinas. Dr. Helen Nixon supported several virtual meetings to provide instructions to the Youth and Sunday School Directors in the Carolinas.

Archons Dr. Terry Sarantou and Harry Cavalaris participated in the historic pilgrimage celebrating the 1700th anniversary of the First (325 AD) Ecumenical Council.

Archons from North and South Carolina attended regional business meetings hosted in Charlotte, NC on December 2025 at Holy Trinity Cathedral and in Greenville, SC on July 2026 at St. George Cathedral.

Archon Steve Trakas gave a presentation at the second annual South Carolina Religious Liberty Conference on the Ecumenical Patriarchate and the prophetic work by His All-Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew on protection of the natural environment.

Archons from the Carolinas attended the inaugural Lenten Retreat at St. Photios Shrine in St. Augustine Florida.

Archon presentations were presented each week on the Ecumenical Patriarchate and Pilgrimage of Discovery at St. Stephens Summer Camp at the Alexios Retreat Center in Salem, SC. Over 500 campers and youth advisors were in attendance over the 5-week program.

Seven worthy candidates were submitted for consideration for the Class of 2026.

Archon Frank Boardman's son Stavros participated in the Pilgrimage of Discovery class of 2026.

Archon Steve Trakas and his beloved wife Lena joined the FOUNDERS of the Bartholmew Foundation.

Metropolis of Pittsburgh

Submitted by
Regional Commanders
Nick Tranto
Nick Terezis



In early 2026, Archons from the Pittsburgh Metropolis area joined clergy, educators and school leaders at Saint Constantine School for a full-day educational program reaching 138 students. Professionally recorded presentations from the event now support the broader reach of the Ecumenical Patriarchate Global Educational Initiative.

Region 16 (Metropolis of Pittsburgh), led by Regional Commanders Nicholas J. Tranto and Nicholas E. Terezis, expanded Archon education, advocacy, youth engagement and regional participation. At the National Clergy-Laity Congress in Cleveland, we hosted the Archon Family Reception and staffed a ministry booth, with outstanding support from Archons John Trihas and Nicholas Spanakis. We organized a full-day St. Constantine School program for 138 students; professional recordings now support broader use of the Ecumenical Patriarchate Global Educational Initiative. A September follow-up honoring His All-Holiness as the Green Patriarch will feature student tree planting and Archon George Spanos. Archon George S. Kounoupis, Esq., also co-presented a Washington, D.C. forum on the Ecumenical Patriarchate's need for legal identity under Turkish law. Our Archons taught Camp Nazareth campers and engaged Orthodox Volunteer Corps young adults. The RCs developed proposed national Regional Commander expectations through ARCL and conducted an intensive candidate-vetting process. Dr. George Bellios was selected as Archon-elect; RC Tranto continues as ARCL recording secretary; and Dr. Nicholas G. Loutsion will receive the 2026 Nicholas J. Bouras Award. Region 16 has contributed $70,325 toward its $100,000 Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew Foundation pledge and will convene in November to establish 2027 priorities.

Metropolis
of San Francisco

Submitted by
Regional Commander
Hon. Steven Counelis



Group Photo - The John Halecky, Jr. - 22nd Annual National Archon Lenten Retreat - Pasadena, California, March 13-15, 2026

The 22nd Annual National Archon Lenten Retreat, held at St. Anthony Greek Orthodox Church in Pasadena, welcomed 60 participants for a weekend of prayer, reflection, fellowship, and spiritual renewal. Under the spiritual leadership of His Grace Bishop Ioannis of Phocaea and Retreat Master Rev. Fr. James Pappas, the retreat centered on the theme, "My Heart, God's Home – Finding our Lord in the Recesses of our Personal Daily Lives and in the Little Church of our Homes."

Regional Commander Steven Counelis served as Master of Ceremonies and, with Regional Commanders Gerry Ranglas and Theodore Konopisos, organized the retreat. National Commander Dr. Anthony Limberakis reinforced the Archons' mission and support for the Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew Foundation. Archon Dr. C.L. Max Nikias, President Emeritus of USC, delivered a featured presentation and signed copies of American Trojan. George Anagnostopoulos, a 2025 Pilgrimage of Discovery alumnus, shared the program's transformative impact, and Arianna Prappas offered a special musical presentation. Archons Michael and John Patzakis underwrote the Farewell Dinner.

The retreat reflected the Metropolis Archons' broader commitment to young adults. At the 49th Folk Dance and Choral Festival in Phoenix, the Archons presented $12,000 to fund two 2026 Pilgrimage of Discovery scholarships in honor of Archbishop Elpidophoros. The dinner recognized ArchonDr. Michael Patzakis as recipient of the 2026 Metropolitan Anthony Humanitarian Award

Metropolis
of San Francisco

Submitted by
Regional Commander
Paul Sogotis

Greetings, Brother Archons,

As the Regional Commander of the Metropolis of San Francisco (Bay Area), I am honored to serve alongside my fellow Archons in our Metropolis. This year, we had the pleasure of hosting a dinner in honor of His Eminence Archbishop Elpidophoros during our annual Folk Dance Festival in Phoenix, AZ, last February.

Currently, I am planning an "Archon Meet and Greet" on Friday, November 13th, at the residence of His Eminence Metropolitan Gerasimos. The purpose of this event is to honor His All-Holiness on the occasion of 35 years of his Patriarchal ministry. This gathering holds special significance, as I believe the local Archons and their spouses have not had an event of this magnitude before. It is essential for us to reconnect with our responsibilities.

This gathering will provide an opportunity to remind all Archons of the protocols and services we are called to uphold. For instance, I encourage everyone to wear their Rosette with pride and to display their pocket insert when attending Liturgy and special events, symbolizing our unity. Additionally, we must remain financially responsible to our order and the EPBF.

I am planning the Feast Day of St. Andrew celebration, which will be scheduled with His Eminence Metropolitan Gerasimos. This year we will celebrate on December 6th at the Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church in San Francisco. During this event, I will present an Archon presentation following the Liturgy. We will sponsor the coffee hour and invite all Archons and Archondises to attend the Divine Liturgy.

As a side note, last year I organized the Feast Day of St. Andrew celebration and presentation. Invitations were sent out, and despite my calls to our brother Archons, not one confirmed attendance. This lack of interest was disappointing, leading to the event's cancellation. Moving forward, I will be sending monthly emails to our brothers to keep them updated with the latest Archon news.

In closing, I look forward to seeing everyone at our upcoming meetings and Archon Weekend.

Respectfully submitted,

Regional Commander Archon Paul P. Sogotis, Orphanotrophos

Metropolis of New Jersey

Submitted by
Regional Commander
Cary J. Limberakis, DMD

As the Philadelphia Regional Commander of the Archons of the Ecumenical Patriarchate, I humbly report on the efforts and activities of our District.

The Regional Commander communicated with the Archons of the Philadelphia region regarding attendance to the following functions:

1. Hierarchical Divine Liturgy at the St. Demetrios Greek Orthodox Church in Upper Darby, PA commemorating the Feast Day of its Patron Saint on October 26, 2025;

2. The 30th Anniversary Celebration of the Ordination of Father Anastasios Bourantas to the Holy Priesthood, October 26, 2025;

3. Hierarchical Divine Liturgy at the St. George Greek Orthodox Cathedral of Philadelphia, November 2, 2025;

4. Metropolis of New Jersey Ambassadors Awards Banquet, Deptford, NJ, November 2, 2025;

5. Archbishop Elpidophoros Name Day Banquet Celebration, Great Neck, NY, November 3, 2025;

6. Archon Symposium VIII, Nicaea: Then and Now, with Professors Anastasios Papademetriou, PhD speaking on *Witnessing Nicaea: The First Ecumenical Council as Historical Process and Experience*, George E. Demacopoulos, PhD addressing *Is there a Nicaean Legacy without an Empire?* and Edward Siecienski, PhD speaking on *The Filioque: History of a Doctrinal Controversy*. St. George Greek Orthodox Cathedral, Philadelphia, PA, November 15, 2025;



Speakers at the Symposium commemorating the 1700th Anniversary of the First Ecumenical Council at Nicaea (L-R:) Professors. Edward Siecienski, PhD, George Demacopoulos, PhD and Anastasios Papademetriou, PhD. Host and moderator Dr. Cary J. Limberakis.

7. Hierarchical Vespers service commemorating the Patron Saint of the Metropolis of New Jersey, Saint Iakovos of Evia, St. Thomas, Cherry Hill, NJ, November 21, 2025;

8. Hierarchical Divine Liturgy Divine Liturgy commemorating the Patron Saint of the Metropolis of New Jersey, Saint Iakovos of Evia, St. Thomas, Cherry Hill, NJ, November 22, 2025;

9. Archon presentations assigned by the Regional Commander throughout the Philadelphia/Delaware Valley Greek Orthodox parishes, November 23, 2025;

10. *Walking with Christ* Metropolis of New Jersey fundraiser for the benefit of HC/HC Seminarians for our Metropolis, St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church, Wyckoff, NJ, March 14, 2026;

11. Annual Archon Lenten Retreat, Dormition Greek Orthodox Church, Southampton, NY, March 20-21, 2026;

12. Hierarchical Divine Liturgy, St. Sophia, Sts. Faith, Hope and Agape Greek Orthodox Church, Jeffersonville, PA, March 22, 2026; and the

13. Hierarchical Vespers service commemorating the Feast Day of the Annunciation, Church of the Annunciation, Elkins Park, PA, March 24, 2026.

In addition to the above, the Regional Commander has participated in zoom meeting discussions regarding Archon event Financial Protocols, Women in Orthodoxy Diakonia Ministry, and Regional Commander Standards, as well as Archon Regional Commanders Liaison meetings and National Council meetings. He also addressed the high school catechism students at St. Luke Greek Orthodox Church about the First Ecumenical Council at Nicaea which observed its 1700th Anniversary. He also participated as a delegate to the GOA Clergy-Laity Congress in Cleveland, OH.

At the time of this writing, we are in the early planning stages for our 9th in a series of Archon symposia in the Philadelphia area but are awaiting approval of the symposium topic by the Archon Executive Committee. It is hoped that the symposium will take place in late November or early December at a venue yet to be determined.

Metropolis of New Jersey

Submitted by
Regional Commanders
George A. Tsougarakis, Esq.
Michael D. Camarinos, Esq.



His Eminence Metropolitan Apostolos of New Jersey with National Commander, The Archon Grand Aktouarios, Dr. Anthony J. Limberakis, Regional Commanders, Archon Michael D. Camarinos, Esq. and Archon George A. Tsougarakis, Esq. and Archon Anthony C. Limberakis.

There are more than 70 Archons of the Ecumenical Patriarchate from Northern New Jersey across 18 parishes, advancing the sacred charge to defend His All-Holiness and the Ecumenical Patriarchate, promote religious freedom, and strengthen education, stewardship, and fellowship. Archons serve on Engagement Committees and in AEP leadership, provide legal advocacy, and support the Exarch's Appeal and the Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew Foundation.

Our principal initiative was the June 25, 2026 celebration at the Metropolitan Cathedral of St. John the Theologian in Tenafly, NJ, with the blessing of His Eminence Metropolitan Apostolos. More than 250 clergy, Archons, and faithful gathered for Hierarchical Vespers, a symposium, and dinner honoring the 35-year Patriarchal ministry of His All-Holiness. Keynote speaker Archon Historian George E. Demacopoulos, PhD, reflected on that ministry. Archon National Commander and EPBF Chair Dr. Anthony J. Limberakis, addressed the Patriarch's global witness and the Foundation's work to secure the Mother Church's future. Regional Commanders Michael D. Camarinos and George A. Tsougarakis chaired the evening.

Archons from the Northern New Jersey area participate in Archon Weekend, National Archon Sunday, the National Lenten Retreat, Metropolis Clergy-Laity events, and the 48th Clergy-Laity Congress. We will continue parish education, youth engagement through Sprout, stewardship, and collaboration with the Metropolis and neighboring regions.

Metropolis of New Jersey

Submitted by
Regional Commander
Andrew E Manatos

Activities of Regional Commander Andy Manatos included:

- For the last quarter of 2025, in preparation for His All-Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch's historic visit to Washington, DC, contact numerous times the 535 Senators and Members of Congress to encourage them to submit welcoming remarks into the Congressional Record for the Patriarch. Encourage all Greek Orthodox priests with parishes to agree to encourage their Senators and Member to submit such remarks. At the conclusion of the visit, with the cost contributed by the US Congress, prepared a gold-leafed publication of all the remarks the Senators and Members of Congress had submitted into the Congressional Record for presentation to His All-Holiness in early spring of 2026.
- organized periodic fellowship dinners with DC area Archons
- organized annual Greek Independence Day celebration and luncheon in honor of His Eminence
- coordinated the presentation of the Archon cross to the area families of Archons who passed away;
- emailed area parishes and Metropolitan's office, to encourage participation of youth in the Ecumenical Patriarch Poster Contest.
- tracked action in Washington DC pertaining to the Patriarchate and religious freedom.

As well, Regional Commander Andy Manatos, through Manatos & Manatos, organized the 41st Annual PSEKA Cyprus Conference in Washington, DC during which Archons from throughout the United States were invited to meet with key policymakers (full list directly below) who determine foreign policy towards Cyprus, Greece, and the Ecumenical Patriarchate.

- Chairman Jim Risch (R-ID), Chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee
- Senator Richard Durbin (D-IL), Senate Democratic Whip
- Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer (D-NY)
- Rep. Gregory Meeks (D-NY), Ranking Member, House Foreign Affairs Committee
- House Minority Leader Hakeem Jeffries (D-NY)
- Speaker Emerita Nancy Pelosi (D-CA)
- Rep. Maggie Goodlander (D-NH), Member, House Armed Services Committee
- Rep. Chris Pappas (D-NH), Co-Chair, Hellenic Caucus
- Rep. Gabe Amo (D-RI), Vice Ranking Member, House Foreign Affairs Committee
- Rep. Jimmy Patronis (R-FL)
- Rep. Brian Fitzpatrick (R-PA), Member, House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence; Chair of CIA Subcommittee
- Rep. Grace Meng (D-NY), Member, House Appropriations Committee
- Rep. Brad Schneider (D-IL), Member, House Foreign Affairs Committee
- Rep. Gus Bilirakis (R-FL), Co-Chair, Hellenic Caucus
- Rep. Donald Norcross (D-NJ), Member, House Armed Services Committee
- Rep. Jim Himes (D-CT), Ranking Member, House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence
- Rep. Wesley Bell (D-MO), Member, House Armed Services Committee and House Foreign Affairs Committee
- Rep. Brad Sherman (D-CA), Member, House Foreign Affairs Committee
- Rep. Jim Costa (D-CA), Member, House Foreign Affairs Committee
- Rep. Mike Lawler (R-NY), Member, House Foreign Affairs Committee
- Rep. Pat Ryan (D-NY)
- Rep. Ritchie Torres (D-NY)
- Rep. Frank Pallone (D-NJ), Ranking Member, House Energy & Commerce Committee
- Rep. Nicole Malliotakis (R-NY), Member, House Foreign Affairs Committee
- Rep. Mike Haridopolos (R-FL), Member, House Science, Space, and Technology Committee
- Rep. Dina Titus (D-NV), Member, House Foreign Affairs Committee
- Rep. Chris Smith (R-NJ), Member, House Foreign Affairs Committee
- Rep. Rob Menendez (D-NJ), Member, House Energy & Commerce Committee
- Senator Richard Blumenthal (D-CT), Member, Senate Armed Services Committee
- Senator Chris Van Hollen (D-MD), Member, Senate Foreign Relations and Appropriations Committees
- Senator Cory Booker (D-NJ), Member, Senate Foreign Relations Committee

Metropolis of Chicago

Submitted by
Regional Commanders
James G. Lakerdas, Esq.
Pericles C. (Perry) Siatis



11th Annual Metropolis of Chicago Archon Business Meeting attendees, left to right: Archons John Colis, John Hilaris, John Galanis, Dr. George Bovis, Wesley Stinich, Archon Regional Commanders James G. Lakerdas, Esq., and Perry C. Siatis, Esq., Rev. Fr. Nicholas Greanias, Archon National Secretary Gus M. Pablecas, Archon National Treasurer John G. Manos, Archons Tom Kanelos, Dean Maragos, Esq., Hon. Anthony Kyriakopoulos, Theodore Sepsis, Paul Loupakos, Robert Buhler, James Nickolas, Esq., Dr. Peter Panton, and Yanni Sianis. Not pictured: Archons Hon. Louis Apostol, Hon. Jeffery Chrones, Alexander Gianaras, Frank Lagouros and B.J. Vranas.

The Archons in the Metropolis of Chicago (MOC) are focused on "Amplifying Our Impact to Protect the Future of Faith," the theme of the 11th Annual Business Meeting of the Archons in MOC. The Regional Commanders challenged our brothers to do more to advance the Archon mission this year.

The Archons in MOC became a Founder of the Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew Foundation as a group and encouraged support of all national programs. They also promoted local and national endeavors, including:

- Hosting a Fall of Constantinople presentation, which coincided with the Commemoration of the Pogrom of 1955
- Educating Sunday School teachers all parishes about the Archon Sprout Program
- Participating in the Diakonia Ministries
- Attending local Pilgrimage of Discovery presentations
- Celebrating St. Andrew's Vespers
- Walking in the Greek Independence Day Parade
- Hosting an Archon booth and POD presentation at the Clergy Laity Assembly
- Making Archon Sunday presentations at numerous parishes
- Hosting a Christmas party at the National Hellenic Museum, where Archons spoke on the Nicaea pilgrimage
- Promoting the Patriarch Poster Contest to all MOC parishes
- Organizing NIKA House visit at the University of Illinois to honor the memory of Archon Lou Laros and presented at local parish

Two new Archons were invested: Paul G. Loupakos and James A.J. Nickolas, Esq.

American Carpatho-Russian Diocese

Submitted by
Regional Commander
Gary C. Grysiak



October 19, 2025 - Investiture of Archon Nicholas I. Timko, Esq.

EPBF Participation: Have been working to have the American Carpatho-Russian Diocese become a “Founder” of the Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew Foundation as our Diocese owes its entire existence to having been accepted into Orthodoxy by the late Ecumenical Patriarch Benjamin in 1938.

Worked with the brothers of the Metropolis of Pittsburgh in making presentations to the children of St. Constantine School on “Patriarch Bartholomew Day” where the Sprout lessons were used.

Continued to seek new C-R candidates to be invested as Archons

Continued to communicate with all C-R Archons to reinforce their duties and to encourage each to join at least one Diakonia. Also emphasized the importance of donating to the various appeals of The Order.

Sponsored a Divine Liturgy on December 13th (Old Calendar) commemorating the feast of St. Andrew, followed by a Panachida where all deceased Archons, but especially those of our Diocese were recognized.

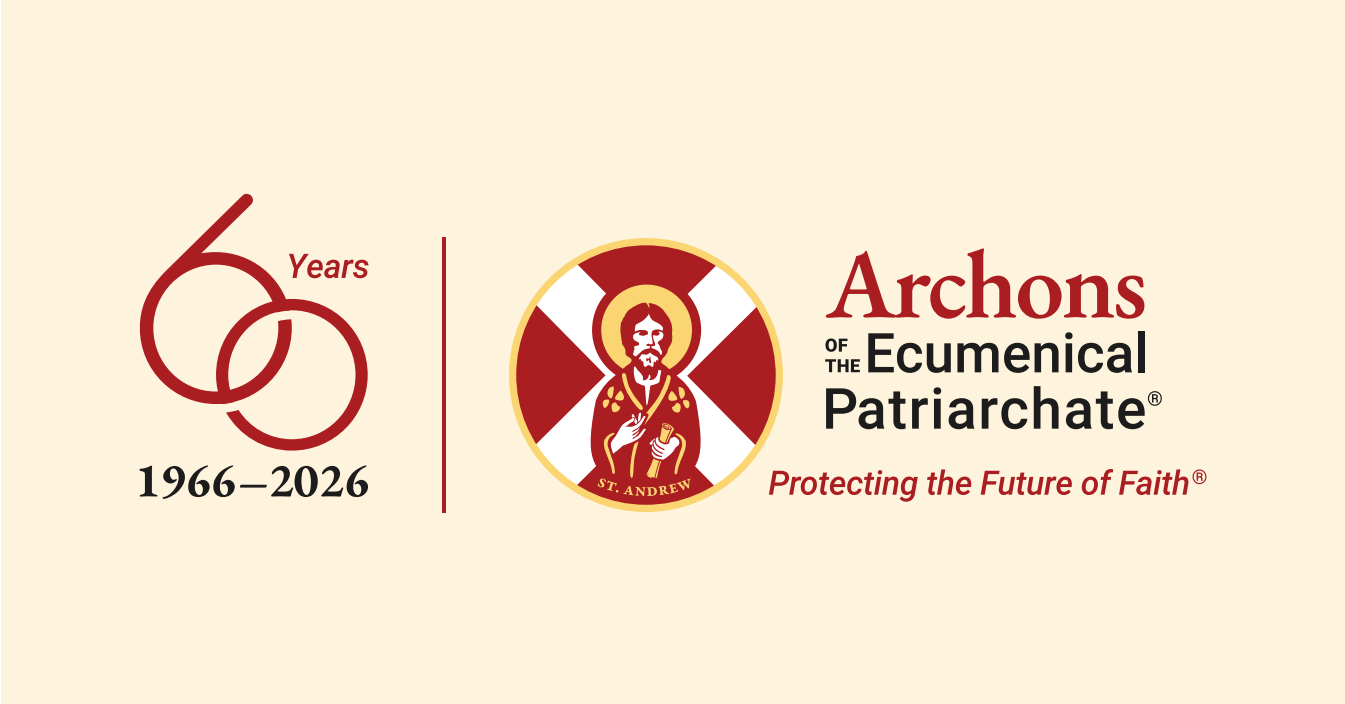
Spoke to our congregation from the solea on Archon Sunday about the pressing issues faced by the Ecumenical Patriarchate.

Participated in Archon Weekend and the investiture of our newest brother: Archon Nicholas I. Timko, Esq.

Diakonia Ministry Reports

Communications
Diakonia

Submitted by
Franklin (Rocky) Sisson, Jr., Chair
Theodore H. Vagelos, Vice Chair



A special commemorative logo was prepared for the 60th anniversary of the Archons.

- Established a regular cadence of long form articles that run every Tuesday. These articles amplify the thoughts and the activities of His All Holiness. Reading these articles every Tuesday will give you unique insight and knowledge of the Ecumenical Patriarch.
- Created banners to celebrate the 65th anniversary of His All Holiness Bartholomew as Ecumenical Patriarch of the Orthodox Church and spiritual leader of the world's 300 million Orthodox Christians. These banners were mailed to every parish across America with a request to prominently display them to celebrate the momentous occasion of His All Holiness's 35 years of ministry as our Ecumenical Patriarch.
- Added text headlines over photos placed via our social media channels. This greatly enhanced engagement and awareness.
- Established a consistent tracking system for our social media content using the Dash Social platform and have witnessed a steady increase in the number of individuals engaging with our content.
- The donated live-stream equipment and production at the Phanar are exceeding our expectations. Recent services are drawing strong engagement, ranging from 4,400 to 8,700 viewers.
- To further expand, we: Finalized a dual channel YouTube live streaming strategy, with Greek content on the "Ecumenical Patriarchate" channel and English language descriptions on the "Patriarchate" channel, Created a best practices guide to strengthen discoverability, workflow, and visual identity,

Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew Foundation

Submitted by
Anthony J. Limberakis, M.D., Chair
George E. Safiol, Vice Chair

In keeping with the Foundation's guiding principles of transparency and accountability, we are pleased to report that, as of September 30, 2026, the Foundation's total assets stand at **$38,527,705** comprised of $26,371,177 cash and investments and $12,156,528 of pledges receivable.

There are **18 parishes** out of some 500 of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America who are FOUNDERS.

The report of the Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew Foundation Engagement Committee is as follows:

There are **294 FOUNDERS** which **105 are fulfilled.**

View the latest list of FOUNDERS here: bartholomew.foundation/foundingmembers

View the latest list of Builders here: bartholomew.foundation/builders

It is critically important that we all do what we can within our means to provide the economic support necessary for the needs and ministries of the Ecumenical Patriarchate – especially given the intense religious persecution faced by the Holy Mother Church in Constantinople and Christians around the world.

Editorial Publications Diakonia

Submitted by
George P. Vittas, Chair
George G. Demos, Esq., Vice Chair
George Horiates, Vice Chair

The Editorial Publications Diakonia serves in support of the National Communications Committee to identify and report new and developing worldwide issues concerning the Ecumenical Patriarchate, and to assist in communications, research, and support of proposed responses, statements, and actions as determined by Archon Leadership.

International
Archons Diakonia

Submitted by:
Chairs: George Rockas, Esq. Dikaiophylax and Constantine Sideridis Proto Notarios;
Vice Chairs: Harry Dimopoulos, PhD Hartophylax and Nicholas Larigakis Hartoularios

Prepared by:
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COMMITTEE SCOPE

The critical task of this committee is to help develop separate organizational structures for the Archons in Europe, South American, Asia, Africa and Australia and to assist in the creation of mission-oriented Orders. Based on pre-existing organizations (i.e., Pammakaristos in Greece) the committee's task will be to coordinate and bench-mark with such groups with the intent of establishing further collaboration.

ENTHRONEMENT OF NEW CANADIAN ARCHBISHOP APOSTOLOS

An Archon leadership contingency will be attending the enthronement of His Eminence Archbishop Apostolos of Canada, Saturday 19, 2026 in Toronto Canada. Archbishop Apostolos was unanimously elected Archbishop of Canada by the Holy and Scared Synod of the Ecumenical Patriarchate on July 22, 2026. The American Archons will join Canada Archons in celebrating the enthronement as his arrival marks the beginning of a new chapter for the Canadian Archdiocese of the Ecumenical Patriarchate and the Greek Orthodox community in Canada.

Metropolis and Parish Education Diakonia

Submitted by
Frank Boardman, Chair
John Thibault, Vice Chair

The Metropolis & Parish Education Diakonia Ministry meets monthly on the third Monday .

We have developed:

*the 2026 Script for Archon Sunday - in bullet format and written

*article for the church monthly bulletin/ newsletter

*write up announcing Archon Sunday for the weekly bulletin

Due to the Thanksgiving holiday weekend being the Sunday before the Feast of St. Andrew, we have proposed that November 22 be the official date for Archon Sunday and December 13 for Old Calendar churches - this is under EC review

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ARCHON SUNDAY 2026

Formal Address from the Solea

Ad-Lib Speaker Guide

OPENING

- Greet: Your Eminence • Reverend Fathers • Fellow Archons • Brothers & sisters in Christ — bringing greetings from His All-Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew, His Eminence Archbishop Elpidophoros of America, and our National Commander, Archon Anthony J. Limberakis
- Archon Sunday — reflect on the Ecumenical Patriarchate's mission, and our mission as Archons to defend and promote it
- Our shared responsibility to support the Mother Church of Constantinople

WHAT IS AN ARCHON?

- Lay leader recognized by Patriarch Bartholomew for service to the Faith — using their standing to advocate with world leaders
- More than honor — a calling to protect and advance the Ecumenical Patriarchate
- 300+ million Orthodox Christians depend on this mission

> *Today, that mission is more important than ever.*

THE LAST LINE OF DEFENSE

- **Preventing the asphyxiation of the Ecumenical Patriarchate**
- "That may sound dramatic — but it is true"
- Threats: political restrictions • confiscated property • demographic decline • surveillance • rising pressure from Russia
- Without advocacy — the Patriarchate risks marginalization on the world stage, and even its own existence
- 17 centuries of unity preserved through empires, wars, and exile
- **A weakened Ecumenical Patriarchate = a weakened Orthodoxy**

> *Never isolated. Never silenced. Never forgotten.*

WHY THE ECUMENICAL PATRIARCHATE MATTERS

- Communion of self-governing Churches united in faith, sacrament & tradition
- Order within that communion — taxis

- Ecumenical Patriarch = first among equals — NOT a monarch
- Convenes councils • mediates disputes • safeguards conciliarity • grants autocephaly
- Nearly every autocephalous Church traces recognition through Constantinople — a status that runs with the land and can never be moved
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WHY "ECUMENICAL" MATTERS

- Oikoumene — "the whole inhabited world"
- Universal ministry — beyond one nation, ethnicity, or government
- NOT merely bishop of a local Greek minority in Istanbul
- Spiritual leader & coordinating center of global Orthodoxy
- **Turkey treats HAH as local — denies 17 centuries of history**

> *Not about prestige — about preserving canonical order and unity.*

WHY CONSTANTINOPLE ITSELF MATTERS

- People ask: why not just move? EP status runs with the land of Constantinople — it cannot be relocated. And there is only ONE Ecumenical Patriarch among all the Patriarchates — a title unlike any other.
- Constantinople is essential to Orthodoxy — not accidental
- Present continuously for 17 centuries — survived Byzantium's fall, persecution, expulsions
- Moving = triumph of persecution • erasure of oldest continuous Christian presence

> *Its presence is a testimony to religious freedom and the enduring witness of Orthodoxy.*

FIVE MAJOR CHALLENGES

- **1. Religious freedom in Turkey**
- **2. Halki Theological School — closed 50+ years**
- **3. Turkish interference in Patriarchal elections**
- **4. Confiscation of Church properties**
- **5. Refusal to recognize Ecumenical (universal) status — a status now also being challenged by Russia's own ambitions**
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> *Religious liberty. Human dignity. Survival of the Mother Church.*

THREAT FROM WITHIN ORTHODOXY

- **One of the most serious threats now comes from within**
- Moscow aligned with Russian state ideology
- Trigger: autocephaly granted to Orthodox Church of Ukraine
- Moscow responded with hostility & attacks on Constantinople
- "Antichrist in a cassock" • "Devil in the flesh" — Patriarch of Moscow said nothing
- Religious language used to justify war • incursions into Ukraine & Africa • new AI-driven disinformation challenges

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> *Not a jurisdictional dispute — a spiritual crisis.*

- Orthodoxy was NEVER meant to serve empire or nationalism

WHAT THE PATRIARCHATE STANDS FOR

- **Conciliarity over coercion**
- **Reconciliation over domination**
- **Dialogue, freedom of conscience, unity in Christ**
- The Mother Church belongs to the whole Orthodox world

> *As Archons — we cannot remain silent.*

CALL TO ACTION

- **1. PRAY — for Patriarch Bartholomew and the Mother Church**
- **2. STAY INFORMED — learn the challenges, share the story**
- **3. SUPPORT THE MISSION — engage, advocate, give**
  - Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew Foundation — invest in the future of Orthodoxy
  - Download the Archons App and visit www.archons.org to stay connected

> *When you support the Patriarchate, you support the spiritual heart of our Faith.*

CLOSING

- Challenges are real — but so is our hope
- Survived persecution, exile, empires — because rooted in Christ

Final Prayer:

- Strengthen Patriarch Bartholomew
- Protect the Great Church of Christ
- Guide toward unity
- Grant us courage to serve faithfully

Thank you — God bless you all.

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ARCHON SUNDAY 2026

Formal Address from the Solea

Your Eminence, Reverend Fathers, fellow Archons, and beloved brothers and sisters in Christ,

Before I begin, I bring you warm greetings from His All-Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew, His Eminence Archbishop Elpidophoros of America, and our National Commander, Archon Anthony J. Limberakis.

It is truly a blessing to be with you today as we observe Archon Sunday — a day when we reflect on the sacred mission of the Ecumenical Patriarchate and our shared responsibility to support the Mother Church of Constantinople.

WHAT IS AN ARCHON?

Many people hear the word “Archon” and may wonder what it means.

An Archon is a lay leader of the Orthodox Church recognized by His All-Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew for service to the Faith and dedication to the Church, using their standing to advocate with world leaders in defense of religious freedom. But more importantly, an Archon accepts a calling — a call to duty — a commitment to help protect and advance the mission of the Ecumenical Patriarchate.

The Archons of the Ecumenical Patriarchate are devoted leaders focused on protecting religious freedom and ensuring the future of the Ecumenical Patriarchate — the spiritual center of the world’s more than 300 million Orthodox Christians.

And today, that mission is more important than ever.

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THE LAST LINE OF DEFENSE

The Archons are, in many ways, the last line of defense preventing the asphyxiation of the Ecumenical Patriarchate.

That may sound dramatic, but it is true.

The Mother Church faces pressure from multiple directions — political restrictions, confiscation of property, demographic decline, surveillance, and growing geopolitical hostility, including rising pressure from Russia.

Without awareness, advocacy, and support from committed Orthodox faithful, the voice of the Ecumenical Patriarchate could slowly be marginalized on the world stage — and even risk its own existence.

That cannot happen.

Because if the Ecumenical Patriarchate weakens, the center of Orthodox unity weakens. And when the center of unity weakens, Orthodoxy itself becomes more vulnerable to nationalism, division, and political manipulation.

The Archons exist to ensure that the Mother Church is never isolated, never silenced, and never forgotten.

For nearly seventeen centuries, the Ecumenical Patriarchate has preserved the unity, order, and continuity of Orthodoxy through empires, wars, persecution, and exile.

Today, the Archons stand as defenders of that sacred legacy — protecting not only an institution, but the spiritual heart and canonical center of worldwide Orthodoxy.

WHY THE ECUMENICAL PATRIARCHATE MATTERS

The Orthodox Church is not governed by a single centralized authority. We are a communion of self-governing Churches united in faith, sacramental life, and apostolic tradition.

Within that communion there is order — what the Church calls taxis — and at the center of that order stands the Ecumenical Patriarch of Constantinople.

The Ecumenical Patriarch is known as first among equals — primus inter pares — among the Orthodox bishops of the world.

This does not mean the Ecumenical Patriarch rules over the other Churches as a monarch. Orthodoxy has never functioned that way.

Rather, the Ecumenical Patriarch serves as the spiritual center of unity and coordination for worldwide Orthodoxy. He convenes councils, mediates disputes, gathers the Churches together, and safeguards conciliarity — the spirit of unity and shared responsibility that defines Orthodoxy itself.

Historically and canonically, the Ecumenical Patriarch also possesses the responsibility to grant autocephaly — ecclesiastical independence — when pastorally necessary for the life of the Church. This is not a modern innovation. It is a responsibility exercised by Constantinople for centuries and recognized throughout Orthodox history.

Nearly every modern autocephalous Church traces its recognition, directly or indirectly, through Constantinople — a status that runs with the land and can never be moved.

WHY "ECUMENICAL" MATTERS

And this is why the word "Ecumenical" matters so deeply.

The word comes from the Greek oikoumene — "the whole inhabited world." It reflects a universal ministry of unity extending beyond one nation, one ethnicity, or one government.

The Ecumenical Patriarch is not merely the bishop of a local Greek minority in Istanbul. He is the spiritual leader and coordinating center of global Orthodoxy.

That is precisely why Turkey's refusal to recognize the Ecumenical nature of the Patriarchate is so serious. Turkey insists on treating the Patriarch as merely a local religious figure, ignoring the universal role Constantinople has held for nearly seventeen centuries.

This is not about prestige. It is about preserving the canonical order and unity of the Orthodox Church.

WHY CONSTANTINOPLE ITSELF MATTERS

People sometimes ask: "Why must the Patriarchate remain in Constantinople? Why not simply move somewhere else?"

The answer is because Constantinople is not accidental to Orthodox Christianity — it is essential to it. This status runs with the land of Constantinople itself, and it can never be moved. There is only one Ecumenical Patriarch among all the Patriarchates — a title unlike any other.

The Ecumenical Patriarchate has remained in Constantinople continuously for seventeen centuries. It survived the fall of Byzantium, persecution, wars, expulsions, and political oppression — yet it remains there today as a living witness to the enduring presence of Christianity in its historic home.

If the Patriarchate were forced to leave Constantinople, it would not simply be a relocation. It would represent the triumph of persecution and the erasure of one of Christianity's oldest continuous spiritual centers.

The continued presence of the Ecumenical Patriarchate in Constantinople is itself a testimony to religious freedom, coexistence, and the enduring witness of Orthodoxy.

FIVE MAJOR CHALLENGES

Today, the advocacy work of the Archons focuses on several major challenges:

- Protecting religious freedom for the Patriarchate in Turkey
- Advocating for the reopening of the Halki Theological School
- Opposing Turkish interference in Patriarchal elections
- Defending confiscated Patriarchal and Church properties
- Insisting upon recognition of the Ecumenical Patriarchate's universal status — a status now also being challenged by Russia's own ambitions

These are not political talking points. They are matters of religious liberty, human dignity, and the survival of the Mother Church itself.

THE THREAT FROM WITHIN ORTHODOXY

But today, there is another challenge confronting Orthodoxy — one that strikes at the very heart of the unity of the Church.

Historically, the Ecumenical Patriarchate endured persecution from external powers. Today, however, one of the most serious threats comes from within Orthodoxy itself.

In recent years, the Patriarchate of Moscow has increasingly aligned itself with the geopolitical ambitions and ideology of the Russian state.

This became especially visible after the Ecumenical Patriarch exercised his canonical responsibility to grant autocephaly to the Orthodox Church of Ukraine — restoring ecclesiastical independence to millions of Orthodox faithful.

Rather than responding through conciliar dialogue, Moscow responded with hostility, political pressure, and efforts to undermine the authority of Constantinople.

Recently, Russia's Foreign Intelligence Service publicly attacked His All-Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew, calling this holy man — the spiritual leader of hundreds of millions of Orthodox Christians — "an antichrist in a cassock" and "a devil in the flesh."

This revealed something deeply troubling — the growing fusion of church authority with political power.

We have seen propaganda, influence campaigns, and political pressure directed against the Ecumenical Patriarchate. We have seen religious language used to justify war and violence. We have seen incursions into canonical territories belonging to other Patriarchates, including Ukraine and Africa. And we have seen new AI-driven disinformation challenges emerge as well.

This is not simply a jurisdictional disagreement. It is a spiritual crisis.

Because Orthodoxy was never meant to serve empire. The Church was never meant to become an instrument of geopolitical ambition or nationalism. The Gospel cannot be subordinated to political ideology.

WHAT THE ECUMENICAL PATRIARCHATE STANDS FOR

The Ecumenical Patriarchate stands for something profoundly different.

It stands for conciliarity instead of coercion.

It stands for reconciliation instead of domination.

It stands for dialogue, freedom of conscience, and unity in Christ.

The struggle before us is ultimately about preserving a free and universal Orthodoxy — an Orthodoxy rooted in Christ and guided by spiritual leadership rather than political power.

That is why the word "Ecumenical" matters. Because the Mother Church belongs to the whole Orthodox world.

As Archons, we cannot remain silent. Because a weakened Ecumenical Patriarchate means a weakened Orthodoxy. But this responsibility does not belong only to Archons. It belongs to all of us.

A CALL TO ACTION

And this is where I would ask something very simple of you.

First — pray. Pray for His All-Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew and for the Mother Church.

Second — stay informed. Learn about the challenges facing the Ecumenical Patriarchate and share that knowledge with others, including through the Archons App and our website at www.archons.org.

Third — support the mission. Through your engagement, your voice, and your generosity.

One meaningful way to do this is through the Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew Foundation, established to help secure the long-term future of the Patriarchate and ensure that the Mother Church has the resources necessary to continue its sacred mission for generations to come.

Supporting this foundation is not simply philanthropy. It is an investment in the future of Orthodoxy. Because when you support the Ecumenical Patriarchate, you support the spiritual heart of our Faith.

CLOSING

My brothers and sisters, the challenges are real. But so is our hope.

The Ecumenical Patriarchate has survived persecution, exile, and empires because it is rooted not in political power — but in Christ.

May God continue to strengthen His All-Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew.

May He protect the Great Church of Christ.

May He guide the Orthodox world toward unity.

And may He grant all of us courage to serve His Church faithfully.

Thank you, and God bless you all.

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ARCHON SUNDAY

Order of Saint Andrew the Apostle
Archons of the Ecumenical Patriarchate

Today we celebrate Archon Sunday

We are honored to welcome **Archon** _____, a member of the *Order of Saint Andrew the Apostle* and the Archons of the Ecumenical Patriarchate, who will be addressing our parish **from the Solea** at the conclusion of today's Divine Liturgy, bringing greetings from His All-Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew, His Eminence Archbishop Elpidophoros of America, and National Commander Anthony J. Limberakis.

The Archons of the Ecumenical Patriarchate are dedicated lay leaders of the Orthodox Church, committed to protecting religious freedom and ensuring the future of the Ecumenical Patriarchate — the historic spiritual center of the world's 300+ million Orthodox Christians.

Join Us After Divine Liturgy

Archon _____ will be available during **Coffee Hour** to answer your questions about the mission of the Ecumenical Patriarchate and the vital work of the Archons. Learn more and get involved via the Archons App and at www.archons.org.

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The Sacred Mission of the Archons and the Ecumenical Patriarchate



The Ecumenical Patriarchate of Constantinople — the historic spiritual center of worldwide Orthodoxy, located in the Phanar district of Istanbul.

On this Archon Sunday, we bring you warm greetings from His All-Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew, His Eminence Archbishop Elpidophoros of America, and our National Commander, Archon Anthony J. Limberakis.

Every year on Archon Sunday, our parish pauses to reflect on something larger than ourselves — the sacred mission of the Ecumenical Patriarchate and our shared responsibility as Orthodox Christians to support the Mother Church of Constantinople. This year, that reflection carries special weight.

The Ecumenical Patriarchate has stood for nearly seventeen centuries as the spiritual center of worldwide Orthodoxy. Through empires, wars, exile, and persecution, it has endured — not because of political power, but because it is rooted in Christ. Today, that endurance is being tested as never before, and the Archons of the Ecumenical Patriarchate are at the forefront of its defense.



His All-Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew, spiritual leader of the world's 300+ million Orthodox Christians.

Who Are the Archons?

The Archons of the Ecumenical Patriarchate are recognized lay leaders of the Orthodox Church who use their standing to advocate with world leaders, honored by His All-Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew for service to the Faith. But their role is far more than an honor — it is a calling, a call to duty in defense of the Faith.

They are committed to protecting religious freedom and ensuring the survival and flourishing of the Ecumenical Patriarchate — the spiritual center of the world's more than 300 million Orthodox Christians. They are, in many ways, the last line of defense preventing what His All-Holiness has described as the "asphyxiation" of the Mother Church.

For nearly seventeen centuries, the Ecumenical Patriarchate has preserved the unity, order, and continuity of Orthodoxy through empires, wars, persecution, and exile. The Archons stand as defenders of that sacred legacy.

"The Archons exist to ensure that the Mother Church is never isolated, never silenced, and never forgotten."

What Does "Ecumenical" Really Mean?

The word comes from the Greek oikoumene — "the whole inhabited world." The Ecumenical Patriarch is not merely the bishop of a local Greek minority in Istanbul. He is the first among equals — primus inter pares — serving as the spiritual center of unity and coordination for all of worldwide Orthodoxy. There is only one Ecumenical Patriarch among all the Patriarchates, and that unique, universal title has always run with the land of Constantinople itself.

His canonical responsibilities include convening pan-Orthodox councils, mediating disputes between Churches, and granting autocephaly when pastorally necessary. Nearly every modern autocephalous Church traces its recognition, directly or indirectly, through the Ecumenical Patriarchate of Constantinople.

This universal role is recognized well beyond the Orthodox world. At a recent papal inauguration, Patriarch Bartholomew was seated in a place of honor above the College of Cardinals. One of the new Pope's first international visits was to Constantinople itself.

Why Constantinople Itself Matters

People sometimes ask: why not simply move the Patriarchate somewhere else? The answer is that Constantinople is not accidental to Orthodox Christianity — it is essential to it. The Ecumenical Patriarchate has remained in Constantinople continuously for seventeen centuries. It survived the fall of Byzantium, wars, expulsions, and political oppression — yet it remains there today. Its canonical status runs with the land of Constantinople itself — a status that cannot be transferred or recreated elsewhere.

If the Patriarchate were forced to leave, it would not simply be a relocation. It would represent the triumph of persecution and the erasure of one of Christianity's oldest continuous spiritual centers. Its continued presence is a testimony to religious freedom, coexistence, and the enduring witness of Orthodoxy.

FIVE CHALLENGES FACING THE MOTHER CHURCH

- Religious freedom — the Ecumenical Patriarchate's ability to function freely in Turkey.

- The Theological School of Halki — closed by Turkish authorities for more than fifty years.
- Patriarchal elections — severely restricted by Turkish law.
- Confiscation of properties — Church and Patriarchal properties seized over decades.
- Ecumenical status — Turkey's persistent refusal to recognize the Patriarchate's universal role.

A Threat From Within Orthodoxy

One of the most serious challenges today comes not from outside Orthodoxy, but from within it. The Moscow Patriarchate has increasingly aligned itself with the geopolitical ambitions of the Russian state — a dangerous fusion of church authority and political power.

This alignment became most visible after Patriarch Bartholomew exercised his canonical responsibility to grant autocephaly to the Orthodox Church of Ukraine — restoring ecclesiastical independence to millions of Orthodox faithful. Moscow's response was hostility, political pressure, and an aggressive campaign to undermine the authority of Constantinople.

Russia's Foreign Intelligence Service publicly attacked His All-Holiness, calling him "an antichrist in a cassock" and "a devil in the flesh." The Patriarch of Moscow remained silent. We have seen religious language used to justify war. We have seen incursions into canonical territories in Ukraine and Africa. This is not a jurisdictional disagreement. It is a spiritual crisis.

"Orthodoxy was never meant to serve empire. The Gospel cannot be subordinated to political ideology."

What the Ecumenical Patriarchate Stands For

Against all of this, the Ecumenical Patriarchate stands for conciliarity instead of coercion, reconciliation instead of domination, and dialogue, freedom of conscience, and unity in Christ. The struggle before us is ultimately about preserving a free and universal Orthodoxy — an Orthodoxy rooted in Christ and guided by spiritual leadership rather than political power.

HOW YOU CAN HELP

Pray — for His All-Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew, for the Mother Church, and for all those who labor in defense of religious freedom.

Stay informed — learn about the challenges facing the Ecumenical Patriarchate and share that knowledge with family, friends, and community members.

Support the mission — consider supporting the Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew Foundation, established to secure the long-term future of the Ecumenical Patriarchate. This is not simply philanthropy. It is an investment in the spiritual heart of our Faith.

A Hope Rooted in Christ

The Ecumenical Patriarchate has survived persecution, exile, and the fall of empires. It has endured not because of political power, but because it is rooted in Christ. On this Archon Sunday, let us renew our commitment to stand with the Mother Church — in prayer, in awareness, and in action.

Download the Archons App and visit www.archons.org to stay connected and get involved. To donate to the Ecumenical Patriarchate, visit https://Bartholomew.foundation

Technology Diakonia

Submitted by
Anthony C. Limberakis, Chair
David G. Matty, PhD, Chair
John M. Patzakis, Esq., Vice Chair

The new Technology Diakonia was created a year ago and is focused on using the latest AI technologies to help protect and serve the Ecumenical Patriarchate and AEP as well as implementing major system upgrades to allow the AEP and Phanar to operate more efficiently and securely.

Serving on this Diakonia are Chairmen Anthony C. Limberakis, Archon Ostiarios, and David G. Matty, PhD, *Archon Eftaxias*, with Vice Chair John Patzakis, Esq, *Proto Ekdikos*, and founding members James P. Trakas, *Archon Exarchos*, and Stephen E. Ferranti, *Archon Referendarios*.

Archon A. Limberakis has spearheaded the Constituent Relationship Management (CRM) and Fundraising Platform migration for both the AEP and EPBF. This major effort began prior to Diakonia formation and has continued this year. Core work has included deploying Bloomerang and the related key accounting system integration, building the Pilgrimage of Discovery online donation portal; and reconciling and verifying donor and pledge data supporting the Exarch's Appeal.

Migrating, maintaining and enriching the Order's CRM data has proven to be a major benefit. Accurate membership, territory, and giving-history records make possible targeted letters and communications to individual Archons, tailored to their history of engagement. This past year the Diakonia carried out a systematic data-governance effort on the Order's Bloomerang database, reconciling membership status and Metropolis/Regional Commander assignments against the Order's own records, and onboarding the entire 2026 Archon class into Bloomerang with a standardized set of membership fields.

The Diakonia also rolled out Canto, a digital asset management system, and Dropbox Business for organization-wide file storage and collaboration; led the nonprofit implementation of Claude and ChatGPT Business licensing for Archon leadership and the Phanar; and automated recurring Bloomerang event and fundraising reports to reduce manual staff workload. A branded template system, now is applied consistently across Bloomerang event registration confirmations and printed receipt letters for Archon Weekend, the AHRA Athenagoras Banquet, and the Nicholas J. Bouras Award dinner.

Early this year, Archons Matty and Patzakis initiated the AEP's effort into utilizing AI and Social Media Monitoring to provide reports for detecting global threats, disinformation, and important developments affecting the Ecumenical Patriarchate. The controlled distribution of these initial daily, quarterly and special topic reports of this pilot program have gone to Archon leadership and the Phanar.

This AI effort has evolved for a more comprehensive and targeted AI data collection process and subsequent threat analysis. In addition, an initial AI governance framework has been established with one of the leading AI Chatbot engines to provide guardrails, safety, and consistency to its AI execution and reporting. The Diakonia is currently in dialog with leaders in academia and industry on the critically important and evolving AI governance best practices.

Looking ahead, the Diakonia will continue supporting Bloomerang/Qgiv event registration for Archon Weekend 2026, extend automated reporting to additional AEP ministries, pursue planned discussions with senior government and industry technology leaders on strengthening the Phanar's technology infrastructure, and evaluate further AI and data-governance tools to serve the Order's fundraising and communications needs.

Women In Orthodoxy Diakonia

Submitted by
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The Women in Orthodoxy Diakonia Ministry, having already discussed last year two of its principal issues: reinstatement of women Archons and leadership of women in the Church, turned its attention to its third: designing a survey to address the concerns regarding women in Orthodoxy. Co-Chair Archon Cary J. Limberakis, DMD and Professor Elizabeth H. Prodromou, PhD enlisted the support of Eleni Makris, PhD, who has expertise in survey design, data collection and data analysis. A survey was compiled, amended, piloted and finally brought to Archbishop Elpidophoros, the Archon Executive Council and Spiritual Advisor Father Alex Karloutsos for their perusal. With minor changes, the survey was approved by His Eminence and now awaits approval by the Executive Officers. Recently, Institutional Review Board approval was conveyed from Northeastern Illinois University where Dr. Makris is tenured and conducts her research. IRB approval denotes that high ethical standards have been met in this project, with no bias or underlying motive. Contingent upon Executive Officers approval, we will disseminate the survey first to the members of the Diakonia Ministry and subsequently to the Archons and their adult family members. The data, once collected, will be analyzed and the results submitted to the AEP which is the owner of this intellectual property study.

Youth Participation Activities Diakonia

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Participants in the 2026 Pilgrimage of Discovery gather with His All-Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew at the Phanar in Constantinople. The fully sponsored pilgrimage brought together 18 Orthodox young adults, ages 23–30, strengthening their faith, leadership and connection to the Mother Church.

The Youth Participation Activities Diakonia Ministry, co-chaired by Nicholas J. Tranto and Nicholas E. Terezis, advanced its mission serving Orthodox youth from Pre-K through age 35 through the Ecumenical Patriarchate Global Educational Initiative, GOYA, YAL/OCF and Pilgrimage of Discovery (POD). On September 4, 2026, SPROUT 2.0 (Delving Deeper) went live, adding eight Pre-K-Grade 12 digital lessons exploring the environmental witness of His All-Holiness as the Green Patriarch. Spanish translations of Foundations and Delving Deeper, together with a French translation of Foundations, broaden the program's reach. New videos equip Archons and educators with practical, age-appropriate teaching tools. A Pittsburgh school program reached 138 students and generated professional video content to support parish and regional implementation. In August, POD fully sponsored 18 young adults, ages 23-30, for a transformative pilgrimage to Constantinople. In four years, POD has brought 55 emerging Orthodox leaders to the Phanar to meet His All-Holiness, encounter the Rum community and visit the sacred sites of the Mother Church. Returning pilgrims serve through the Alumni Leadership Network as ambassadors and future Church leaders. YPA also expanded outreach through Orthodox Volunteer Corps, whose exceptional young adults, the best of the best, enthusiastically received presentations on the Ecumenical Patriarchate and POD, and continued coordinating Archon, parish and digital promotion.

Departed Archons

Eternal be their memory!
List from Nov 29, 2025 – Oct 7, 2026

Theofanis V. Economidis
Ekdikos
San Jose, CA
Departed on Nov 29, 2025

Konstantine L. Vellios
Depoutatos
Brooklyn, NY
Departed on Jan 2, 2026

John Lewis Marks
Depoutatos
Chicago, IL
Departed on January 19, 2026

Tom Nixon
Dikaiophylax
Charlotte, NC
Departed on January 23, 2026

John C. Harbilas
Eftaxias
Mechanicsburg, PA
Departed on February 4, 2026

George H. Kossaras
Ostiarios
Scottsdale, AZ
Departed on February 20, 2026

Ernie Anastos
Hieromnimon
New York, NY
Departed on March 12, 2026

Spiro C. Hondros
Ostiarios
Charlotte, NC
Departed on March 23, 2026

Dr. Louis J. Roussalis
Aktouarios
Casper, WY
Departed on March 29, 2026

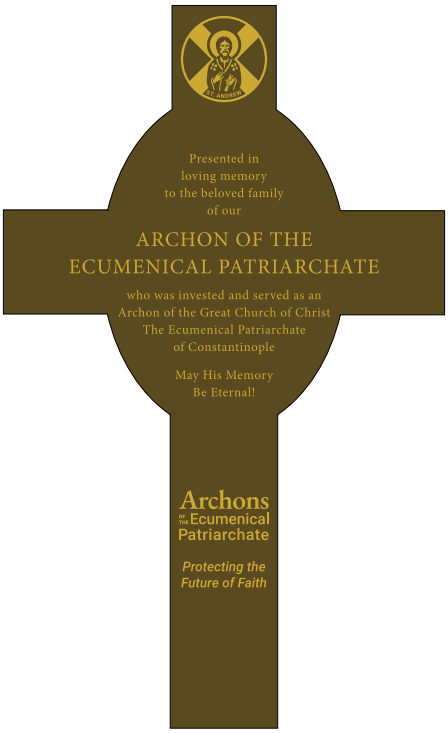
Inspector John V. Kassimatis
Depoutatos
Hempstead, NY
Departed on June 15, 2026

G. Thomas Yearout
Ekdikos
Birmingham, AL
Departed on June 17, 2026

Theodore G. Kays
Eftaxias
Miami, FL
Departed on July 16, 2026

George P. Vourvoulias
Eftaxias
Green Lake, WI
Departed on Sep 3, 2026

Michael Johnson
Depoutatos
Denver, CO
Departed on Sep 20, 2026



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2017 · Emilia Kamvisi and Efstratios Valamios

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2005 · Mikhail Gorbachev

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2003 · IOCC & OCMC

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2001 · Archbishop Anastasios of Albania

2000 · Archbishop Desmond M. Tutu

1999 · Elie Wiesel

1998 · Nana Mouskouri

1997 · Reverend Clergy of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese

1996 · Order of AHEPA

1995 · Hon. Edward Derwinski

1994 · Hon. Paul S. Sarbanes

1993 · George Douris

1992 · Ladies Philoptochos

1991 · Andrew A. Athens

1990 · Hon. John Brademas

1989 · Anthony G. Borden, MD

1988 · Mother Theresa

1987 · President Jimmy Carter

1986 · Archbishop Iakovos



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