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"Sunday of Orthodoxy" A Witness To The Faith

Each year the observance of the Sunday of Orthodoxy by the Knights of St. Andrew is a witness to our Faith and heritage. The Orthodox Church annually sets aside the first Sunday of Lent to commemorate the return of the icons to the Church in the year 842 after a century of the bitter iconoclastic controversy.

This year the Sunday of Orthodoxy observance took place at the Archdiocesan Cathedral on February 27 with His Eminence Archbishop Iakovos officiating. Orthodox Hierarchs from other jurisdictions were also present, and following the impressive Archieratical Liturgy the stately procession of the Holy Icons took place with all Archons participating. This was followed by the public recitation of the "Proclamation of Faith" as promulgated by the 7th Ecumenical Council. The observance continued at the Plaza Hotel where Commander Anthony Borden

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Commander Anthony Borden addresses Archons at annual luncheon.

His All Holiness DEMETRIOS I The Ecumenical Patriarch



The first issue of "The Archon" newsletter is dedicated to the Ecumenical Patriarch His All Holiness Demetrios I. His Holiness ascended the Patriarchal throne in July of 1972 following the death of his great predecessor, Patriarch Athenagoras I. In the summer of 1975 the first delegation of Archons from America to visit Patriarch Demetrios was led by Grand Commander Pierre De Mets. His Holiness was presented with a crystal American eagle symbolic of the United States Bicentennial, and a monetary gift to assist the mission of the Patriarchate.

The Knights of St. Andrew extend to His All Holiness the love and respect of our Patriarchal Order, and join in prayerful petition for his continuing good health and guidance from God in the pursuit of his sacred and universal duties.
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Archons Welcome Patriarch Elias IV



His Beatitude Elias IV of Antioch celebrates the Divine Liturgy at the Archdiocesan Cathedral. From left: Bishop Anthimos, Greek Archdiocese; Archbishop Joseph, Bulgarian Church; Metropolitan Kurban, See of Antioch; His Eminence Archbishop Iakovos; Patriarch Elias IV; Metropolitan Philip, Antiochian Archdiocese in the U. S.; Archbishop Victorin, Romanian Archdiocese; Bishop Mark, Albanian Diocese; Bishop John, Carpatho-Russian Diocese; Bishop Herman, Orthodox Church in America (Russian); William Cardinal Baum, Roman Catholic Archbishop of Washington; and Episcopal Bishop Johnathan Sherman.

The arrival in America of His Beatitude Patriarch Elias IV of Antioch and All East was an historic occasion formally observed by the Knights of St. Andrew on June 5, 1977 with a banquet at the Waldorf Astoria. A Patriarchal Liturgy was celebrated at the Archdiocesan Cathedral by Patriarch Elias assisted by Archbishop Iakovos and Hierarchs from all Orthodox jurisdictions in America. In addition, Cardinal Baum of Washington, D. C., Episcopal Bishop Johnathan Sherman, and New York's Mayor Abraham Beame attended the Liturgy.

Banquet speakers and dais guests included Patriarch Elias, Archbishop Iakovos, Cardinal Baum, Metropolitan Kurban of Antioch, Metropolitan Philip of the U. S. Antiochian Archdiocese, Ambassadors Zenon Rossides, George Papoulias and Nicos Demetriou, Consul General Demetrios Serbos, Commander Anthony Borden, Prof. Deno Geanakoplos, Philoptochos President Katherine Pappas, and Toastmaster Kimon Doukas. Special guests were Bishop Silas, Bishop Philotheos, Bishop Anthimos and other Orthodox Hierarchs. Eloquent tributes were paid to Patriarch Elias and the See of Antioch beginning with Dr. Geanakoplos who traced its history from the early Christian era to the present. Cardinal Baum stated that



Patriarch Elias greeted by Knights of St. Andrew Officers. Dr. Kimon Doukas, Dr. Louis Ferris, Commander Anthony Borden, Patriarch Elias, Vice Commander Anthony J. Miller, and Treasurer Chris Philip.

Pope Paul had alerted the Roman Catholic Church in America of the Patriarch's visit. Commander Borden offered an eloquent welcome on behalf of all Archons and presented a check of \$5,000 "to assist the mission of the Patriarchal throne." National President Katherine Pappas presented a gift of \$1,000 from Philoptochos. Archbishop Iakovos, a classmate of Patriarch Elias at Halki, personally introduced His Beatitude. The Patriarch spoke vibrantly in Arabic, Greek and some English, and was warmly and enthusiastically received by the audience as the banquet concluded with the Cathedral choir singing "Ton Thespotin".

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A Message From His Eminence Archbishop Iakovos

Honorable Archons of the Ecumenical Patriarchate and Great Church of Christ:

I welcome with pleasure and thanks the publication of "The Archon". It is timely that a newsletter among Archons should be initiated toward cultivating the sense of honor, as well as the awareness of responsibility, towards the most coveted Office in the Orthodox world, that of Archon of the Ecumenical Patriarchate.

In the Imperial Court of Byzantium, and during the times of Turkish domination, only the most virtuous and well-known citizens were selected as Archons, of whom the Emperor and later the Patriarch expected faithful service towards the preservation of our national and religious heritage. They were thought of as the defenders of both Faith and Nation. These were the people who lived the agonies and sufferings of the Church and Nation, in the same manner that they enjoyed their glory in time of triumph.

Together with my personal greetings and paternal blessings I add a sense of urgency: be alert for action in the face of the difficult times Christianity and the entire world are now experiencing. Your annual appearance and participation in the Liturgy of the Holy Icons, and in the proclamation of our Faith on the Sunday of Orthodoxy, is proof of the honor with which our Church and people have entrusted you. I therefore call upon you to prove worthy not only of the affection, but of the expectations placed upon you by the Great Church of Christ of the Ecumenical Patriarchate.

Ἐντιμολογιώτατοι Ἀρχοντες Ὀφφικιάλοι τῆς Ἀγίας
τοῦ Χριστοῦ Μεγάλης Ἐκκλησίας, τοῦ Οἴκουμενικοῦ Πατριαρχείου.

Χαιρετίλω μέ εὐχαρίστησιν καί εὐχαριστίας τήν ἔκδοσιν τοῦ Δελτίου ΑΡΧΩΝ. Ἦταν καιρός νά ἀναληφθῆ μιὰ τέτοια πρωτοβουλία μέ ἄμεσο σκοπό νά κρατῶ σέ διαρκῆ ἐπαφή τοὺς "Ἀρχοντας" μεταξύ των καί ἔμεσο σκοπό νά καλλιεργῆ τήν συνείδησι τῆς ἐννοίας, τῆς τιμῆς, ἀλλά καί τῆς εὐθύνης τοῦ τιμητικωτάτου ἀπό ὄλους τοὺς ἀνθρωπίνους τίτλους: τοῦ τίτλου τοῦ Ἀρχontos τοῦ Οἴκουμενικοῦ Θρόνου.

Ἀρχοντες στήν Βυζαντινὴ Αὐτοκρατορικὴ Αὐλή, καί κατά τήν Τουρκοκρατία στήν Πατριαρχικὴ Αὐλή, ἦσαν οἱ διαλεκτοί καί ἐνάρετοι ἄνθρωποι, στοὺς ὁποίους καί ὁ Αὐτοκράτωρ καί ἀργότερα ὁ Πατριάρχης ἀπέβλεπαν γιά συνεργασία καί διαφύλαξι τῆς βαρυτίμου Ἐθνικῆς καί Θρησκευτικῆς κληρονομίας. Ἦσαν κατά κάποιον τρόπον οἱ ὑπερασπιστές της. Οἱ ἄνθρωποι, πού λούσαν καί τήν ἀγωνία καί τοὺς ἀγῶνες τῆς Ἐκκλησίας καί τοῦ Ἐθνους, ὅπως βέβαια καί τήν δόξα καί τοὺς θριάμβους τους.

Μαζύ μέ τόν χαιρετισμόν μου ἀπευθύνω πρὸς τήν Ἐντιμολογιότητά σας καί μιὰ ἐγκάρδια εὐχή, πού τήν κάνω προτροπή καί παράκλησι: Κινητοποιηθῆτε στές σημερινές δύσκολες γιά τόν κόσμον καί τήν Χριστιανωσύνη στιγμές. Ἡ προχθεσινὴ κατά τήν Κυριακὴ τῆς Ὁρθοδοξίας ἐμφάνισις καί συμμετοχὴ σας στήν Λιτάνευσι τῶν Ἱερῶν Εἰκόνων καί τήν διακήρυξι τῆς Ὁρθοδόξου μας πίστεως σᾶς ἔδωκε τό μέτρο τῆς ἐμπιστοσύνης καί τῆς τιμῆς, μέ τήν ὁποία Σᾶς περιβάλλει ἡ Ἐκκλησία καί ἡ Ὁμογένεια. Δειχθῆτε ἄλαιοι καί τῶν αἰσθημάτων αὐτῶν, ἀλλά καί τῶν ἐλπίδων τῆς Μεγάλης τοῦ Χριστοῦ Ἐκκλησίας -τοῦ Οἴκουμενικοῦ μας Πατριαρχείου.

Μετά θερμῶν πατρικῶν εὐχῶν

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addressed the luncheon gathering and reviewed the work of the Officers over the past year. He was warmly thanked by His Eminence for the dedicated and progressive leadership he is offering to the Knights of St. Andrew. Other luncheon speakers included Spokesman Dr. John Rexine who offered a well received presentation on our role as Archons of the Patriarchate, and Dr. Thomas Lelon, newly inaugurated President of Hellenic College. The program was climaxed by the inspiring remarks of His Eminence Archbishop Iakovos.

Dr. GEORGE KOTZIAS

Archon Dr. George Kotzias, renowned cancer research scientist died on June 13. He had developed the famed L-Dopa therapy for Parkinson's disease, and was described as one of the great figures in American medical science. Dr. Kotzias was buried in Greece, and was accorded a State funeral. Eonia I Mnimi.

Newest "Founder Knight" Welcomed

Theodore Mars, Archon Depoutatos from Sweetland, Maryland is the latest Archon to be designated "Founder Knight" in the Order of St. Andrew. Commander Borden congratulated Archon Mars on his decision to become a Founder Knight, and urges more Archons to follow his example.

The designation of "Founder Knight" is bestowed only upon those who have contributed \$1,000 to the Order for which they are accorded the privilege of wearing the Knights of St. Andrew sash at official functions and are designated as "Founder Knights".

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Your Knights of St. Andrew Officers have been meeting frequently over the past year to discharge such necessary duties as updating the constitution, improving communications and embarking on new programs. This first issue of our newsletter, "The Archon" is one of these, and we hope it meets with your approval.

The Order of the Knights of St. Andrew is the united body of all Archons of the Ecumenical Patriarchate in the Americas working together in common purpose. Our Constitution states: "The aim and purpose of the Knights of St. Andrew is to serve the Ecumenical Patriarchate and advance its mission throughout the world with every possible Christian resource." To hold true to this lofty aim we must be united and well organized. Our badge of Office is the gold medallion and chain of St. Andrew available to every Archon for \$100. A lapel rosette pin is now being created for our Order, and will soon be sent to every Archon. Under discussion is the publication of a book on the Patriarchate, and a Knights of St. Andrew Album.

Of course, progress is not free. Assistance to the Patriarchate, publications, special programs, etc., are all items that require support by our members. Toward fulfilling these obligations your Officers feel that an assessment of "dues" is inappropriate for our sacred Fraternity. Instead, all Archons are asked to offer an annual gift. Some may give considerably more than \$100, others less, but every Archon is urged to offer a yearly gift to our Fraternity as an expression of love to our Holy Patriarchate.

As Archons we are endowed with the sacred trust as "defenders of the Faith of the Great Church of Christ of Constantinople". Let us be worthy of that trust by continuing our united support to the Knights of St. Andrew as honored and distinguished Archons of the Ecumenical Patriarchate. Send in your gift made out to the "Knights of St. Andrew", 8 East 79th Street, New York, New York 10021. Thank you.

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