



ORDER OF SAINT ANDREW

ARCHONS OF THE ECUMENICAL PATRIARCHATE

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The Archons in the Greek Orthodox Metropolis of San Francisco continue to be devoted stewards of the Church and dedicated *Defenders of the Faith*, both within their respective parishes and in their efforts at the Metropolis level.

The Metropolis of San Francisco was honored to welcome His Eminence Archbishop Elpidophoros to our Metropolis on several occasions from October 2019 through the spring 2020. We had hoped His Eminence would be able to visit for other events but due to the pandemic and the cancellation of several events, the anticipated visits of His Eminence were unable to be realized.

FOLK DANCE AND CHORAL FESTIVAL

The weekend of February 13 – 16, 2020 was the 44th Annual Metropolis of San Francisco Folk Dance and Choral Festival held in Anaheim, CA. Archbishop Elpidophoros enthusiastically participated in the various festivities throughout the weekend.

Archon Isidoros Garifalakis and his wife, Maria, hosted a private dinner which included several Archons and their spouses. Other guests included His



Excellency Metropolitan Ilia of Philomelion, Katerina Panagopoulou – the National Ambassador of Greece for Sport, Tolerance and Fair Play to the Council of Europe the Executive Leadership Team of FDF, and Riverside County Superior Court Judge Honorable Steven Counelis and his wife Stacia.



The Archons of the Metropolis of San Francisco hosted a banquet in honor of the Archpastoral visit of His Eminence Archbishop Elpidophoros of America. The program was led by Archon Theofanis Economidis, Archon Ekdikos and member of the National Council for the Order of Saint Andrew the Apostle. Guests were entertained by rising star, Theodosia Rousos, who performed operatic arias and Greek folk music. The Metropolis of San Francisco Philoptochos gifted the Archbishop with a beautiful set of gold vestments.

At the conclusion of the evening, the Archons from the Metropolis of San Francisco presented His Eminence Archbishop Elpidophoros with a donation of \$25,000 for the Saint Nicholas Shrine at the World Trade Center.

VISIT TO SAN FRANCISCO



His Eminence Archbishop Elpidophoros of America visited San Francisco from January 24 – 26, 2020. A private dinner with Archons and spouses was held at Kokkari Estiatorio, hosted by Archon George Marcus and his wife Judy, and Archon Dr. Kenneth Frangadakis and his wife Angie.

On Saturday, January 25, 2020, Archbishop Elpidophoros visited the Saint George Cathedral in San Francisco, under the Palestinian-Jordanian Vicariate. In addition to being greeted by children of the parish, the Archbishop was also welcomed by Dr. Issam Khoury, Archon Quaistor, a member of the Archon Class of 2019.



His Eminence Archbishop Elpidophoros presided at the Archieratical Divine Liturgy at the Annunciation Cathedral in San Francisco on Sunday, January 26, 2020. Several Archons were in attendance, along with California Lt.

Governor Eleni Tsakopoulos Kounalakis. The youth dance groups of parish also offered a performance of traditional dances.

PASSING OF ARCHONS FROM THE METROPOLIS OF SAN FRANCISCO

During the past years, we lost six members of the Order of Saint Andrew the Apostle:

- **William Aspros, Archon *Depoutatos* – November 1, 2019**
- **Nicolaos Bissias, Archon *Depoutatos* – May 5, 2020**
- **Tykye Camaras, Archon *Lambadarios* – November 25, 2019**
- **Paul Manolis, Archon *Megas Hypomnematografos* – February 8, 2020**
- **Michael H. Pahos, Archon *Ekdikos* – February 7, 2020**
- **George Tzikas, Archon *Depoutatos* – April 15, 2020**

The families of all of these esteemed *Defenders of the Faith* were presented with the Archon Cross, and they were very touched by this gesture of the Order of Saint Andrew the Apostle and the remembrance of their loved ones and their devoted service to the Mother Church. May their memories be eternal!