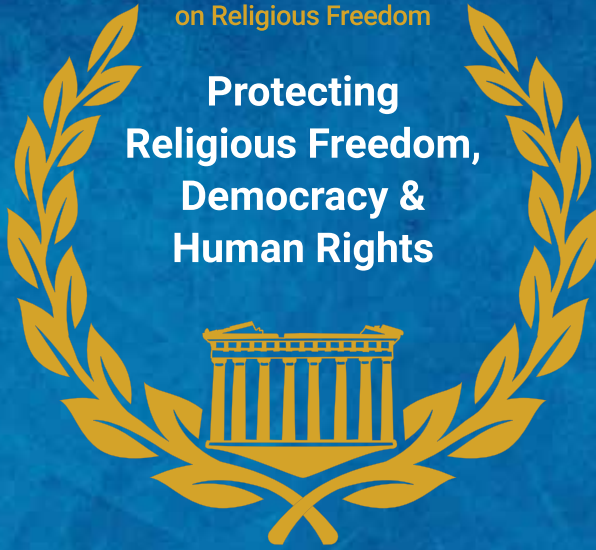


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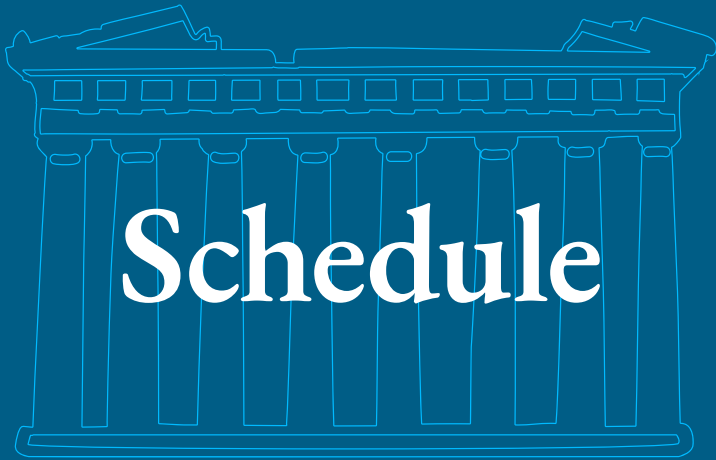


Welcome

to

ATHENS

ΑΘΗΝΑ



Sunday, May 26, 2024

7:00AM

Orthros

Attire:

- Business

Archon Emblems:

- Lapel Rosette
- Double-Headed Eagle Pocket Insert
- Archon Cross

All are invited to attend the Orthros and Divine Liturgy celebrated by His Eminence Archbishop Elpidophoros of America, at the historic Annunciation Metropolitan Cathedral, the cathedral church of the Archbishop of Athens and All Greece.

**Annunciation
Metropolitan
Cathedral**

*Mitropoleos Sq,
Athens*

7 min walk 
from hotels around
Syntagma Square

8:30AM

Archieratical Divine Liturgy

Following the Divine Liturgy, a 50-year anniversary Memorial Service commemorating the victims of the tragic invasion of Cyprus and all other martyrs who have lost their lives because of religious persecution.

**Annunciation
Metropolitan
Cathedral**

*Mitropoleos Sq,
Athens*

6:00–8:00PM

Welcome Reception at the Foreign Ministry

Attire:

- Business

Archon Emblems:

- Lapel Rosette
- Double-Headed Eagle Pocket Insert

Welcome

Minister Kotsiras

Greetings

Athanasios Martinos

Archon Exarchos

President of the Pammakaristos
Brotherhood of Archons in Europe
Conference Co-Chair

Anthony J. Limberakis, MD

Archon Megas Aktouarios

National Commander of the Archons
of the Ecumenical Patriarchate
in America
Conference Co-Chair

Response

His Eminence

Archbishop Elpidophoros of America

Patriarchal Representative

**Ministry of
Foreign Affairs**

*1 Academias Str.
Athens*

5 min walk 
from hotels around
Syntagma Square

Monday, May 27, 2024

10:00AM–12:00PM

Attire:

- Business

Archon Emblems:

- Lapel Rosette
- Double-Headed Eagle Pocket Insert

Official Opening

Welcome

Anthony J. Limberakis, MD

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Remarks

Haris Doukas

Mayor of Athens

His Beatitude

Archbishop Ieronymos II

Archbishop of Athens and All Greece

His Eminence

Archbishop Elpidophoros of America

Patriarchal Representative

His All-Holiness

Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew

Archbishop of Constantinople, New-Rome and Ecumenical Patriarchate (via video)


Keynote Speaker

John Chrysoulakis

Secretary General for Greeks abroad and Public Diplomacy, Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Stoa of Attalos

Museum of the Ancient Agora, 24 Adrianou Str, Athens

15 min walk 
from hotels around Syntagma Square

Monday, May 27, 2024

2:30–4:30PM

Attire:

- Business-casual

Archon Emblems:

- Lapel Rosette
- Double-Headed Eagle Pocket Insert

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

Convener

George C. Rockas, Esq.

Archon Dikaiophylax

Keynote Speaker

Archbishop of Vilnius, Gintaras Grušas

President of the Council of European

Bishops' Conferences (CCEE)

Roman Catholic Church

Vilnius, Lithuania

Moderator

William J. Antholis, PhD

Archon Prostatas Ton Grammaton

Director and CEO of the

Miller Center of Public Affairs

University of Virginia

Questions and Answers

Old Parliament

National Historical

Museum,

13 Stadiou Str

Athens

4 min walk 
from hotels around
Syntagma Square

5:30PM - First Bus

7:00PM - Last Bus

Buses begin departing King George Hotel

for the Acropolis Museum and Welcome

Dinner

Gather in front of

King George Hotel

6:00PM

Attire:

- Business

Archon Emblems:

- Lapel Rosette
- Double-Headed Eagle Pocket Insert

Private Tour of Acropolis Museum

A private tour of the museum will be

offered by official Acropolis guides.

Welcome

Dr. Nikos Stampolidis


Director-General of the Acropolis Museum

Acropolis Museum

15 Dionysiou

Areopagitou Str,

Athens

15 min walk 
from hotels around
Syntagma Square

Monday, May 27, 2024

7:30–10:00PM

Attire:

- Business

Archon Emblems:

- Lapel Rosette
- Double-Headed Eagle Pocket Insert

**Welcome Dinner hosted by
Archon Athanasios and Marina Martinos**

Invocation

**His Eminence
Archbishop Elpidophoros of America**
Patriarchal Representative

Welcome

Athanasios Martinos
Archon Exarchos
President of the Pammakaristos
Brotherhood of Archons in Europe
Conference Co-Chair

Greetings

Anthony J. Limberakis, MD
Archon Megas Aktouarios

Toast

Hon. B. Theodore Bozonelis
Archon Ekdikos
National Vice Commander of the
Archons of the Ecumenical Patriarchate
in America

Dinner Served

Remarks

Hon. George J. Tsunis, Esq.
Archon Hypomnematografos
U.S. Ambassador to the Hellenic Republic

Response


**His Eminence
Archbishop Elpidophoros of America**
Patriarchal Representative

Benediction

**His Eminence Metropolitan Emmanuel
Geron of Chalcedon**

**Acropolis
Museum**

15 Dionysiou
Areopagitou Str,
Athens

15 min walk 
from hotels around
Syntagma Square

9:30PM - First Bus
11:00PM - Last Bus

Buses begin departing Acropolis
Museum for King George Hotel

*Gather at point
of entry*

Tuesday, May 28, 2024

10:00AM–12:00PM

Attire:

- Business-casual

Archon Emblems:

- Lapel Rosette
- Double-Headed Eagle Pocket Insert

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

Convener

Constantine Sideridis

Archon Proto Notarios

Keynote Speaker

Dr. Despina Chatzivassiliou-Tsovilis

Secretary General of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe

Moderator


Dr. Elizabeth H. Prodromou

Boston College, Professor, International Studies Program; and The Atlantic Council, Eurasia Center Non-Resident Senior Fellow

Questions and Answers

Zappeion

*Vas. Olgas Ave.
Athens*

14 min walk 
from hotels around
Syntagma Square

12:00–12:15PM

Remarks: Driving Change To Deliver A People-Centric Energy Transition

Georgios Stassis

Chairman and CEO of Public Power Corporation, DEI

12:30–2:00PM

Luncheon Invocation

His Eminence

Archbishop Nikitas of Thyateira and Great Britain

Toast

Gus M. Pablecas

Archon Ostiarios

National Secretary of the Archons of the Ecumenical Patriarchate in America

Luncheon Breakout

Benediction

His Eminence

Metropolitan Theodoritos of Laodicea

Director of the Ecumenical Patriarchate's Representation Office in Athens

Tuesday, May 28, 2024

2:30–4:30PM

Attire:

- Business-casual

Archon Emblems:

- Lapel Rosette
- Double-Headed Eagle Pocket Insert

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

Convener

John A. Catsimatidis

Archon Notarios

Chair, Religious Freedom Committee,
Archons of the Ecumenical Patriarchate
in America

Keynote Speaker

Hon. Michael R. Pompeo

70th Secretary of State
United States of America

Moderator


Jordan Sekulow

Executive Director of the
American Center for Law & Justice

Questions and Answers

Zappeion

*Vas. Olgas Ave
Athens*

14 min walk 
from hotels around
Syntagma Square

Tuesday, May 28, 2024

5:30PM - First Bus
6:15PM - Last Bus

Buses begin departing King George Hotel
for American School of Classical Studies

*Gather in front of
King George Hotel*

6:30–8:30PM

Cocktail Reception

**American School
of Classical
Studies**

*Cotsen Gardens
and Cotsen Hall,
54, Souidias Str.
Athens*

Attire:

- Business-casual

Archon Emblems:

- Lapel Rosette
- Double-Headed Eagle
Pocket Insert


Master of Ceremonies

George T. Orfanakos

Executive Director, American School of
Classical Studies at Athens

Short Film

About the American School

23 min walk 
from hotels around
Syntagma Square

Welcome

Andreas Zombanakis

Archon Orphanotrofos

Trustee, American School of Classical
Studies at Athens; Chair, Board of
Overseers of the Gennadius Library

Remarks

Chrisostomos Perentes

Archon Aktouarios

President, Archons of the Ecumenical
Patriarchate in Canada, Order of Saint
Paul the Apostle

Response

His Eminence

Archbishop Elpidophoros of America

Patriarchal Representative

Private Tour of American Classical School and the Gennadius Library

8:30PM - First Bus
9:00PM - Last Bus

Buses begin departing American School
of Classical Studies for King George Hotel

*Gather at point
of entry*

Wednesday, May 29, 2024

9:00AM–1:00PM

Attire:

- Business-casual

Archon Emblems:

- Lapel Rosette
- Double-Headed Eagle Pocket Insert



The 1st Summit of Global Archons

Opening Remarks and Call to Order

Anthony J. Limberakis, MD

Archon Megas Aktouarios

Invocation

His Eminence Metropolitan Emmanuel

Geron of Chalcedon

Patriarchal Representative

Patriarchal Exhortation (via video)

His All-Holiness

Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew

*Archbishop of Constantinople,
New-Rome and Ecumenical Patriarchate*

Greetings

Athanasios Martinos

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The Global Mission of the Archons

His Eminence Metropolitan Emmanuel

Geron of Chalcedon

Patriarchal Representative

Archons: A Global Ecumenical Ministry

Anthony J. Limberakis, MD

Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew Foundation

**His Eminence Archbishop Elpidophoros
of America**

Anthony J. Limberakis, MD

*Chair, Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew
Foundation*

Open Discussion

Benediction

**His Eminence Archbishop Elpidophoros
of America**

Old Parliament

*National Historical
Museum,
13 Stadiou Str
Athens*

4 min walk 

*from hotels around
Syntagma Square*

Wednesday, May 29, 2024

6:45PM - First Bus
7:15PM - Last Bus

Buses begin departing King George Hotel
for Zappeion

*Gather in front of
King George Hotel*

7:30PM–10:00PM

Farewell Dinner

Zappeion

Attire:

- Business

Archon Emblems:

- Lapel Rosette
- Double-Headed Eagle
Pocket Insert

Master of Ceremonies

Hon. B. Theodore Bozonelis

Archon Ekdikos

National Vice Commander of the Archons
of the Ecumenical Patriarchate in America

Invocation

His Eminence Metropolitan Emmanuel

Geron of Chalcedon

Patriarchal Representative

Welcome

Athanasios Martinos

Archon Exarchos

Conference Co-Chair

Greetings

Boris Gurov

Archon Orphanotrophos, Sofia, Bulgaria

Toast

Peter J. Skeadas

Archon Hieromnimon

National Treasurer of the Archons of the
Ecumenical Patriarchate in America

Dinner Served

Remarks

Anthony J. Limberakis, MD

Archon Megas Aktouarios

Conference Co-Chair

Address

Evangelos Venizelos

Former Deputy Prime Minister of
Greece—Professor of Constitutional Law
at the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki

Response

His Eminence Metropolitan Emmanuel


Geron of Chalcedon

Patriarchal Representative

Benediction

**His Eminence Archbishop Elpidophoros
of America**

*Vas. Olgas Ave
Athens*

14 min walk 
from hotels around
Syntagma Square

10:00PM - First Bus
11:00PM - Last Bus

Buses begin departing Zappeion for King
George Hotel



Metropolitan Cathedral of Athens

The Metropolitan Cathedral of Athens, also known as the “Cathedral of the Annunciation,” stands as a beacon of faith and architectural splendor in the heart of the Greek capital. Constructed in the 19th century, this majestic cathedral is a testament to the enduring spiritual devotion of the Greek Orthodox faithful. Its striking neoclassical façade, adorned with intricate reliefs and majestic bell towers, commands attention amidst the bustling streets of Athens. Inside, the cathedral’s soaring arches, ornate iconography, and golden-hued interiors inspire reverence and awe. As the seat of the Archbishop of Athens and All Greece, the Metropolitan Cathedral plays a central role in the religious life of the nation, hosting solemn liturgies, religious ceremonies, and cultural events that unite believers and visitors alike in worship and contemplation. With its timeless beauty and spiritual significance, the Metropolitan Cathedral of Athens stands as a cherished symbol of Greek Orthodox tradition and a testament to the enduring power of faith.



Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Housed in a landmark building on Akadimias Street, designed by architect Alexandros Nikoloudis, the ministry’s headquarters is an architectural masterpiece blending neoclassical and modern elements. Completed in the late 19th century, it features grand columns, intricate detailing, and serves as a hub for diplomatic activities, hosting meetings, conferences, and official ceremonies. This iconic structure reflects Greece’s diplomatic heritage and enduring commitment to international relations. The Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Greece plays a pivotal role in shaping the country’s international relations. As the primary governmental body responsible for managing Greece’s interactions with other nations, it focuses on promoting the country’s interests abroad, fostering cooperation, and advancing diplomatic initiatives. Its wide-ranging responsibilities include representing Greece in negotiations, overseeing consular affairs, and formulating foreign policy strategies aligned with national interests.



Stoa of Attalos

The Stoa of Attalos, a marvel of ancient Greek architecture, stands proudly in the heart of Athens. Reconstructed in the 1950s by the American School of Classical Studies at Athens, this majestic colonnaded building pays homage to its original incarnation, which was commissioned by King Attalos II of Pergamon in the 2nd century BC. The Stoa's imposing façade, adorned with Doric and Ionic columns, once served as a bustling marketplace, and gathering place for Athenians, offering shelter from the scorching sun and sheltering countless stalls and shops. Today, meticulously restored to its former glory, the Stoa of Attalos serves as a museum housing a rich collection of artifacts and exhibits, offering visitors a glimpse into ancient Athenian life and commerce. With its timeless beauty and historical significance, the Stoa remains a cherished landmark and a testament to the enduring legacy of classical Greece.



The Old Parliament

The Old Parliament Building of Athens, also known as the “Old Palace,” stands as a symbol of Greece’s journey towards democracy and independence. Completed in 1843, this neoclassical masterpiece was originally constructed to house the Royal Palace during the reign of King Otto. However, it soon became the epicenter of Greece’s political life when it served as the home of the Hellenic Parliament from 1875 to 1935. With



its grand Ionic columns and elegant architecture, the building exudes a sense of grandeur and historical importance. Inside, ornate chambers and halls witnessed pivotal moments in Greek history, including debates on constitutional reforms and declarations of war. Today, the Old Parliament Building serves as the National Historical Museum, preserving artifacts and documents that chronicle Greece’s struggle for independence and the evolution of its democratic institutions. As a revered landmark in the heart of Athens, it continues to inspire visitors with its rich history and enduring commitment to democratic ideals.

The Acropolis Museum

The Acropolis Museum, a modern marvel nestled in the shadow of the ancient Acropolis in Athens, Greece, stands as a testament to the enduring legacy of classical civilization. Designed by architect Bernard Tschumi and opened to the public in 2009, this state-of-the-art museum showcases the rich archaeological treasures unearthed from the Acropolis and its surrounding areas. With its sleek glass exterior and expansive interior



spaces, the museum provides a stunning backdrop for the display of ancient artifacts, sculptures, and architectural fragments dating back to the Golden Age of Athens. Visitors are transported on a journey through time as they explore the museum's meticulously curated galleries, which offer unparalleled insights into the artistic achievements and cultural significance of ancient Greece. From the iconic Parthenon Marbles to the intricately carved Caryatids, each exhibit serves as a poignant reminder of the enduring influence of Greek civilization on the world stage. With its immersive exhibits, educational programs, and panoramic views of the Acropolis, the Acropolis Museum stands as a beacon of cultural heritage and a testament to the timeless beauty of ancient Greece.

Zappeion

The Zappeion Hall, a timeless gem nestled amidst the historic heart of Athens, embodies the spirit of Greek heritage and cultural revival. Designed by Danish architect Theophil Hansen and completed in 1888, this majestic structure was the visionary creation of Greek patriot Evangelis Zappas, who dedicated his life to rekindling the flames of ancient Greece's Olympic glory and promoting the arts. Over the past century, the Zappeion has



stood witness to countless significant cultural and historical events, serving as a symbol of national pride and unity. With its neoclassical architecture, adorned with intricate details and graceful proportions, the Zappeion continues to enchant visitors from around the world. Today, it remains a vibrant hub of cultural activity, hosting prestigious events, conferences, and exhibitions that celebrate Greece's rich cultural heritage and intellectual legacy. As an enduring icon of Greek civilization, the Zappeion stands as a testament to the enduring legacy of those who sought to revive the spirit of ancient Greece for generations to come.

The American Classical School of Studies

The American School of Classical Studies at Athens (ASCSA) stands as a beacon of scholarship and cultural exchange in the field of classical studies. Founded in 1881, this esteemed institution has played a pivotal role in advancing research and education in Greek archaeology, history, and language. Located in the heart of Athens, the ASCSA's world-class facilities, including its renowned library and archaeological resources, attract scholars, students, and researchers from around the globe. Through its fieldwork projects, academic programs, and publications, the ASCSA continues to contribute to our understanding of the ancient Mediterranean world and its enduring impact on contemporary society. As a hub for interdisciplinary collaboration and intellectual inquiry, the ASCSA remains committed to preserving and promoting the rich cultural heritage of Greece for future generations.





Speakers



His All-Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew

Archbishop of Constantinople, New-Rome
and Ecumenical Patriarch

Istanbul, Turkey

Born Demetrios Arhondonis in 1940 on the island of Imvros (today, Gökçeada, Turkey), His All-Holiness Bartholomew was elected in October 1991 as the 270th Archbishop of the 2000-year-old Church founded by the Apostle Andrew. His formal office is Archbishop of Constantinople-New Rome, and Ecumenical Patriarch, a historic title dating to the sixth century.

The role of the Ecumenical Patriarch as the primary spiritual leader of the Orthodox Christian world and transnational figure of global significance has increased exponentially during the tenure of His All-Holiness. He has exchanged numerous invitations of Church and State dignitaries, and addressed many national parliaments. He has been invited to speak at the European Parliament, the United Nations, UNESCO, and the World Economic Forum.

The personal experience and theological formation of the Ecumenical Patriarch provide him with a unique perspective on ecumenical relations, interfaith dialogue, and environmental issues. He has worked tirelessly for reconciliation among Christian Churches and championed reconciliation with the Roman Catholic Church, the Anglican Communion, and other confessions, through

theological dialogues, bilateral consultations, and personal encounters to address issues of common concern. He served on the Executive and Central Committees and Faith and Order Commission of the World Council of Churches, delivering the keynote address for the council's 70th anniversary.

He has co-sponsored international peace conferences, as well as meetings on the subjects of racism and fundamentalism, bringing together Christians, Muslims and Jews for the purpose of advancing greater cooperation and mutual understanding. He has advanced Christian-Muslim relations in such places as former Yugoslavia, advocating for peace-building measures to diffuse global conflict in the region, while supporting many traditionally Orthodox countries emerging from decades of wide scale religious persecution and oppression behind the Iron Curtain.

Perhaps no other church leader has ever brought environmental issues to the forefront of his personal attention and institutional action. He has organized international, inter-faith and inter-disciplinary symposia and summits to address ecological problems of the world, earning him the title "Green

Patriarch" and prestigious international awards.

Finally, in 1992, His All-Holiness convened a Synaxis (assembly) of Orthodox Primates, the first ever in a series of six assemblies to date, bringing together the world leaders of the Orthodox Churches to deliberate on matters of common concern. He also presided over the historic restoration of the Autocephalous Church of Albania and the Autonomous Church of Estonia. Most recently, after a vacuum of almost an entire millennium, he convened the Holy and Great Council of the Orthodox Church in Crete (2016). In January 2019, he granted autocephaly to the Church of Ukraine.

Within the jurisdiction of the Ecumenical Throne, he was the first patriarch to summon a meeting of all bishops throughout the world, which have assembled regularly since 1992.

In 1997, he was awarded the Gold Medal of the United States Congress. *The Guardian* recognized him as one of the world's leaders in raising environmental awareness. And, in its category of Leaders and revolutionaries, *Time Magazine* named him as one of the world's most influential people.



PATRIARCHAL REPRESENTATIVE

His Eminence Metropolitan Emmanuel Geron of Chalcedon

Ecumenical Patriarchate of Constantinople
Istanbul, Turkey

His Eminence Metropolitan Emmanuel Geron of Chalcedon was born in Agios Nikolaos, Crete (Greece) on December 19, 1958. After studying in Greece, in France and in the USA, he assumed the duties of Chancellor of the Holy Metropolis of Belgium. For twenty years (1994-2014) he headed the Office of the Orthodox Church to the European Union.

On January 20, 2003, he was unanimously elected Metropolitan of France by the Holy and

Sacred Synod of the Ecumenical Patriarchate, while at the same time he was appointed to represent the Ecumenical Patriarchate in the Theological Dialogue between Eastern and Oriental Orthodox Churches and the Academic Meetings with Islam and Judaism. On February 16, 2021, the Holy and Sacred Synod of the Ecumenical Patriarchate unanimously elected him Elder Metropolitan of Chalcedon.

He served as a board mem-

ber of the KAICIID Dialogue Center in Portugal, President of the Conference of European Churches (CEC). He is currently co-moderator of Religions for Peace International, a member of the executive committee of the World Council of Churches, and is the chair of the board of the Interfaith Alliance for Safer Communities. He participated in many ecumenical and scientific conferences and recently received an honorary doctorate from the University of Athens.



His Eminence Archbishop Elpidophoros of America

Exarch of the Ecumenical Patriarchate
Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America

New York, New York

His Eminence Archbishop Elpidophoros (Lambriniadis) of America, Most Honorable Exarch of the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans, is the eighth Archbishop of America elected since the establishment of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese in 1922.

Archbishop Elpidophoros was born in 1967 in Bakirköy, Istanbul. He studied at the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki – School of Pastoral and Social Theology, from which he graduated in 1991. In 1993, he finished his postgraduate studies at the Philosophical School of the University of Bonn, Germany, submitting a dissertation entitled, “The Brothers Nicholas and John Mesarites: Defenders of Orthodoxy in the Union Negotiations from 1204 to 1214 (in the historical and theological framework of the era).” He was ordained a Deacon in 1994 at the Patriarchal Cathedral and was thereafter appointed as the Codecographer of the Holy and Sacred Synod of the Ecumenical Patriarchate.

In 1995, he was appointed Deputy Secretary of the Holy and Sacred Synod. From 1996-1997 he studied at the Theological School of St. John the Damascene in Balamand, Lebanon, where he improved his knowledge of the Arabic

language. In 2001, he presented his doctoral dissertation at the Theological School of the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki under the title, “The Opposing Stance of Severus of Antioch at the Council of Chalcedon,” earning him a Doctorate of Theology with highest distinction. In 2004, he was invited to Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology in Brookline, MA, where he taught as a visiting professor for one semester.

In March 2005, at the proposal of His All Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew, he was promoted by the Holy and Sacred Synod to the position of Chief Secretary and was ordained to the priesthood by the Ecumenical Patriarch in the Patriarchal Cathedral. In 2009, he submitted two dissertations to the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki – School of Pastoral and Social Theology and was unanimously elected Assistant Professor of Symbolics, Inter-Orthodox Relations and the Ecumenical Movement. The dissertations are entitled: “The Synaxes of the Hierarchy of the Ecumenical Throne (1951-2004)” and “Luther’s Ninety-Five Theses: Historical and Theological Aspects. Text – Translation – Commentary.” In 2018, he was elected full pro-

fessor at the same university, a position he held until his election as Archbishop of America.

In March 2011, he was elected Metropolitan of Bursa, and in August of the same year was appointed Abbot of the Holy Patriarchal and Stavropegial Monastery of the Holy Trinity on the island of Halki. He has served as the Orthodox Secretary of the Joint International Commission for the Theological Dialogue between the Orthodox Church and the Lutheran World Federation and as a member of the Patriarchal delegations to the General Assemblies of the Conference of European Churches and the World Council of Churches. He was the Secretary of the Pan-Orthodox Synods in Sofia (1998), Istanbul (2005), Geneva (2006), and Istanbul (2008). He has been an active member of the World Council of Churches serving on its Central Committee and also serving on its Faith and Order Commission since 1996.

On May 11, 2019, he was elected Archbishop of America by the Holy and Sacred Synod of the Ecumenical Patriarchate and was enthroned at the Archdiocesan Cathedral of the Holy Trinity in New York City on June 22 of the same year.



SPEAKER

His Beatitude Archbishop Ieronymos II of Athens and All Greece

Church of Greece

Athens, Greece

His Beatitude Archbishop Ieronymos of Athens and all Greece was born in Inofita of Viotia on March 30, 1938. After he completed his studies, he was admitted to the Department of History and Archæology in the University of Athens. After that he was admitted to the Faculty of Theology of the University of Athens. He was awarded a scholarship from the State Scholarship Foundation in Greece, having excelled in Byzantine Studies. Moreover, he pursued graduate studies in Graz (Austria), Regensburg and Munich (Germany).

He was ordained deacon in December 3, 1967 in Thebes by the late Metropolitan Nicodimos. On the 10th of the same month, he was ordained Presbyter and Archimandrite.

He served as Protosynkellos of the Holy Metropolitanate of Thebes and Levadeia (1967-1978), Hegumen of the Holy Monasteries of the Saviour in Sagmata (1971-1977) and Hosios Loukas in Bœotia (1977-1981), Secretary and Chief Secretary of the Holy Synod of the Church of Greece (1978-1981).

In 1981, he was elected Metropolitan of Thebes and Livadia by the Holy Synod of the Church of Greece.

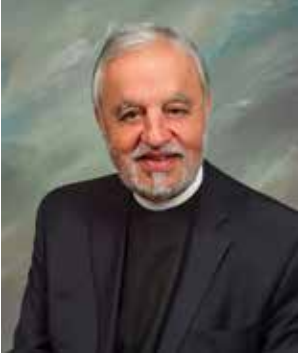
In February 7, 2008, he was elected Archbishop of Athens and all Greece.

His authorial work comprises articles, studies, and books of theological, social, and historical content, among which the one entitled “Mediæval Monuments of Eubœa” was awarded the first prize of the Academy of Athens in 1970. Also he published, the two volume work entitled “Christian Viotia”, “Holy Monastery of Saint Loukas”, “Monastery of Jerusalem of Davlia”, “Church Property and the Payroll of the Clergy”, “A Concise Overview of the Church Property”, and “Preservable and Divestible Monasterial Property”.

As an Archbishop, he created or completed the following structures:

1. “Saint Porphyrios” Geriatric and Welfare Support Centre,
2. “Saint Philothei the Athenian” Centre of Learning, Culture and Volunteerism – Camping Facility of the Holy Archdiocese of Athens,
3. “Apostoli” Civil Non-Profit Association of the Holy Archdiocese of Athens and the General Philoptochon Fund;
4. “Karelion” Model Centre for Alzheimer’s and related diseases,
5. “Demetrios” Centre for the Creative Occupation of Children,
6. Pastoral Training Foundation; certified lifelong training structure;

7. Cultural Centre of the Holy Archdiocese of Athens,
8. “Maria Kokkori” Foundation for the Treatment of Mentally Challenged Persons or Suffering from Down Syndrome,
9. “Psaraffeion” two (2) Assisted Living Hospices,
10. “Athanasios Martinos 1 & 2” two (2) Assisted Living Hospices,
11. Library of the Holy Archdiocese of Athens;
12. Social Cram School of the Holy Archdiocese of Athens;
13. Ecclesiastical Foundation of Byzantine and Traditional Music of the Holy Archdiocese of Athens;
14. “The Venizelos’ Mansion” Monument, in Plaka,
15. Foundation – Secretariat for the fight against the humanitarian crisis;
16. “The Annunciation of the Mother of God” Nursery and Kindergarten,
17. Archbishop Ieronymos II Library, in Oenophita,
18. Archbishop Ieronymos II Museum, in Oenophita,
19. His Beatitude Ieronymos II of Athens and all Greece is a man of love, prayer, and historical research. He proceeds with his love of God and his neighbour as his compass.



ARCHON SPIRITUAL ADVISOR

Father Alexander Karloutsos

Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America
Southampton, New York

Father Alexander Karloutsos, recently retired, served as the Vicar General of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America and Special Assistant to His Eminence Archbishop Elpidophoros. He is the Spiritual Advisor to the Order of Saint Andrew, Archons of the Ecumenical Patriarchate in America, and to Faith: An Endowment for Orthodoxy & Hellenism. He also served for 46 years as the representative of the Archdiocese to the White House, the Congress, state and local officials, Greek American organizations, political action, religious freedom and human rights groups. Father Alexander is also the pastor of The Dormition of the Virgin Mary Church in the Hamptons and serves as the Orthodox Christian Chaplain for the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey.

He was previously Executive Director of Leadership 100, serving from 1986 to 1992 and 1999 to 2004, and was appointed by Archbishop Iakovos as the first Vicar of Public Affairs

of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America in 1985, holding that position simultaneously until 1992 when he was appointed Special Assistant to His All Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew at the Ecumenical Patriarchate of Constantinople. In 1994, The Ecumenical Patriarch personally elevated Fr. Karloutsos to the prestigious office of Protosphyter of the Sacred See of Saint Andrew

Fr. Alexander has been blessed to serve in leadership/fundraising capacities for three unique church building programs: The Saint Nicholas National Shrine at Ground Zero; The Dormition of the Virgin Mary Church in Southampton, NY; and the Interdenominational Chapel at Camp David, Maryland, the country retreat of Presidents. Fr. Karloutsos also served as the principal fundraiser for the restoration of the Holy Sepulcher of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, in the Holy City of Jerusalem

Fr Karloutsos and his Presby-

tera Xanthi have been honored in the recent past for their 54 years ministry to the Archdiocese, the Ecumenical Patriarchate, the Hellenic Republic and the United States of America. In 2018, the Order of Saint Andrew the Apostle, Archons of the Ecumenical Patriarchate, bestowed upon Presbytera Karavellas-Karloutsos and Fr Alex, the most prestigious Patriarch Athenagoras Human Rights Award. Fr Alex was extremely humbled in 2022, to receive the Apostolic Cross of Saint Mark the Evangelist from His Beatitude Patriarch Theodore II of Alexandria; the Gold Cross of the Phoenix from Prime Minister of Greece; and the Presidential Medal of Freedom on July 7, 2022, from Joe Biden, President of the United States.

Father Alexander is married to Xanthi Karavellas Karloutsos. They have three children and nine grandchildren, Alexander, Konstantine, Xanthi, Luca, Konstantina, Demetrios, Steven, Leo and Michael Jr.



Archon Anthony J. Limberakis, M.D.

National Commander
Archons of the Ecumenical Patriarchate in America
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Dr. Anthony J. Limberakis, MD has served as National Commander of the Archons of the Ecumenical Patriarchate since 1998.

Dr. Limberakis was invested as an Archon on March 8, 1987 and conferred with the offikion Aktouarios. He has served on the Archon National Council since 1989 and held the position of National Secretary for ten years. On September 3, 2023, His All-Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew elevated Dr. Limberakis to the offikion Archon Megas (Grand) Aktouarios.

Dr. Limberakis has led the Archons of the Ecumenical Patriarchate in a major domestic and international religious freedom initiative for the Ecumenical Patriarchate. Under his leadership, the Archons have initiated a multifaceted religious freedom project, working with the federal government of the United States, the legislative bodies of each of the 50 states, the US Commission on International Religious Freedom (USCIRF), the European Union, the European Court of Human Rights and the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE), to convey the urgent message that the Turkish government must cease and desist the policies that restrict religious freedom. Over the years Commander Dr. Limberakis has met with various ministers of the Republic of Turkey, including the current President, initially when he served as mayor of Istanbul, and later when he assumed the office of Prime Minister.

Also, under the leadership of Dr. Limberakis, the Archons have

established eleven Archon Engagement Committees, which afford hundreds of Archons the opportunity to devote their time, talent and treasure in service to a specific area of their interest that serves the advancement and protection of the Ecumenical Patriarchate.

Dr. Limberakis also serves as Chair of the Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew Foundation (EPBF), which is dedicated to providing financial independence for the Ecumenical Patriarchate, *in perpetuity*. As of this writing, the EPBF has over \$23 million in pledges. Leading by example, Commander Dr. Limberakis is a FOUNDER of the EPBF, contributing \$100,000; he is also a fulfilled member of the Archbishop Iakovos Leadership 100 Fund, and a significant Honor Wall benefactor of St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church and National Shrine at the World Trade Center in Manhattan. Under his leadership, the Archons have raised over \$60 million in direct and indirect funds for the Ecumenical Patriarchate.

In March 2015, Dr. Limberakis was conferred with the recognition of Distinguished Fellow of the Oxford Centre for the Study of Law and Public Policy at Harris Manchester College of the University of Oxford.

Dr. Limberakis is a current member of the Archdiocesan Council of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America, and has been since 1996. He is a past member of the Board of Trustees of Hellenic College/Holy Cross School of Theology; that institution conferred upon him an Honorary Doctorate in Humanities for his leadership in the Church and

Community. His Beatitude Patriarch Theophilos of Jerusalem awarded National Commander Limberakis with a cross of the "Order of Orthodox Cross-bearers of the All-Holy Sepulcher" for his honorable work and faithful dedication to the Mother Church of Constantinople and the Jerusalem Patriarchate.

A graduate of Duke University School of Medicine, Commander Dr. Limberakis has served on the Board of Visitors of Duke University Medical Center, was the president of the Duke University Medical Alumni Association and the Medical School's major gifts organization, The Davison Club, and received the medical school's highest recognition for voluntary service, The Charles A. Dukes Award.

Dr. Limberakis currently serves on the Academic Radiology Faculty of Thomas Jefferson University, Sidney Kimmel Medical College. He is also the Supervising Radiologist for the City of Philadelphia Public Health Department, Division of Ambulatory Services.

Dr. Limberakis is married to Dr. Maria Borden Limberakis, a family practitioner, who is the daughter of Dr. Anthony G. Borden of blessed memory, the National Commander of the Archons of the Ecumenical Patriarchate from 1976 to 1989. They have three adult children and five grandchildren, and are parishioners of Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church in Elkins Park, Pennsylvania, and St. Sophia Greek Orthodox Church in Valley Forge (Jeffersonville), Pennsylvania.



Archon Athanasios Martinos

President
Pammakaristos Brotherhood of Archons in Europe

Athens, Greece

Athanasios Martinos, Archon Exarchos, is the President of the Pammakaristos Brotherhood of Archons in Europe, and the Co-Chair of the 4th Archon International Conference on Religious Freedom.

An Archon of the Ecumenical Patriarchate of Constantinople as well as of the Patriarchate of Alexandria, Archon Martinos served as the civil administrator of the monastic community of Mount Athos, an autonomous region run by Orthodox monks in Greece, from 2019 to 2023.

Archon Martinos is one of the leading shipowners in Greece and around the world; he is currently the Managing Director and main shareholder

of Eastern Mediterranean Maritime Limited, a company offering seaborne transportation services to the energy, industrial and agricultural sectors, with over 40 years of operation, presently managing 74 tankers and dry bulk carriers and container vessels.

Born in 1950, Archon Martinos is a graduate of Athens University School of Economics and City College of London. A veteran of the Greek Navy, he was co-Managing Director of the family shipping business Thenamaris from 1968 to 1990. In 1991, he established Eastern Mediterranean Maritime Limited.

Archon Martinos is a mem-

ber of the Union of Hellenic American Educational Foundation (HAEF)-Athens College, and a founding Member of "SYNENOSIS" of the Union of Greek Shipowners, a company offering social services, and a member of the Board of Directors of the Center for Asia Minor Studies.

He is married to Marina and they have two daughters and three grandchildren. They support social benevolent causes mainly in Greece, through their family foundations, Aigeas Non-Profit Civil Company and the Athanasios and Marina Martinos Foundation.



Archon George C. Rockas, Esq.

Archons of the Ecumenical Patriarchate in America
Boston, Massachusetts

George Rockas was invested as an Archon of the Ecumenical Patriarchate in 2006. He is the Conference Planning Co-chairman of the Religious Freedom Conference that the Archons are holding on May 26-28, 2024, in Athens. He was the Chairman of the Planning Committee for the Archon Religious Freedom Conferences in Brussels in 2010 and in Berlin in 2013.

Mr. Rockas was a member of the Archon Legal Committee for a number of years. In that capacity he helped monitor legal issues facing the Greek Orthodox minority as well as other religious minorities in Turkey. Over the years, he has

participated in a number of religious freedom missions to the European Union and Turkey. He currently is Co-chairman of the International Archon Engagement Committee.

Mr. Rockas received his B.A. degree from Hamilton College and his J.D. and M.B.A. from Cornell University. He has been a lawyer for 40 years specializing in civil litigation, with an emphasis on defending lawyers in malpractice cases and defending insurers in insurance coverage disputes. He has tried a number of cases and argued a number of appeals in state and federal courts.

Since December 2000, he has

been a partner in the Boston office of Wilson Elser Moskowitz Edelman and Dicker LLP, a law firm with over 30 offices in the United States and an office in London. Throughout his career, Mr. Rockas has been active in the American Bar Association (ABA), including serving as the Chairman of the ABA's Insurance Coverage Litigation Committee.

He has been married to Evelyn Rockas for 40 years and has two children, Doctor Mary Rockas and James Rockas, who also is an Archon.



Archon Constantine Sideridis

Archons of the Ecumenical Patriarchate in America
Wilmington, Massachusetts

Costa Sideridis is President and CEO of Ferro-Ceramic Grinding Inc., a private Massachusetts firm specializing in the manufacture of advanced ceramic materials supplying the semiconductor, medical, aerospace, defense, electronic, and microwave industries in the US and throughout the world. Founded in 1966, the company continues to be a leading entity in the field of technical ceramics.

Costa has served as a trustee and advisor for a variety of organizations. With regards to education, he is a trustee for the Hellenic American University 2022 to present as well as a trustee associate at St. John's Preparatory School Danvers, MA 2023-present.

From a corporate perspective, Costa is a partner at Barton & Gray Mariners Club 2023-present, partner at Bridge-medica from 2008 to 2018, founding member of the New England CEO network from 2011 to present, trustee at the Brain Science Foundation from 2011 to present.

Furthermore, Costa has played a significant role in the promotion of Hellenism in the Boston area by serving as the president of the Alpha Omega Council from 2020-2022 while leading several committees as chairperson since 2014. He is also Boston regional co-chair for the National Hellenic Society (NHS) 2014 to present, and a member of the Order of AHEPA, Aristidis Chapter #50, Lynn MA.

Costa is also actively involved within the Greek Orthodox Church as he was invested an Archon (2015) by the Ecumenical Patriarchate's Order of Saint Andrew in Istanbul, Turkey, who heads over 300 million Orthodox Christians worldwide, with the offikion Protonotarios. A founding member of The Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew Foundation, Archon regional commander for the Metropolis of Boston, co-chair of the Archon International Committee, and part of the FAITH Endowment's Executive Education Program in Strategic Leadership and Transformative Action

(SLTA), a fulfilled member of Leadership 100, a member of the Archdiocesan council of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of New York, and a council member of the Metropolis of Boston, and member of the Fellowship of Orthodox Stewards (F.O.S) in Brookline, MA.

An ardent support of youth initiatives, Costa has served as chairman of the Metropolis camp golf tournament (2016-2023) and continues to support the Boston Metropolis summer camp by heading fund raising activities. In addition, he is parish council Vice President board member, former Stewardship chairman, and committee member of the endowment and legacy giving at the St. George parish in Lynn, MA.

Born in Montreal, Canada, Costa holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Ceramic Engineering (1992) and Bachelor of Arts in Economics (1992) degrees from Rutgers University. He resides in Salem, MA with his wife Allyson and their 2 boys.



KEYNOTE SPEAKER

John Chrysoulakis

Secretary General for Greeks abroad and Public Diplomacy, Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Athens, Greece

Prof. John Chrysoulakis is a graduate of the School of Civil Engineering of the National Technical University of Athens, was awarded a Master's degree from a US university and a PhD from the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki. He currently holds the title of Professor Emeritus. He has taught at academic institutions in Greece as well as abroad.

He has worked as manager in the public and private sector,

has been in charge of large European joint ventures for the production of new technologies, and has a significant International Administrative and Scientific work.

He was elected Vice-President of the International Association of Schools and Institutes of Administration and appointed as President of the National Centre for Public Administration and Local Government.

He has worked in many Euro-

pean countries and the USA, collaborating and communicating with many organizations and councils of local Greek communities. He has collaborated with many International Organizations and has participated in a large number of Councils, Committees and Conventions both in Greece as well as abroad.

He has a large number of publications and a significant work as an author.



KEYNOTE SPEAKER

His Eminence Archbishop of Vilnius Gintaras Grušas

Roman Catholic Church
Vilnius, Lithuania

Gintaras Grušas is the Archbishop of Vilnius (Lithuania) and the Apostolic Administrator of the Lithuanian Military Ordinariate, as well as the President of the Lithuanian Bishops' Conference and the president of The Council of Bishops' Conferences of Europe (CCEE).

Gintaras Grušas was born on September 23, 1961 in Washington D.C. in the United States. He grew up in a Lithuanian family and became involved in cultural and Catholic activities.

He was active at the Lithuanian parish of St. Casimir in Los Angeles, the Lithuanian Catholic Youth organization *Ateitis*, the president of the Lithuanian World Youth Association (1983-1988), as well as a member of the Lithuanian World Community board (1983-1988).

Prior to entering the seminary, he finished studies in Mathematics and Comput-

er Science at UCLA. He then worked at IBM. He began his studies in Theology at the Franciscan University in Steubenville, Ohio. He then continued his studies for two years in Rome at Beda College. In 1992, he was ordained a deacon and assigned as General Secretary of the committee for organizing the apostolic journey of Pope John Paul II to Lithuania. Upon returning to Rome, he continued his studies while living at the Pontifical St. Casimir's Lithuanian College, and received his Bachelor's Degree in Theology at the Pontifical St. Thomas Aquinas University.

On June 25th, 1994 he was ordained a priest at the Archcathedral in Vilnius. In the same year, he was elected as General Secretary for the Lithuanian Bishops' Conference. In 1997, he returned to the Pontifical St. Thomas Aquinas University

in Rome, where he received a doctorate in Canon law. From 2001–2003, he was the Rector of the Vilnius St. Joseph's Seminary, where he also taught Canon Law. 2002-2013 he was the General Secretary of Lithuania's Bishop's Conference.

In 2010 Holy Father Benedict XVI appointed Monsignor Gintaras Grušas as the Military Ordinary in Lithuania and ordained a bishop on September 4, 2010.

On April 5th, 2013 Pope Francis appointed him the Metropolitan Archbishop of Vilnius.

He has been the President of the Lithuanian Bishops' Conference since 2014. At the Vatican he has been a member of the Dicastery for Clergy since 2014 and a member of the Dicastery for Communication since 2016.

In 2021, he was elected president of The Council of Bishops' Conferences of Europe (CCEE).



KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Hon. Michael R. Pompeo

Former Secretary of State
Former Director of the Central Intelligence Agency

Washington, D.C.

Michael R. Pompeo served as the 70th Secretary of State of the United States, Director of the Central Intelligence Agency, and was elected to four terms in Congress representing the Fourth District of Kansas. Mike graduated first in his class from the United States Military Academy at West Point in 1986. He served as a cavalry officer in the U.S. Army, leading troops patrolling the Iron Curtain. Mike left the military in 1991 and then graduated from Harvard Law School, having served as an editor of the Harvard Law Review. Up next was almost a decade leading two manufacturing businesses in South Central Kansas – first in the aerospace industry and then making energy drilling and production equipment.

In 2010, Mike watched government grow too big and decided to run for Congress. He won and was re-elected three more times to represent South Central Kansas – the heartland of America. Becoming America's

most senior spy, the Director of the Central Intelligence Agency, was Mike's next chance to champion American values. President Donald Trump saw that good work and decided to make Mike America's 70th Secretary of State. As our nation's most senior diplomat in the Trump Administration and President Trump's chief negotiator, Mike helped to craft U.S. foreign policy based on our nation's founding ideals that put America First. America became a massive energy exporter and a force for good in the Middle East with real peace cemented in the Abraham Accords. Mike placed special emphasis on renewing alliances with key allies, including India, Japan, Australia, and South Korea. He also led a return to America's founding principles and a focus on every human life being worthy and the protection of the unborn. The largest human rights gatherings ever held at the State Department occurred under his leadership.

Mike currently is Senior Counsel for Global Affairs at the American Center for Law & Justice and leads Champion American Values PAC and Champion American Values Fund. His new book, "Never Give an Inch: Fighting for the America I Love," which released in January 2023, includes stories from his heart detailing his time as Secretary of State and CIA Director and was named a New York Times bestseller.

Married to Susan, Mike and his wife have one son, Nick. Mike and Susan were thrilled to see their family grow to include a daughter-in-law when Nick married his wife, Rachael, in 2022! The Pompeos dedicated many volunteer hours to their home church – including teaching 5th grade Sunday School and Mike's time as a church Deacon. Mike and Susan's two retrievers, Sherman and Mercer, each named after important American generals, are patriots too!



Dr. Despina Chatzivassiliou-Tsovilis

Secretary General of the Parliamentary Assembly
of the Council of Europe (PACE)

European Union

At the time of her election in January 2021, Despina Chatzivassiliou-Tsovilis already had twenty-seven years of professional experience at the Council of Europe. She had worked closely with dozens of political figures from all over Europe and from all walks of life within the Parliamentary Assembly. In particular, she had advised four Secretaries General of the

Assembly, several Assembly and Committee Chairpersons, and for a dozen years she had headed the secretariat of two parliamentary committees: the Monitoring Committee and the Political Affairs and Democracy Committee.

Thanks to her contribution in setting up the PACE monitoring procedure, she was chosen by the Directorate of Strategic

Planning (DSP) to lead a team and carry out the monitoring work of the Committee of Ministers in a new way. Her doctoral thesis in law at the European University Institute (EUI, Florence, Italy) is on the European Convention on Human Rights. She started her career in the Organisation at the European Commission of Human Rights.



SPEAKER

Evangelos Venizelos

Former Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs (2013 –2015), Deputy Prime Minister and Finance Minister (2011 - 2012)
Professor of Constitutional Law at the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki

Athens, Greece

Evangelos Venizelos (born in 1957, in Thessaloniki) is a former Deputy Prime Minister (2011 - 2015) and former President of PASOK (2012 - 2015). He was a governmental partner of the 2012 - 2015 coalition government (also known as the “Samaras-Venizelos government”)

Between 1993 and 2015, he served as Minister of Foreign Affairs, Finance, National Defence, Development, Culture, Justice, Transport, Press and Mass Media.

As Minister of Foreign Affairs, he chaired the work of the General Affairs Council of the European Union during the Greek Presidency in the first half of 2014.

As Minister of Finance, during

the darkest hours of the Greek economic crisis (2011-2012),

he managed, among other things, the write-down and restructuring of the Greek public debt.

He was the minister responsible for coordinating the country’s preparations for the 2004 Olympics.

A member of the Hellenic Parliament from 1993 to 2019, he has been elected ten times as a member of parliament for the first electoral constituency of Thessaloniki.

He was the Rapporteur General for the extensive amendment of the Greek Constitution in 2001.

As a member of the Parliamentary Assembly of the

Council of Europe, he served as rapporteur for monitoring the implementation of the decisions of the European Court of Human Rights in the 46 member countries. In 2022 he was appointed a member and elected rapporteur of the seven-member high - level reflection group on the future of the Council of Europe.

Evangelos Venizelos is a Professor of Constitutional Law at the Law School of the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki since 1984. He is an attorney at law in the supreme courts.

In 2016, he founded the think tank “Kyklos Ideon” (Circle of Ideas).



SPEAKER

Archon Hon. George J. Tsunis, Esq.

U.S. Ambassador to the Hellenic Republic
Athens, Greece

George James Tsunis presented his credentials to the President of the Hellenic Republic on May 10, 2022. He was nominated by President Biden and was confirmed by the U.S. Senate on March 10, 2022.

Ambassador Tsunis is the proud Greek-American son of immigrants to the United States, with deep roots in the village of Platanos in the beautiful mountainous region of Nafpaktia. Growing up, his parents instilled in him the Hellenic ideals of *καλοσύνη* (goodness), *αγάπη* (love), and above all, *φιλότιμο* (the love of honor). He learned Greek as his first language. Deeply engaged with the Greek-American community, Ambassador Tsunis was a founding trustee of the Hellenic American Leadership Council, and is a trustee of the Hellenic Initiative among other roles.

Prior to his nomination,

Ambassador Tsunis was the Founder, Chairman and CEO of Chartwell Hotels, LLC. He served as Chairman of Battery Park City Authority. He was also a Trustee for the New York City Convention Development Corporation and the New York City Convention Operating Corporation and helped manage a 1.5 million square foot expansion of the New York Convention Center, transforming it into one of the world's most modern and beautiful convention centers. Ambassador Tsunis served as the chairman of the Nassau University Medical Center, a large public safety net hospital with a focus on providing care to vulnerable communities.

Previously, Ambassador Tsunis was a Counsel and Partner (Attorney of Law), at Rivkin Radler LLP, Uniondale, NY, and Legislative Attorney, New York City Council. He served as

Counsel for Dix Hills Water District, Dix Hills, NY and Town of Huntington Committee on Open Space Preservation, Huntington, NY.

Ambassador Tsunis earned a B.A. from the New York University, New York, NY and a J.D. from St John's University of Law, Queens, NY. He was an Archon of the Ecumenical Patriarchate (Order of Saint Andrew), the highest ecclesiastical honor that can be bestowed upon a layman by the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America and is the recipient of numerous awards including the Harry Chapin Humanitarian Award for Long Island Cares and the lifetime achievement award for civic engagement for Long Island Business News. Ambassador Tsunis is married and has three children.



MODERATOR

Dr. Elizabeth H. Prodromou

Boston College, Professor, International Studies Program; and The Atlantic Council, Eurasia Center Non-Resident Senior Fellow

Bedford, Massachusetts

Dr. Elizabeth Prodromou Kyrou is a Professor in the International Studies Program at Boston College and a Non-Resident Senior Fellow at the Atlantic Council's Eurasia Center. Prodromou was a diplomat on the U.S. Commission on International Religious Freedom (2004-2012) and served as a member of the U.S. Secretary of State's Religion & Foreign Policy Working Group (2011-2015). She advises international organizations and institutions such as the European External Action Service and the International Negotiators Working Group, on religious literacy, security, and human rights, and she directs leadership training programs for faith-based institutions. Her academic research concentrates on the intersection of geopolitics, religion, and human rights. Widely published in academic and policy journals, such as *Journal of Democracy*, *Journal of the American Academy of Religion*, *Orbis*, and many others, she is on the editorial board of the *Review of Faith & International*

Affairs, and she co-chairs the International Relations section of the International Orthodox Theological Association. Prodromou is an internationally recognized expert on global Orthodox Christianity; some of her recent publications include "Diplomacy, Geopolitics, and Global Orthodox Christianity," and "Influence Operations in Greece's Religious Ecosystem" in *Kremlin Playbook 3*, and "Turkey's Cultural Heritage Cudgel." She was a delegate consultant of the Ecumenical Patriarchate to the Holy and Great Council at Crete in 2016. Prodromou is a frequent commentator in US and international media, and has offered expert testimony and briefings to policymaking bodies such as the US Helsinki Commission, the European Parliament, and the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe. Her policy-practitioner work includes the University of Notre Dame Law School's Religious Liberty Initiative (Advisory Board), Religions for Peace (Co-President), St. Phoebe's Center for the Deaconess, the

Freedom of Religion or Belief Women's Alliance (Alliance Advisor), and the Ecumenical Patriarchate's Task Force on Modern Slavery. Prodromou has taught at The Fletcher School of Law & Diplomacy at Tufts University, where she was founding faculty director of the Initiative on Religion, Law, and Diplomacy; at Boston University and Princeton University; and, as an invited flying faculty member at the College of Europe (Natolin). She holds a Ph.D. and an S.M. in political science from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), an M.A.L.D. from The Fletcher School at Tufts University, and a B.A. in history and international relations from Tufts University. She is a member of the Phi Bet Kappa Society and she holds a Distinguished Service Award from the Tufts University Alumni Association. She is married to Dr. Alexandros Kyrou, and they are joyful parents to their daughter Sophia.



MODERATOR

Jordan Sekulow

Executive Director,
American Center for Law and Justice

Chief Counsel,
European Centre for Law and Justice

Nashville, Tennessee

Jordan Sekulow is the Executive Director of the American Center for Law and Justice (ACLJ) and Chief Counsel of the European Centre for Law and Justice (ECLJ). He is also President & CEO of ACLJ Action, the ACLJ's sister organization focused on government affairs and politics. He is an attorney and also the host of the nationally-broadcast show, *Sekulow*, which offers daily analysis of the current political and legal landscape with elected officials and public figures. He has served as counsel to the President of the United States and has extensive background as a grassroots political organizer, having served as a senior advisor to three United States presidential campaigns.

Mr. Sekulow closely oversees the ACLJ's international affiliates in Europe, Israel, Africa, and Pakistan, focusing on human rights and religious free-

dom. He spoke at the 2nd Archon International Conference on Religious Freedom: Tearing Down Walls in Berlin, Germany and the 3rd Archon International Conference on Religious Freedom in Washington, DC.

The ACLJ and ECLJ have supported and assisted the Archons and the Ecumenical Patriarchate for over two decades through their work at the European Court of Human Rights in Strasbourg and at various UN agencies and international bodies.

Mr. Sekulow frequently travels abroad to participate in high-level legal and policy discussions with government officials around the world. He regularly appears as a guest commentator on Fox News, MSNBC, CNN, and other national media outlets, where he is chosen for his expert analysis of complex legal and policy issues. He has a large follow-

ing on X (formerly Twitter, @JordanSekulow) and also publishes articles for various national publications such as the Washington Post, Washington Times, The Daily Caller, Human Events, and the National Review.

Mr. Sekulow was a Visiting Fellow at Harris Manchester College's Summer Research Institute in June and July 2014 and as a Visiting Research Scholar at the College's 2015 Summer Research Institute.

Mr. Sekulow is a graduate of Regent University School of Law in Virginia Beach, VA, where he served as co-founder and Editor-in-Chief of the Regent Journal of Law and Public Policy. Jordan Sekulow is also a graduate of George Washington University and earned his Master of Laws degree (LL.M.) in International Human Rights from the Georgetown Law Center.



MODERATOR

Archon William J. Antholis, PhD

Director and CEO
University of Virginia's Miller Center of Public Affairs
Charlottesville, Virginia

William J. Antholis has served as director and CEO of UVA's Miller Center of Public Affairs since January 2015. In that time, the Miller Center has strengthened its position as the leading nonpartisan research institution on the American presidency and worked with scholars across the University of Virginia to deliver vital research to policymakers and the public.

Miller Center initiatives have included the 2023 Conference on the American Presidency, the 2019 Presidential Ideas Festival, the First Year Project 2017, the completion and release of the George W. Bush Oral History project, the launch of the Barack Obama Oral History project, the Hillary Rodham Clinton Oral History project, the planning and design of a Donald Trump Oral History project, the co-production of the PBS documentary *Statecraft: The Bush 41 Team*, the creation of The LBJ Telephone Tapes exhibit with the LBJ Library, and the COVID Commission Planning Group.

The Miller Center has supported the work of the College of Arts and Sciences Democracy Initiative and partnered with the Karsh Institute of Democracy in developing and delivering Election 2020 and Its Aftermath, the UVA Democracy Biennial, and the Democracy Dialogues. Antholis also co-chaired the Presidential Inaugural Committee for President Jim Ryan's installation in October 2018.

Before coming to the Miller Center, Antholis served as managing director at The Brookings Institution from 2004 to 2014. In that capacity, he worked directly with Brookings' president and vice presidents to help manage the full range of policy studies, develop new initiatives, coordinate research across programs while ensuring quality and independence, and strengthen the policy impact of Brookings' work. Antholis is the author of *Inside Out India and China: Local Politics Go Global* (2013) and co-author (with Strobe Talbott) of *Fast Forward: Ethics and Pol-*

itics in the Age of Global Warming (2010). He has published articles, book chapters, and opinion pieces on U.S. politics, U.S. foreign policy, international organizations, the G8, climate change, and trade. From 1995 to 1999, Antholis served on the White House National Security Council and National Economic Council as well as at the State Department. From 1999-2004, he was director of studies and senior fellow at the German Marshall Fund of the United States, an International Affairs Fellow at the Council on Foreign Relations, and a visiting scholar at Princeton University.

Antholis is an Archon of the Ecumenical Patriarchate and serves on the board of trustees of Titan Cement International.

Antholis earned his PhD from Yale University in politics (1993) and his BA degree with honors from the University of Virginia in government and foreign affairs (1986).



SPEAKER

Archon Hon. Chrisostomos L. Perentes, BSP

President
Ecumenical Patriarchate Archons in Canada
Order of St. Paul the Apostle

Regina, SK, Canada

Archon Perentes is the President of the Ecumenical Patriarchate Archons in Canada, Order of St. Paul the Apostle. He has been an active member of St. Paul's Greek Orthodox Community of Regina for over 50 years. As a teenager later sang in the church choir and studied Byzantine Music. He currently serves as assistant chanter at St. Paul's Greek Orthodox Church (2017 – present). He has served on the Community Council from 1991 -1996; 1999-2008; 2011-2022. During that time, he served as President from 2003-2008 and 2011-2020 and Treasurer from 1995-1996, 2002, and 2021-2022.

He has been involved in volunteer activities for various Church and Community events including dancing and volunteering at the annual MOSAIC Cultural Festival and later serving on the organizing committee for this event including Pavilion Manager in 1999.

He has served on the Organizing Committee of An Evening in Greece Benefit Gala (2001 – 2020) which has raised over

\$2.9 million for the Hospitals of Regina Foundation, Regina Palliative Care Inc., Friends of Renal Dialysis, and other local charities since 1994. Chris also chaired the St. Paul's Greek Orthodox Church of Regina 50th Anniversary Committee (2011).

Nationally, he has served as member of the Metropolis Council of the Greek Orthodox Metropolis of Toronto from 2002 – 2013 and a member of the Archdiocesan Council of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of Canada from 2017 – 2024.

Archon Perentes was invested as an Archon on June 29, 2015 (The Feast Day of Saint Paul, the patron saint of the Ecumenical Patriarchate Archons in Canada) and conferred with the offikion Aktuarios. He was elected President of the Ecumenical Patriarchate Archons in Canada, Order of Saint Paul the Apostle in 2019 and continues to serve in that capacity.

He graduated from the University of Saskatchewan with a Bachelor of Science in Pharmacy (BSP), 1990. He is currently the owner and manager of two

retail pharmacies in Regina, (1992 - Present). From 1999 - 2023 he also co-owned and operated two other pharmacies in the city. He is a member of the Saskatchewan College of Pharmacists (1990 – Present); the Canadian Pharmacists Association (1990 – Present); and the Pharmacists Association of Saskatchewan (1998 – Present). He served as a member of the Saskatchewan Pharmaceutical Association Economics (Negotiating) Committee from 1996 – 2004. He was a Clinical investigator for "Study of Cardiac Risk Intervention by Pharmacists" (1999). He received the Saskatchewan Pharmaceutical Association's "Presidential Citation Award" (1999 and 2006). Has served as Clinical Preceptor for 4th Year Pharmacy Students in the Specialty of Long-Term Care and Provision of Methadone Services. (2000 – 2019)

Archon Perentes was born in Regina, SK, Canada and is married to Vivian Vasiliki Efthimiou. Together they have three adult daughters.



SPEAKER

Archon Hon. B. Theodore Bozonelis

National Vice Commander
Archons of the Ecumenical Patriarchate in America
Chatham, New Jersey

Judge Bozonelis is the National Vice Commander and Executive Committee member of the Archons of the Ecumenical Patriarchate in America. He has served as Vice Chairman of the Order's Legal Committee and Chairman of the Order's Patriarchal Properties and Minority Concerns Committee, which assists the Ecumenical Patriarchate on legal issues for the return of confiscated properties and developing a legal status and standing for the Ecumenical Patriarchate in Turkey. He has served as Secretary and Executive Officer of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocesan Council of America and serves on the Archdiocese Executive Committee as Chair of the Administration Committee.

He received his bachelor's degree from Rutgers University and his J.D. Cum Laude, from

George Washington University. He was nominated by the Governor of New Jersey and confirmed by the State Senate as a judge of the Superior Court of New Jersey in 1990. He served as a trial judge in all divisions of the state judiciary until 2011. He was the presiding trial judge in the Criminal Court, as well as the presiding trial judge in each of the Equity and Family Divisions. In 2003, he was appointed as the assignment (chief) judge for Northern New Jersey Counties, where he oversaw the administration of the state courts and 56 municipal courts. In that capacity, Judge Bozonelis also served as a chairman and member of the State Judicial Council, which supervises the overall state judiciary.

He has served as a Judicial Master and instructor for Inns of

Court, Institutes for Continuing Legal Education, and Judicial College retreats. Prior to his appointment as a state judge, he served as Chairman of a State District Ethics Committee, a Law Clerk of the United States District Court for the District of Columbia, Washington, D.C., and as an Assistant U.S. Attorney for the District of New Jersey. He also served as of counsel to the law firm of Graham Curtin in New Jersey, providing services in mediation, arbitration and special master matters. He was appointed to the New Jersey Governor's Judicial Advisory Panel and now serves as a trustee of The Nicholas J. and Anna K. Bouras Foundation.

He is married to Helen (Koutras) Bozonelis, an editor and author. They have two adult children, Justin and Lia.



SPEAKER

Archon Peter J. Skeadas

National Treasurer
Archons of the Ecumenical Patriarchate in America
Greenwich, Connecticut

Peter J. Skeadas of Greenwich, CT was invested as Archon of the Ecumenical Patriarchate in 2004 and conferred with the offikion Hieromnimon.

Archon Skeadas was elected National Treasurer of the Order of Saint Andrew the Apostle in January, 2018. He also serves as Chair of the Order's Spirituality Committee and the annual National Archon Lenten Retreat. Prior to his being elected Treasurer, he served on the Order's National Council as well as the Order's Regional Commander for the Archdiocesan District. He is a member of the Archdi-

ocesan Council serving on the National Finance Committee and the Archdiocesan District Finance Committee. Together with his wife Aphrodite, he has participated on several Archon Pilgrimages to the Ecumenical Patriarchate in Constantinople and to Jerusalem, amongst others. He and his wife are Founders of the Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew Foundation and fulfilled members of Leadership 100. They are stewards of the Church of Our Saviour in Rye, NY where Archon Peter has served on the Board and on several Church committees in

administrative positions. He and his wife are also stewards of Saint Catherine's Church in West Palm Beach, FL and the Saint Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church and National Shrine at the World Trade Center. He is a graduate of the Columbia University School of Engineering and Applied Science. He with his wife, while under the employ of an American oil company, lived for two years in Cape Town, South Africa where he attended the Saint George Greek Orthodox Church of Cape Town.



SPEAKER

Archon Gus M. Pablecas

National Secretary

Archons of the Ecumenical Patriarchate in America

Chicago, Illinois

Gus M. Pablecas, (baptized Kosmas), was born and raised in Chicago, Illinois, attended Carl Schwartz High School, Wright Jr College and while working and attending night school graduated with honors from Lewis University with a degree in Social Justice.

He is a Steward of St. Nectarios in Palatine, IL, the Annunciation Cathedral in Chicago and Assumption Greek Orthodox Church in Scottsdale, AZ, was invested as an Archon of the Ecumenical Patriarchate on Sunday, October 22, 2006, with the Offikion Ostiaros.

On November 9, 2011, he became the recipient of the Medal of St. Paul.

As an Archon of the Ecumenical Patriarchate, he currently services as the Archon National Secretary, a member of the Archon Executive Committee, Chair of the Grant Committee, member of the Archon Selection Committee, as well as Archon Regional Commander in the Metropolis of Chicago.

He served as the inaugural First Vice President for the Greek Orthodox Metropolis of

Chicago Council for His Eminence Metropolitan Nathanael, and has served the Mother Church in a variety of positions for 39 years, such as: Archdiocesan Council member; six terms as Parish Council President; local First Vice President; Chairman of Finance, Ways and Means, Budget, Task Force, Ad Hoc, Clergy Laity and Real Estate Committees, along with other leadership responsibilities. He served on the Planning, Acquisition and Development Committee and as an original Board Member for the St. Iakovos Retreat Center located within the Metropolis of Chicago in Kansasville, Wisconsin.

He currently serves on the Advisory Board of the PanHellenic Scholarship Foundation, is a member of the Hellenic Society of Constantinople and supports conservation as a member of the McGraw Wildlife Foundation. He is a "Founder" supporter of the Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew Foundation, co-founder of a nationwide Archon sponsored program known as the Pilgrimage of Discovery (POD) where young

Orthodox adults (23-30 years old) travel to Constantinople (modern day Istanbul, Turkey Türkiye) to meet with and dialogue with His All-Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew and to visit various sacred sites in expanding the young adult's spiritual journey of awareness.

Gus worked closely in securing matching grants programs for the local Archons for the use in creating awareness of the religious freedom issues facing the Ecumenical Patriarchate of Constantinople and is active in creating innovative programs to facilitate the Archons mission.

In his early career, he worked for the Department of Justice in various positions and reached the rank of Special Agent for the FBI. He is a current Director for the Chicago Chapter of the Society of Former Special Agents of the FBI and has served as a member of the Chicago Crime Commission.

Archon Pablecas is the President and CEO of a privately held real estate asset company. Married to Gail for 52 years, they have been blessed with two children and eight grandchildren.



SPEAKER

Archon John A. Catsimatidis

Chairman, Religious Freedom Committee
Archons of the Ecumenical Patriarchate in America

New York, NY

John Catsimatidis is an American success story. Born on the Greek island of Nisyros, he came to America with his parents when he was 6 months old and has gone on to become one of the most successful business people in the world.

Catsimatidis is Chairman and Chief Operating Officer of Red Apple Group, a national conglomerate with holdings in media, oil refining and bio fuels, retail petroleum products, convenience stores, real estate, aviation, media, and supermarkets, plus investments in both medical and industrial technology. His Real Estate division has multiple residential & commercial projects in downtown Brooklyn, Coney Island and Florida.

In March of 2020, John purchased the iconic radio station 77WABC, his favorite radio station growing up in New York City. With that purchase, John established Red Apple Media and soon added WLIR-FM Long Island to his radio portfolio. His wife Margo is very involved with the daily operations of WABC Radio, along with Red Apple Media.

John invested in big-name

talent for 77WABC, including Sid Rosenberg, Lou Dobbs, Curtis Sliwa, Rudy Giuliani, Larry Kudlow, Rita Cosby, and more. He defied current trends in radio to broker out weekends, and instead populated them with more big names, such as Cindy Adams and Judge Jeanine Pirro. His innovative ideas include music programs on weekends, when listeners want a break from the news so they can relax and have fun. John recruited legendary air personality Cousin Brucie Morrow and famed hit-maker Tony Orlando for Saturday nights, and Joe Piscopo for *Sundays With Sinatra*.

As part of the WABC lineup, John hosts *CatsRoundtable* on Sunday mornings, and co-hosts *Cats & Cosby*, a live, evening drive-time show Monday-Friday. Guests include Presidents, Senators, Governors, Opinion Leaders & Influencers, Movers & Shakers, Scientists, Doctors, Political Consultants & Newsmakers.

Mr. Catsimatidis' companies post annual sales of approximately \$7 billion. With over 8,000 employees, John is a major employer in the New York metropolitan area. His son,

John Jr., is Chief Executive Officer and President of Red Apple Group. His daughter, Andrea Catsimatidis, is Chair of Manhattan's GOP & Vice Chair of the New York State GOP.

John, along with his wife Margo, have numerous charitable interests which includes the Kidney Foundation, Alzheimer's Foundation, Parkinson's Disease Foundation, Juvenile Diabetes Foundation, and the Police Athletic League. Margo Catsimatidis has worked tirelessly as a member of each of these Boards.

John is Vice Chairman of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America serving as the highest lay person. He heads the Religious Freedom Outreach for the Ecumenical Patriarch.

In 2013, Catsimatidis sought the Republican nomination for Mayor of New York City. Starting as a relatively unknown businessman, Catsimatidis was the runner up in a crowded primary election. John is author of the recent best seller, *How Far Do You Want To Go? Lessons From a Common-Sense Billionaire*.



SPEAKER

Georgios Stassis

Chairman and CEO
of Public Power Corporation, DEI

Athens, Greece

Mr. Stassis has more than 17 years of experience in the energy market.

He has held important positions in various organizations and associations within the energy sector in Greece and the southeast Europe, and within all parts of a utility value

chain (generation, distribution, supply).

Previously worked for ENEL SpA, as President & CEO of Enel Romania SrL., the largest vertical integrated energy company in Romania, and before as head of Green Power for Eastern Europe and Middle East.

Mr. Stassis holds a bachelor's degree in Civil Engineering and a master's degree in Management in Construction and Structural Design from Kingston University (UK), and has attended Executive Courses at Harvard Business School (US) and at Elis Academy (Italy).



SPEAKER

Haris Doukas

Mayor of Athens

Athens, Greece

Haris Doukas is newly elected Mayor of Athens and Professor at the School of Electrical & Computer Engineering of NTUA. His scientific and research expertise includes the development of decision support systems for energy and climate policy, placing the human factor at the core of the modelling processes. He has almost 2

decades of working experience in the design of policies and programs for the promotion of renewables, energy efficiency and management at a national, European level as well as in Africa and the Arab states of the Persian Gulf. He has more than 150 scientific publications in international scientific journals with reviewers, he co-authored

the Greek Book "Multiple Criteria Decision Models for Energy and Environmental Systems", the English Book "Multicriteria Portfolio Construction with Python" and the open access Book "Understanding Risks and Uncertainties in Energy and Climate Policy: Multidisciplinary Methods and Tools for a Low Carbon Society".



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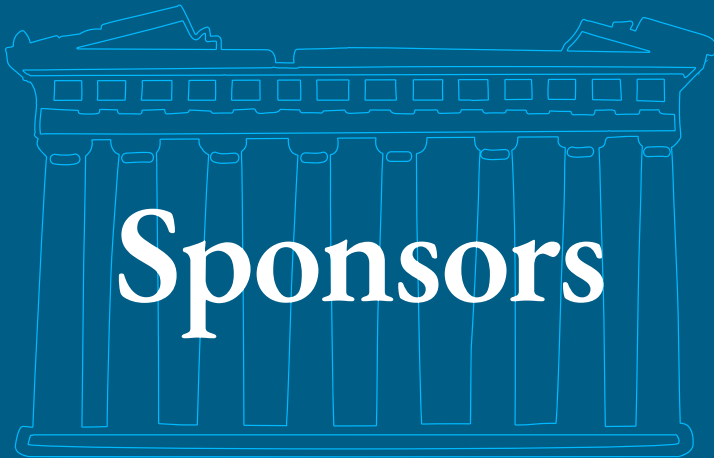
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