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Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America Concludes Historic Biennial Clergy Laity Congress in Los Angeles

New York, NY- The 36th Biennial Clergy-Laity Congress of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America concluded in Los Angeles today following a week of meetings and deliberations presided over by His Eminence Archbishop Demetrios, Primate of the Greek Orthodox Church in America. Over 1000 delegates participated in the Congress and National Philoptochos Convention, which met from June 30th to July 5th. Also, some 500 young adults attended the Young Adult League (YAL) Conference from June 27th to June 30th.

“Offering Our Orthodox Faith to Contemporary America” was the theme of the Congress and the focus of the keynote address of Archbishop Demetrios, spiritual leader of 1.5 million Greek Orthodox faithful in America. In applying the theme to the work and ministry of the Archdiocese at all levels His Eminence stated, “Who knows if God has not sent us to this blessed country at this time, at this hour, precisely in order to offer a model of universal Orthodoxy—a model destined to carry the authentic and whole, life-giving voice of Christ to every person in every place, but primarily here in contemporary America.”

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The message of His All Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew was read by Metropolitan Panteleimon of Tyrolis and Serention, the Patriarchal representative to the Congress. The opening of the address stated, “We express our deep satisfaction for the main theme chosen for this Congress, ‘Offering Our Orthodox Faith to Contemporary America,’ because it reveals the high sense of responsibility which imbues the body of the local Church in offering to all their fellow human beings in America the treasure of the Orthodox Faith, which the Providence of God has entrusted to you.”

Following more than eight hours of discussion and deliberations in the two opening plenary sessions by the more than 700 official Congress delegates, the Congress approved a request that asks the Ecumenical Patriarchate to grant the proposed Charter “with such modifications as will reflect the major concerns expressed by the Archdiocesan Council, the Parishes, and the Clergy-Laity Congress.” During the plenary sessions, the proposed Charter was presented article by article, with explanation offered on key issues. Delegates had the opportunity to express their concerns and make recommendations for consideration.

The Congress officially opened on Sunday, June 30th with a Hierarchal Liturgy at the Los Angeles Convention Center. Archbishop Demetrios concelebrated the Liturgy with the Hierarchs of the Eparchial Synod assisted by selected priests from each Diocese. The 200-voice choir was composed of members of the Diocese of San Francisco Music Federation and the National Forum of Greek Orthodox Church Musicians.

Meeting in conjunction with the Congress was the Greek Orthodox Ladies Philoptochos Society, which hosted a banquet on Monday evening July 2nd and met daily to address the philanthropic work of the Church on the national and local levels. Also meeting during the Congress were the Archdiocesan Presbyters Council, the National Sisterhood of Presbyteres, the National Forum of Church Musicians, the Order of St. Andrew, and the Retired Clergy Association.

A major highlight of the Congress was the Educational Program which offered participants a selection of some 50 different sessions and workshops focusing on guidance and resources for Offering Our Orthodox Faith to Contemporary America. Over 1800 participants attended the sessions. In addition, record participation was visible in the Divine Liturgy services held each morning of the Congress.

An Ecumenical Independence Day Doxology was held the afternoon of July 4th at the Saint Sophia Cathedral, followed by the closing grand banquet that evening attended by over 1500 delegates and guests.

At the conclusion of the plenary session on Thursday, July 4th, the Congress adopted resolutions

- affirming support for those who have suffered from the tragic events of September 11th and commitment to the rebuilding of the St. Nicholas Church which was destroyed in the collapse of the Twin Towers;
- requesting the Government of the Republic of Turkey to permit the Ecumenical Patriarchate to reopen immediately the Patriarchal Seminary at Halki;
- calling upon the United States Government to continue its activities so that the Turkish Government will honor its human rights and treaty commitments;
- urging the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals to reverse the recent decision, ruling that the phrase “under God” be stricken from the Pledge of Allegiance;
- calling upon the Government of Israel to recognize the election of the Patriarch of Jerusalem;
- and expressing gratitude for the work and leadership of the National Philoptochos Society, the leadership and staff of the Archdiocese, and local organizers and staff of the Congress, and “all those clergy and laity who came together in this Congress to bear witness to Christ and to work together to serve our Holy Church.”

Addresses, photos, and other information from the 36th Biennial Clergy-Laity Congress of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese are available at the Archdiocese web site www.goarch.org.

Saint Anthony's Sends Delegates to the 36th Clergy-Laity Congress and National Ladies Philoptochos Society Convention

Saint Anthony's Greek Orthodox Church was well represented at the 36th Clergy-Laity Congress and the National Ladies Philoptochos Society Convention. Father Stathis, Dean Efstathiou, Pantele Xanthos and Sophia Angelos were our delegates to the Congress. Lisa Xanthos, Kathy Lucas and Irene Albeck were our delegates to the National Philoptochos Convention. Presvytera Maria Mylonas was a delegate to the Presvyteres Sisterhood Conference. Our parish is grateful and appreciative to these people who spent their time and made every effort to fulfill their mandate as delegates of our Church.

Many members and friends of our parish also offered their services and/or made generous donations to help with the hospitality and the organization of the Congress. To all these dedicated and most generous people, we express our thanks and deep appreciation.

Father Stathis was the chairman of the Ecumenical Doxology which took place at St. Sophia Cathedral on July 4th at 2:30 p.m. The Doxology was attended

by all of our Hierarchs, the delegates, the Archons of the Church and the leaders of other Christian Churches. He also coordinated the participation in the exhibits of all the Dioceses of our Archdiocese in America. At the request of His Eminence Archbishop Demetrios, Fr. Stathis also presented to a paper on "The Church's Perspective on our Hellenic Heritage as Taught in the Community Afternoon Schools." A copy of Father's paper is included in this Church Bulletin for you to read and keep. This session was described within the program of Hellenic Education, to "...give attention to the importance and structure of parish Afternoon Schools, emphasizing the value and critical need for teaching our youth about their Hellenic heritage." Information was also provided on Greek Studies programs and resources that assist in the program of afternoon schools. Professor Maria Pantelias also presented a paper on Hellenic Education.

Presvytera Maria was the chairman of VIP hospitality offered by our Diocese. Many thanks and deep appreciation to Presvytera for providing exceptional hospitality to the Congress' VIPs. Much appreciation also to her devoted helpers and to the most generous donors who helped with the hospitality. Many thanks and deep appreciation also to Andrew Demopoulos who worked

diligently for the Clergy-Laity Congress as co-chairman of the Exhibits.

**Saint Anthony's Ladies
Philoptochos Society Offers
Hope and Encouragement
Through Its Generous Financial
Support of Various Charities,
Individuals and Medical
Research to Fight Life
Threatening Diseases**

Saint Anthony's Ladies Philoptochos Society supports many charities within our Orthodox Church and in our community. It feeds the hungry and the homeless and helps those who are in need. During the past year, Philoptohos supported Metropolitan Anthony's Endowment Fund, provided scholarships to graduating high school seniors going on to four year colleges, supported St. Sophia Camp, supported the National Orthodox Oratorical Festival, started a fund for the future Senior Citizen Center, provided Easter baskets for our Church and for community outreach and provided financial assistance to many individuals and families in need of financial help. In addition, Philoptohos used the donations from the Sunday coffee hour to buy beautiful icons, brass candleholders, a silver container for the Holy Myrrh, a silver container for the Aghiasmos used on the Feast Day of Theophany and other items for our

church. Philoptohos also purchased the books given to the graduates each June.

The Philoptohos also supported ongoing medical research aimed at finding a cure for cancer. Philoptohos made generous donations to the City of Hope and to Multiple Myeloma Research.

As you know, cancer is a life threatening disease that can afflict any person without warning. However, as we become more aware of this disease, we also become more appreciative of God's presence in our lives and the meaning of life. The following is a revealing article by a cancer patient which was written for "Myeloma Today," a publication of The International Myeloma Foundation:

**The Meaning of Life
by Manju Goel, M.D.**

Having practiced medicine for fifteen years, I became a cancer patient. I was diagnosed with a plasmacytoma. This diagnosis changed my entire life overnight. The reality of the disease did not sink in until I started the radiation therapy, several days later. With radiation therapy, I was in apparent remission for a year, but actually the disease was spreading, and a year later it was found in several other bones. The diagnosis was myeloma.

I was placed on intensive treatment, including chemotherapy, and had a bone marrow transplant. I wanted to do so many things but hardly had the energy to answer phone calls and check my mail. I suddenly realized the importance of health. All of my life, I had been pretty healthy and energetic. I was working full time as a family physician while raising two children with the help of my husband. I became quite depressed. All of my education and other God-given talents were of no use to me, my family, and to my extended family of all of you.

Suddenly everything seemed to be over. Life seemed so meaningless. As far back as I can remember, I studied so hard for so many years, worked, and now it was time to go. I felt an urge to know-Who am I? What is the purpose of my life? I had been reading some philosophy and some religious books since my teenage years, and I had some vague ideas about God or supreme power, but I did not completely understand it.

I am not this mortal body; I am soul or Atma or Rooh or spirit which is eternal, immortal, and has the same attributes that God does. I am a powerful, eternal, immortal, free, unlimited, loving child of God. I am not this body which has been changing ever since I have known it. I am not my thoughts because there is a thinker behind it. I am really a soul and have been given this body for a limited

amount of time in order to get to know myself and explore my divine attributes, the special qualities we are each born with, to the fullest extent before this body is taken away from me.

Then, the purpose of my life is to live fully, express my uniqueness, be all that I can be, and do all that I can do. This is the message of my life-to be that loving, wonderful, strong, kind, child of God. We are all soul brothers and sisters. Let us live in harmony and give to the world all we have come to give.

You may have heard the saying of Saint Kabir: "When you were born, the whole world was rejoicing, and you were crying. Live in such a way that when you die, you will rejoice and the whole world will cry."

Dates to Remember

Fr. Stathis' 40th Anniversary of his ordination to Holy Priesthood will be celebrated by our Parish on Saturday, November 16, 2002. More information will be forthcoming on this event.

September 11 City of Los Angeles Interfaith Service of Remembrance will be celebrated on Wednesday, September 11, 2002, at 12:30 p.m. at Our Lady of the Angels Roman Catholic Cathedral, 55 West Temple Street, Los Angeles. All are invited to attend.

Thyranoixia of Saint George Greek Orthodox Church of Downey, CA will take place on September 15, 2002. More information will be forthcoming on this event.

Saint Sophia Greek Orthodox Cathedral 50th Anniversary will be celebrated on the weekend of September 28, 2002. Former altar boys (1952 – present) are invited to participate in the celebration. Please send names and addresses to Alek Haidos (4317 Miraleste Dr., Palos Verdes, CA 90275) fax to (310) 832-4154 or email to alekhaidos@email.msn.com

Ecumenical Patriarchate Elects Bishop for Albanian Orthodox Diocese of America

The Holy and Sacred Synod of the Ecumenical Patriarchate announced the election by unanimous vote of the Protobpysbyter Ilia Katre as Titular Bishop of Philomelion to head the Albanian Orthodox Diocese of America. His ordination took place on Friday, May 10, 2002, at the Holy Stavropegial Monastery of Zoodochos Peghe in Baloukli, Constantinople, where Metropolitan Anthony presided.

His Grace Bishop Ilia is a long time friend of Father Stathis and a co-worker in many Ecumenical conferences,

services, dialogues and other Church programs while our priest was serving in the Boston Metropolitan area in the 70s. We wish axios to this exceptional Churchman. May the Lord our God strengthen him in his Archpastoral duties.

Orthodox-Catholic Bishops Welcome Declaration By Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew And Pope John Paul On Code Of Environmental Living 6/21/2002

New York, NY – His Eminence Archbishop Demetrios, Primate of the Greek Orthodox Church in America and the Most Reverend Wilton Gregory, President of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, today welcomed the signing of a declaration on June 10th by Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew, spiritual leader of 300 million Orthodox Christians worldwide, and Pope John Paul II, stating that protecting the environment is a “moral and spiritual” duty.

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Saint Anthony's Second Tournament Golf Was Another Classic.

The success and organization of this event was the result of a great effort by Ted Vavoulis and Jim Christodulelis, their helpers and the most generous donors and participants from our parish and friends from throughout Southern California. We thank them and express to each one of them deep appreciation for helping Saint Anthony's parish to realize its dream to build the much needed multicultural center.

Saint Anthony's Vacation Bible School

With the support of many generous parishioners and friends of our Church, the participation of mothers and young people, the untiring efforts of Irene Albeck and Esther Vavoulis, Saint Anthony's Third Vacation Bible School was a great success. The children and adults enjoyed a week of fellowship, spiritual renewal and fun. We thank all the participants, supporters and friends.

Parish Projects and Needs for the Future

The efforts and studies to build our multicultural center are not abandoned. It is just a matter of time before we realize that we need such a facility. We hope and pray that such an effort will open the door for the foundation of a parochial school, where we can also teach, preserve and perpetuate our Orthodox Faith and Hellenic Heritage. This is our treasure and our most precious inheritance, which we have to appreciate, understand and transmit to our children.

Another project that needs immediate attention is the exterior cover of the dome of our Church. The present tile has endured years of abuse by the natural elements and must be replaced to avoid more serious problems.

The steps of our Church also need repairs or replacement as well as the kitchen of the Church Hall. We also need to install an iron fence in front of our Church to protect not only our buildings but more importantly, our young children. All of these projects will be realized with your generous help.

Festivals

2002 Saint Anthony's Greek Festival, Saturday, September 21 from noon to 10:00 p.m. and September 22 from noon to 9:00 p.m. on our Church grounds. More information will follow.

L. A. Greek Festival 2002 sponsored by Saint Sophia Cathedral, Los Angeles, CA, Friday, August 16 from 5:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. – Saturday, August 17 from 11:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. and Sunday, August 18 from 11:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.

St. Nectarios, Covina, CA, August 23, 24, 25, 2002. Telephone: (626) 967-5524.

St. Paul, Irvine, CA, September 6,7,8, 2002. Telephone: (949) 733-2366.

SS. Constantine and Helen, Cardiff-by-the-Sea, September 7, 8, 2002. Telephone: (760) 942-0920

Other Dates to Remember

Philoptochos Christmas Benefit Luncheon and Fashion Show will take place on Saturday, December 14, 2002, at the Ritz-Carlton Huntington Hotel in Pasadena. The Philoptochos needs donations for the silent auction and grand prize raffle. All donations, big or small, are welcome. For more

information or to make a donation, please call Maria Kypreos (626) 914-6269, Maria Kokoris (626) 795-3161 or Alexis Fine (626) 446-7102.

Our Pente will take place at Pasadena Hilton Hotel on March 8, 2003

Saint Anthony's Golf Tournament will be held on May 8, 2003.

Visitors to our Church During the Summer

We were very happy and honored to be visited by Metropolitan Ambrosios of Kalavryta and Aigialeia, Bishop Ioannis of Thermopylon representing the Church of Greece at the World Council of Churches Theological Conference at Fuller Theological School in Pasadena. Bishop Dimitrios of Xanthou also attended this conference, representing the Ecumenical Patriarchate. Bishop Dimitrios and Bishop Ioannis attended the Divine Liturgy on Sunday, June 16, 2002, and addressed our faithful.

We were also visited on Sunday, July 8, 2002, by Rev. Protopresbyter Manousos Lionikis, retired priest from Mt. Prospect, Il, Rev. Protopresbyter Dennis P. Strouzas, pastor of Archangel Michael Church, Roslyn Heights, NY and Rev. Presbyter Stavros N. Akrotirainakis, who celebrated the Divine Liturgy with Fr. Stathis.

About fifty young people from Holy Cross Church, Belmont, CA, Annunciation Church, Modesto, CA and St. Anna Church, Roseville, CA visited our Church on Wednesday, June 19, 2002, accompanied by their priests, Father Peter G. Salmas, Father Jon E. Magoulias, Father Christopher Flesoras and their chaperons. Father Theodore Pantels of St. Nectarios, Covina was also present along with Bill Tragus, our pastoral/lay assistant.

A Very Important Announcement

To: The Greek Orthodox Parishes and
Greek-American Organizations

Please advise your members on the
following:

Registration of Greek citizens to the
National Land Registry Office. This
issue pertains to owners of property in
Greece. Further information can be
found at the web site
www.ktimatologio.gr

Dimitrios Zevelakis
Consul General

Philoptochos

Board Meeting: Wednesday,

September 11, 2002 at 7:30 p.m.

Pot Luck Dinner Meeting: Monday
September 30, at 7:00 p.m. Location to
be announced.

PHILOPTOCHOS BOARD

MEETINGS are scheduled on the
second Wednesday of each month, and
GENERAL MEETINGS are schedule
on the fourth Wednesday of the month,
except during lent when meetings are
rescheduled on Tuesdays. Please join us
and learn how our chapter helps our
Church and community. All Orthodox
women are welcome to become
members.

Coffee Hour – If you are interested in
hosting the coffee hour after Church.
Please contact Katherine Skandale at
(818) 790 – 5028. Remember, your
donations for the coffee hour help our
Church. Many beautiful items for the
altar have been purchased with your
coffee hour donations.

Sunday School Schedule

Registration: will take place on
Sunday, September 1, 2002.

Moms N' Tots

Get ready for another fun year with St. Anthony's Moms N' Tots. First class will begin on Wednesday, October 2, 2002. Classes will be held on Wednesday from 10:00 to 10:45 a.m. in St. Anthony's Nursery. Registration forms will be mailed in August to returning families. To receive a registration form or for more information, please contact Christine Pappas (818) 248-2597.

St. Anthony's VIP's

Regular Meetings: Second Tuesday of the Month at 9:30 a.m. at St. Anthony's Community center.

Do You Have an E-mail Address?

If you have an e-mail address, please send an e-mail to alma@saint-anthonys.org. We have a church e-mail list (list server) that allows everyone to communicate with each other. The e-mail list's address is members@saint-anthonys.org, but you have to be a member of the list to send e-mail to the list. That way we won't get unwanted junk e-mail (spam). For more details, visit www.saint-anthonys.org/members/email_list.htm.

Current information on the 2002 Greek Fest is being distributed by e-mail. Sign-up with Alma Vorgias

today so you can keep up with parish activities.

Ordination of Dr. Costin Popescu to the Holy Diaconate on Sunday, August 11, 2002.

Dear Parishioners,
On Sunday, August 11, 2002, His Eminence Metropolitan Anthony of Dardanelles and Presiding Hierarchy of the Diocese of San Francisco will ordain Dr. Costin Popescu to the Holy Diaconate.

A luncheon will follow the Divine Liturgy. Please make every effort to attend this beautiful service.

Costin is a faithful member of Saint Anthony's Church. He has served our Church as a Psalti and Choir Member. At the present time, he is studying Theology at Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology Brookline, MA

Yours in Christ,

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