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September 25, 1987

Your Eminence:

I have enclosed my greetings which Max Green read at Sunday's luncheon. Let me take this opportunity to express my great appreciation for all that you have done to celebrate the two hundredth anniversary of our glorious Constitution.

The Constitution is the guarantor of religious liberty in the United States. But, as you can understand as well, the Constitution itself derives its sustenance from religious ideas and ideals. That is why I consider your celebration this past Sunday of such great significance.

May God bless and keep you in your important work.

Sincerely,

His Eminence
Archbishop Iakovos
Primate of the Greek Orthodox Church
of North and South America
10 East 79th Street
New York, New York 10021

RR:AVH:MG:pps

cc: Max Green

Encl: RR Letter



GREEK ORTHODOX ARCHDIOCESE OF NORTH AND SOUTH AMERICA
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November 23, 1986

Mr. Max Green
Associate Director
Office of Public Liaison
Room 1960EOB
The White House
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Max:

Hope all is well. Father Alex Karloutsos asked that I send you the two attached photo reprints which appeared in the October 13th issue of Time magazine commemorating the dedication of the Carter Presidential Center. It would be greatly appreciated if you could have President Reagan autograph each print and if it could be done as soon as possible so Father Alex can pass them along to President Carter for his respective autograph.

As always, your cooperation is greatly appreciated. Wishing you and your family a very Happy Thanksgiving, I remain,

Sincerely yours,

Mary Danakas
Administrator
Dept. of Communications

Encl.



THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE
WASHINGTON, THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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4 DEC 1982

Honorable Elizabeth H. Dole
Assistant to the President
for Public Liaison
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mrs. Dole *Aibly*

Thank you for your letter of October 25, 1982 on behalf of Archbishop Iakovos.

As requested, the attached letter responds to the questions raised by Archbishop Iakovos and agrees to a meeting as schedules permit.

Sincerely,

Attachment
a/s



THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

WASHINGTON, THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

November 17, 1982-

His Eminence Iakovos
Archbishop of the Greek Orthodox
Church of North and South America
10 East 79th Street
New York, New York 10021

Your Eminence:

Thank you for your October 21, 1982 letter concerning military aid to Turkey. Let me assure you that our relations with both Greece and Turkey are designed to promote security and stability in the Eastern Mediterranean. Our security assistance programs for both countries are carefully evaluated in terms of our collective defense needs. We attempt to ensure, as best we can, that both Allies can contribute to providing NATO with a credible deterrent capability against the common threat to the Alliance.

The United States will continue to support efforts through the United Nations to achieve a just and lasting settlement of the Cyprus problem. We are hopeful that the inter-communal talks will lead to that solution.

I must point out also that Turkey is taking positive steps toward a return to democracy. An important event in this process occurred on Sunday, November 7, 1982 when an overwhelming majority of the Turkish voters approved the proposed Constitution.

I would be happy to meet with you as our schedules permit. If you would have your office contact my secretary, Mrs. Kay Leisz at (202) 695-5261, I am certain that the necessary details can be arranged.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, which appears to read "Joseph W. Enders", is written below the typed name.

September 13, 1983

It is a special pleasure for me to extend warm greetings to all who gather for the Seventy-fifth Anniversary celebration of the Greek Orthodox Community of Los Angeles.

776 → Since June of 1908, when the Greek Orthodox Church and Community of Los Angeles and Southern California were formed, sixteen Greek Orthodox Communities and churches with two mission parishes have been chartered and organized.

I know you are most proud of the many accomplishments that have come about as a result of the dedication and commitment you've shown to the Church and to your fellow citizens.

Through the years we have been strengthened by our religious institutions, and the Greek Orthodox Church has been especially helpful in maintaining the moral principles upon which our country was founded. If we are to continue to meet the needs of our fellow citizens and face the challenge of the future, we will require the faith and good work of groups such as yours.

You have my very best wishes for a productive meeting and for success in the future.

RONALD REAGAN

SENT TO:

SPECIAL DELIVERY

The Very Reverend Father George J. Venetos
Dean of the Cathedral
Saint Sophia Cathedral
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November 3, 1982

Mr. Jack Burgess
Special Assistant to the President
The White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear Jack:

Thank you for your kind letter dated October 25. It was very nice having you in Chicago for the 60th Anniversary Banquet of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese.

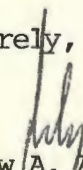
There is no doubt that the week of October 18 will remain an historical one in the annals of the Greek Orthodox Church in the Americas.

I am enclosing our check in the amount of Three Hundred Ninety-six (\$396.00) dollars for your expenses.

Once again, Jack, I am grateful to you for being with us and I hope we can set-up a meeting with President Reagan, as we discussed, in the not too distant future.

With best personal regards, I remain

Sincerely,


Andrew A. Athens
National Chairman

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November 18, 1982

Secretary to Mr. Jack Burgess
The White House
Washington, D. C.

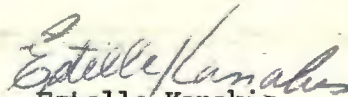
Dear Liz:

I am sorry for the oversight in sending Mr. Burgess our letter of appreciation and then not including the check.

As in all organizations, it is difficult to get everyone together to sign checks, therefore, this delay.

Please accept my apologies. The check is hereby enclosed.

Sincerely,


Estelle Kanakis
Executive Secretary

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September 13, 1982

Mr. Jack Burgess
Special Assistant to the President
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. Burgess:

Enclosed please find a copy of my letter to Secretary Weinberger asking for his assistance in bringing proper medical care to John Joakim of the U.S. Rangers. I have also attached pertinent medical verification to further apprise you of John's present condition.

All we ask is that he be given proper medical care and reassigned as a U.S. Ranger. If your Office needs further information, please have them contact Father Alexander Karloutsos at the Archdiocese at 212-570-3570.

Thanking you for your assistance, I am

Faithfully yours,

I A K O V O S

Archbishop of the Greek Orthodox
Church of North and South America

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Enclosure



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September 13, 1982

The Honorable
Casper Weinberger
Secretary of Defense
The Pentagon
Washington, DC 20301

Dear Mr. Secretary:

It is with a great deal of archpastoral and personal concern that I write you in regards to the spiritual welfare and physical health of one of my beloved spiritual sons and a Ranger in our U.S. Army, Mr. John Joakim. For the past three months he has been undergoing both physical pain and emotional duress since his jumping accident at Ft. Benning, Georgia.

John needs medical assistance and it seems the Commanding Officer at Ft. Benning does not deem it necessary. Although some of the best known orthopaedic doctors in the Massachusetts area have verified the need for surgery, the Army has continued ignoring Mr. Joakim's request for proper medical care. I know that Senator Kennedy has made many inquiries, but unfortunately, to no avail. I have taken the liberty of asking my own Senator and good friend, Alfonse D'Amato, to also seek an expeditious resolution to this problem.

Ultimately, all that is being asked by John's family is that John Joakim undergo surgery immediately at Walter Reed Medical Hospital and after recovery that he be reassigned as a Ranger in the U.S. Army. I'm sure this does not seem to be an absurd request but one that best serves our Nation and our Nation's soldiers best. By the way, John's social security number is: 028-52-6715.

Thanking you and awaiting your reply, I am

Faithfully yours,

I A K O V O S
Archbishop of the Greek Orthodox
Church of North and South America

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July 6, 1982

Re: John Joakim

To Whom It May Concern:

This is a 21 year old right handed man who was well until six weeks prior to this date. At that time he was undergoing jumping out of an aircraft. His left arm got engaged by a line and jerked. This occurred at Ft. Benning, Georgia. He did not hear any popping noise. However the engines would have drowned it out. He did notice a mass on his left arm. He was seen by the medical doctor there and no treatment was performed. He did notice a lump in his left arm. No real treatment was provided. He was seen by a sports medical doctor in Massachusetts who diagnosed a biceps tear of his left arm and recommended surgery. He is right handed. He has no significant past medical history of problems. Surgeries for wisdom teeth only in the past.

Physical examination reveals a very muscular strong male. He has obvious bunching up of his left biceps muscle on contracture. He has only slight decrease in the initial strength of his left arm compared to his right however it does fatigue. The long head tendon of the biceps muscle is not palpable in the notch. Range of motion shoulder and elbow are complete and normal.

Impression is rupture long head of the biceps tendon left arm.

In a male who is 21 years of age in good muscular condition I would certainly recommend re-attachment of his biceps tendon. Exploration in the biceps area muscle to be sure of which tendon was ruptured should be done. Probably the long head would have to be approximated to the coracoid process rather than to re-attach it up on the humeral head. However this would be a judgment made at the time of surgery. If it is not re-attached I doubt that he will even have 70 or 80% power in his left arm.

Sincerely,



William M. Fallon, M.D.

WMF/mj

JOHN DUFF, M.D.
ATHLETIC AND ORTHOPEDIC SURGERY

4 STATE ROAD
DANVERS, MASS. 01923
(617) 774-3400

July 7, 1982

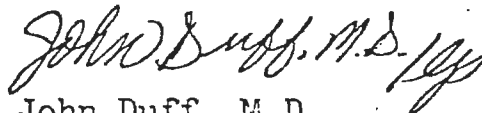
To Whom It May Concern:

RE: John Joakim

This is to certify that the above named
was seen by me on May 3, 1982.

Diagnosis: Rupture biceps tendon, lft.
(Surgery recommended)

Sincerely,


John Duff, M.D.

JD/lp
(Signed in Dr. Duff's absence)

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FOR MICHAEL O WHEELER

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. WILLIAM P. CLARK --
THE WHITE HOUSE

SUBJECT: Proposed Meeting of Secretary with Archbishop Iakovos

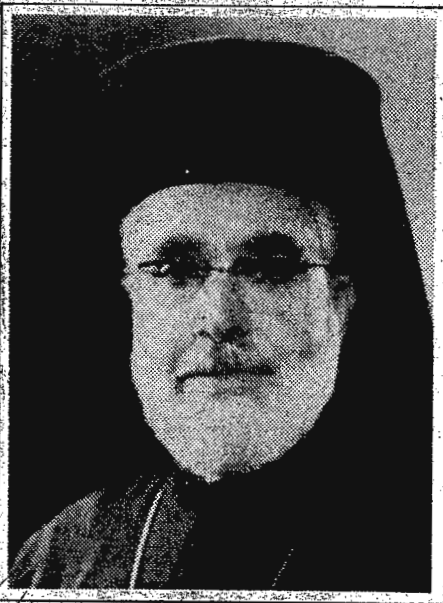
I am responding to Elizabeth H. Dole's memorandum of October 25, 1982, recommending that the Secretary meet with Archbishop Iakovos, spiritual leader of the Greek-American community.

The Secretary will be happy to see the Archbishop and is making arrangements for a meeting.

L. Paul Bremer, III
Executive Secretary

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His Eminence, Archbishop Iakovos

Reagan congratulates Archbishop Iakovos

On the occasion of the 24th Anniversary of his enthronement, Archbishop Iakovos received the following letter from President Ronald Reagan:

Dear Archbishop Iakovos:

I am very pleased to send my warmest greetings as you are honored on the twenty-fourth Anniversary of your enthronement as Primate and Exarch of the Greek Orthodox Church in the Americas. You must be very proud to have reached this milestone in your service to the Church.

For more than two decades you have worked diligently to insure strength and unity in your church, revitalizing Christian worship by improving parish organization and upgrading the roles of the Archdiocesan Council, the Biennial Clergy-Laity Congress, and the Ladies Philoptohos Society.

As a religious leader, you have been at the forefront of the fight to insure human rights for all peoples, at home and abroad. Yours has truly been a life of dedication and commitment to humanity.

The prophet Isaiah admonished: "Come now and let us reason together." You have taken his advice and accomplished a great deal. Your meetings with other church leaders have led to significant advances and ended disagreements that have lasted for hundreds of years.

I am pleased to commend you and the work you have done to the benefit of your fellow citizens. It is my hope that you will continue to meet with success in the years to come.

You have my very best wishes and warm personal regard. May the Lord continue to bless you is my prayer.

*Sincerely,
Ronald Reagan*



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BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

ARCHBISHOP IAKOVOS
PRIMATE OF THE GREEK ORTHODOX
CHURCH OF NORTH AND SOUTH AMERICA

Archbishop Iakovos, whose Lay name was Demetrios A. Coucouzes, was born July 29, 1911, on the island of Imvros, where he received his primary education. He later attended the Theological School of Halki of the Ecumenical Patriarchate from which he graduated in 1934 with great honors. On November 25th of that same year he was ordained a deacon for the Metropolis of Derkon (Therapia, Istanbul) where he served from 1934 to 1939. In 1939 he came to the United States to assume the office of Archdeacon of the Greek Archdiocese. He also accepted a position on the faculty of the Archdiocese's Theological School which was then located in Pomphret Center, Connecticut, and has since been moved to Brookline, Massachusetts.

He was ordained a priest in Lowell, Massachusetts, on June 16, 1940. On August 16th of that same year he was made an Archmandrite. He served in this capacity at Hartford, Connecticut, in 1949 and 1941; then, as a preacher at the Holy Trinity Cathedral in New York from 1941-1942; and in 1942, for a brief period, he served in Saint Louis, Missouri.

In September 1942, he was appointed Dean of the Cathedral of the Annunciation in Boston and served in that capacity until 1954.

For a brief period in 1954, prior to his election to the Office of Bishop, he served as Dean of the Holy Cross Greek Orthodox Theological School in Brookline, Massachusetts.

On December 17, 1954, he was elected Bishop of Melita (Malta) and was assigned to the Archdiocese of Central and Western Europe. His Consecration took place in the Patriarchal Church in Fener, Turkey, on February 6, 1955. In March 1955, he was appointed representative of the Ecumenical Patriarchate at the World Council of Churches headquarters in Geneva. On April 4, 1956, he was elected a Metropolitan.

On February 14, 1959, at the age of 47, he was elected Archbishop of North and South America by the Holy Synod of the Ecumenical Patriarchate, succeeding the late Archbishop Michael, who died in July 13, 1958, after serving as Archbishop of North and South America since 1949. Archbishop Iakovos arrived in the United States on March 31, 1959, and was enthroned April 1st, at the Holy Trinity Cathedral in New York City.

The Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of North and South America is under the jurisdiction of the ancient Ecumenical Patriarchate of Constantinople headed by Patriarch Demetrios. The Archdiocese has a total of 3,000,000 communicants and over 550 churches in North and South America. It is the headquarters of the Greek Orthodox Church, which is the largest of the many Eastern Orthodox bodies in America.

While in Boston, Archbishop Iakovos studied at the Harvard Divinity School, from where he took his Master of Sacred Theology (S.T.M.) degree. As the representative of the Ecumenical Patriarchate at the World Council of Churches, Archbishop Iakovos, then known as Metropolitan James, travelled extensively throughout the world and attended many ecclesiastical meetings and councils. During this time, he also visited the United States on several occasions and delivered lectures at Harvard, Boston University, Garrett Bible Institute, Catholic University and at other institutions and religious conferences. He is the author of several religious books, articles and pamphlets.

Since succeeding the Late Archbishop Michael as Primate of the Greek Orthodox Church of North and South America, and as Exarch and Geron in America of the Ecumenical Patriarchate in Constantinople (Istanbul), which has ecclesiastical jurisdiction over the Greek Orthodox Church in America, His Eminence Archbishop Iakovos has become known as the leading exponent of Orthodoxy in this country and also as an authoritative spokesman of the ecumenical movement for Christian unity.

Archbishop Iakovos is an American citizen and has close ties with Protestant, Episcopal, and Roman Catholic Churches in the United States, especially within the World Council of Churches and the National Council of Churches. He is known as one of the leaders of

the modern ecumenical movement for Christian unity. Presently, he co-chairs the Orthodox Catholic Consultation with His Eminence William Cardinal Baum, and was the first Greek Orthodox Archbishop to preach at Saint Patrick's Cathedral, in January of 1969.

Archbishop Iakovos was elected a President of the World Council of Churches in August, 1959, and was re-elected for a second term, in December, 1961. He is also chairman of the Standing Conference of Canonical Orthodox Bishops in America. Since 1960, he received the Honorary Doctorate degrees from well-known Universities such as Brown University, Catholic University, General Theological Seminary, Holy Cross, Fordham and Notre Dame University.

Among the Archbishop's more significant activities in Inter-Orthodox Relations was the initiative he took in January 1960, for the creation of the Standing Conference of the Canonical Orthodox Bishops in the Americas, designed to promote closer ties among the various Orthodox groups in America and better relations between them and other denominations. Archbishop Iakovos has been chairman of the Standing Conference since its inception.

Recognition of Archbishop Iakovos' leadership in the U.S. was attested to by President John F. Kennedy's invitation to give one of the prayers at his Inauguration in Washington. Presidents Johnson (in 1965) and Nixon (both in 1969 and 1973) also asked the Archbishop to participate in their respective Inaugurations. On July 4th, 1976 at our Nation's official observance of the Bicentennial, and at the request of President Ford, Archbishop Iakovos offered a prayer for

the spiritual prosperity and moral greatness of our Nation.

Archbishop Iakovos was present at the historic meeting between Patriarch Athenagoras I and Pope Paul VI in the Holy Lands early in January 1964. Upon his return he interpreted the meaning of this momentous encounter in several radio and television broadcasts and in many press conferences. He attended the historic ceremonies which nullified the centuries-old "anathema" between the ancient Roman Catholic and Greek Orthodox Churches, as a member of the official Ecumenical Patriarchate delegation, December 7, 1965.

Archbishop Iakovos has been honored by both the U.S and Greek governments as well as by the B'Nai B'Birth; the Appeal of Conscience Foundation; the National Conference of Christians and Jews; Religious Heritage of America and many other organizations.

In June of 1979, he was honored by both Houses of Congress and paid official tribute by the Congressional Record of the United States. On June 9, 1980, President Jimmy Carter bestowed upon the Archbishop the highest honor available to citizens of the United States. The Presidential Medal of Freedom stated that "Greek Orthodox Archbishop Iakovos has long put into practice what he has preached. As a progressive religious leader concerned with human rights and the ecumenical movement, he has marched with Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and has met with the Pope. As the Primate of the Greek Orthodox Church of North and South America concerned with his congregation, he has given guidance to millions."

Archbishop Iakovos' moral and religious leadership have contributed greatly towards a better world understanding and commitment to civil and human rights. In 1965, he was in the forefront of the civil rights movement as he marched with the late Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. in Selma, Alabama in March 1965 and supported, with vigor and conviction, the Civil Rights legislation passed by Congress during those crucial year. He has forcefully spoken out against the violation of human rights, religious freedom and has supported peaceful initiatives for human rights and justice. In fact, his indelible commitment to the inalienable rights of all people and his eloquence and forceful protests have incurred the anger of oppressive governments throughout the world.

He travels thousands of miles annually visiting Greek Orthodox Churches under his spiritual jurisdiction throughout the Western Hemisphere and attends ecumenical and interfaith meetings and seminars. As one of the world's best known Orthodox leaders, he attended the World Council Assemblies in New Delhi, Uppsala, and Central Committee meeting in various parts of the world and made Archdpastoral visits to Japan, Korea and Vietman.

Archbishop Iakovos' main efforts in the Orthodox Church of the Americas has been to initiate new reforms and the further consolidation and spreading of Orthodoxy in the New World.



ARCHBISHOP IAKOVOS
Primate of the Greek Orthodox Church



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Guel. Anthony*

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June 11, 1981

Mr. John F. Burgess
Special Assistant to the President
for Public Liaison
The White House
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. Burgess:

It was indeed unfortunate that you were not in your Office when Morton Blackwell brought Andy Manatos and me to personally meet you. I do look forward to a next opportunity.

I enjoy the privilege and responsibility of representing His Eminence Archbishop Iakovos to both the White House and Hill in all matters dealing with ethnic concerns and affairs. Our Office worked closely with past administrations in order to facilitate proper communication channels and to relay, on a vice-versa basis, the needs and expectations between the Administration and the Archdiocese.

I have enclosed an Archdiocesan Yearbook, a brief biographical sketch of His Eminence and my Office card.

I look forward to seeing you at the briefing. In the meantime if I can be of any assistance please do not hesitate to ask.

Faithfully,

Rev. Alexander Karloutsos
Executive Director
Department of Communications

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November 5, 1982

Mr. Jack Burgess
Office of Public Liaison
White House
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Burgess:

There is, Ecclesiastes reminds us, a time to keep silent and a time to speak. On NBC recently a television program debased the Orthodox Church and in particular, the role of the Greek Orthodox Priest when he was projected in a most vulgar and objectionable manner. The plot depicts a couple who come to the Priest for counseling. The husband has committed adultery, but both are willing to reconcile and continue their life as husband and wife. What is repulsive and unacceptable is the fact that the role of the alleged Greek Orthodox Priest suggests that before reconciliation takes place, the wife "gets even" by herself committing adultery with a co-worker as did her husband.

The Orthodox Church and the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of North and South America and Canada has written to NBC in New York in order to protest this abuse inflicted upon a minority Christian body whose rich spiritual heritage spans 2,000 years. We take issue with those who would say to the general public that the Orthodox Church takes lightly such vulgarity.

I am appealing to you as a person who I know is interested in stopping such indecencies. Programs like these do nothing to enhance the dignity, reverence and venerability of religion in America. It accomplishes the opposite; the mocking, the scorning, the deriding and the ridiculing of the faith of millions of Americans whatever their denominational affiliation.

I am sending you a copy of the telegram that millions of Orthodox sent to the chairman and the chief executive officer of NBC. You might want to use this sample for a similar telegram. In any event, thank you for taking the time to read this letter in consideration of sending a telegram to NBC which must assume full responsibility for such recklessness and lack of proper programming decor.

Sincerely, in His Name,

Rev. M.B. Efthimiou

Rev. Dr. Miltiades B. Efthimiou
Director
Department Church & Society

MBE:ac

Grant Tinker
Chairman and Chief Executive Officer
National Broadcasting Company, Inc.
3000 West Alameda Avenue
Burbank, California 91523

Dear Mr. Tinker:

The episode of Taxi that aired Thursday, October 21, depicted an actor portraying an Orthodox Christian Priest in a derogatory, sacrilegious, false and misleading manner. The suggestion that any Priest, especially an Orthodox Priest, would desecrate the Sacrament of Confession by counseling a parishioner to commit adultery is blasphemous. This abomination was reinforced on the episode broadcast Thursday, October 28, with flashbacks of the previous week's epitome of bad taste. Reckless character assassination of Orthodox Priests has no place on network television, even on a situation comedy with its admittedly wide latitude in satirizing society. As one of the five million Orthodox Christians in the United States, I vigorously protest such religious bigotry. Repeated incidents of this reprehensible nature can only provoke more drastic measures, including the picketing of NBC Network- owned and operated stations as well as affiliates.

*file
Gus Buckley*

Santa Barbara

August 25, 1982

Dear Bishop Athenagoras:

On the occasion of your recent installation as Auxiliary Bishop of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of North and South America, Nancy and I wish to extend our warmest congratulations.

May God continue to bless you as you undertake the responsibilities of this new position.

Sincerely,

R. W. EAGAN

Most Reverend Bishop of the
Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of
North and South America
Bishop Athenagoras of Dorylaion
10 East 79th Street
New York, New York 10021

RR:AVH:RCH:pps

bcc: Requested by Jack Burgess

Santa Barbara

August 25, 1982

Dear Bishop Methodios:

Nancy and I wish to extend our warmest congratulations to you on the occasion of your installation as Auxiliary Bishop of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of North and South America.

Although the responsibilities of this position are great, the rewards are equally so. May God continue to bless you as you undertake this new endeavor.

Sincerely,

RONALD REAGAN

Most Reverend Bishop of the
Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of
North and South America
Bishop Methodios of Scopelos
10 East 79th Street
New York, New York 10021

RR:AVH:RCH:pps

bcc: Requested by Jack Burgess.

Santa Barbara

August 25, 1982

Dear Bishop Philip:

At this time, as you accept the responsibilities of your new position as Auxiliary Bishop of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of North and South America, Nancy and I would like to extend our warmest congratulations.

May God continue to guide you as you undertake this new position.

Sincerely,

RONALD REAGAN

Most Reverend Bishop of the
Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of
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Bishop Philip of Daphnousia
10 East 79th Street
New York, New York 10021

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bcc: Requested by Jack Burgess.

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MAILING ADDRESS: 826 JUNIPERO SERRA BOULEVARD, SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94127

Mr. Jack Burgess
Special Assistant to the President
White House
Washington, D.C. 20050

Dear Jack:

Having returned home from a series of short post-Congress trips, I am finally able to sit and write expressions of sincere gratitude to the many people who contributed to our 26th Biennial Clergy-Laity Congress so successful.

I am grateful to you for taking the time to be at the Congress throughout the entire week. Your presence definitely added an important dimension to the entire event. I hope you enjoyed the proceedings while you observed the Greek Orthodox Community at work. Please be sure to return to San Francisco so we may extend our hospitality to you personally once again.

Most sincerely,

Bishop Anthony of San Francisco

BA/am

September 8, 1982

MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

file

August 25, 1982

TO: Jack Burgess

FROM: Robert C. Hill *RB*

SUBJECT: Correspondence

A slight difficulty on the letters to the Bishops --
we cannot date them until September 7 when RR returns.
If we date it today it will have to be date-lined Santa
Barbara, but the postmark will be D.C.
Any problem holding until 9/7?

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SLS 8/25
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8/26*



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May 4, 1982

Mr. Jack Burgess
Special Assistant
Ethnic Affairs
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, South
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Jack:

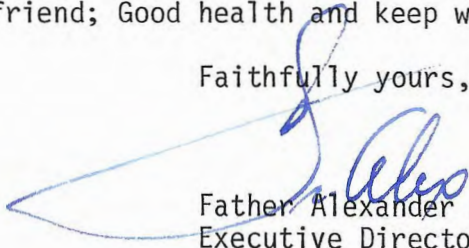
Just a short note to thank you for responding so graciously and quickly to my phone call of last week. Indeed, I have gained a great deal of respect and deep appreciation for the ministry you offer our country.

Enclosed, please find two letters of His Grace Bishop Anthony addressed to President Reagan. One letter is an invitation and the other is a request for a picture and a message from the President to be included in the album of the Congress. (This tradition of a President's picture and message has always been included in our past albums.)

The other two letters addressed to the Vice President are from His Eminence, Archbishop Iakovos, and His Grace Bishop Anthony. I would appreciate it if we could get the Vice President there, and if not, let us hope for Secretary of State Alexander Haig. I feel it would give the administration a great opportunity to address and get to know the leadership of the Greek-American people. Nevertheless, I do hope you make arrangements to be with us that week. On this matter, we will talk personally.

God bless you, my friend; Good health and keep well.

Faithfully yours,


Father Alexander Karloutsos
Executive Director
Department of Communications

AK:mn

Enclosures

B.S. Please see what happened to the message and picture for the Album

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May 18, 1982

I take great pleasure in extending my warm greetings to all those attending the Twenty-Sixth Biennial Clergy-Laity Congress of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of North and South America.

Your gathering presents a special opportunity for renewing old friendships and expanding fellowship between the clergy and interested laymen. This Congress provides unified consideration of the moral, social, and religious issues facing the Greek Orthodox Church in today's world.

Through your deliberations you will help advance Christian values and contribute to the well-being of peoples and nations throughout the Western Hemisphere.

You have my best wishes for a productive and enjoyable Congress.

RONALD REAGAN

Sent Special Delivery to:

His Eminence, Archbishop Iakovos
c/o The Reverend Alexander Karloutsos
Greek Archdioces of
North and South America
10 East 79th Street
New York, New York 10021

Enclosure: 8x10 glossy photo of the President

RR:Wells:-

cc: K.Osborne/D.Livingston/J.Burgess/SF

DUE: ASAP (printing)

EVENT: July (San Francisco)



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May 6, 1987

President Ronald Reagan
The White House
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

On June 6, New York University College of Business and Public Administration will honor Mr. John Catsimatidis with its inaugural Entrepreneur of the Year Award. }

Mr. Catsimatidis, the son of a Greek immigrant waiter, has at a young age established himself as the leading supermarket owner in New York City, along with substantial holdings in other areas including United Refining, Inc., real estate and substantial aviation interests.

Well known and highly regarded by the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese, Mr. Catsimatidis has also been honored by his outstanding service to New York City by the Chairman of the West Side Chamber of Commerce. He is also the recipient of Humanitarian Awards from the National Conference of Christians and Jews and the American Jewish Committee.

Mr. President, I know Mr. Catsimatidis would be deeply honored to receive a message from you on the occasion of this most auspicious event in his life. Such recognition from the President of the United States would be highly cherished by Mr. Catsimatidis and his entire family.

On his behalf, we ask if you might send a message to be printed in the evening's commemorative album.

Faithfully,

Father Alexander Karloutsos
Director
Office of Public Affairs

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bcc Mr. Max Green

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June 16, 1986

Dear Mr. Catsimatidis:

I have just learned that you were awarded the 1986 National Kidney Foundation of New York-New Jersey Humanitarian Award. Your dedication and volunteer efforts in the fight against kidney disease are highly commendable. As a nation, we are indeed fortunate that caring people like you devote their time and talents on behalf of others.

Congratulations and God bless you.

Sincerely,

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Mr. John Catsimatidis
Suite 1108
432 Park Avenue South
New York, New York 10016

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Requested by Charlie Plante. Mail flat

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November 7, 1986

Mr. Max Green
Associate Director
Office of Public Liaison
The White House
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Max:

Just a short note to commend you once again on your outstanding performance and presentation at the Archbishop's NAMEDAY Banquet.

As I discussed with you by phone, the young lady who is not feeling quite well is a great admirer of the President. Would you please be so kind as to send her an autographed photograph of the President addressed:

Allison Quealy
139 Dent Street
West Roxbury, MA 02132

Thanking you once again, I remain,

Faithfully yours,

Father Alexander Karloutsos

dt

P.S. Please make it out to Allison
with best wishes

Max - Pls take care of this.

Max

sent down
11-12-86

Julie Gulden



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The Honorable Ronald Reagan
President of the United States
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20050

Dear Mr. President:

His Eminence, Archbishop Iakovos, and my fellow Bishops of the Holy Synod join me in greeting you in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

As bishop of the Greek Orthodox Diocese of San Francisco, which is hosting the 26th Biennial Clergy-Laity Congress of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of North and South America, it is my great privilege to invite you to be our honored guest at our Grand Banquet to be held on the evening of July 8, 1982, in the Grand Ballroom of the Moscone Center in San Francisco.

The Grand Banquet will climax a week-long series of events, activities, conferences and plenary sessions of the 26th Biennial Clergy-Laity Congress which will be attended by ^{over} two thousand delegates representing the Greek Orthodox Church in the Western Hemisphere.

All, representing the fourth major faith in these United States, will be honored by your presence, and will be immensely privileged to have you address them.

On their behalf, and on behalf of the more than three million Greek Americans they represent, I extend to you, Mr. President, this warm greeting and sincere invitation. *Mr. Iakovos*

Very truly yours,

Bishop Anthony of San Francisco

BA/am

January 29, 1982



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The Honorable Ronald Reagan
President of the United States
The White House
Washington, D. C. 20050

Dear Mr. President:

Greetings in our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

From our previous communication with you, Mr. President, we have been happy to inform you that the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of North and South America is holding its 26th Biennial Clergy-Laity Congress on July 4-8, 1982 in San Francisco.

In conjunction with this important event, we are planning to publish a Commemorative Album to celebrate the 60th Anniversary of the founding of the Archdiocese and the 50th Anniversary of the Philoptohos Society, the philanthropic women's organization, one of the most important groups of our Church.

May I request, Mr. President, that you send a picture of yourself and a message to be included in this historical Album.

Also, we would like you to know that a large cultural festival is being organized over the 4th of July weekend in San Francisco, as a Greek Orthodox tribute to our great American Nation.

I hope you will accept our invitation, previously sent to you, to attend the Grand Banquet on Thursday, July 8, 1982.

On behalf of all the Greek Orthodox faithful, I am,

Very truly yours,

Anthony of San Francisco
Bishop Anthony of San Francisco

BA/am

February 10, 1982



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April 12, 1982

The Honorable George Bush
Vice President of the United States
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. Vice President:

I was quite pleased to learn that the Host Committee of the 26th Biennial Clergy-Laity Congress of San Francisco has invited you to be the main speaker at the Grand Banquet, Thursday, July 8th, 7:00 p.m. at the Moscone Center on 747 Howard Street, San Francisco, California. More than 2,000 people will gather from North and South America in celebration of the Archdiocese's 60th Anniversary in the Americas.

I can assure you, Mr. Vice President, that you will be most welcomed by the Greek Orthodox leadership, who will forever treasure your presence at this festive milestone in our Church's Life.

May our Lord bless you and keep you and strengthen you as you endeavor, through your leadership, to strengthen the people of America.

Faithfully yours,

I A K O V O S

Archbishop of the Greek Orthodox
Church of North and South America

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The Vice-President, George H. Bush
Vice-President of the United States
1800 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. Vice-President:

His Eminence, Archbishop Iakovos, and my fellow Bishops of the Holy Synod join me in greeting you in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

As the bishop of the Greek Orthodox Diocese of San Francisco, which is hosting the 26th Biennial Clergy-Laity Congress of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of North and South America, it is my great privilege to invite you to be our honored guest at our Grand Banquet to be held on the evening of July 3, 1982, in the Grand Ballroom of the Moscone Center in San Francisco.

The Grand Banquet will climax a week-long series of events, activities, conferences and plenary sessions of the 26th Biennial Clergy-Laity Congress which will be attended by some two thousand delegates representing the Greek Orthodox Church in the Western Hemisphere.

All, representing the fourth major faith in these United States, will be honored by your presence.

On their behalf, and on behalf of the more than three million Greek Americans they represent, I extend to you, Mr. Vice-President, this warm greeting and sincere invitation.

Very truly yours,

Bishop Anthony of San Francisco

BA/am

April 2, 1982

BACKGROUND ON THE CONGRESS

SAN FRANCISCO -- Controversial moral and social issues will be examined from an Orthodox Christian perspective during the 26th Biennial Clergy-Laity Congress of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of North and South America.

More than a dozen position papers, prepared at the direction of a previous Congress, may be submitted for consideration by clergymen and parish delegates who will meet in San Francisco July 4th through the 8th.

The topics are: abortion; the arms race and the proposed freeze on nuclear weapons; artificial insemination; capital punishment; creationism and evolution; criminal justice; the donation of organs after death; equal rights; euthanasia; homosexuality; human rights; political developments in Latin America; pornography; and transsexuals.

Resolutions adopting some of these positions are expected to emerge from the Congress, which is the highest legislative assembly of the Archdiocese.

Since the Archdiocese is under the ecclesiastical jurisdiction of the Ecumenical Patriarchate of Constantinople, all decisions of the Congress must be ratified by His All Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Dimitrios I and the Holy Synod.

The Congress reviews Archdiocesan policies and programs, suggested organizational changes and other matters of concern to the three million Greek Orthodox Christians in the Western Hemisphere. This Congress also marks the 60th anniversary of the Archdiocese.

The largest influx of Greek Orthodox clergymen and parish representatives ever to convene in San Francisco will participate, as delegates, in the decision-making process of the Congress, which will chart a course for the next two years.

An estimated 1,250 delegates are expected to attend. Each parish is requested to send four delegates, the Priest, the President of the Parish Council and two alternate delegates. Many distinguished speakers, including religious and civic figures, educators and Church leaders will address the Congress.

The theme of the Congress is taken from St. Paul's Letter to the Ephesians 4,3: "Maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace."

According to the Right Reverend Anthony, Bishop of the San Francisco Diocese and Honorary Chairman of the Congress, this is the first time that a Diocese, rather than a single community, has sponsored a Congress.

The Diocese of San Francisco contains 44 parishes in seven states: California, Arizona, Nevada, Oregon, Washington, Alaska and Hawaii. Bishop Anthony reports that parish leaders from throughout the Diocese are helping to plan the Congress and will assist in hosting numerous events.

California State Senator Nicholas C. Petris and San Francisco City Attorney George P. Agnost are General Co-Chairmen.

"We are fortunate in the choice of such outstanding Orthodox laymen as Messrs. Petris and Agnost for our co-chairmen," said Bishop Anthony. "Our committees are completing plans to provide an inspirational and efficient environment for the conduct of our vital business, and also a cultural and recreational program worthy of everybody's favorite city -- San Francisco."

Thousands of man hours of volunteer work and incalculable time and talent ensure the success of a Congress. From it clergymen and the faithful gain insight and inspiration -- the ideas, energy and enthusiasm that guide them for another two years.

Above all, a Congress helps weld together the human spirit in which the Church places its confidence to undertake the mission of its eternal leader, Jesus Christ. Clergy and laity work hand in hand for the common good so that His will might truly be done "on earth as it is in Heaven."

The relationship between clergy and laity is based upon a mutual respect for one another as necessary partners and a common dedication to Jesus Christ and to the mission of the Church.

The Greek Orthodox Church system is not the loose congregational approach of the Protestants, nor is it marked by the inflexibility which often characterizes those of the Roman Catholic tradition.

The balance that Greek Orthodox Christians have been able to preserve between clergy and laity as mutually responsible "people of God" to whom the destiny of the Church is entrusted is a precious and cherished one that must never be taken for granted.

Developing and cultivating this relationship is a constant concern. Several of the committees and topics of this Congress directly relate to this subject, for it is the core of the Archdiocesan administrative system.

The Greek Orthodox Ladies Philoptochos Society, dedicated to charitable and philanthropic causes, will simultaneously convene its biennial convention but it will follow a separate agenda and program.

Philoptochos, which literally means "friends of the poor" in Greek, has more than 400 chapters and 40,000 members within the Archdiocese.

Ladies attending the convention will hold workshops and panel sessions culminating in a luncheon and an ecumenical tea to which representatives of other denominations will be invited.

Distinct from the Philoptochos ladies, the wives of priests will hold their first-ever national meeting at the suggestion of Archbishop Iakovos, spiritual leader of Greek Orthodox Christians in the Americas.

The National Forum of Greek Orthodox Musicians will convene July 2. Representatives of seven choir federations will attend and also participate in choir activities during the Congress.

A two-day Greek festival, commemorating Independence Day, will be held July 3rd and 4th in Brooks Hall. Thousands of visitors are expected to enjoy Greek food, music and entertainment.

The St. Francis Hotel will be headquarters for the Congress with special events held at the new Moscone Center, Davies Symphony Hall and at other locations in the city.

SIXTY YEARS

By His Eminence Archbishop Iakovos

Sixty years -- these are two words that embody an entire history in the life of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of North and South America. It is a history of struggle, heartbreaks, ongoing projects and activities -- the kind that are inherent in the overall process of creating an ethos and forging new and expanding horizons for the benefit of our fellow man.

During the past sixty years our Archdiocese experienced many trials and tribulations. Tears were shed which were dissipated only with the passing of time. Also, litigation stemming from political strife created splits in local Communities and served as stumbling blocks to the effective ministry and mission of Greek Orthodox Parishes.

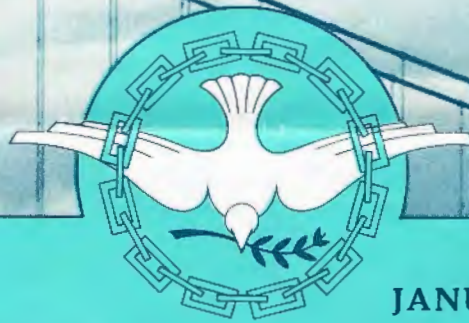
Having reached this historic milestone, let us now reflect on the early years of this century and on the future -- on the years remaining in the twentieth century. The amazing fact is that we are united as a Church and an Archdiocese, and this is in contrast to other Orthodox jurisdictions and ethnic groups in America that are divided among themselves.

We are grateful for and appreciative of the various achievements of the past. We are also hopeful for the future. Our Church is no longer identified with a ghetto community. It is recognized as a major Faith by virtually all the State legislative bodies in our nation. It has been accorded recognition by the White House, both Houses of Congress and by the Pentagon's Armed Forces Chaplaincy. The press and other public news media have acknowledged the important role our Church is playing in the religious life of America.

In accepting this recognition, we are at the same time dutybound to be vigilant and prepared spiritually to "be able to stand against the wiles of the devil." (Ephesians 6:11). Let us be cautious not to fall prey to self-complacency or self-righteousness, or to the mistaken notion that the strength and effectiveness of the Parish or Church are based on financial wealth and solvency rather than on faith, piety and dedication of our Greek Orthodox communicants.

St. Paul's words best sum up the endeavors of our Church during the past sixty years: "But one thing I do, forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus." (Philippians 3:13-14).

We've opened up the Golden Gate for the '82 Biennial Clergy-Laity Congress



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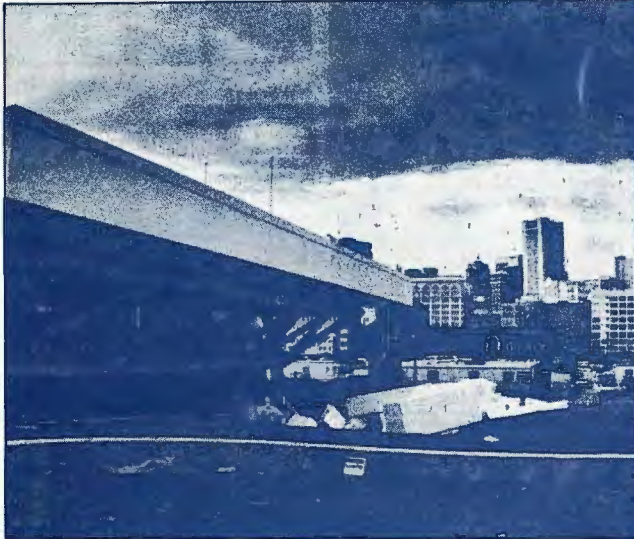
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San Francisco July 4-8 1982



Special events of the Congress will be held at the \$126.5 million George R. Moscone Convention Center.



The massive interior of the new Moscone Convention Center.

San Francisco's St. Francis Hotel will be Congress headquarters.

San Francisco Hosts 26th Biennial Congress

The largest influx of Greek Orthodox Church clergy and parish representatives ever to convene in San Francisco will attend the 26th Biennial Clergy-Laity Congress of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of North America and South America next summer.

More than 2,000 persons, including clergy members, parish delegates, families and church members, will come from throughout the United States, Canada, Mexico and South America to attend the Congress July 4-8, 1982, said the Right Rev. Anthony, Bishop of the Greek Orthodox Diocese of San Francisco.

It will be the Church's first Biennial Congress to be sponsored by a Diocese rather than a single community, Bishop Anthony said. The San Francisco Diocese includes 44 parishes in California, Arizona, Nevada, Oregon, Washington, Alaska and Hawaii.

State Sen. Nicholas C. Petris and San Francisco City Attorney George P. Agnost have been named co-chairmen. The St. Francis Hotel will be headquarters for the Congress, and special events will be held at the new

Moscone Center, Davies Symphony Hall, Brooks Hall and at other locations in the city.

The Congress serves as a legislative body, reviewing church programs and policies, organizational changes

World famous St. Francis Hotel to be Congress headquarters

A block of 700 rooms in the famed St. Francis Hotel, one of San Francisco's oldest and finest hotels, has been reserved for our Congress visitors. The St. Francis, which will serve as our headquarters hotel, will make additional rooms available, if necessary. All public meeting rooms and banquet facilities will be at our disposal throughout the event.

Prices will range from \$55 for a single room in the hotel's main building to \$125 for a double in the upper floors of the adjacent tower building. Roll-away beds will be available at no additional charge. The hotel is ideally situated, across from Union Square Park, in the heart of the city's main shopping, restaurant and theater district.

COVER: This beautifully illustrated, four color poster, measuring 20" x 27", has been designed especially for the 26th Biennial Clergy Laity Congress. Copies have already been mailed to over 600 parishes and members of the clergy throughout the country with a request that it be prominently displayed. Meanwhile, additional copies of this unique poster are available at the nominal cost of \$6.50 each (includes shipping, postage and handling costs). For your copy, write to 26th Biennial Congress, 826 Junipero Serra Boulevard, San Francisco, California 94127. Checks should be made payable to "26th Biennial Congress."

and other matters of concern to the three million members of the Greek Orthodox Church in North and South America.

Church leaders in the seven states comprising the Diocese are helping to plan the program and will assist in hosting the various events, Bishop Anthony said.

"We are fortunate in the choice of such outstanding Orthodox laymen as Msrs. Petris and Agnost for co-chairmen," he said. "And our committees are completing plans to provide an inspirational and efficient environment for the conduct of our vital business, and also a cultural and recreational program worthy of everybody's favorite city—San Francisco."



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November 6, 1981

His Grace Bishop Anthony
26th Biennial Clergy-Laity Congress
Diocese of San Francisco
826 Junipero Serra Boulevard
San Francisco, California 94127

Your Grace:

The forthcoming 26th biennial Clergy-Laity Congress of the Archdiocese to convene in the beautiful city of San Francisco next summer is another historic milestone of progress for our Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of the Americas. It has been thirty years since this highest conclave of our Church has convened on the West Coast (Los Angeles 1952), and it is with much anticipation that we look forward to the San Francisco Congress next July.

The restructuring of our Archdiocese is now a historic reality. That major step of progress is having a healthy and positive effect on the growth and development of our Church on the regional or diocese level. Indeed, we have barely begun to see the results of the progress emerging from this major decentralization of our administrative structure.

Our sights must be firmly set on the future, but flexible enough to honestly evaluate the present and provide the right pathway to that future. The thinking that transpires on both the parish and diocese level between now and next July should be undergirded with realistic projections for the future of the Church in these closing decades of the 20th century.

Let us approach the 26th Clergy-Laity Congress with the thought that we are the instruments of God and His Church, and prepare ourselves adequately as we march toward the third millenium of the Kingdom of God.

May Our Lord Jesus Christ whose Holy Nativity we will soon be celebrating bestow upon you the blessings of this Holy Season, and may He enable us to experience the renewal of our faith and hope.



Paternally yours,

Iakovos

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Archbishop of the Greek
Orthodox Church of North
and South America



GREEK ORTHODOX ARCHDIOCESE OF NORTH AND SOUTH AMERICA
DIOCESE OF SAN FRANCISCO

Beloved in the Lord:

It is with great joy that I extend to you a warm and heartfelt invitation to visit us in the Diocese of San Francisco on the occasion of the 26th Biennial Clergy Laity Congress July 4-8, 1982.

This Congress in "America's favorite city" is being planned as the most dynamic gathering of its kind ever held. An unprecedented and innovative program is being designed to help provide direction and inspiration for the Church into the next century.

In addition, all the parishes of the Diocese are pooling their resources and talents to produce an outstanding series of meetings, activities, entertainment and excursions that will set this Congress apart from all the rest.

I welcome you to the breathtaking beauty of the Golden West and its unmatched natural wonders, to this cosmopolitan mecca which attracts visitors from all over the world. For those who come for the first time, your stay with us will be an experience never to be forgotten.

I encourage you to bring your entire family for a vacation of a lifetime. Come join us in this beautiful city of the Golden Gate—and be prepared to leave your heart in San Francisco.



Paternally,

Bishop Anthony

Bishop Anthony
of San Francisco

Reagan, dignitaries invited to Congress banquet

The Grand Banquet of the Congress will be held in San Francisco's newest convention facility, the Moscone Center. It is anticipated that this will be one of the biggest grand banquets ever.

Invitations are being issued to California's Governor Brown, U.S. Senators, and many other Greek and American political and religious dignitaries.

With the help of His Eminence, it is hoped that President Ronald Reagan will also attend.

Civic leaders head Congress planning committee

Co-chairmen of the 26th Biennial Clergy Laity Congress are two outstanding members of the San Francisco Bay Area Greek Community: State Senator Nicholas C. Petris and San Francisco City Attorney George Agnost. Both are lawyers and both are graduates

of Stanford Law School and have been close friends since college days.

We present their biographies in the adjacent columns so that you may get to know them better.

**California
State Senator
Nicholas C. Petris**



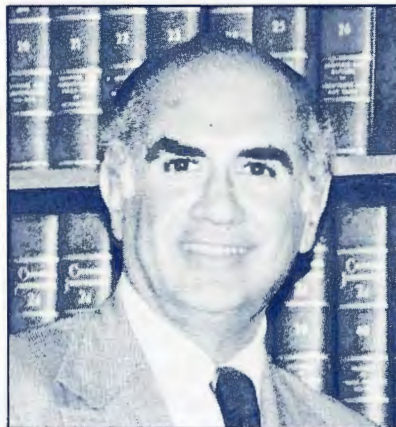
Senator Nicholas C. Petris, the first person of Greek descent to be elected to the California State Legislature, has been a leading member of the Legislature since his election as an Assemblyman in 1958.

Senator Petris, born in Oakland of Greek immigrant parents, now serves on the powerful Senate Rules Committee, which selects the chairmen, appoints the members of each Senate committee and assigns the bills to the appropriate committees for consideration. He has been a strong voice in the California Legislature on behalf of the Greek American Community.

The Senator's deep pride in his Greek heritage is as strong today as when he was an altar boy and sang in the choir, later serving as president of the Greek Orthodox Community of the Church of the Ascension in Oakland. His father was Chris Nicholas Petris of Akrata, Aigealeias, Achaia, and his mother, Maria Kakouris Petris of Pyrgos, Elias.

Nicholas Petris, a graduate of the University of California and Stanford Law School, has been a practicing attorney in Oakland since 1950, and now is with the law firm of Petris, Vasil and Bradley. His wife is the former Anna Vlahos, daughter of Speros and Panayota Prontzou Vlahos, both from Kyparissi, Province of Laconia.

After World War II service as an Army officer, he first visited Greece in 1946 as a member of an Allied Mission for Observing the Greek Elections. He returned to Greece in 1966, his first year in the Senate, as the official representative of California Governor Edmund G. (Pat) Brown at the dedication of the University of California Study Center in Delphi. The ability to speak his message in the Greek language reaffirmed the appreciation of Nicholas Petris for his upbringing in a bilingual home amid an environment of love and respect for the family's Greek heritage.



**San Francisco
City Attorney
George Agnost**

San Francisco City Attorney George Agnost was re-elected last November to his second four-year term with 75 per cent of the votes cast in the cosmopolitan city by the Bay. Supporters attest that the overwhelming victory was the result of Mr. Agnost having made the City Attorney's office one of the most effective and highly respected law offices in Northern California.

He was born in Omaha, Nebraska, the fourth child of the late Peter F. Agnost, who became a well-known San Francisco restaurateur, and Efstathia Agnost (nee Sakel-larides), both from Messenia, Greece; the father from Diavolitsi and the mother from Constantinous. The family moved to San Francisco when George was five years old.

He attended Commerce High School in San Francisco and spent two years at the University of California at Berkeley before transferring to Stanford University where he received his B.A. degree. He earned his degree of Doctor of Jurisprudence from Stanford Law School, graduating in 1950. During World War II, he flew on 35 combat missions as a nose gunner with the 15th Air Force, and later became a captain in the U.S.A.R.

Mr. Agnost joined the City Attorney's office in 1953 after several years in private practice. He was elected City Attorney in 1977. His commendations, citations and distinctions for accomplishments in the field, include the Martindale-Hubbard Law Directory's designation of "Highest integrity; highest legal ability."

He was a faculty member of the Hastings College of Law, Center for Trial and Appellate Advocacy, and an assistant professor of law in the University of San Francisco School of Law.

He is a member of a number of prestigious organizations but just as important, in a different and more personal way, he will tell you, is his lifelong membership in the parish of the Cathedral of the Annunciation, where as a youth he sang in the choir, and in the Order of Ahepa.

Disneyland, Hawaii tours depart after Congress

Now is the time to make plans to extend your West Coast visit next July. The Transportation Committee is busy putting together two fabulous trips to Disneyland and Hawaii, departing immediately following the Clergy Laity Congress.

Disneyland is the gateway to the world of fantasy, adventure and excitement. The tour will depart on Friday, July 9, 1982, from San Francisco via Air California to Anaheim where you will transfer to the hotel. The rest of

Auxiliary group meetings coincide with Clergy-Laity Congress

Important meetings of key auxiliary groups, including the Church's finest choir singers and musicians, will be held in San Francisco to coincide with the 26th Biennial Clergy-Laity Congress of North and South America. The groups are the Western Choir Federation and the Choir Federation of the Denver Diocese, the National Forum of Greek Musicians, the Presvyteres, the National Philoptohos and the Youth Conference of the Diocese of San Francisco.

Four hundred voices, under direction of Dr. Frank Desby, will be heard during the Congress liturgy, thanks to the joint gathering of the choir and musical groups. The Western Choir Federation and the Choir Federation of Denver will meet prior to the Congress, July 2 through 4, in accord with their plan, adopted at the 1977 meeting, to hold a joint session every five years.

The National Forum of Greek Orthodox Musicians also will convene on July 2. The Forum assists all federations with programs, and policies and issues of overall concern. Representatives of seven choir federations will attend and also participate in choir activities during the Congress. Dr. George Demos, of Denver, is Forum chairman.

The Presvyteres group, comprised of the wives of our priests, will hold its first national meeting during the Clergy-Laity Congress at the request of the Archbishop. An organizational session with his Eminence will be held to establish guidelines for the national organization. The program will include workshops and discussion sessions.

Members of the National Philoptohos will hold their biennial meeting during the week of the Congress. Philoptohos members will hold workshops and panel sessions, highlighted by a luncheon and an ecumenical tea, to which representatives of other denominations will be invited.

The Youth Conference of the Diocese of San Francisco, dedicated to renewal of faith and a firm commitment to Christ, will start on Friday, July 2, at the Marriott Hotel. Workshops and special rap sessions will be held, and on Sunday, July 4, the assembly will be bused to the San Francisco Civic Auditorium for the Divine Liturgy and other activities.

the day and evening will be spent visiting Disneyland. You will have free admission and unlimited use of all adventures and attractions.

On Saturday, July 10, you will have your choice of one of the following tours, including transportation to and from your hotel:

- Knott's Berry Farm, including Mrs. Knott's famous chicken dinner
- Universal Studios
- Queen Mary
- Marineland
- Lion Country Safari

Total cost of the package, San Francisco to Anaheim is \$125.00.

The Hawaii 8-day 2-island tour also will depart from San Francisco on July 9. The tour includes roundtrip airfare via United Airlines from San Francisco to Honolulu; flower lei greeting; four nights' hotel accommodations on Waikiki Beach; a visit to one of the neighboring islands of your choice (Maui, Kauai, or Hawaii) via Hawaiian Airlines; three nights' accommodations on the island together with three days rental of an Avis car with unlimited mileage.

Total cost per person (double occupancy) is \$650.00.

For more information write to Transportation Committee, 26th Biennial Clergy Laity Congress, 826 Junipero Serra Blvd., S.F. 94127.

Greek-style July 4th planned in San Francisco

A two-day festival, commemorating the Fourth of July, will be held in San Francisco's Brooks Hall on July 3 and 4, 1982. The event will be widely publicized in the Bay Area and it is expected that thousands will come to enjoy Greek music, Greek food, and Greek entertainment.

Delegates and visitors will not want to miss this outstanding and exciting two-day celebration.

S.F. Symphony members premier Zes liturgy

A highlight of the 26th Biennial Clergy Laity Congress will be a concert by the San Francisco Symphony Chorus and members of the San Francisco Symphony at the Davies Symphony Hall in the City's new Performing Arts Center on July 6, 1982.

Featured on the program will be the world premier of Dr. Tikey Zes' Choral Liturgy written for chorus and symphony orchestra. Dr. Zes is professor of music at San Jose State University.

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Ad space available in special Congress album

His Grace, Bishop Anthony of the Diocese of San Francisco, is asking the clergy and membership of all the parishes in the Archdiocese for their advertising support of the Album for the 26th Biennial Clergy Laity Congress.

"The Album of the 26th Biennial Congress," Bishop Anthony said, "will become an important historical document, just as the Congress itself, sponsored for the first time by a Diocese, will be an important historical event in the annals of Orthodoxy. The Album also commemorates the 60th anniversary of our Archdiocese."

Funds received from advertisements, the Bishop said, will help to underwrite the many programs and activities of the Congress and to keep registration fees at the lowest possible figure.

Advertising contracts will have been mailed to all parishes by the time of publication of this newsletter.

Busy schedule set for S.F. sight-seers

The Non-Delegate Activities Committee has programmed a number of exciting events and excursions for visitors to San Francisco and the 26th Biennial Clergy Laity Congress.

There will be excursions to the Wine Country, to Alcatraz Island, Sausalito and other points of interest in the San Francisco Bay Area.

In addition, non-delegates will be provided with the opportunity to visit San Francisco's world famed museums and walking tours will be scheduled covering the historic sites of the city.



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