

LEADERSHIP 100

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Anniversary
1984 - 2009*



Passing the torch

GRAND BANQUET

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2009
THE RITZ-CARLTON SAN JUAN HOTEL
CAROLINA, PUERTO RICO



His Eminence Archbishop Demetrios of America



GREEK ORTHODOX ARCHDIOCESE OF AMERICA

OFFICE OF THE ARCHBISHOP

February 6, 2009

Most Reverend and dear Hierarchs, Chairman Mr. Yeonas, Esteemed Board of Trustees, Members of Archbishop Iakovos Leadership 100 Endowment Fund, Ms. Poulos, Distinguished Guests,

I greet you in the peace and love of our Lord Jesus Christ as you gather for the Grand Banquet of the 25th Anniversary Celebration Conference of Leadership 100.

We give thanks to God for granting Leadership 100 the grace of serving for 25 years, in a truly consistent, effective and noble way, the sacred and salvific work of our Church here in America. Twenty five years of uninterrupted and generous offerings of love and care constitutes a great achievement indeed.

We are thankful to the hundreds of the distinguished members of Leadership 100 who have contributed to such an achievement. Tonight, however, we honor a special group, the Founders of Leadership 100, who by utilizing their God given talents have expanded and optimized, via Leadership, the opportunities available to the Church to continue Christ's work for love, peace and justice on Earth.

We congratulate Mr. Andrew Athens, Mr. Arthur Anton, Mr. George K. Chimples, Mr. Peter M. Dion and Mr. Michael Jaharis, and we also prayerfully remember Thomas Athens and George Kokalis of blessed memory, who under the spiritual leadership of His Eminence Archbishop Iakovos of blessed memory, established Leadership 100 as a major gifts program that best supports the true work of the Church.

We thank them and each of you for taking to heart the words of the Apostle Paul in His Letter to the Corinthians, ... *just as you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in complete earnestness ...see that you also excel in this grace of giving.* (2 Corinthians 8:7) and we offer our prayers and best wishes that your lives be filled with the bountiful blessings of God and with many more years of genuine and humble service to Him, His Church, and His people.

With paternal love, high esteem,
and blessings,

+ DEMETRIOS
Archbishop of America



Archbishop Iakovos +

PASSING THE TORCH TO THE NEXT GENERATION

In honoring Leadership 100's Founding Members with the Archbishop Iakovos Leadership 100 Award for Excellence at the 25th Anniversary Celebration Conference we are cognizant of their vision and zeal as well as their dedication to service and determination to pass the torch of leadership to the next generation.



Arthur C. Anton, Sr.



Andrew A. Athens



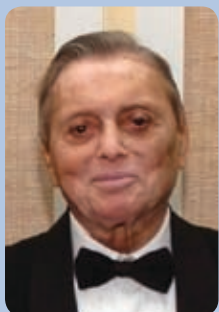
Thomas A. Athens †

The Life-Time Founding Members are Arthur C. Anton, Andrew A. Athens, George K. Chimples, Peter M. Dion and Michael Jaharis. George P. Kokalis, also a Founding Member, passed away June 24, 2008. Another Founding Member, Thomas A. Athens, died in June of 2002. The latter two will be awarded posthumously.

The Award was established by the Archbishop Iakovos Leadership 100 Endowment Fund, Incorporated in honor of its visionary founder, the late Archbishop Iakovos, and is bestowed on outstanding Greek and Greek American leaders who have excelled in the pursuit of their vocation and exhibited the gift of leadership. In special circumstances, and in the spirit of Philhellenism, the Award is given to an outstanding leader, regardless of religion or national background, who has exemplified the universal values and ideals of Orthodoxy and Hellenism.

Previous recipients were Senator Paul S. Sarbanes, George J. Tenet, and Yanni in 2003; Melina Kanakaredes and John D. Negroponte in 2004; Senator Olympia J. Snowe in 2005; Dimitris L. Avramopoulos in 2006; Rudolph W. Giuliani in 2007; and Theodore Angelopoulos and Ambassador Gianna Angelopoulos Daskalaki in 2008.

Each of our Founders, however, stands out amongst these previous recipients as a giant of philanthropy whose special devotion to Orthodoxy and Hellenism over 25 years has shown unparalleled commitment to the goals of Leadership 100. While their talents have made their contributions unique, together they have exhibited wisdom, compassion and special understanding as our Church and Community have grown to meet the challenges of these changing times. We take this moment to reflect on those not with us, honoring their memory, while at the same time cherishing those still with us to guide and enlighten the next generation to take up the torch of leadership.



George K. Chimples



Peter M. Dion



Michael Jaharis



George P. Kokalis †

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Leadership 100

EXPRESSES DEEP APPRECIATION
AND GRATITUDE
TO OUR GENEROUS SPONSORS
WHO HAVE MADE POSSIBLE
THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY
CELEBRATION CONFERENCE

MARIA ALLWIN
ARTHUR C. AND MADELINE ANTON
GEORGE D. AND MARGO BEHRAKIS
FRIENDS OF GEORGE D. BEHRAKIS
CHARLES H. AND CONSTANCE P. COTROS
GEORGE M. AND JUDY MARCUS
JOHN A. AND MARISA PAYIAVLAS
JAMES AND WANDA PEDAS
TED AND LEA PEDAS
KASSANDRA L. ROMAS
GEORGE S. TSANDIKOS
STEPHEN G. AND THELMA S. YEONAS

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GEORGE D. BEHRAKIS

PRESENTATION

STEPHEN G. YEONAS

ARCHBISHOP IAKOVOS LEADERSHIP 100
AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE
PRESENTED TO LEADERSHIP 100 FOUNDERS

ANDREW A. ATHENS, THOMAS A. ATHENS+,
GEORGE K. CHIMPLES, GEORGE P. KOKALIS+,
ARTHUR C. ANTON, PETER M. DION, MICHAEL JAHARIS

PATERNAL REMARKS

HIS EMINENCE ARCHBISHOP DEMETRIOS OF AMERICA

BENEDICTION

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EXARCH OF CENTRAL AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN ISLANDS



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