

28 “Exemplary Sons of the Mother Church” Installed at Archon Investiture



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On Sunday, October 20, 2024, following the Divine Liturgy at the Archdiocesan Cathedral of the Holy Trinity, His Eminence Archbishop Elpidophoros of America presided at the Investiture of twenty-eight new Archons of the Ecumenical Patriarchate.

In his exhortation at the installation, His Eminence remarked that since the new Archons are “the exemplary sons of the Mother Church,” their “declarations of faith and devotion are no mere pronouncements.” Rather, he continued, “They are bonds of duty and responsibility that bind you to Her in the fellowship of Archons around the world.”

The Archons invested yesterday were:

Paul L. Bitsos, Omaha, Nebraska
Gregory M. Cokinos, Houston, Texas
Thomas A. Copulos, D.D.S., Boca Raton, Florida
Christopher P. Daifotis, Westfield, New Jersey
Anthony W. Djinis, Potomac, Maryland
William P. Galatis, Saugus, Massachusetts
Peter Gerazounis, P.E., Searingtown, New York
Peter F. Giorgi, Esq., Reading, Pennsylvania
Jani Gjoni, Addison, Illinois
Nicholas D. Kambitsis, Highland Park, New Jersey
Vassilios Kassimatis, Garden City, New York
John Constantinos Vasilios Katsanos, Astoria, New York
Lazarus M. Kifirides, D.O., Wilmington, Delaware
Markos Kounalakis, Ph.D., San Francisco, California
Hon. Anthony C. Kyriakopoulos, Chicago, Illinois
Dean T. Maragos, Winnetka, Illinois
William B. Martin, Little Rock, Arkansas
George B. Naftis, Colleyville, Texas

Alexander A. Nikas, Esq., Malvern, Pennsylvania
Peter A. Palivos, Esq., Henderson, Nevada
Demetri Papacostas, Bedford, New York
Harry N. Pateroulakis, Bayside, New York
Nicholas N. Patricios, Ph.D., Pinecrest, Florida
General Andrew Poppas, Fort Liberty, North Carolina
George L. Staphos, Old Tappan, New Jersey
George Tsetsekos, Ph.D., Devon, Pennsylvania
John Vasilantonakis, Brooklyn, New York
Andreas Zigouras, Saddle Brook, New Jersey

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