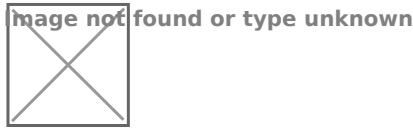


Chian Federation Celebrates 50th Anniversary



On the evening of November 23, 2024, His Eminence Archbishop Elpidophoros of America attended the 50th Anniversary Gala of the Chian Federation in Queens, New York. The Chian Federation is a non-profit organization “dedicated to preserving the rich heritage of the island of Chios through cultural and educational initiatives.”

In his remarks at the occasion, His Eminence said:

“The history of this magnificent Island has peaks and valleys, and even abysses with no discernible end, but one thing is certain. The people of Chios – Χιώτες – never give up. You never give up and you never give in. You are a proud and strong Γένος, and here in the United States, Chians have been a force for good throughout the Diaspora, and in every nook and cranny of American life.

Therefore, my beloved friends – take pride in this marvelous anniversary! A lot of love and sacrifice has brought you to this very special moment, when you celebrate the successes and achievements of which you should all be very proud in. Yet, within the passage of these five decades – now gone in the blink of an eye – is included a moment of reflection on where your ομοσπονδία is going. Come together in unity of mind and heart, and dream even bigger dreams for the next fifty years.

Make sure to pass down to the coming generations the story of your Island and this Federation. In the next fifty years, let us see how your marvelous Community can promote the wonders of Chios even more!”

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