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HIS EMINENCE ARCHBISHOP DEMETRIOS OF AMERICA
“Faith, Leadership and Government”

An address in honor of the historically significant and friendly relationship
between President Harry S. Truman, Greece and the Greek American community

October 22, 2010

5 – 9 PM

Harry S. Truman Presidential Library and Museum
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BIOGRAPHICAL PROFILE OF HIS EMINENCE ARCHBISHOP DEMETRIOS



HIS EMINENCE ARCHBISHOP DEMETRIOS OF AMERICA

Primate of the Greek Orthodox Church in America
Exarch of the Ecumenical Patriarchate
President of the Holy Eparchial Synod
Chairman of the Standing Conference of Canonical Orthodox Bishops in the Americas

Consecrated as Bishop September 17, 1967 Elected as Archbishop of
America August 19, 1999 Enthroned as Archbishop of America September 18, 1999

BIOGRAPHY

Archbishop Demetrios of America was born Demetrios Trakatellis in Thessaloniki, Greece on February 1, 1928. In 1950 he graduated with distinction from the University of Athens School of Theology. In 1960 he was ordained a deacon, and in 1964 a priest. He was elected Bishop of Vresthena in 1967, an auxiliary bishop to the Archbishop of Athens with the primary responsibility for the theological education of the clergy. From 1965 to 1971, on scholarship from Harvard Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, he studied New Testament and Christian Origins and was awarded a Ph.D. "with distinction" in 1972. After receiving this degree, he returned to his ecclesiastical position in the Archdiocese of Athens and undertook responsibilities for the theological education of the clergy, ministry among the youth, and other duties related to theological conferences in Greece and abroad. From 1983 to 1993, he served as the Distinguished Professor of Biblical Studies and Christian Origins at Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology in Brookline, Massachusetts. Serving as a faculty member for more than a decade, he taught many of America's Greek Orthodox clergy. He also taught at Harvard Divinity School as Visiting Professor of New Testament during the academic years of 1984 to 1985 and from 1988 to 1989.

On August 20, 1991 the Sacred Synod of the Church of Greece elevated the then Bishop Demetrios of Vresthena to a Titular Metropolitan of Vresthena with the simultaneous elevation of the Diocese of Vresthena to the rank of the Metropolis. After several years in the United States, he returned to Greece in 1993 to pursue full-time scholarly writing and research. At the same time, he resumed his responsibilities at the Archdiocese of Athens.

Elected Archbishop of America on August 19, 1999 by the Holy and Sacred Synod of the Ecumenical Patriarchate, Archbishop Demetrios was enthroned on September 18, 1999 at the Archdiocesan Cathedral of the Holy Trinity in New York City. He leads a church of more than one and a half million Greek Orthodox Christians in the United States. As Archbishop of America, Exarch of the Ecumenical Patriarchate, and head of the Eparchial Synod of the Archdiocese, Archbishop Demetrios has traveled extensively throughout the United States and globally. In the course of hundreds of pastoral visits to parishes, schools, and events nationwide, he has met with hundreds of thousands of faithful. He has joined with the dedicated Metropolitans and Bishops of the Archdiocese in leading services, consecrating churches, ordaining clergy, and extending the scope of the work of the Church in America, all the while sharing in the vitality and accomplishments of the people and the parishes. Each and every visit affirms the strength of the Church in America and his emphasis on the essential role of the faithful in the work of ministry.

Archbishop Demetrios serves as Chairman of Standing Conference of the Canonical Orthodox Bishops in the Americas (SCOBA), an organization which brings together the hierarchs of Orthodox presences in North America (Greek, Russian, Antiochian, Romanian, Serbian, Bulgarian, Ukrainian, Carpatho-Russian, and Albanian) for the purpose of strengthening the ties of unity among Orthodox hierarchs and faithful.

His Eminence is recognized not only by Greek Orthodox faithful, but by civic and government leaders as the spiritual leader of a national and prominent religious community in America. Over the last decade, Archbishop Demetrios has met with and received many leaders and dignitaries including Presidents William Jefferson Clinton, George W. Bush, and Barak Obama.

As an Orthodox hierarch for more than forty years, and as a theologian, statesman, and biblical scholar of international recognition, His Eminence has faithfully demonstrated the healing power of Christ's truth and compassion. Called to serve the Greek Orthodox Church in America during an active time in its history, his message has been one that has called for unity, genuine relationships, and an ever-increasing commitment to God and to service in the name of Christ. He has manifested the effectiveness of the grace of God in establishing peace, tranquility, stability and trust both within the Church and throughout the world.



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