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FUNERAL SCHEDULE

Tuesday, April 12

Cathedral of the Holy Trinity
319 E. 74th Street, New York

6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.
Archbishop Iakovos in state

Wednesday, April 13

Cathedral of the Holy Trinity
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10:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.
Archbishop Iakovos in state

8:00 p.m.
Trisagion

Thursday, April 14

Cathedral of the Holy Trinity
319 E. 74th Street, New York

8:30 a.m.
Pre-sanctified Liturgy

11:00 a.m.
Funeral Service
His Eminence Archbishop Demetrios presiding

Friday April 15

Holy Cross Chapel
50 Goddard Avenue, Brookline, MA

Time TBA
Interment



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OFFICIAL NEWS RELEASE-APRIL 10

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ARCHBISHOP IAKOVOS, FORMER ARCHBISHOP OF THE GREEK ORTHODOX ARCHDIOCESE OF NORTH AND SOUTH AMERICA DIES

New York, NY - Archbishop Iakovos, 93, spiritual leader of Greek Orthodox Christians in the Western Hemisphere from 1959 to 1996, died today, April 10, 2005 at Stamford Hospital, Stamford, CT, from a pulmonary ailment. In announcing the passing of Archbishop Iakovos, His Eminence Archbishop Demetrios of America, Primate of the Greek Orthodox Church in America, issued the following statement:

"I have had the great honor and joy to know Archbishop Iakovos for more than fifty years. He has been a superb Archbishop who offered to the Church an intense, continuous, multifaceted and creative pastoral activity. He has been a true and whole shepherd to his people trying day and night to teach them, to guide them, to comfort them, to encourage them, to edify them in Christ and to lead them as a loving shepherd to the 'springs of the living waters' (Rev. 7:17) of faith and life with God."

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or abandoning Greek Orthodoxy's spiritual and ecclesiastical roots in the Church of Constantinople.

Funeral arrangements will be forthcoming.

Video New Release Available - April 11, 2005

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04:15 – 04:45 am Eastern Time via C-Band Satellite I A 6, Transponder 15, DL 4000V

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April 11, 2005

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A Trisagion prayer service was chanted at the Archdiocesan Chapel of St. Paul (10 East 79th St.) and funeral arrangements have been announced by His Eminence Archbishop Demetrios.

Archbishop Iakovos will lie in state at the Archdiocesan Cathedral of the Holy Trinity (319 E. 74th Street), Tuesday evening, April 12 from 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. and Wednesday, April 13 from 10:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. Archbishop Demetrios will preside at a Trisagion Prayer Service at 8:00 p.m. Wednesday evening. A Pre-sanctified Liturgy will be held Thursday morning, April 14 at 8:30 a.m. with the funeral to follow at 11:00 a.m. Archbishop Demetrios will preside at the funeral service with the Metropolitans of the Holy Eparchial Synod and Hierarchs of the Ecumenical Patriarchate. Immediately following, Archbishop Iakovos’ body will be transferred to Hellenic College/ Holy Cross School, Brookline, MA, accompanied by Archbishop Demetrios and other hierarchs and clergy. Interment will be Friday morning April 15 on the Holy Cross Chapel grounds. (Details will be forthcoming)

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Most importantly, Archbishop Iakovos was a committed and caring pastor to a whole generation of Greek Americans who's hard work, determination and pride in their religious and cultural heritage he embodied. In the words of St. Paul: He fought a good fight, he finished the course, and he kept the faith.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made to: The Archbishop Iakovos Chair of Orthodox Theology at Hellenic College/Holy Cross School of Theology. 50 Goddard Avenue, Brookline, MA 02445.

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Special Encyclical

The Falling Asleep in the Lord of Archbishop Iakovos
Former Archbishop of North and South America

To the Most Reverend Hierarchs, the Reverend Priests and Deacons, the Monks and Nuns, the Presidents and Members of the Parish Councils of the Greek Orthodox Communities, the Day, Afternoon, and Church Schools, the Philoptochos Sisterhoods, the Youth, the Hellenic Organizations, and the entire Greek Orthodox Family in America

Beloved Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

On behalf of our Holy Eparchial Synod, I write to you in order to announce the passing on Sunday, April 10 of our deeply respected and beloved spiritual leader Archbishop Iakovos, who served as Archbishop of North and South America from 1959 to 1996. As we mourn his departure, we remember a servant of God whose example of courage and inspiration greatly influenced both our Church and our nation.

For thirty-seven years Archbishop Iakovos guided the Greek Orthodox faithful and parishes throughout the Americas in a continuous growth of ministry and witness. He promoted and solidified the unity of our Archdiocese by establishing new national programs that continue to offer service and resources in the name of Christ. Certainly the vitality of our Church today is a fitting honor to his lifetime of service, and for this we give thanks to God.

Archbishop Iakovos was a believer in the uniting and healing power of the love of God. Throughout his ministry he brought together people of faith, establishing helpful dialogues with the Roman Catholic, Protestant, and Jewish communities. He was also sensitive to the truth that God created humankind in His own image and likeness. He vigorously supported Civil Rights legislation, and he marched in 1965 with Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. in Selma, Alabama, affirming the necessity of equality for all Americans. His commitment to human rights and religious freedom was demonstrated by his response to the needs of Greek Cypriot refugees following the invasion of Cyprus in 1974 and his leadership in supporting our beloved Ecumenical Patriarchate in Constantinople. He was an ecumenical leader, a friend of presidents, and a tremendous contributor to the global witness of our Orthodox faith.

These are only a few examples of the legacy of faith and service that Archbishop Iakovos has given to

us, a legacy that will be remembered for many generations to come. It is in honor of his life and leadership that our Archdiocese will officially observe a period of mourning for nine days from April 10, the day of his passing. During this time I ask that our parishes suspend all non-liturgical functions. Each parish of our Archdiocese should conduct Trisagion services for the repose of Archbishop Iakovos. On the day of his funeral, Thursday April 14, all of our parochial schools should conduct a Trisagion service at 9:00 a.m., and all parishes are instructed to ring their bells in a solemn mode from 11:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. EDT.

As we faithfully complete the Great Fast and prepare our souls for the glorious Feast of Pascha, may we remember and honor Archbishop Iakovos for his many years of service and his faithfulness to God and His Church. May his memory be eternal.

With paternal love in Christ,

†DEMETRIOS
Archbishop of America



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HIS EMINENCE ARCHBISHOP IAKOVOS

EARLY LIFE

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- Given name was Demetrios
- Two sisters, Virginia and Chrysanthi, and one brother, Panagiotis
- Enrolled at age 15 in the Ecumenical Patriarchal Theological School at Halki

EARLY ECCLESIASTICAL SERVICE

- Ordained a Deacon in 1934, taking the name Iakovos (James)
- Served as Deacon to Archbishop Athenagoras who later became Ecumenical Patriarch
- Ordained to the priesthood in 1940 in Lowell, Massachusetts
- Served churches in Connecticut, New York, and St. Louis
- Appointed Dean of the Annunciation Cathedral in Boston in 1942 and served until 1954
- Became a United States citizen in 1950
- Ordained Bishop of Melita in 1954 by Ecumenical Patriarch Athenagoras
- Served four years as the Patriarchal representative to the World Council of Churches

EDUCATION AND ACADEMIC SERVICE

- Graduated with high honors from the Ecumenical Patriarchal Theological School at Halki
- Served in 1940 as assistant dean of the Holy Cross Greek Orthodox Theological School
- Earned a Master of Sacred Theology Degree from Harvard University in 1945
- Received honorary degrees from 40 colleges and universities

ARCHBISHOP OF THE AMERICAS

- Elected on February 14, 1959 by the Holy and Sacred Synod of the Ecumenical Patriarchate as the fourth Primate of the Greek Orthodox Church in the Americas
- Enthroned April 1, 1959 at the Holy Trinity Cathedral in New York City
- Became the spiritual and administrative leader of hundreds of Orthodox churches in North and South America
- Improved parish organizations and enhanced roles of the Archdiocesan Council, the Biennial Clergy-Laity Congress, and the Ladies Philoptochos Society
- Established departments of Church and Society and Youth Ministry

- Expanded work of Saint Michael's Home for the Aged and Saint Basil Academy
- Founded the Archbishop Iakovos Leadership 100 Endowment Fund
- Guided the reorganization and accreditation of Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology and established Hellenic College
- Established the St. Photios National Shrine in St. Augustine, FL
- Retired after 37 years as Archbishop at the age of 85 on July 29, 1996

NATIONAL AND WORLD RELIGIOUS LEADER

- Served nine years as president of the World Council of Churches
- Established dialogues with Roman Catholics, Protestants, and Jews
- Founded the Standing Conference of Canonical Orthodox Bishops in the Americas in 1960
- Championed civil rights and marched with Dr. Martin Luther King in Selma, Alabama
- Initiated campaign in 1974 to assist Greek Cypriot refugees following invasion of Cyprus
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FAREWELL REMARKS UPON RETIREMENT

By Archbishop Iakovos

Grand Banquet, Clergy-Laity Congress, July 3, 1996

The beautiful Day which lasted almost 37 years has reached its end. The sunset is brilliant, as I can read it in your eyes. The night will be short, as are the nights of the summer. And the dawn will rise tomorrow upon another Day. It is for this day that I pray together with you. I want you to be happy, to enjoy the light, to walk in it. I will be terribly unhappy if you ever lose the sight of tomorrow.

Finish your each day with the reassuring truth that tomorrow is another day. A day unsure as it may be, but a day which is yours with all the brilliance of its sun, with all its flowers and birdsongs, and all the uncertainties, the fears, the anxieties and the hopes, as well. Remember, that you also have to make it easier to accept each day, to dissipate any clouds that may threaten to darken the sun. Do not allow the darkness to envelop your soul. When you see it approaching, you keep it at a distance with your Christian courage and determination. There are so many blessings surrounding you every day. Enjoy them; rejoice in them all. The Heavens above are always blue for those who can turn the eyes of their soul towards them. And the nights for those who believe in God will be adorned with silver rays.

And now, after these general paternal reminders and remarks, walk boldly toward the third millennium, reassured by your Orthodox faith. As you pass its threshold, look at the sun; let it take care of the shadows that follow you. The Sun of righteousness will guide your steps towards the values of Christianity: The hope, the life and the love that will enable you to hold fast on what is yours: Your faith!

Orthodoxy is a religion and theology that places no boundaries or barriers along the way of those who search for happiness in unity, in peace, and in justice. Orthodoxy will one day, and hopefully soon, rediscover its essential oneness and disavow hunger for power, ethnic superiority and secularism which leads it to unchurchly ambitions. Orthodoxy must definitely identify itself as a religion that leans over all people with genuine compassion and declare that its chief concern is to gather and unify all those who drifted away from Christian truth.

Christianity in the light of the upsurging of religions must become once again a robust religious movement capable of touching all human souls. Missionary orders that look for the increase of numbers alone, owe it to themselves to place their mission in the hands of Christ who has said to care “for the least of my brethren” (Matt. 25:40).

We, in the Americas, strengthened by the martyrdom and martyria of the Great Church of Constantinople and the ancient churches of the East, as well, will continue to grow in the truth and beauty of the Christian spirit, as truly ecumenically minded, being concerned and committed to peace with all religions and to the eradication of bigotry, discrimination, injustice, violence and racial hatred.

The march in Selma, Alabama, will continue to pave the way from which we shall never deviate along with the frontiers of unity and social justice. Ours is a commitment to true Christianity, to true justice, to the liberation of people still oppressed, and to true peace, the one founded upon respect of life and of each other, as we declare in our Pledge of Allegiance.

And so, my beloved, unafraid, armored with all the spiritual weapons of legitimate opposition, we will march forward to a new millennium and a new world, having rolled up our sleeves and ready to rebuild our human society. True, we will find critics, even opponents, even enemies, even faults and errors in our own thinking and the way we understand the immensity of our task, but nothing should ever discourage us or turn us into deserters of the new front. We are called by our Church and country to bravely stand and combat whatever is untrue, dishonest, unchristian or inhuman. So let us march forward, boldly and with definite resolve to win. The moral victory and the new century will be yours.



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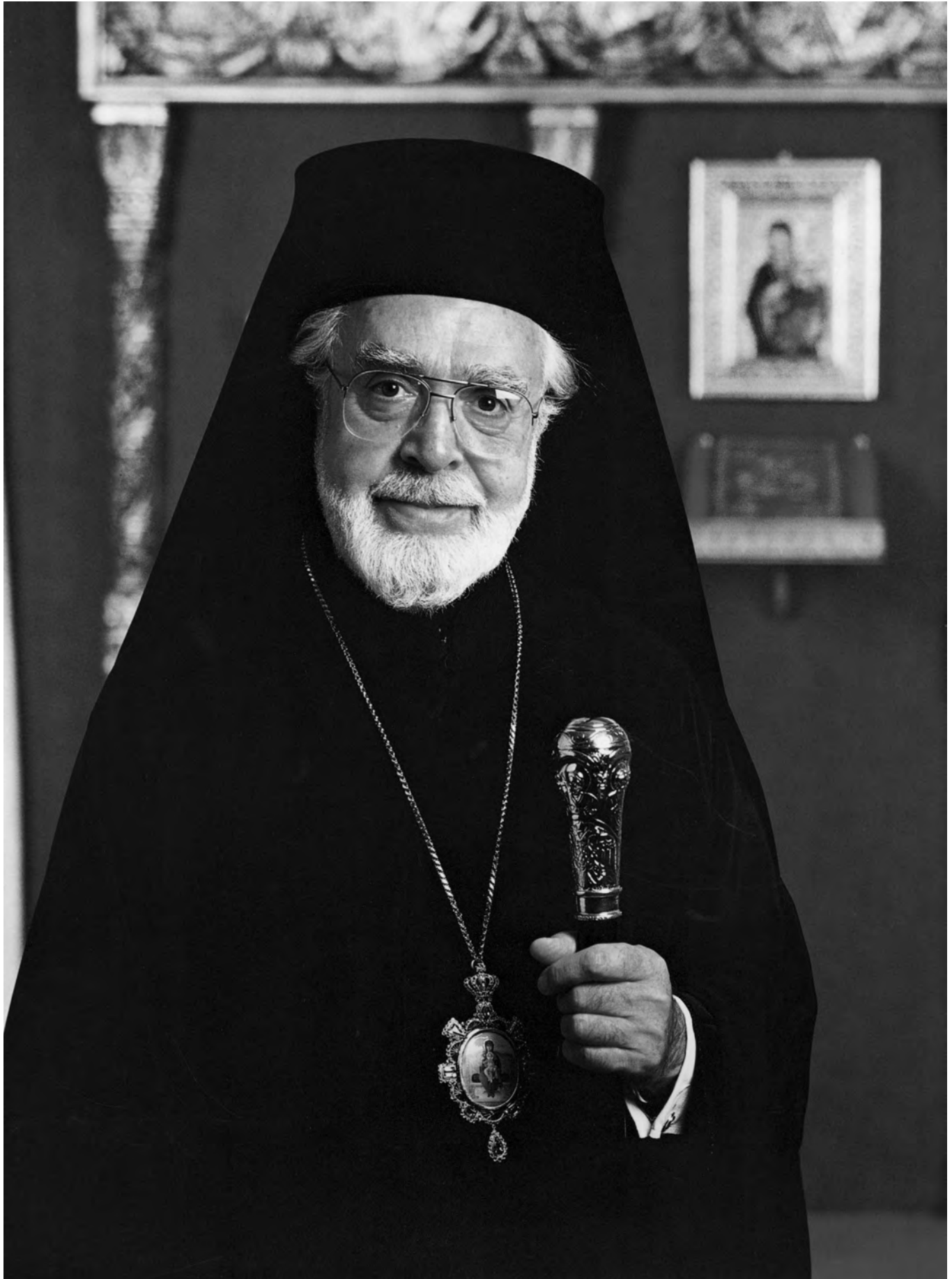
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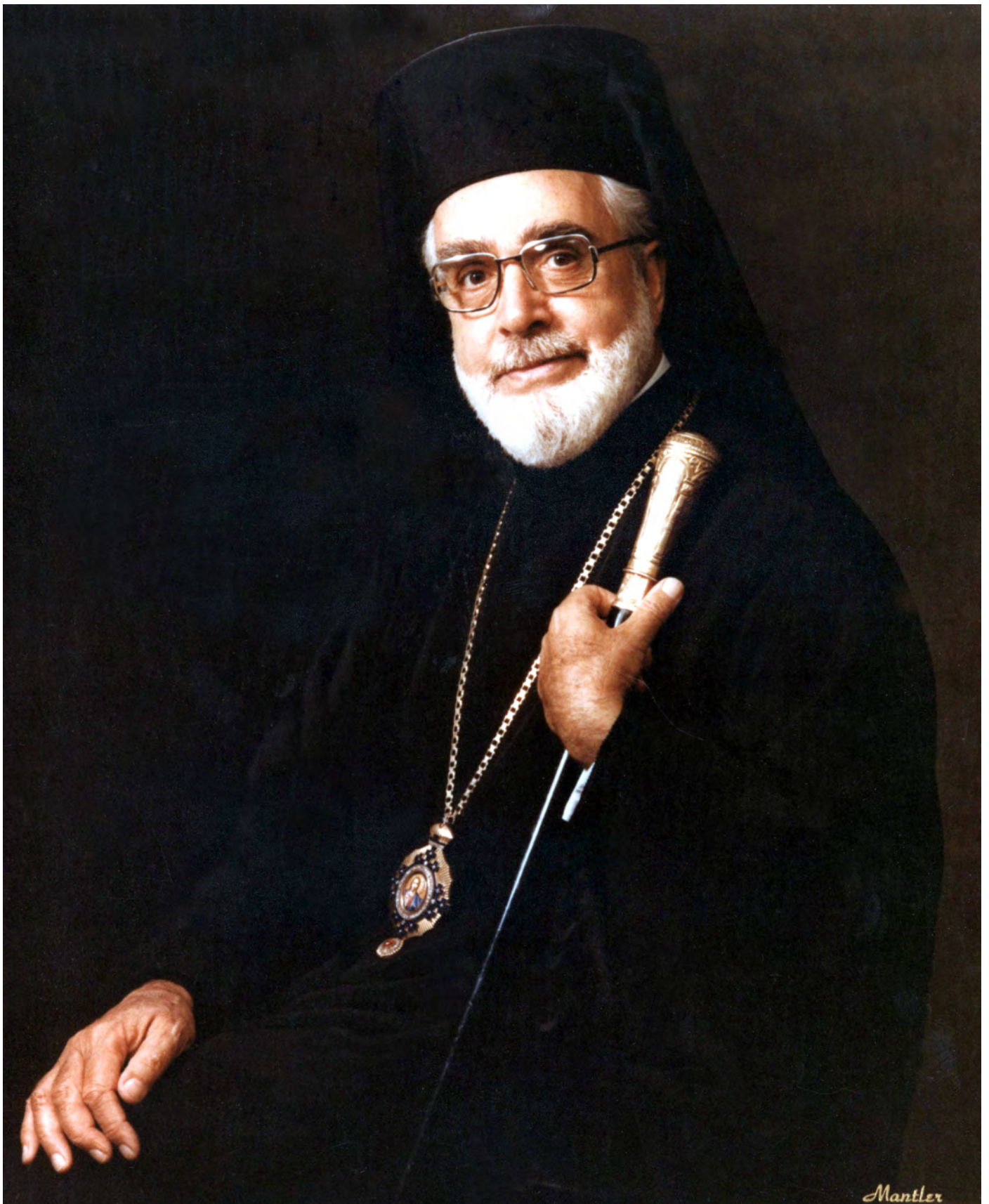
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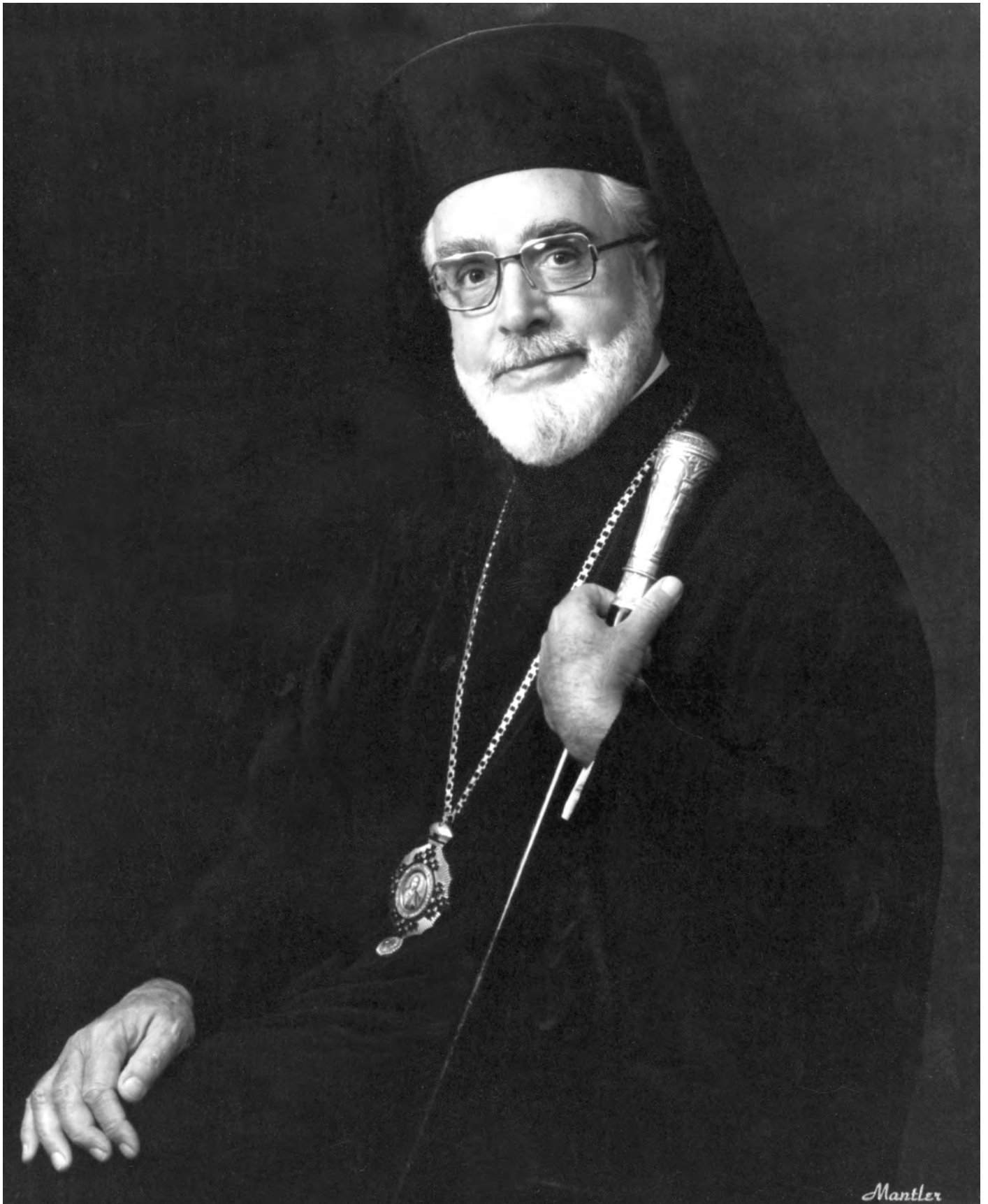
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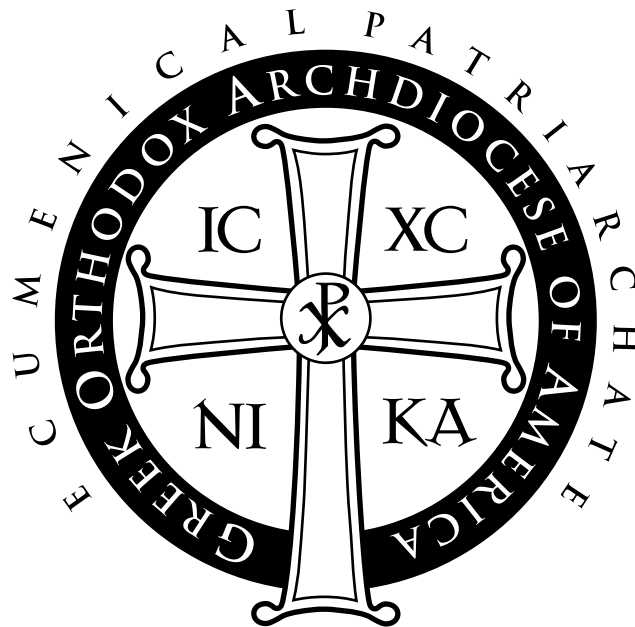
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