

Archbishop Demetrios Receives “George Paraskevaides Award

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(L to R) Philip Christopher, Ambassador of Cyprus George Chacalli, Congresswoman Nancy Pelosi, Cyprus Government Spokesman Christos Stylianides, His Eminence Archbishop Demetrios, Senator Paul Sarbanes, Ambassador of Greece Christos Panagopoulos and Andrew Manatos. (photos © Dimitrios Panagos)

WASHINGTON - The 29th Annual Cyprus and Hellenic Leadership Conference awarded the *George Paraskevaides Award* to **His Eminence Archbishop Demetrios of America**, during their conference banquet, yesterday June, 5, 2013, in the Capital's Madison Hotel. The presentation was made by the President of the Coordinated Effort of Hellenes Andrew Manatos, President of PSEKA Philip Christopher and Congresswoman Nancy Pelosi.

The *George Paraskevaides Award* is awarded annually to an individual who has utilized ancient Hellenic values to contribute to the nations and people of Cyprus and America, and to Hellenism in the modern world. Previous recipients of this

award have included Vice President Joe Biden, Andrew A. Athens, Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi, Foreign Affairs Committee Chairmen Congresswoman Ileana Ros-Lehtinen and Congressman Ben Gilman, Senator Olympia Snow, Assistant Senate Majority Leader Richard Durbin, Senator Ted Kennedy and Congressman Patrick Kennedy, and White House Chief of Staff John Podesta.

During the same evening, Senator **Charles Schumer**, Senate Immigration Subcommittee Chairman was honored with the *Soil Award*, **Dennis Mehiel** was presented with the *Athens/Livanos Award* and the House Foreign Affairs Committee Ranking Democrat **Eliot Engel** received the *Frizis Award*. Others present included Congresswoman Ileana Ros-Lehtinen, Congressmen Gus Bilirakis and John Sarbanes, Senator Paul Sarbanes, Senator Bob Menendez, Foreign Affairs House Committee Chairman Ed Royce, Ambassadors to the US Christos Panagopoulos of Greece and George Chacalli of Cyprus, and Cyprus Government Spokesman Christos Stylianides.

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