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- FIRST STEPS

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# Orthodox Academy of Crete

40 Years  
of dialogical  
Service and Witness



# ORTHODOX ACADEMY OF CRETE

OAC







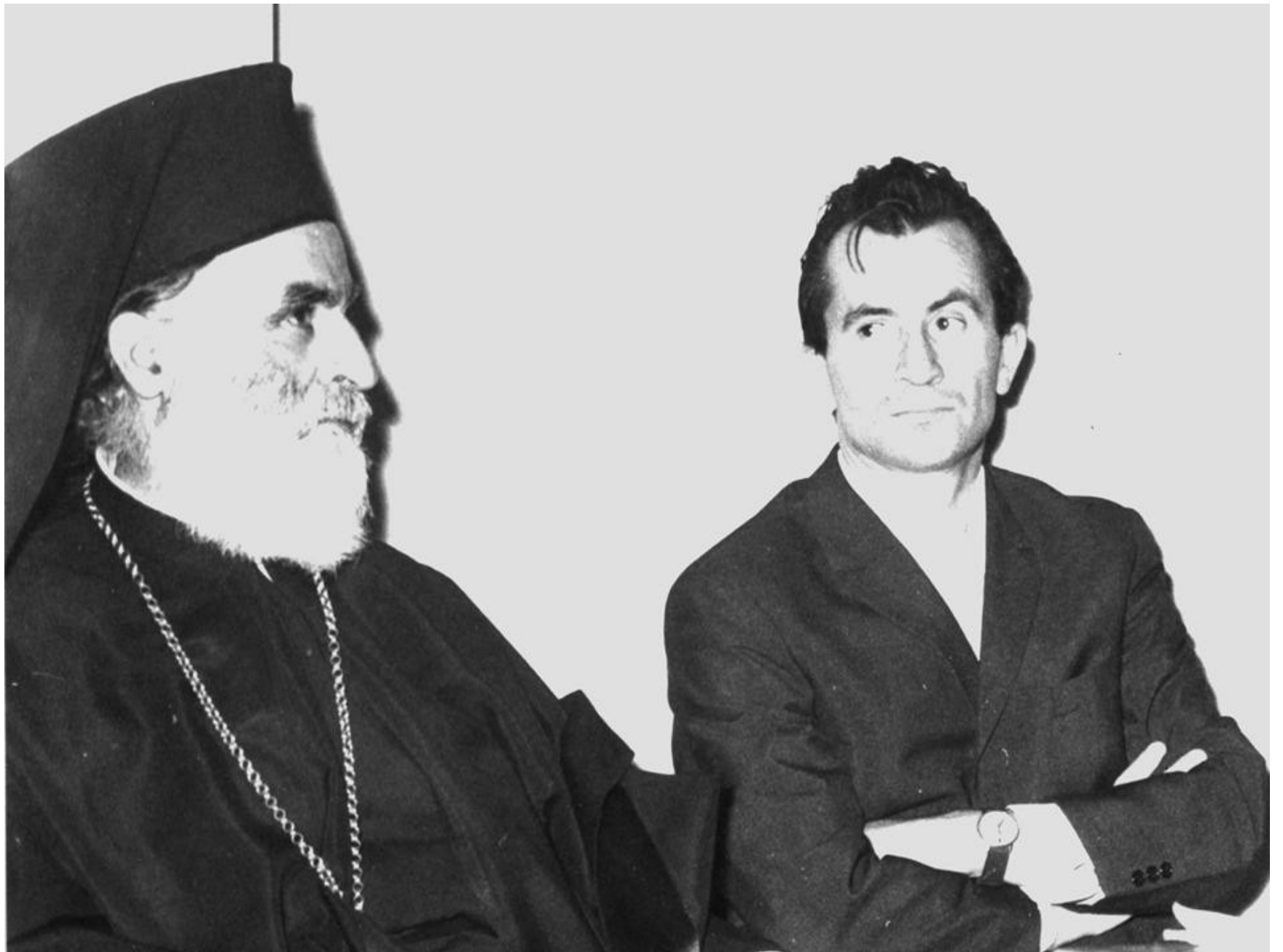
**ΚΑΛΩΣ ΗΛΘΑΤΕ!!!**



**WELCOME!!!**

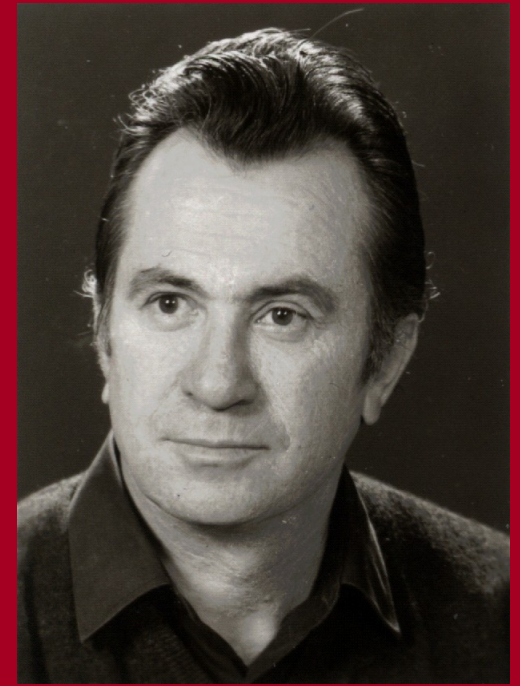
## The founders of the OAC:

- Metropolitan Irineos,  
first President until 2006  
(2009: 98 years old)
- Dr. Alexandros K. Papaderos,  
Gen. Director (1962-2008)



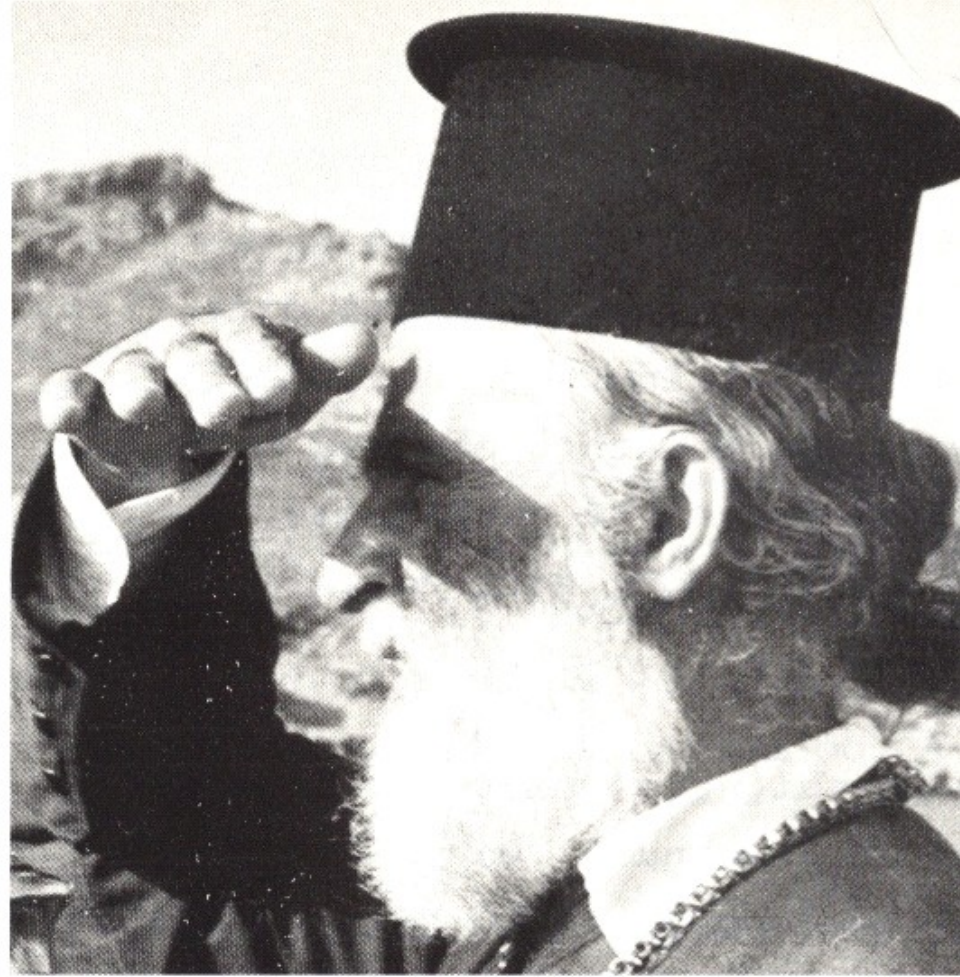


During his postgraduate studies in Germany, Dr. A. Papaderos learned about the Christian Academies there, elaborated the idea of this first orthodox Academy and convinced the Evangelische Zentralstelle für Entwicklungshilfe, Evang. Church of Germany, to spend the money for the creation of the first building of the OAC.





Meanwhile, the Metropolitan Irineos convinced the holy Monastery of Gonia, to accept the OAC in its neighbourhood and to give this beautiful place for its buildings.



... 'Αγναντεύοντας τ' ἀκρογιάλια τῆς Πατρίδας!...

The OAC is a Foundation  
for the common good.

It functions in canonical relation with the Holy  
Metropolis of Kisamos and Selinon (West-  
Crete), with the spiritual support of the Church  
of Crete and under the aegis of the  
Ecumenical Patriarch of Constantinople.

H.E.  
Amphilochos,  
Metropolitan  
of Kisamos  
and Selinon,  
New President  
of the OAC





Dr.  
Constantin  
Kenanidis,  
New Gen.  
Director  
of the OAC



**YEARS OF  
ELABORATION OF THE  
IDEA:**

**1959-1964**

**BEGINNING OF  
CONSTRUCTION:**

**1965**

FROM THE VISION  
TO THE ACTION



The GONIA MONASTERY has donated the ground  
for the buildings of the OAC







# INAUGURATION OF THE OAC

**13-10-1968**









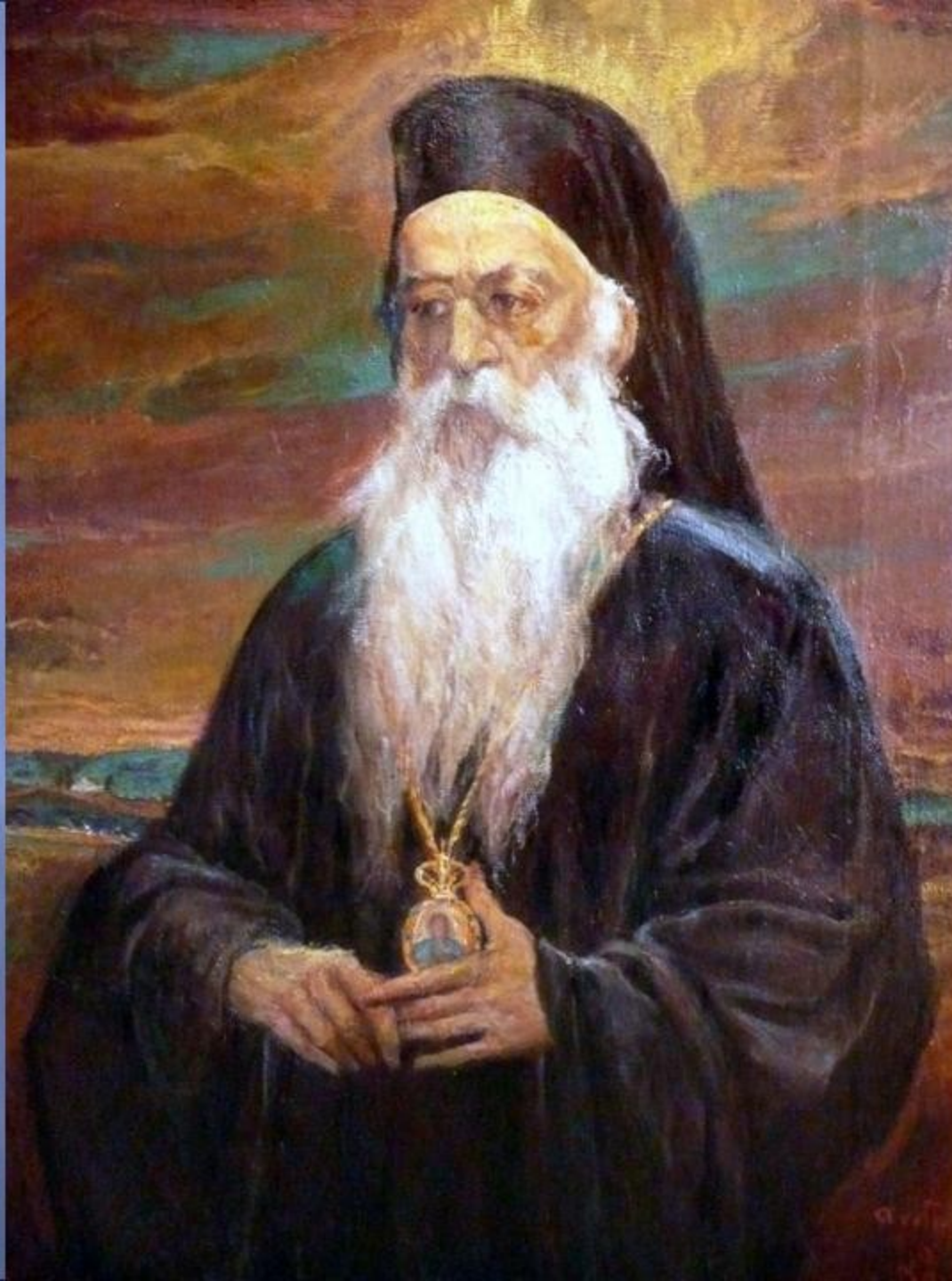




OAC, 1968







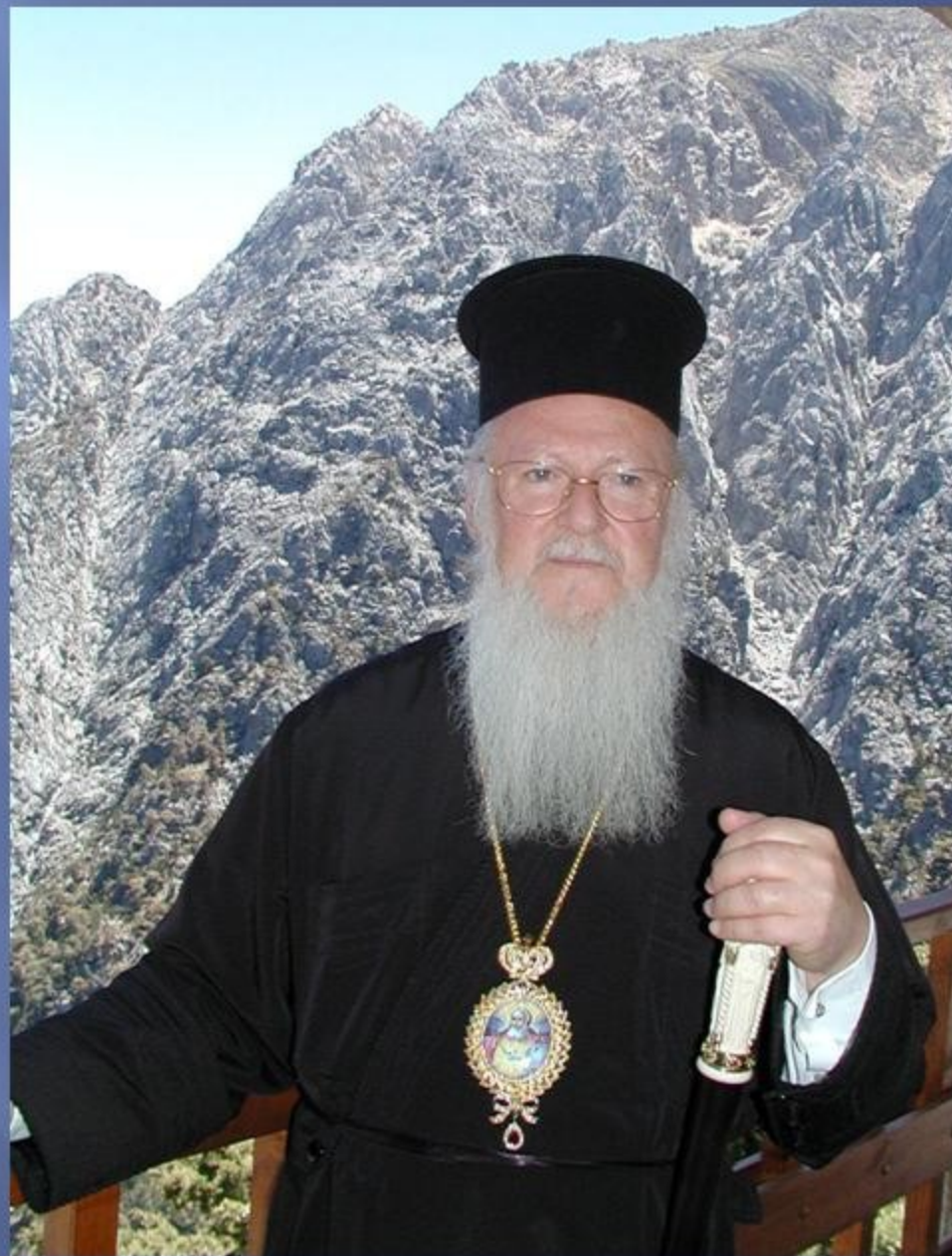
The Ecumenical  
Patriarch  
Athenagoras.

The Ecum.  
Patriarch is the  
spiritual head of  
the OAC (now  
Patriarch  
Bartholomaios).

The  
Ecumeni  
cal  
Patriarch  
Dimitrios







The Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomaios on the mountains of Crete.















# NEW BUILDING

Built with the financial support  
of the European Union and the  
Greek State







6-11-1991





**HRH Prince Philipp, Duke of Edinburgh,  
President of WWF, helpt laying the Foundation-Stone  
of the new building.**





INAUGURATION

1995

by His All Holiness

the Ecumenical Patriarch of Constantinople

**B a r t h o l o m a i o s**







Parthenios,  
Patriarch of  
Alexandria  
and All Africa

Bartholomaios

Irineos



H. All Holiness Bartholomaios





K.Mitsotakis,  
Prime Minister  
1990-93





G. Papandreou  
Prime Minister

2009











































































Iconography



# ICONOGRAPHY



The chapel of the  
OAC is dedicated  
to Saints  
Methodios and  
Kyrillos, the  
Enlighteners of the  
Slavs.











