

Memorial Service - Greek Orthodox Cathedral of the Divine Wisdom (St. Sophia), London

Wednesday February 28th, 2024

Your Majesty, Dear Father,

Over a year has passed that we do not have you by our side, but we feel your presence strongly guiding us and acting as a moral support in our lives and decisions.

For all our family, and our Mother, but for me personally, this period that we walked on our own without you made us understand how strong the legacy you left us is and how solid the guidelines you left us are.

Loyalty to family, respect, duty, love for our country and the honour to serve it.

We honored you in Greece, your country where we received so much love and support from so many people who have been there and stood by us over this period in time and We thank them from the bottom of our hearts.

The love, loyalty, and respect we received from everyone was unprecedented, a moral support for our sadness and a justification for your ethos, principles and dignity you upheld in your life.

Today it is time to remember you here in Agia Sophia, in London, in the country that welcomed you through those difficult years that you had to live far from your home, from Greece. Agia Sophia maintains a very strong relationship and memories with our family. Here we observed the religious holidays of Orthodoxy, my siblings Theodora and Philippos were baptized here, my sister Alexia married Carlos and I married Mari-Chantal here, and my first two sons Constantine and Achileas were baptized here. Here we stood in front of the Epitaph as Scouts and students of the Hellenic College of London. The school you founded with our Mother to share the Greek ideals for the next generations and to keep our Greek ethos alive and high in our community.

We, dozens of alumni and the whole Greek community, are grateful to you.

From this podium I would like to take the opportunity to thank HM the late Queen Elizabeth and the whole Royal family of Britain who welcomed you and supported us in the years you lived here.

I would like to thank HM King Charles for yesterday's thanksgiving service at St. George's Chapel Windsor. He offered you the most honourable service that you deserved and I, We all, wish him a quick recovery and soon to be back with us.

I would like thank HE Archbishop Nikitas and the Greek community of Great Britain for today's ceremony in your memory.

Father, Your steadfastness and the righteous life you lived, has been recognised by all the people who have stood next to your family, acknowledging your love for them and the struggle for the common values you shared.

May your memory be Eternal!!