



*LAMBROS CHARALAMBOUS
PHILANTHROPIC INITIATIVE*

WHAT IS THE INITIATIVE?

The LCPI works for the people of Dumfries and beyond, in conjunction with the Orthodox Church for the aid and relief of all mankind. Our goal is to help to alleviate suffering and want in the communities in which we work. Our inspiration is the Church's commitment to the Works of Mercy, and our example is the life and memory of our late patron Lambros Charalambous. Today our primary means of outreach in Dumfries is through our food bank, and our bursaries for young musicians.

WHO WAS LAMBROS?

Lambros Charalambous was born in 1924, to a pious Greek family, hailing from Episkopi, Paphos in Cyprus, famous for the fact that St Hilarion the Great, lived there the last seven years of his life, reposing in the Lord in 371AD.

In his earlier years, Lambros, inspired by the fight against Nazism, volunteered as a British soldier for the Cyprus Regiment, when Cyprus was a British colony. He served during the Second World War, in Cyprus, Syria, Palestine, Jordan, Egypt, Lebanon and in Italy during the final liberation of Europe.

Suffering with debilitating Parkinson's disease from the age of 54, Lambros, would always say that his ailment was a blessing that afforded him the opportunity to grow closer to God, and recognise the tempo-

ral and transient nature of our earthly lives. A devout Orthodox Christian, he committed the latter part of his life to serving the Church, intense study of the Holy Bible and acts of kindness. So much was this so, that twice during his earthly life, he was blessed with visitations of the Mother of God. Reposing in London 2018, he left behind him his wife Fedra, five children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. His good works, and the stories from his life during which the divine hand was clearly at work have led to the Church designating him ‘Servant of God’ and commending his intercession to the faithful, who may ask for his assistance in prayer.



Servant of God Lambros, pray unto God for us!

HOW DO I GET INVOLVED?

We welcome everyone to become involved in the work of the LCPI, whether it be through the giving of one's time, resources, or efforts. We also have significant help from the Order of St. Stanislas Volunteers in Scotland, who make sure that the food and supplies we collect for those in need are delivered. If you are interested in joining our efforts in any of these ways, please contact us!

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