
DEDICATION

Dr. Alexis Alexandris

was born in Istanbul in 1950. He graduated from Phanar Greek High School, the famous Red School. He pursued higher education in the United Kingdom, earning his PhD from King’s College. His doctoral dissertation, *The Greek Orthodox Minority of Istanbul and Greek-Turkish Relations 1918–1974*, published by the Centre for Asia Minor Studies in 1992, remains his magnum opus.

Throughout his distinguished diplomatic career, Dr. Alexandris served in various Greek missions abroad, including a posting at McGill University in Montreal and as Consul General of Greece in Istanbul from 2003 to 2008. Alongside his diplomatic service, he published extensively on Greek-Turkish relations, the Ecumenical Patriarchate, minority issues, and the *Rum Milleti*—the Greek Orthodox nation within the Ottoman Empire.

A perfect bi-cultural, Dr. Alexandris possessed a rare and profound understanding of minority communities in both Greece and Turkey—their traumas and their estrangement. His unwavering dedication to the survival of Istanbul Greekness found a meaningful expression in his support for the revival of the Hafız Ahmed Agha Foundation in Rhodes.

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Dr. Alexis Alexandris

and to

the eighteenth century Rhodian boy Ahmed, who became

Hafız Ahmed Agha