

## VERY REV. B. D. LOKIS OF ST. SPYRIDON, 54

Dean of the Greek Orthodox  
Church Here Dies After  
Conducting Vesper Service

The Very Rev. Basil D. Lokis, Dean of the Greek Orthodox Church of St. Spyridon, which he founded in 1931 at 124 Wadsworth Avenue, died Saturday at the door of the church of a heart attack after having conducted a vesper service. His age was 54.

The former Michael Lokis, he was born in the village of Stratinista in Epirus, Greece. He prepared for the church in the Theological Academy at Halki in Constantinople. He continued his theological studies at the National University of Athens and was graduated from the Theological School of the university in 1923, when he adopted the name of Basil.

When he arrived in the United States thirty years ago he served the Greek Orthodox Cathedral of

Boston, the Church of St. Spyridon of Worcester, Mass.; the Church of the Annunciation of San Francisco, and Holy Trinity Church of Montreal. In recognition of his service to the church, he was elevated to the rank of Archimandrite.

From 1944 to 1948 he served the Patriarchate of Alexandria, Egypt, as Grand Chancellor.

After his return to this country, he was appointed Dean of the Church of St. Constantine in Brooklyn and returned to St. Spyridon's, here, in 1950 to lead the drive for a new church and school. It was completed last year at the cost of \$700,000.

Father Lokis was a member of the Supreme Governing Council of the Clergy and Laity of the Archdiocese at his death.

Surviving are a brother in Boston and a sister in Athens.