

# THE LEADER

24<sup>th</sup> Annual  
Conference  
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Andreopoulos*



*Michael Psaros*



*Constantine M.  
Triantafilon*



*Saint Nicholas crystal design replica presented by Archbishop Demetrios to George S. Tsandikos, Chairman, and Paulette Poulos, Executive Director.*

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# MESSAGE FROM OUR CHAIRMAN

As the celebration of our 30th Anniversary draws to a close, I am mindful of the many dedicated leaders who have built Leadership 100 from its early beginnings in 1984 to the impressive organization it has become today. The vision of Archbishop Iakovos of Blessed memory has stood the test of time.

Memberships have now reached 950 and promise to grow at a steady pace toward our goal of 1,000. The investment portfolio now exceeds \$85 million and total grants distributed are close to \$40 million since our founding.

Leadership 100 continues to attract remarkable men and women, and young professionals, for whom the Orthodox Faith is central to their lives and for whom their Hellenic Heritage continues to inform their values. The careful cultivation of new members is guided by these qualities more than by increasing numbers for its own sake. Such exceptional individuals continue to give their time and their treasure beyond measure.

Whenever called upon, Leadership 100 members have gone the extra mile. This was illustrated by the additional funds raised in the past during the tragedies of September 11, earthquakes and fires in Greece, and Hurricanes Katrina and Sandy in America. Most recently it became apparent with the \$1 million gift for the building of the Saint Nicholas National Shrine at the World Trade Center, matched by an additional \$1 million from individual members.

Paulette Poulos and I were privileged to join His Eminence Archbishop Demetrios of America and three thousand fellow faithful, along with families of the victims of September 11, together with major donors, prominent political leaders and representatives of many organizations at a moving Ground Blessing ceremony at the site on Liberty Street where this remarkable shrine will be built, replacing the humble church destroyed in that tragedy, overlooking the National September 11 Memorial and Museum.



In the coming year the Leadership 100 family will gather at the 24th Annual Leadership 100 Conference, February 12-15, 2015, at The Ritz-Carlton Orlando, Grande Lakes in Orlando, Florida. Our program is nearing completion and will include, as always, the much anticipated and inspirational Bible Study and Lecture of His Eminence Archbishop Demetrios, along with outstanding speakers. Two forums will feature Leadership 100 members, Michael Psaros, Co-Founder and Co-Managing Partner of KPS Capital Partners, LP, and Dr. Eleni Andreopoulou, an Associate Professor of Clinical Medicine in the Department of Medical Oncology at the Einstein/Montefiore Medical Center in New York, who will join the faculty at the Weill Cornell Medical College/New York-Presbyterian Hospital in January of 2015.


The Opening Forum will present Constantine M. Triantafilou, Executive Director and CEO of International Orthodox Christian Charities (IOCC), a recipient of Leadership 100 grants, who will describe the ongoing work of this remarkable charitable outreach in America and around the world. At the Grand Banquet on Saturday evening we will pay tribute to the internationally renowned Greek academician, artist and designer, Ilias Lalaounis, who passed away in December of 2013, with the posthumous presentation of the Archbishop Iakovos Leadership 100 Award for Excellence, to be received by his wife, Lila. The Award will also be presented to other worthy recipients.

In addition to the Welcome Reception and Glendi, the program will include a special event this year, a “Symphony at Sunset” with the Orlando Philharmonic Orchestra, conducted by the renowned Maestro Peter Tiboris, also a member of Leadership 100, and featuring his wife, Eilana Lappalainen, the celebrated international operatic soprano.

The deadline for registration is January 6, 2015, so there is still time to join us in Orlando, Florida. The Annual Conference will welcome many new members and acknowledge the members who have fulfilled their commitments. It also will be an occasion to look back on our achievements over three decades as well as to look forward to the future.

The road ahead promises to be as momentous as the beginning of our journey. I am confident that we will find in today’s leaders and in the new generation of faithful Greek Orthodox Americans new discoveries and new promises as we continue to make an impact in transforming lives through the ministries we support and in contributing our talents to our community and to our nation.

*With warm regards,*

  
**George S. Tsandikos**  
Chairman





*Construction site of Saint Nicholas National Shrine.*



## SAINT NICHOLAS NATIONAL SHRINE TO BE BUILT FOLLOWING GROUND BLESSING CEREMONY

A Ground Blessing ceremony for the Saint Nicholas National Shrine at the World Trade Center took place on October 18, 2014 at its site on Liberty Street, overlooking the National September 11 Memorial & Museum. As the only house of worship destroyed in the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001, the church is set to be rebuilt as a shrine by the end of 2016. Some 2,500 persons were in attendance.

The grounds for the National Shrine, designed by world-renowned architect Santiago Calatrava, were blessed in an “Agiasmos” (Greek for sanctification) ceremony led by His Eminence Archbishop Demetrios of America.

The ceremony, which consisted of prayers, Scriptural readings, hymns in honor of Saint Nicholas and the Blessing of the Water (drawn from the memorial fountains by family members of the victims who perished during the tragic event of 9/11), was based on the Laying of a Cornerstone for a Church.

For the Saint Nicholas National Shrine, cairns (a memorial collection

*Archbishop Demetrios blesses memorial collection of stones at Ground Blessing of Saint Nicholas National Shrine.*

of stones) were built up in imitation of the cairn of Gilgal that the Prophet Joshua fashioned to commemorate the crossing over of the Israelites into the Promised Land (Joshua, Ch. 4).

Two cairns were constructed in memory of the Twin Towers with the stones placed by supporting organizations and members of the Greek Orthodox American Community, including George S. Tsandikos, Chairman, representing Leadership 100 and its members, which contributed \$1 million matched by member gifts of \$1 million, other major donors from Leadership 100, as well as federal, state and local political figures. The cairns will eventually be installed permanently at the entrance to the church.

The ceremony also included commentaries by political and religious figures and Calatrava, including a message from His All Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew, read by His Eminence Metropolitan Methodios of Boston, and remarks by former New York Governor George Pataki and U.S. Senator Charles Schumer. Former U.S. Senator Paul Sarbanes and former New York City Mayor David Dinkins also attended.

Once built, Saint Nicholas National Shrine will include a non-denominational bereavement center welcoming all those seeking comfort and prayer and a place of solace.





*Architectural rendering of Saint Nicholas National Shrine.*



*Archbishop Demetrios presents crystal replica of design of Saint Nicholas National Shrine to George S. Tsandikos, Chairman, right, and Paulette Poulos, Executive Director, left, in acknowledgment of Leadership 100 \$1 million gift toward its construction.*

## GROUND BLESSING CEREMONY



*George S. Tsandikos*



*Procession with Archbishop Demetrios, left rear, and members of Holy Eparchial Synod.*



*William Doucas*



*Mary and John G. Pappajohn*



*Maria Allwin*



*Catherine and Peter J. Pappas, Sr.*





*Faithful gather at Ground Blessing Ceremony.*

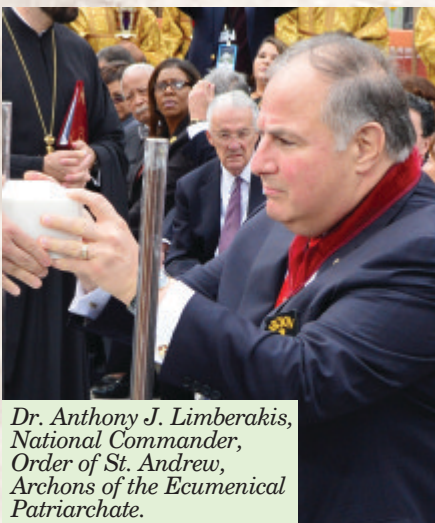
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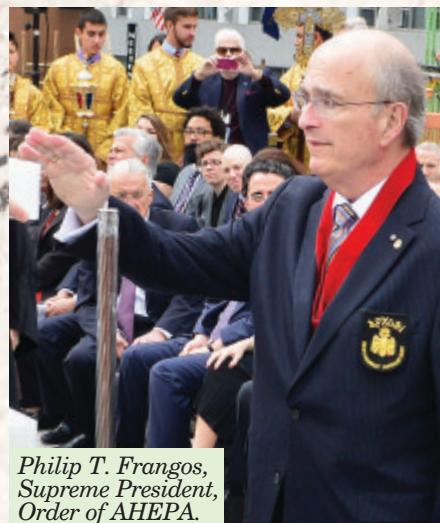
*Philip Ruhl and Michael Spanos II, grandsons, representing Faye and Alexander G. Spanos Family.*



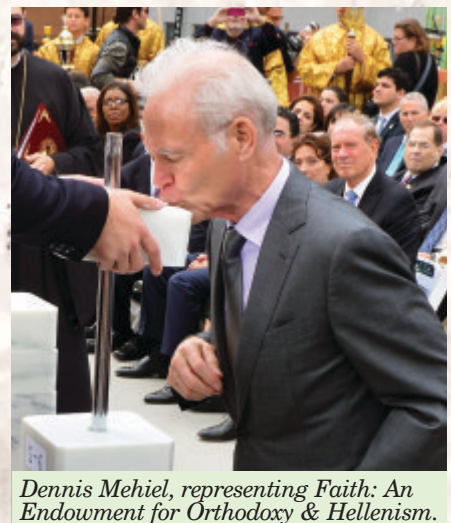
*Robin and Michael Psaros*



*Dr. Anthony J. Limberakis, National Commander, Order of St. Andrew, Archons of the Ecumenical Patriarchate.*



*Philip T. Frangos, Supreme President, Order of AHEPA.*



*Dennis Mehiel, representing Faith: An Endowment for Orthodoxy & Hellenism.*





*Archbishop Demetrios addresses faithful and media.*

## GROUND BLESSING CEREMONY



*Paula and Andrew N. Liveris*



*Aphrodite Skeadas, Past President, Greek Ladies Philoptochos Society.*



*William Crane and the Hon. B. Theodore Bozonelis representing the Nicholas J. and Anna K. Bouras Foundation.*



*Peggy Sotirhos, representing Mary and Michael Jaharis.*



# 42<sup>ND</sup> BIENNIAL CLERGY-LAITY CONGRESS



*George S. Tsandikos Addressed the Delegates and Guests at the Plenary session.*

## Chairman Attends Clergy-Laity

George S. Tsandikos, Chairman of Leadership 100, together with the Executive Director, Paulette Poulos attended the Clergy-Laity Congress in Philadelphia and represented Leadership 100 at various forums and workshops.

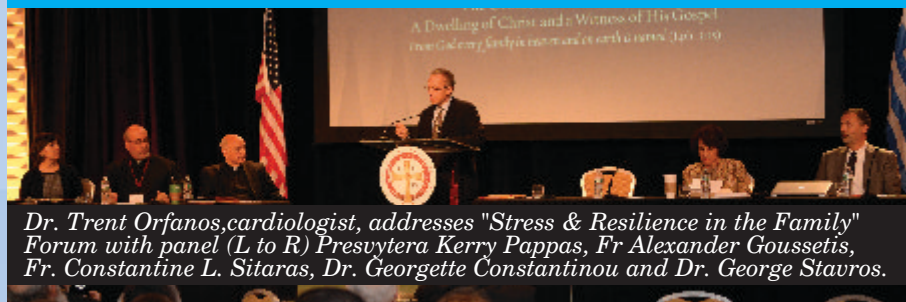
The Chairman addressed the National Sisterhood of Presvyteres and thanked them for all their personal sacrifices and support for the Church. He assured them of Leadership 100's continued commitment to the Clergy and Presvyteres.

He met with the Retired Clergy and emphasized how deeply indebted we

are to the retired Clergy and Presvyteres who have been the pioneers who led the way. George stated, "as a son of a retired Priest and Presvytera, I know all too well the sacrifices and challenges you faced, and I can honestly say that the Church at large owes you a debt of gratitude".

George also spoke to the National Church Musicians Forum and expressed our heartfelt gratitude to Maria Keritsis, National Chairman, and the members of the National Forum for the important role the organization has taken in preserving and continuing our great traditions.

## Pastoral Care Forums Held at Clergy-Laity



*Dr. Trent Orfanos, cardiologist, addresses "Stress & Resilience in the Family" Forum with panel (L to R) Presvytera Kerry Pappas, Fr Alexander Goussetis, Fr. Constantine L. Sitaras, Dr. Georgette Constantinou and Dr. George Stavros.*

Leadership 100 has supported the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese Center for Family Care with \$866,660 in grants for a variety of ministries through 2014. The Center for Family Care is part of the Department of Marriage and Family which has received \$581,330 directly in grants, bringing the total to \$1,447,990.

A recent activity of the Pastoral Care Ministry of the Center, at the 42nd Biennial Clergy-Laity Congress in Philadelphia on July 8, 2014, was the presentation of two forums, "Stress and Resilience in the Family" and "Family and Faith: Building Generations of Faith." The sessions dealt with compelling topics the Orthodox Church faces in contemporary society, through a combination of individual presentations from distinguished panel members and audience interaction.

The first forum focused on the pervasive subject of stress and how families might best approach its potential effects from spiritual, mental,

and physical perspectives. The panel consisted of Fr. Jerry Hall, Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church in Akron, Ohio; Dr. Georgette Constantinou, Administrative Director of Pediatric Psychiatry and Psychology of Akron Children's Hospital; Dr. Trent Orfanos, a cardiologist from Crown Point, Indiana; and Dr. George Stavros, Director of the Danielsen Institute of Boston University—a mental health clinic.

Dr. Constantinou offered a working definition of resilience as "a God-given inner capacity that when nurtured, facilitated, and supported by others, particularly in the community of faith—by the grace of God, empowers all members of the family and the family unit to successfully meet life's challenges with faith and hope."

The second forum allowed audience members to hear from clergy, professionals, and family members about building faith in families. The panel included His Eminence Metropolitan Gerasimos of San

Francisco; Fr. Lou Christopoulos, St. Catherine Greek Orthodox Church in Greenwood Village, Colorado; Dr. Anton Vrame (MDiv.), Director of the Department of Religious Education of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese; Dr. Andrew Walsh, Associate Director of the Leonard E. Greenberg Center for the Study of Religion in Public Life at Trinity College and Cindy Karos, mother and parish ministry leader from Minneapolis, Minnesota.

The forum's panelists offered personal stories of faith, practical strategies, and presented statistical data in recognizing the struggles families face in perpetuating the life of the Church. In summarizing the idea that faith is modeled through examples that are seen, heard, and—in short—experienced, Dr. Vrame plainly said, "Orthodox Christianity is a verb," stressing that it needs to be lived in order to be passed on.

Each forum concluded with the understanding that the complications corresponding to the respective topics are not expected to ever be entirely solved. The primary benefit of the forums derives from the conversations they have brought to light. "By giving these topics a venue to be addressed, there is greater hope for healing and growth through the community in our parishes," said Melissa Tsongranis, Associate Director of the Department of Marriage and Family.





## GREEK ORTHODOX ARCHDIOCESE OF AMERICA

OFFICE OF THE ARCHBISHOP

July 10, 2014

Mr. George Tsandikos, Chairman  
Archbishop Iakovos Leadership 100 Endowment Fund  
Olympic Tower  
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New York, New York 10022

Dear Mr. Tsandikos, Members of the Board of Directors,  
and Faithful of the Leadership 100 Endowment Fund,

I greet you in the grace and peace of our Lord and wish upon you His unsurpassable blessings.

I thank you and all the members of the Archbishop Iakovos Leadership 100 Fund for your valued sponsorship of the Exhibition Area of the 42nd Biennial Clergy Laity Congress and National Philoptochos Convention.

Your support brings delegates to a common space where they can learn firsthand from clergy and laity engaged in different ministries of the Church. It provides a gateway to an agora for publishers, artists, architects, suppliers to share the availability of their crafts and expertise with interested parties.

I am most appreciative of your role in continually building upon the capacity of the Archdiocese to serve Christ, His Church, and His people in America. Thank you so very much for your commitment to this sacred purpose. With my prayers that our good and gracious God grant you His gifts in abundance and keep you under His permanent protection, I remain

With paternal love in Christ,

*Archbishop Demetrios of America*

+ DEMETRIOS  
Archbishop of America



# 24<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL LEADERSHIP 100 CONFERENCE



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*Please register and reserve your room prior to January 6, 2015.*





## DR. ELENI ANDREOPOULOU TO ADDRESS SATURDAY FORUM

Dr. Eleni Andreopoulou will address the Saturday Forum on February 14, 2015. She is an Associate Professor of Clinical Medicine in the Department of Medical Oncology at the Einstein/Montefiore Medical Center in New York and effective January 2015 she has accepted an upper faculty appointment at the Weill Cornell Medical College/New York-Presbyterian Hospital. She was previously a member of the faculty in the Department of Breast Medical Oncology at the University of Texas M.D. Anderson Cancer Center where she held the title of Attending Physician and Assistant Professor of Medicine.

In addition to her active clinical practice, her academic interests include innovations in drug development of personalized molecular therapies to effectively treat breast cancer as well as multidisciplinary research strategies in collaboration with laboratories to interrogate cancer biology and elucidate mechanisms of drug sensitivity and resistance.

Dr. Andreopoulou completed her training in major academic institutions in both Europe and the US. After she completed her residency in Internal Medicine at St Bartholomew's Hospital in London, she was awarded a European Society of Medical Oncology fellowship and trained at the Royal Marsden Hospital/Institute of Cancer Research in London, UK. That experience was key to her understanding of the complexities in preclinical and clinical evaluation of anticancer drugs and established a strong foundation in her career.

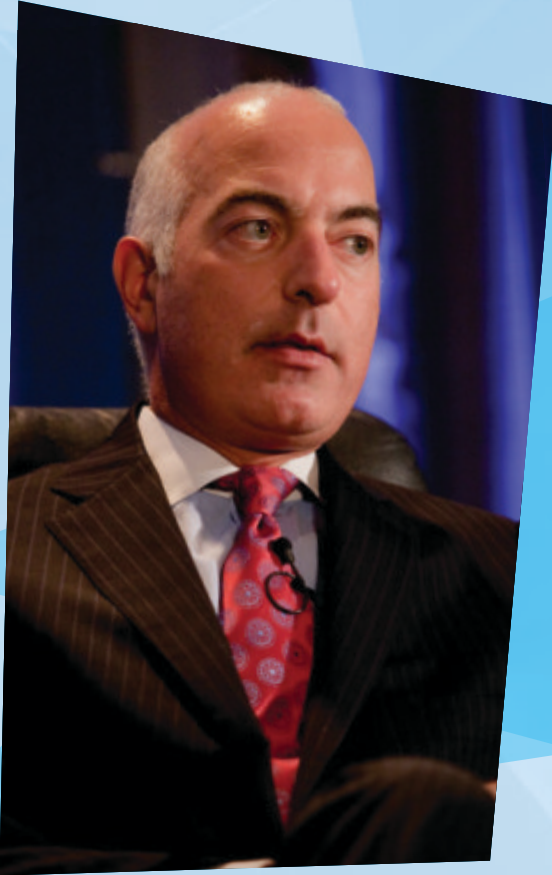
Subsequently, she completed her fellowship in Hematology and Medical Oncology at the New York University (NYU) School of Medicine where, in addition to intensive and comprehensive clinical training, she worked in clinical trial design and development, investigating novel drugs in breast and gynecologic cancers.

Dr. Andreopoulou leads several investigator initiated clinical trials

sponsored by both the Cancer Therapy Evaluation program at the National Cancer Institute, as well as the pharmaceutical industry. She has published several peer review articles, reviews, editorials and book chapters, and has given multiple lectures at International and National Breast Cancer conferences. She has also been active with Breast Cancer awareness programs for early detection, screening and prevention with a particular focus locally of underserved minorities. She is a member of the European Society of Medical Oncology, the Royal Society of Medicine, the American Society of Clinical Oncology and the American Association for Cancer Research.

Dr. Andreopoulou is married to Andrew D. Panzures. Both are members of Leadership 100. The couple has two children and reside in Manhattan.





## MICHAEL PSAROS TO ADDRESS FRIDAY FORUM

Michael Psaros, a member of Leadership 100 and Co-Founder and Co-Managing Partner of KPS Capital Partners, LP, and a member of its Investment Committee, will address the Friday Forum on February 13, 2015. Named 2014 Executive of the Year by The Hellenic American Bankers Association (HABA) on May 1, 2014, he was invested as an Archon of the Ecumenical Patriarchate on October 19, 2014.

Psaros is the manager of the KPS Special Situations Funds, a family of private equity limited partnerships with over \$6 billion of assets under management focused on making

controlling equity investments in companies across a diverse range of manufacturing industries. KPS portfolio companies have aggregate annual revenues of over \$8.6 billion, operate 104 manufacturing facilities in 26 countries, and employ approximately 40,000 associates, directly and through joint ventures worldwide.

He received a BSBA from Georgetown University in 1989 and attended Sofia University in Tokyo, Japan. He and his wife, Robin, created The Robin and Michael Psaros Endowed Chair in Business Administration at Georgetown University's McDonough

School of Business, where Mr. Psaros presently serves as Vice Chairman of the Executive Board of Advisors. He also serves on the Board of Advisors of the Georgetown University Center for Financial Markets and Policy.

Psaros is a frequent speaker on turnarounds and manufacturing, and has been featured in the Wall Street Journal, Financial Times, Buyouts, Private Equity International, M&A Magazine, CNBC and numerous other business and financial publications. He is a member of the Church of Our Saviour in Rye, New York and All Saints Greek Orthodox Church in Weirton, West Virginia.





## CONSTANTINE M. TRIANTAFILOU TO SPEAK AT OPENING FORUM

Constantine M. Triantafilou, also known as “Dean,” has been the driving force behind International Orthodox Christian Charities (IOCC) for 16 years. As Executive Director and CEO, Triantafilou manages all facets of relief and development programs for IOCC, including its international headquarters in Baltimore, Maryland, and 10 field offices in Eastern Europe, Africa, and the Middle East.

A graduate of Texas A&M University, Triantafilou began honing his leadership skills at IOCC in 1993 when he joined the organization as commodities manager for the former Yugoslavia country office, and was promoted to regional representative for Greece and Yugoslavia programs and director of programs before taking the helm in 1998.

Under his leadership and vision, IOCC has grown from providing \$70

million in humanitarian assistance to 11 countries in its first six years of existence, to a global humanitarian organization that has distributed nearly \$500 million in emergency assistance and development programs to vulnerable families and communities in more than 50 countries. This includes \$4 million in emergency relief to Greek farmers impacted by the 2007 wildfires, and more than \$11 million in medical support, heating fuel, food and job assistance programs to families impoverished by Greece’s economic crisis.

Leadership 100 has provided IOCC with a total of \$1,001,691 in financial support, including a two-year grant of \$880,471 to develop a volunteer network to strengthen the ability of the US Orthodox community to respond to future disasters and needs within the country. In addition, Leadership 100 supported Hurricane

Katrina relief with a grant, including gifts from individual members, totaling \$120,950.

Under his leadership, IOCC received the 2003 Athenagoras Human Rights Award by the Order of St. Andrew the Apostle and in 2005 the Order of St. Sava, First Degree, by +Patriarch Pavle of the Serbian Orthodox Church.

In 2006, Triantafilou was elevated to Archon of the Ecumenical Patriarchate and in 2010, he received from Patriarch Alexy II of Moscow and All Russia the Russian Orthodox Church Order of St. Sergius of Radonezh Award. Triantafilou was most recently awarded with the Order of St. Sabba from His Beatitude Theodoros II, Pope and Patriarch of Alexandria and All Africa.

He and his wife, Maja, are the proud parents of twins, Nicholas and Anna.



## TRIBUTE TO ILIAS I. LALAOUNIS



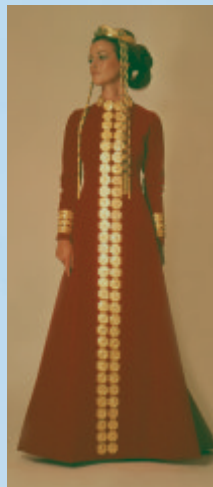
Leadership 100 will pay tribute to the late Ilias Lalaounis, the world renowned Greek academician, artist and designer. His contributions as a goldsmith and jeweler whose designs regenerated the glories of Greek history and tradition, transcended his craft and led to international recognition as the only jeweler ever elected to be a member of the French Academy of Fine Arts in 1990. He will be recognized posthumously with the Archbishop Iakovos Leadership 100 Award for Excellence for his contributions to Hellenism. The Award will be accepted by his wife, Lila, along with one of his four daughters, Ioanna. His three other daughters are Katerini, Dimitra and Maria. All four daughters direct both the company and museum he founded.



THISTLE,  
WILD FLOWERS  
COLLECTION,  
1970

Born in Athens in 1920, the fourth generation of a family of goldsmiths and watchmakers, Lalaounis died in 2013, having transformed his beginnings in a family jewelry company into a worldwide presence, in which he was distinguished for reviving ancient Greek goldsmithing and promoting it through his collections throughout the second half of the 20th century. He also founder and served as President of the Lalaounis Jewelry Museum in Athens.

After graduating with excellence from the Greek University of Athens University of Economics and Business with a degree in Economics, Lalaounis took design and drawing classes and also gained knowledge of Byzantine music. While managing the family firm, he studied ancient Greek goldsmithery techniques that had been forgotten, and organized and trained Greek jewelers to enlarge both his own workshop and Greek production on precious metals. He left aside the European and American



MOTION IN SPACE  
COLLECTION, 1973

◀ BYZANTINE  
COLLECTION FOR  
FARAH PAHLAVI, 1975

tradition of precious gems decorating extensively the jewels and created jewels that were precious but more accessible to the markets. Gold 18 and 22 k, sterling silver, semiprecious stones and few precious stones were used on exquisite handmade jewels that travelled and were adored from Tokyo to New York, from London to Istanbul.



ILION,  
THE TREASURE  
OF TROY  
COLLECTION,  
1983

In 1968 the family firm was split and Lalaounis opened his own flagship shops and a workshop at the Acropolis in Athens, which would lead to mounting 50 collections and 18,000



CHOREOGRAPHISM  
COLLECTION, 1976

designs, in the most prestigious spaces in Paris, New York, and Tokyo, as well as in museums and galleries. Every collection presented 300-800 designs, all having a theme inspired by ancient Greek art, world art history, the natural environment, new technological advancements and children's designs. His studies of ancient Greek and Byzantine civilization and ingenious idea of reviving ancient Greek jewelry were hugely successful and attracted an international clientele. His knowledge and grasp of the art and history of early civilizations led to a number of 'archaeological' collections based on various cultures in Europe, Asia and America.

The Lalaounis personal idiom was dominated by his distinctive medium, 22K gold, and the belief that *'every piece of jewelry has a story to tell'*. Famous women wore and adored his jewels and "Ilias Lalaounis boutiques" sprung up in Tokyo, Hong Kong, Paris, Geneva, Lausanne, New York, London, Virgin Islands and over 19 in Greece. His workshop became renowned for having only the best master craftsmen. Everything was produced in Athens at the Acropolis "workshop" and later at the new establishment in Nea Kifissia with a state of the art goldsmith workshop. The building of the old workshop, his parents home together with his archives, library, rare tools and all their secrets together with 3500 jewels and objets d' art originals were donated in 1993 to the first jewelry museum founded in Greece and one of only two of its kind in the world. Under the rock of the Acropolis, and the Theatres of Irodium Atticus and Dionysos, on Karyatidon and Kallisperi Streets, Lalaounis left his legacy to spread, his secrets to become examples for young jewellers and entrepreneurs and his contributions to Hellenism to become a permanent feature of Greek culture.





## PETER TIBORIS TO PRESENT “SYMPHONY AT SUNSET” WITH PERFORMANCE BY EILANA LAPPALAINEN

Peter Tiboris, the renowned conductor and a member of Leadership 100, will conduct the Orlando Philharmonic Orchestra in “Symphony at Sunset”, featuring his wife, Eilana Lappalainen, an internationally regarded dramatic operatic soprano, Thursday evening, February 12, 2015. The special program will also include the University of Central Florida Choir of 60 members in a performance of the Mikis Theodorakis Zorba Suite “finale”.

The highlight of the program will be Lappalainen’s performance of Beethoven’s *Ah Perfidio*. Other selections conducted by Tiboris, in addition to the Greek National Anthem and the Star Spangled Banner, will be the Overtures Verdi’s *La forza del destino*, Mozart’s *The Marriage of Figaro*, and Beethoven’s *Symphony No. 9*.

Lappalainen, a Finnish-Canadian performer and one of the most respected interpreters of Strauss’ *Salome*, which she has performed at opera houses throughout the world, has also been acclaimed for performances in numerous other operas, including *Lohengrin*, *Lulu*, *Der Rosenkavalier*, *Arabella*, *Jenufa*, *Madama Butterfly*, *Tosca*, *I Pagliacci*, *La Traviata*, *Turnandot*, *Don Giovanni* and *Aida*. Besides performances on international stages, she has taken on extensive responsibilities as General Director of the Greek Opera Studio and Berlin Opera Studio, Artistic Director for the Opera Division of the Young Artists Festival Bayreuth, Associate Artistic

Director and festival manager of the International Festival of the Aegean and Artistic Director for MidAmerica Productions.

Tiboris who founded MidAmerica Productions 30 years ago, in 1984, has marked its 1200th concert worldwide. The Festival of the Aegean, which he founded in 2005 on the idyllic Island of Syros, Greece, will realize its 10th anniversary next year... Additionally, the beautiful theater in which the festival takes place – The Apollo Theater (“La Piccola Scala”), also will reach its 150th anniversary.

In 2013, Tiboris founded MidAm International, Inc., a company created to facilitate MidAmerica’s growing presence in Europe. In addition to the 9th Festival of the Aegean, MidAm International presented two concerts in Vienna during Easter Week. Encouraged by the overwhelmingly positive response to the Vienna concerts, MidAm International presented its first performances in June 2014 at the historic L’Église de la Madeleine in Paris.

Tiboris studied music education at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, receiving a bachelor’s degree (B.M.) in 1970 and a master’s degree (M.S.) in 1974. While still an undergraduate, he became Assistant Choir Master at the Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church of Madison, under Michael Petrovich. From 1969 to 1971, he composed five pieces of Greek Orthodox liturgical music, all unpublished, but performed by various Greek Orthodox Church choirs in the U.S. to this day. In 1980, he received a doctorate (Ed.D) in music education from the University

of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. Between 1972 and 1984, he taught at colleges in Wisconsin, Illinois, New Hampshire, and Louisiana.

Tiboris has a special connection to Leadership 100 and Archbishop Iakovos of Blessed Memory. While serving as Associate Professor of Music at the University of Southwestern Louisiana in Lafayette in 1983, Tiboris was asked to organize a concert in New York to commemorate the 25th anniversary of Archbishop Iakovos as Primate of the Greek Orthodox Church of North and South America. The concert, on January 7, 1984, at Alice Tully Hall, Lincoln Center, brought together soloists, choruses from Louisiana and New York, and the American Symphony Orchestra for a Greek-themed program, marking the New York conducting debut of Peter Tiboris and the founding of MidAmerica Productions.

Since then, he has fashioned two distinct and highly successful careers, as a conductor of classical music and as a classical music entrepreneur. He has conducted much of the choral repertoire and numerous symphonic works, operas, and ballets, including world, U.S., and New York premieres of works by Beethoven/Mahler, Bruckner, Dinos Constantinides, Dello Joio, Dohnányi, Effinger, Philip Glass, Gregory Magarshak, Mozart, Nielsen, Schnittke, Taneyev, Tchaikovsky, and Mikis Theodorakis, among others. Among his proudest achievements was conducting the U.S. premiere of Mikis Theodorakis’ *Elektra* in Carnegie Hall in 2000. He has gone on to conduct major orchestras in 20 countries.



# LEADERSHIP 100 SUNDAY OBSERVED ACROSS NATION

National Leadership 100 Sunday was observed in more than 500 parishes of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese on October 26, 2014, the sixth consecutive celebration. This year's event, which follows the Feast of Saint

Ted Zampetis of Bloomfield Hills, Michigan, a prominent business leader and a member of the Board of Trustees, served for the third consecutive year as Chairman. He also serves as Chairman of the Membership Committee.

"I want to thank all members of Leadership 100 who participated, especially Ted Zampetis, National Leadership 100 Sunday Chairman," said George S. Tsandikos, Leadership 100 Chairman. Tsandikos hosted the coffee hour at the Archdiocesan Cathedral of the Holy Trinity, following the reading of the Encyclical by Fr. John Vlahos, Dean, who spoke on the Leadership 100 Scholarship Program at Holy Cross School of Theology.

"National Leadership 100 Sunday has helped our Church and Community become familiar with the purpose and mission of Leadership 100," said Zampetis, who spoke at St. Nicholas Church in Troy, Michigan. "We are receiving positive reports from Maryland to Ohio to California on renewed interest in Leadership 100," he added.



*Ted Zampetis speaks on Leadership 100 grants at National Leadership 100 Sunday observance at St. Nicholas Church in Troy, Michigan.*

Iakovos in honor of the Founder of Leadership 100, coincided with the Feast of Saint Demetrios. It also marked the year-long celebration of the 30th Anniversary of Leadership 100.

Parish priests throughout the nation read the Encyclical issued by His Eminence Archbishop Demetrios of America at the Divine Liturgy. Many parishes also held a program during the coffee hour. Members of the Leadership 100 Board of Trustees coordinated with Parish Priests across the country to develop awareness of the support provided by Leadership 100 to the Greek Orthodox Church.



*Thomas G. Jordan, Leadership 100 Treasurer, speaks at Assumption Church, St. Clair Shores, Michigan at National Leadership 100 Sunday observance.*





*(L to R) Fr. William Cassis, Leadership 100 member Gus Perdikakis, Fr. Irenaeus Cox and Lew Assaley at Holy Trinity-St. Nicholas Church, Cincinnati, Ohio, commemorate National Leadership 100 Sunday.*

Other observances sponsored by members of Leadership 100 included Thomas G. Jordan, Leadership 100 Treasurer, at Assumption Church, St. Clair Shores, Michigan; Stephen G. Yeonas, Chairman Emeritus, Ted Pedas and James Pedas, with Fr. Steven P. Zorzos at St. Sophia Cathedral in Washington DC; Board members Mike Manatos and John Sitolides with Leon and Robyn Andris at St. George Church, Bethesda, Maryland; Chris W. Caras and Chris W. Caras, Jr. at St. Katherine Church, Redondo Beach, California; Gus Perdikakis at Holy Trinity-St. Nicholas Church, Cincinnati, Ohio; Vicky Palivos at St. John the Baptist



*(L to R) Mike Manatos and John Sitolides, Leadership 100 Board members, their children and fellow Leadership 100 members Leon and Robyn Andris, at St. George Church, Bethesda, Maryland, commemorate National Leadership 100 Sunday.*

Church, Las Vegas, Nevada; and Judge Marina Corodemus at St. Demetrios Church, Perth Amboy, New Jersey.

Over three decades, Leadership 100 has distributed close to \$40 million in grants to support the National Ministries and institutions of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of

America, as well as other programs and projects that advanced Orthodoxy and Hellenism and assisted humanitarian causes in the nation and around the world.



*(L to R) Chris W. Caras, Jr., Panayiotis Newfelt, President and Founder of IARC and Arts Council of Greece, Linda Wilson and Demetrios C. Wilson, seminarians at Holy Cross School of Theology, and Chris. W. Caras.*



*Leadership 100 member Vicky Palivos, right, with Dora Hart, Board member National Ladies Philoptochos, at St. John the Baptist Church, Las Vegas, Nevada, hosts National Leadership 100 Sunday.*



## LEADERSHIP 100 SUPPORTS CHURCH CAMPS FOR FOURTH YEAR

Leadership 100 awarded the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese Department of Youth and Young Adult Ministries Camping Ministry program \$270,000 for the fourth consecutive year. Grants of \$30,000 were distributed to the Direct Archdiocesan District and to each Metropolis. The primary purpose of the grant is to enable Greek Orthodox youth who do not have the financial means to participate in a summer camp program. Some funding may also be applied to programming, supplies, transportation, youth protection training and background checks of staff members. The program was

once again in full swing across the country in the summer of 2014, making it possible for numerous young people to attend camp programs.

As a condition of the grant, the Department of Youth and Young Adult Ministries and Camping Ministries surveys the Youth and Young Adult Ministries Directors of the Direct Archdiocesan District and Metropolis camps and reports on the use of funds and compliance with Leadership 100 requirements.

### DIRECT ARCHDIOCESAN DISTRICT



*Archbishop Demetrios with campers at 10th Anniversary celebration at Camp Saint Paul.*

As the largest Greek Orthodox camp in the country, Camp Saint Paul celebrated its 10th anniversary. In the summer of 2014, it served over 620 campers, the best year ever, and surpassing previous years' attendance. Many of these young people were first time campers. The Leadership 100 grant enabled the Camp to offer scholarships to families that were otherwise unable to send their children. There were a number of families in need, whose children were greatly impacted by the program in a very positive way.

### METROPOLIS OF DENVER



*Camp Emmanuel, Metropolis of Denver*

Camp Emmanuel was held June 8-21, 2014, at Manzano Mountain Retreat near Albuquerque, New Mexico. Online registration was once again made available for camper participants. Campers attending both sessions totaled 211, with the majority receiving full or partial scholarships. Assistance was also provided for campers' travel and staff registration and travel assistance.



# Grants at Work

## METROPOLIS OF BOSTON



*Metropolis of Boston Camp*

One hundred percent of the funds received by the grant were used for the Metropolis of Boston Camp Scholarship Program. To cover the remaining scholarship requests from families, the camp hosts an annual golf tournament as well as receiving support from private family foundations.

## METROPOLIS OF CHICAGO



*Camp Fanari, Metropolis of Chicago*

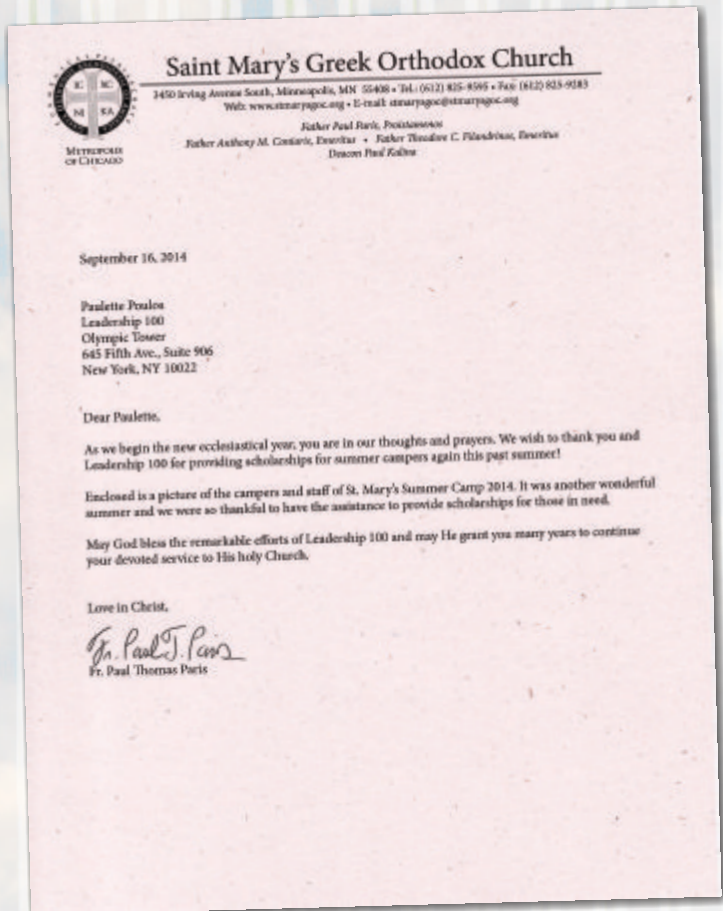
The majority of the funds were used as scholarships for campers who were in financial need of assistance. Through the Fanari Camp program and the St. Mary's camp program, 70% of the grant was used this past summer specifically as full scholarships and partial scholarships, 13% was used to offset the cost of transportation for campers from the southern region of the Metropolis, who have to travel over eight hours to get to camp, 1.5% went for staff background checks and 10% of the grant money went to programming costs. This year there were 483 campers and over 120 staff and clergy.

## METROPOLIS OF ATLANTA



*Metropolitan Alexios with campers at Saint Stephen Summer Camp, Metropolis of Atlanta.*

Five one-week sessions of Summer Camp for teens entering 6th grade through 12th grade in the fall of 2014 were offered, providing 23 scholarships for deserving teens from thirteen parishes. Seventeen of these youth had never had the opportunity to attend camp previously. In addition, travel assistance was provided for 10 Young Adults to serve as counselors – four of them from Hellenic College/Holy Cross – along with providing the means for all Young Adult Counselors and Staff to participate at no cost.





## METROPOLIS OF DETROIT



*Metropolis of Detroit Summer Camp*

The Metropolis of Detroit made scholarship money available to anyone who demonstrated a need for financial assistance to attend camp. This was communicated to the Metropolis Clergy, to the Parish Councils, to the Metropolis Clergy Laity gatherings in the Youth Ministries report, to the directors/administrators of each camp, and to families through camp promotional materials. The summer camp programs served over 500 campers in 3 camps in the Metropolis, the Metropolis of Detroit Summer Camp, St. Nicholas Camp, and St. Timothy Camp.

## METROPOLIS OF NEW JERSEY



*Camp Good Shepherd, Metropolis of New Jersey*

All of the grant money received from Leadership 100 was used this past summer for three main areas: offering scholarships to those in need, covering the expenses incurred for staff and offering a discount across the board to all campers in an attempt to keep registration costs as low as possible. The 2014 Summer Camp accommodated over 280 campers over the course of Three 1 Week sessions at Camp Good Shepherd.

## METROPOLIS OF PITTSBURGH



*Camp Nazareth, Metropolis of Pittsburgh*

The primary goal each year is to enable each and every child who wants to attend Summer Camp but does not have the financial means to participate. As a result, Summer Camp numbers were up almost 10%. This year, in addition to scholarship assistance, the Metropolis needed assistance to offer more in depth training to its multiple week Staff. Funding from Leadership 100 enabled the Metropolis to underwrite the costs of pre and post camp training and debriefing. The pre camp training helped tremendously with the program overall. During the post camp debriefing, suggestions were offered to enhance the camp ministry even more.

## METROPOLIS OF SAN FRANCISCO



*St. Nicholas Ranch, Metropolis of San Francisco*

This year the Metropolis of San Francisco utilized 100% of the \$30,000 grant that it was offered from L100. There was an increase in the number of scholarships requested, so more partial scholarships were awarded to more campers, 56 scholarships for 50% support, 3 scholarships for 75% support, and 19 scholarships for 100% support, for a total of 78 scholarships. The total amount of scholarships was \$24,207. There was also a need to help offset program costs, \$5,793 was allocated to support growing program needs. With camper scholarships and program costs, 100% of the \$30,000 grant was utilized. With a total of 318 campers, the L100 scholarship recipient campers represented 25% of total campers this summer.



# Grants at Work



## GREEK ORTHODOX METROPOLIS OF ATLANTA ΙΕΡΑ ΜΗΤΡΟΠΟΛΙΣ ΑΤΑΝΤΑΕΣ

October 14, 2014

Mr. George Tsandikos, Chairman  
Ms. Paulette Poulos, Executive Director  
Leadership 100  
Olympic Tower, Ste. 906  
645 Fifth Ave.  
New York, New York 10022

Beloved in the Lord,

*"A great door for effective work has been opened....."  
(1 Corinthians 16:9)*

I greet you in the Name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, with prayers and best wishes for a healthy, blessed and joyous new Ecclesiastical Year.

As we look forward to Leadership 100 Sunday at the end of this month, I wanted to congratulate you and your co-workers for all the manifold accomplishments of this wonderful organization. Truly I give thanks to God for inspiring the members of Leadership 100 to help and assist the Orthodox Church here in America. By supporting such worthy endeavors as Hellenic College/Holy Cross, OCF and marriage and family ministries, we can see that the members of Leadership 100 understand that wealth is a gift from God and it is a blessing to be able to share with others.

Of course, I wanted to express my gratitude and appreciation for the decision that the Board made to give \$100,000 to the Metropolis Family Life Ministry is a great blessing and will help our families tremendously. Unfortunately, there are many sad situations in families, and we need to do everything that we can to help and assist them.

In closing, I would like to thank you for what you are doing as we strive to work together in His Vineyard, and to His glory. I remain, with a thankful and joyous heart,

Prayerfully yours with much love in Christ,

*+Metropolitan Alexios*  
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## GREEK ORTHODOX METROPOLIS OF DENVER

June 22, 2014

Ms. Paulette Poulos, Executive Director  
Archbishop Iakovos  
Leadership 100, Olympic Tower  
645-5<sup>th</sup> Ave, Ste 906  
New York, NY 10022

Dear Ms. Poulos,

Please accept my sincere thanks for the recent gift directed toward the youth programs of the Denver Metropolis.

I am pleased to tell you that the largest gathering of the people from the Metropolis each year is our Metropolis basketball tournament which is attended by over one thousand people. About nine hundred of them are of junior high and senior high school age. The largest cost factor is the airline transportation due to the fact that our Metropolis covers one-third of the continental United States.

Also this summer's Camp Emmanuel program began this past Sunday and has the largest number of participants ever. There are about two hundred junior high school students doing the first session this week and a little over one hundred high school students in the senior division for next week.

Your generous gift is certainly needed due to the fact that we receive no monies from the Archdiocese, as we are the smallest Metropolis with no more than ten thousand families. Therefore only the salaries of the Metropolis personnel with three full-time positions and two part-time positions are covered by the Archdiocese.

We are truly grateful. And, please thank Mr. George Tsandikos also for this great assistance.

With love in Christ,

*+Metropolitan Isiah of Denver*  
**+Metropolitan Isiah of Denver**

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## Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America

August 26, 2014

Mr. George S. Tsandikos &  
Esteemed Members of Leadership 100  
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Dear Beloved,

On behalf of His Eminence Archbishop Demetrios and the members of the Camp Saint Paul Committee, I would like to express to you my heartfelt appreciation for the Leadership 100 Grant, which the Direct Archdiocesan District received to cover registration costs for campers in need of financial assistance. As in years past, this magnanimous gesture of Leadership 100 made it possible for children to attend the camp who otherwise would have been unable to do so because of financial constraints.

In this, the 10<sup>th</sup> year of Camp Saint Paul, we were extremely blessed with the tremendous turn out. To our great delight, the four, one-week sessions of camp almost completely sold out again this summer with over 625 young people registered for the camping program. Your generous grant afforded them the unique opportunity to not only share in fellowship with other campers from the parishes of the greater New York/Connecticut Metropolitan area but more importantly, to develop a greater appreciation for their Greek Orthodox Faith and Hellenic culture. The Committee, as always, worked diligently to further enhance Camp Saint Paul this year and we are confident that in years to come this camping ministry will continue to grow and deeply touch the lives of those who experience it. And it is only with help like yours that we are able to do this.

Once again, thank you! May all of you and your loved ones enjoy the beautiful blessings of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. We are truly indebted for all that Leadership 100 has, and continues to do for the ministries of our Archdiocese. May you continue to grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. *To Him be the glory both now and forever.* Amen. (2 Peter 3:18)

Faithfully in the Service of our Lord,

*+Bishop Antonios of Phosine*  
**+Bishop Antonios of Phosine**  
Chancellor

*Thank you so  
very much!*

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## ORTHODOX PRISON MINISTRY TRANSFORMS LIVES



*(L to R) Paul Politis, Director of Operations, Archimandrite Duane Pederson, Founder Emeritus, Correspondence Ministry, Paulette Poulos, Fr. Stephen Powley, Executive Director.*

Orthodox Christian Prison Ministry (OCPM) ministers to people in prison, their families, and those who have been released from prison, responding to the Lord's call, "I was in prison and you visited Me." (Matthew 25:36). OCPM is an agency of the Assembly of Canonical Orthodox Bishops of the United States of America, the official Orthodox prison ministry in the country.

Since January 2013, Leadership 100 has awarded nearly \$75,000 to OCPM in two grants. The first grant, for \$20,372, funded the training of Orthodox clergy in target cities and regions. In the same way that clergy visit hospitals and nursing homes, Orthodox clergy who are trained and willing to visit people in prison are an essential part of the Church's ministry.

Through its Leadership 100 grant, OCPM trained more than 200 Orthodox clergy in 2013 from Houston, Pittsburgh, Philadelphia, Northern California, Chicago,

Minneapolis, Boston, Dallas, Atlanta, and Denver. While many of the clergy were from the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese, other Orthodox jurisdictions were also well represented. In many of these cities and regions, parishes hosted events for OCPM to speak with laity too, informing and inspiring them to become involved in prison ministry.

While Orthodox men and women in prison are cut off from society, OCPM wants to ensure that they are not also cut off from the Church. Visits by Orthodox clergy are vital to the healing and repentance of these men and women, and only the clergy can keep them connected to the Sacramental life of the Church, hearing their Confessions and offering them Holy Communion.

There are also non-Orthodox men and women in prison who are seeking the Faith. Visits by Orthodox clergy help them learn about the Faith and can lead them on the path to becoming Orthodox. OCPM has many examples

of people converting to Orthodoxy in prison.

OCPM's clergy training prepares priests and deacons to minister to families of people in prison and the formerly incarcerated. Many Orthodox parishes are touched either by having a parishioner in prison or parishioners who were formerly in prison.

The second Leadership 100 grant, for \$54,310, was for ministry to prisons through publications, another critical component of OCPM's outreach. The mailing of religious materials to people in prison includes Icon prayer cards, Orthodox Study Bibles, readings of the Desert Fathers, and catechism courses. In 2014 OCPM expects to receive more than 700 requests from people in prison, asking for religious materials. The grant from Leadership 100 will make it possible for OCPM to replenish its stock of Orthodox books and respond to these requests.



## METROPOLIS INITIATES WELLNESS MINISTRIES

By Kristen Bruskas



*Metropolitan Gerasimos, center right, with Clergy at 2014 Metropolis Clergy Retreat at Saint Nicholas Ranch and Retreat Center.*

In 2007-2008 the Metropolis of San Francisco initiated a Family Wellness Ministry with the help of a two-part grant of \$200,000 from Leadership 100. The purpose was to address the spiritual, emotional and psychological health and wellness of its clergy and faithful through a focused effort led by dedicated clergy, staff and volunteers. Several programs were established, including:

- Clergy Couples Retreats to address the unique needs of Priests and Presbyteres to strengthen them in their ministries and marriages.
- Continuing Education Programs for Clergy including annual clergy retreats, regional synaxes and guest speakers to provide for ongoing learning to enhance their ministries.
- Family Enrichment Programs offering Christ-centered activities to reinforce the importance of a loving home, the importance of prayer, worship, and serving those in need.

- Addiction Support Programs which provide a path towards recovery, focusing on the healing power of Jesus Christ.

- Grief and Bereavement Groups to minister to those who have experienced the loss of loved ones.

- Leadership Mentoring Program to cultivate young professionals for future leadership of the Metropolis Council, ministries and committees.

In July 2012, the Metropolis initiated the development of a Strategic Plan. One of the main task forces in the plan focuses on Wellness ministries, building upon the programs already offered at parishes in the Metropolis and expanding this important ministry to include:

- The formation of a Wellness Committee in each parish to work with the Metropolis in offering programs that provide for spiritual enlightenment, emotional stability, and strengthening interpersonal relationships.

- Marriage preparation and enrichment through Prepare/Enrich to help couples establish and maintain a relationship based on faith in Christ, keeping Him at the center of their marriages, homes and families.

- The establishment of a Parish Nurse Ministry to support elderly parishioners in the areas of general medical oversight, community resources and collaboration with health agencies to serve the needs of aging parishioners.

- Offering DivorceCare, a faith-based program designed to support those who are divorced as well as children of divorced parents to help them adjust to this significant change in their lives.

The Strategic Plan also addresses Missions and Evangelism, Stewardship, Philanthropic Outreach, Communications, Parish Organization and Development, Youth, Finances, Metropolis Organization and Development, Liturgical Life, and Education. The final plan was presented at the 2014 Metropolis Clergy-Laity Assembly where it was received with resounding enthusiasm. With the support of many dedicated volunteers, the implementation of the plan has now begun. More information on the Metropolis of San Francisco Strategic Plan can be found online at [www.sanfran.goarch.org](http://www.sanfran.goarch.org).

In crediting Leadership 100 for its timely support of the initial development of this innovative ministry, Metropolitan Gerasimos of San Francisco said: "With dedication, determination, and most importantly, God's grace and wisdom, these expanded programs will enrich our parishes and provide more resources for our clergy and faithful."



## EMERGING LEADERS MINISTRY

Leadership 100 provided a two-year grant of \$200,000 to launch The Emerging Leaders Ministry in the Metropolis of Boston as a pilot program to serve as a prototype for replication throughout the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America



*Metropolitan Methodios with Emerging Leaders.*

with the purpose of addressing the critical need to engage contemporary professionals in the life of the Church. Initiated by His Eminence Metropolitan Methodios with the convening of a national leadership steering committee to design programmatic strategies, the goal is to strategically cultivate future Church leaders. Some key elements are:

**Leadership Forums:** Nine Leadership Forums were held across the Metropolis, including motivational leadership presentations followed by small group discussions on mentoring and ministry development.

**Research:** A survey instrument was developed and distributed at all Leadership Forums and is posted on the Metropolis website. The data serve to guide the leadership team and the education committee in the development of specific programs and ministry offerings.

**Education:** The Metropolis is partnering with the Office of Vocation & Ministry at Hellenic College/Holy Cross to offer an education component of the grant to focus on the topic of leadership. Presentations will be given by renowned theologians reflecting on the theological foundations of leadership and

business/organizational lay leaders reflecting on best practices from their own vantage point as both leaders and Orthodox Christians. They will be recorded and edited and put on a new website for the Emerging Leaders initiative, as a national resource for Orthodox Christian leadership.

**Orthodoxy on Tap:** Several hundred contemporary professionals

throughout New England share in open dialogue and discussion about issues, challenges and hot topics in our world, society and Church today in relaxed settings.

**REAL Ministry:** In partnership with the Archdiocese Department of Youth and Young Adult Ministries' new initiative, REAL (Representing Emerging Adult Leaders), the Metropolis is creating a prototype of opportunities that will be shared with Metropolises nationwide to build genuine relationships among young adults. These include REAL Boston tailored programs to meet the needs and desires of individuals, such as educational opportunities in a fellowship setting with more service-oriented activities that have led to partnerships with food pantries and other local philanthropic agencies; REAL Orthodox Coffee House informal discussions and fellowship for all ages, especially college students under the age of 21; REAL Orthodox Dilemmas Through Cinema where young adults will gather to view a current movie, followed by a group discussion examining the issues raised in the film from an Orthodox perspective; REAL Sports for young adults/young professionals to find athletic competition; and REAL Service Projects to foster engagement

with impoverished neighbors through visitations to homeless shelters and soup kitchens and support of local charities and charitable initiative, as well as short-term foreign and domestic mission trips.

**The ORION (Orthodox RecognitION) Awards:** An event honoring the arts to showcase talents of young adults by celebrating the talents of local Orthodox Christians, utilizing the creative arts as a medium to show how God is active in all aspects of life.

The Metropolis will also partner with business leaders to offer professional mentoring through a Speed Networking medium. Young adult retreats will continue to be held at the St. Methodios Faith and Heritage Center in New Hampshire as ongoing periods of renewal and fellowship.

The culmination of the first year of this initiative was the Metropolis Laity Awards Dinner in June 2013 that focused exclusively on the Leadership 100 Emerging Leaders grant. His Eminence Metropolitan Methodios challenged the 850 attendees to actively engage these emerging leaders to build Church leadership.

"Metropolitan Methodios issued an encyclical to all clergy and parish councils in August 2013 that requested all communities to initiate a strategic effort in engaging young adults to become members of the parish councils and to mentor them into leadership positions," according to the Rev. Fr. Theodore J. Barbas, Chancellor of the Metropolis. "His Eminence has also appointed several young adults to the Metropolis Council," he said.

The Metropolis will convene a seminar early in 2015 to review current best practices in engaging young adults as leaders; to review the Metropolis of Boston Emerging Leaders Ministry model; and to compile these initiatives into a model that can be replicated throughout the Archdiocese to engage our young adult community and contemporary professionals through REAL Ministries.



## ECUMENICAL ENHANCEMENT PROJECT

Leadership 100 has supported The Department of Inter-Orthodox, Ecumenical and Interfaith Relations of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America in recent years with two major grants, two-year grant of \$180,000 for the Ecumenical Enhancement Project over 2013-2014 and a one-year grant of \$150,000 for the Church-World Initiative in March of 2014.

He cites results that are tangible and easily measurable, such as in success of a public health initiative to lower obesity rates in society. In this case, success could be determined by comparing the obesity rates before and after the onset of the program. Unlike initiatives that produce quantifiable results, the primary mission of the Church—the salvation of souls—is difficult to measure.

Fr. Nathanael gives some concrete examples of just how to measure the success of the Ecumenical Enhancement Project, implemented through the two-year Leadership 100 grant, as follows:

- Sponsorship of the 8th Academic Consultation between Judaism and Orthodoxy
- Participation in the National Council of Churches of Christ (NCCC) Faith & Order Meeting
- Participation in the World Council of Churches (WCC) General Assembly
- Co-sponsorship (with the Vatican, USCCB, and Santa Clara University) of TheoCom 2014, an ecumenical conference on digital communications and faith
- Sponsorship of the official international dialogue between the Orthodox and Anglican Churches
- Co-sponsorship (with Peace Islands Institute) of an interfaith conference on The Woman in Religion



*Interfaith Conference on The Woman in Religion.*

The Ecumenical Enhancement Project was designed to enable the Archdiocese to forge new partnerships with other faith-based communities, thereby presenting to them a strong witness of Orthodoxy.

The Very Rev. Archimandrite Dr. Nathanael Symeonides, Director of the Department has described the challenge of his ministry as “discovering ways of expanding the reach and presence of the Greek Orthodox Church in innovative ways.” He observes that measuring results, however, is quite a challenge.

“How can anyone determine whether someone has helped save the soul of his or her neighbor?” he asks. “Nonetheless, the Church, as the presence of Christ in the world, has developed her pastoral ministries in an effort to bring people to the knowledge of truth (1 Timothy 2).”

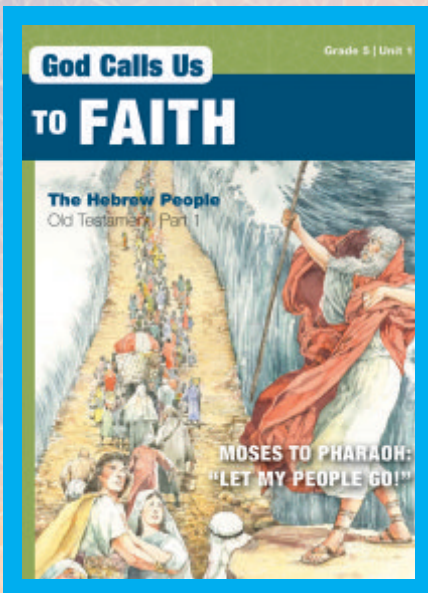
Through its ministries and departments, the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America has persevered over the generations in its commitment to sharing the Holy Gospel with the world, Fr. Nathanael says, “inviting all people to come and see and to taste and see how good the Lord is.”

The mission of the Department of Inter-Orthodox, Ecumenical and Interfaith Relations will continue with new initiatives under the new grant, whose purpose is “to develop the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese’s presence in familiar and new spaces of the public square and to allow it to consolidate its leadership role in the overall organization and development of Orthodoxy in the U.S.A.”

Email Fr. Nathanael to learn more about upcoming department initiatives: [FrNathanael@goarch.org](mailto:FrNathanael@goarch.org)



## NEW TEXTBOOKS FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FUNDED



Leadership 100 has awarded a grant of \$80,000 in 2014 to the Department of Religious Education of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America to publish a new textbook and teacher's guide for Grade 4, following an earlier grant of \$81,759 in 2012 to publish a new textbook for Grade 5, both part of a new textbook series titled, "Living Our Orthodox Faith."

The textbooks hadn't been revised in more than 20 years as it is a long and expensive process to undertake. The fifth grade text, *God Calls Us*, published in 1993, culminated a ten year process of development and production of new textbooks for parish use. The first four books: *Me and My World*, *Loving God*, *Sharing God's World*, and *Growing with God* had taken religious education materials out of the 1970s by presenting the faith in a holistic, integrated, and very colorful manner, but even these books were showing their age.

Dr. Tony Vrame, Director of the Department of Religious Education noted, "While the lives of saints, the stories from the Bible, and the dogma of our Church had not changed, the world in which our Faith was now being presented certainly had. The



Internet didn't exist, there were no cell phones, or social media. Our Orthodox world had expanded significantly, from our awareness and activity with the Ecumenical Patriarchate to the ongoing stream of information from missionaries and social ministries both in the US and overseas. New materials had to present this larger world of our Church along with the timeless elements of our Faith."

Textbook revisions are a complex process of strategy sessions within the Department of Religious Education. Review of the content of the existing books was done, making elements in one book consistent with the series, and a production strategy was devised. The Department chose to start with the fifth grade and work down, rather than start "at the bottom" with first grade and work up so that students "work into the new series." That way students don't get a brand new book in one year, then in the next return to the old materials.

Other elements in the revision include photo research, writing and editing, designing, and finally printing, for the teacher's guide as well as for the pupil text. Creating two new books simultaneously significantly increases cost, requiring the Department to supplement the grant monies with other sources of funding.

In justifying the need for the project, as required by Leadership 100 grant

guidelines, the Department cited Dr. Theodore Kaltsonis, Professor of Education at the University of Washington, who had guided Ernest Villas, Director of the Department when the series was first created. A nationally known educator who happened to be a graduate of a Greek theological academy, Kaltsonis, now retired, wrote: "Having worked in the textbook development business for decades, I can attest to the need for textbooks to be revised often – definitely every ten years. The Sunday School textbooks you now have were developed well over ten years ago and reflect the ideas and methodological approaches of those of us developing the books at that time. They definitely need to be revised under the guidance of a new team. Their content must be refreshed with new themes that could better reflect today's social conditions and address current social issues. The methodological approaches must also be improved on the basis of new developments in educational methodology and by considering the feedback provided by teachers in the field."

Upon receiving news of the award of the earlier Leadership 100 grant, Dr. Vrame immediately initiated work within the Department, interviewing dozens of Sunday school teachers who were using the original fifth grade textbook, *God Calls Us*. "The interviews confirmed," he said, "how much religious education programs

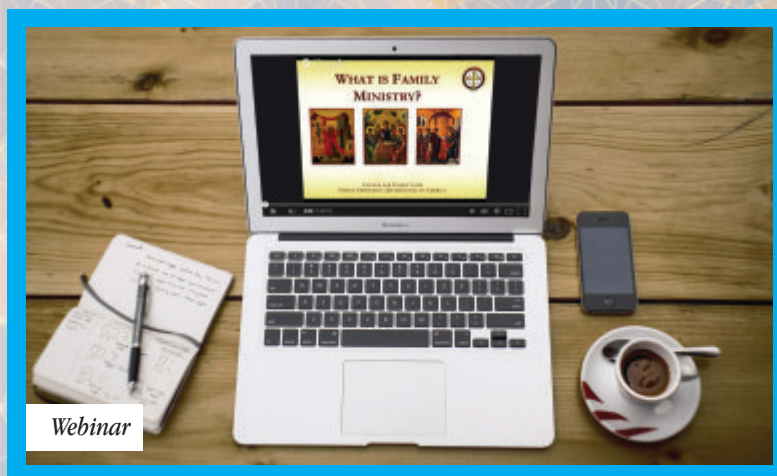


have changed in our parishes and we learned what they liked and didn't like in the book, inquiring as to what we should add and subtract." With irregular attendance being almost a norm in Sunday Church school life, parishes and teachers have had to become more flexible in their approach to religious education. This meant that creating a single textbook for use for an entire year had to be changed. Because the "zines" (the in-house produced textual themes) of the Department had been very successful, the Department has chosen to create six zines following the outline of the fifth grade text.

Many new features were added, including connecting stories from the Bible, especially their locations, to the experience of the Church in the same places today. For example, in the Old Testament, Moses received the Ten Commandments traditionally at Mt. Sinai and that storyline continues to be told. Now, information about the Monastery of St. Catherine's in the Sinai at the foot of the mountain has been added. In the unit on the life of Christ, information about the shrines in the Holy Land, "where Jesus walked," has been added. In another example, a unit on St. Paul has replaced the unit on Great Lent, because the same content of the latter is contained in the zine Journey Through Lent. In the teacher's guide, the teaching strategies have been updated, shifting from the traditional Sunday Church school exercise in reading aloud to many more group activities and interactive questions.

Half of the new materials for grade five have been "put to bed." Completion is expected in September, except for the teacher's guide that must reflect the final versions of the pupil's materials, but these too are sailing along. Now the Department begins the same process for grade four, thanks to the new Leadership 100 grant.

## CENTER FOR FAMILY CARE LAUNCHES WEBINAR



Leader 100 has supported the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese Center for Family Care with \$866,660 in grants for a variety of ministries through 2014. The Center for Family Care is part of the Department of Marriage and Family which has received \$581,330 in grants, bringing the total to \$1,447, 990. A recent grant underwrote the launching earlier this year of a monthly webinar series of online workshops for families and parish ministry workers.

Participants register and 'attend' these educational sessions live – asking questions online as they watch the presentation - at no cost, as a result of the grant support. The webinars are also archived and can be viewed and listened to shortly after airing live.

Through this compelling and interactive format, specialists have spoken on topics such as internet safety, family ministry fundamentals, how to observe Holy Week as a family, "Freedom and Discipline in Early Childhood" and "Understanding the Inner Life of Boys."

The following webinars are scheduled for the fall: "Building Resilience in Children" with Georgette Constantinou (PhD), "Mental Health 101" with George Stavros (PhD), and "Pop Culture and Social Media" with Eva Kokinos. In addition, the Center will offer a six-week training for facilitators of the Journey of Marriage premarital preparation program, also a recipient of a Leadership 100 grant, with Philip Mamalakis (PhD), and a three-week supplemental program on the pastoral challenges of premarital preparation.

Future classes are planned for a six-week parenting course on discipline for children. The webinar outlet has allowed the Center to offer these educational opportunities to the faithful throughout the country and internationally, with registrants as far away as Greece and Abu Dhabi.

Registration for each event has ranged from 50-200 per workshop. Significantly more people have viewed and listened to archived presentations at [www.family.goarch.org](http://www.family.goarch.org), available to all interested parties.



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Chris P. Jouflas – 12/12/2013 Grand Junction, CO	Spiros J. Voutsinas – 4/26/2014 Atlantic Bank of New York – New York, NY
Steve Karas, Jr – 10/22/2012 Aberdeen, MD	



# LEADERSHIP 100 PHILANTHROPIC ENTREPRENEURS HONORED BY THE HELLENIC INITIATIVE



*Archbishop Demetrios with honorees (L to R) George D. Behrakis with wife, Margo, Alexandra, granddaughter of Peter G. Peterson who accepted award on his behalf, and John G. Pappajohn with wife, Mary.*

The Hellenic Initiative honored three outstanding members of Leadership 100 with The Hellenic Leadership Award at the 2nd Annual Banquet at The Museum of Modern Art on October 2, 2014. George D. Behrakis, Chairman Emeritus, John D. Pappajohn, a former member of the Board of Trustees and long-time member of the Investment Committee, and Peter G. Peterson, a recipient of the Archbishop Iakovos Leadership 100 Award for Excellence were acknowledged for their extraordinary leadership in the business world and in philanthropy. Many members of Leadership 100 attended the event in support of the honorees. Arianna Huffington, a member of The Hellenic Initiative Board, was Master of Ceremonies.



*John G. Pappajohn presented with The Hellenic Leadership Award by Harry J. Wilson, a member of Leadership 100.*

The Hellenic Initiative is a global, nonprofit, secular institution mobilizing the Greek Diaspora and Philhellenes to invest in the future of Greece. Andrew N. Liveris, President, Chairman and CEO of The Dow Chemical Company, and also a member of Leadership 100, is Chairman.

Behrakis, an innovator and pioneer in the pharmaceutical industry in the fields of asthma and allergy has established a Chair in pharmaceuticals and a health sciences center at Northeastern University, his alma mater, as well as

fellowships at Harvard University, Brigham and Women's Hospital and Johns Hopkins University, among many other philanthropic causes. He also established with his wife, Margo, the George D. and Margo Behrakis Art of the Ancient World Wing at the Museum of Fine Arts in Boston.

John Pappajohn has made major contributions to education and the arts, especially in Iowa, his native state, where his gifts to major universities and colleges have supported



*George D. Behrakis presented with The Hellenic Leadership Award by Ambassador Eleni Kounalakis, a member of Leadership 100.*

entrepreneurial endeavors, having established the John Pappajohn Entrepreneurial Centers at five different universities in the state. A recent gift to the Hellenic Initiative has funded a visiting lectureship from the center at the University of Iowa at universities in Athens and Thessaloniki. With his wife, Mary, he has been recognized for major contributions to the arts that include the monumental John and Mary Pappajohn Sculpture Park in Des Moines. A renowned venture capitalist, he has been involved in more than 100 start-up companies, 50 IPOs, and has served as director of more than 40 public companies.

Peter G. Peterson, who served as Secretary of Commerce in the Nixon administration, is the legendary co-founder of The Blackstone Group and former Chairman and CEO of Lehman Brothers. He is the founding Chairman of the Peter G. Peterson Foundation and the Peterson Institute for International Economics. He is also Chairman Emeritus of the Council on Foreign Relations. He is the author of several books on economic policy and on his Greek immigrant roots in his native Nebraska.



*Alexandra Peterson Cart accepts The Hellenic Leadership Award on behalf of her grandfather, Peter G. Peterson, from Constantine Karides, The Hellenic Initiative Board member.*



## HANAC HONORS PETER VLACHOS AS “MAN OF THE YEAR” AT GALA



*Evangeline Douris presents Peter A. Vlachos with HANAC 2014 “Man of the Year” award.*

**P**eter A. Vlachos, an innovator and leader for more than 50 years in the financial industry and long-time member of Leadership 100 who has served on its Board of Trustees and chaired its Investment Committee for almost two decades, was honored as HANAC’S “Man of the Year” at HANAC’S GALA 2014 on October 24, 2014, at The Mandarin Oriental in New York City.

The event drew some 300 supporters and guests from a cross section of the Greek American Community, New York City businesses and social service organizations, and friends from around the country. Evangeline Douris, Chairman of HANAC, opened the program, and recalled the special relationship Vlachos enjoyed with her late husband, George T. Douris, the Founder of HANAC, as well as his 21 years as a member of HANAC’s Board of Directors.

Vlachos was introduced by George S. Tsandikos, Chairman of Leadership 100, who summarized his life story and contributions to the Greek Orthodox Church and Greek American community, crediting him and his Investment Committee with successfully doubling the Leadership 100 portfolio.

Vlachos gave a highly personal speech about his struggles growing up in New York City, his service in the Air Force during the Korean War and his dedication to philanthropy and its future prospects in a challenging economy, also recalling his friendship with the late George T. Douris.

He was presented with a crystal triangle honoring him as HANAC 2014 Man of the Year by Evangeline Douris and was also presented with proclamations for his service from The Assembly and The Senate of the State of New York.



*Peter A. Vlachos and wife, Dr. Susan Deakins, with (L to R) granddaughters Zara and Claire-Natalia Vlachos; granddaughter of family friend, Sasha Gerhard; and granddaughter Athina-Anna Vlachos.*

Vlachos began his professional career with the Wall Street firm of Amott Baker, joining the Dreyfus Corporation in 1967, where he became portfolio manager and then the President of the Dreyfus Leverage Fund. In 1980, he joined Neuberger Berman as an investment advisor.

Currently a Managing Director of Beck, Mack & Oliver LLC, an 83-year-old New York investment advisory firm, Vlachos founded Austin Investment Management, Inc. in 1989, which was purchased by the former entity in 2009. During his time as President of Austin, he also served as a corporate board member of Bullhorn, Inc. and VirtualRelocation.com, two innovative technology companies.

A native New Yorker, he attended the prestigious Stuyvesant High School. Vlachos graduated from Colby College in Waterville, Maine in 1958, after serving in the 93rd Bomb Wing of the Air Force Strategic Air command and flying with the 328th Bomb Squadron as a radar bombing and navigational technician during the Korean War.



*(L to R) Peter A. Vlachos with daughter, Zoe Vlachos, Princess Katherine, Prince Alexander and Evangeline Douris.*

A lifelong supporter of the arts, religious, environmental and humanitarian causes and education, Vlachos has served on the boards and investment committees of Colby College, Outward Bound, Scenic Hudson, Metropolitan Montessori School, and The School for Strings. He has served on the Archdiocesan Council of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America, as well as being Treasurer of Faith: An Endowment for Orthodoxy & Hellenism, Vice President of the American Associates of the Saint Catherine Foundation, and an Archon of the Ecumenical Patriarchate. He served on the Board of Directors of HANAC, Inc. for more than two decades.

Vlachos is a resident of New York City and Martha’s Vineyard with his wife, Dr. Susan Deakins. The couple has one daughter, Zoe Vlachos, also a member of Leadership 100, a son, Dimitri Vlachos, son-in-law Ho-Young Yang, daughter-in-law, Maja Kovalova Vlachos, three granddaughters, Zara, Athina-Anna and Claire-Natalia Vlachos, and one grandson, Alexander Ely Vlachos Yang.

HANAC was the first social service organization dedicated to serving the needs of the Greek immigrant community. Founded in 1972, it now provides a vast array of services to more than 30,000 individuals from underserved communities throughout New York City, ranging from after-school and youth employment programs to family counseling and substance abuse programs, from legal services for immigrants to adult literacy programs, and from senior centers and transportation services to three affordable senior housing residences with 350 apartments.



## STRATAKIS HONORED, ARCHONS INVESTED



*Christopher Stratakis with wife, Maro, left, accepts Award from Archbishop Demetrios and Anthony J. Limberakis, Archon National Commander.*

Christopher Stratakis, a long-time member of Leadership 100, was honored by the Order of Saint Andrew Archons of the Ecumenical Patriarchate with the Nicholas J. Bouras Award for Extraordinary Archon Stewardship on October 17, 2014. His wife, Maro, also a member of leadership 100, was recognized as well.

Other members of Leadership 100 were invested as Archons of the Ecumenical Patriarchate at the Archdiocesan Cathedral of the Holy Trinity on Sunday, October 19, 2014. They included Angelo Coutris as Archon Nomophylax, Markos Lagos as Archon Maestor, George Pantelidis as Archon Hartoularios, Panayiotis Peters as Archon Laosynaktis, and Michael Psaros as Archon Ostiarios.



*Metropolitan Savas of Pittsburgh invests Angelo Coutris.*



*Metropolitan Alexios of Atlanta invests Markos Lagos.*

The event, a special celebratory dinner dance, launched the Annual Archon Weekend. Archon John Stratakis, son of the honorees and also a member of Leadership 100, was Master of Ceremonies and the daughters of the honoree, Sophia Stratakis Huling and Erene Stratakis-Allen, offered musical and poetic tributes.

Stratakis, an Archon since 1998, has served on the National Council for 13 years and as Legal Counselor of the Order since 2001. A prominent New York attorney, he is senior partner of Poles, Tublin, Stratakis & Gonzalez, LLP, specializing in admiralty, commercial and real estate law.



*Archbishop Demetrios of America invests George Pantelidis.*



*Archbishop Demetrios of America invests Panayiotis Peters.*

As Chairman of the Archon Legal Committee, Stratakis has been at the forefront of the fight for religious freedom for the Ecumenical Patriarchate, serving on religious freedom delegations of the Order to the capitals of Europe and to Ankara, Turkey.

The Award is named after the late National Vice Commander Nicholas J. Bouras, Archon Depoutatos, who was also a prominent member of Leadership 100 and long-time member of the Board of Trustees. He was made an Honorary Member of the Board of Trustees and presented with the Archbishop Iakovos Leadership 100 Award for Excellence in 2010.



*Archbishop Demetrios of America invests Michael Psaros.*



## JAMES PEDAS COMMUNICATION CENTER DEDICATED AT THIEL COLLEGE



*James Pedas and wife, Wanda, at right, with Ted Pedas and wife, Evangeline, at left, in front of landmark facility at Thiel College.*

The James Pedas Communication Center, a state-of-the-art technology, collaborative teaching and learning space, was dedicated at 150-year-old Thiel College in Greenville, Pennsylvania on October 4, 2014.

Pedas, who graduated from Thiel in 1950 with a B.S. in Economics and who was awarded an honorary doctorate by the college in 1989, provided the initial gift for the \$6.5-million facility in 2006, the first new academic building in 40 years. He had also been named Trustee Emeritus to the Board of Trustees and received the Distinguished Alumnus Award for Professional Accomplishment.

Pedas and his brother Ted are long-time members of Leadership 100, along with their wives, Wanda and Evangeline, respectively. The sons of Greek immigrants, they are natives of Farrell, Pennsylvania, but are best known for their legendary history in the entertainment industry. The brothers, both trained in law at George Washington University, established Colt 45 Records, a recording company that launched the career of Don Covay, who wrote “Chain of Fools” and “Mercy, Mercy”, among others, and later began small drive-in movie theatres that grew into their owning a majority of all the theater screens in the nation’s capital.



*James Pedas addresses dedication gathering.*

They started the expansion with a lease of the Circle Theatre, developing it into a circuit of theatres and adding Showcase Theatres. The business continued to grow into a significant interest in Circuit/Showcase theatre, part of Cinema 5 Ltd., in Philadelphia and New York.

The Pedas brothers also owned successful film

distribution and film production companies, Circle Releasing Corp. and Circle Films, foremost backers of independent cinema in the 1980s and 1990s. They gave the now famous Coen brothers their start with their early films *Blood Simple*, cult classic *Raising Arizona*, *Miller's Crossing* and *Barton Fink*, the winner of the Cannes Festival Golden Palm Award. The Coen brothers are well known for their films *True Grit*, *No Country for Old Men*, *The Big Lebowski* and *O Brother, Where Art Thou?*



*(L to R) Thiel College President Dr. Troy VanAken and wife, Annette, Ted Pedas and wife, Evangeline, and James Pedas and wife, Wanda.*

With ownership of so many properties, the brothers eventually formed the Circle Management Company to develop real estate, but the entertainment business remains their pride and joy.

Pedas was named Washingtonian of the Year in 1973 and received the American University’s Award for Contribution to Film Culture in 1985. He established a Chair in Intellectual Property and Technology Law at George Washington University.

Dr. Troy D. VanAken, Thiel College President, said he has been working with Pedas on the facility “to see his dream come to fruition in a way that is going to have a high impact on students.” The Pedas Center, which will enable students across majors and disciplines to engage in diverse media activities, will also serve as an intellectual hub at the college, providing a technologically advanced area for creating, producing, practicing and performing in an interactive creative space. In addition, Pedas Center fellows will be comprised of top students interested in communications and mass media.



*(L to R) Ted Pedas, Leadership 100 Chairmen Emeriti Stephen G. Yeonas and John A. Payiavlas, with James Pedas.*



## GEORGE AND JUDY MARCUS HONORED BY METROPOLIS OF SAN FRANCISCO



*Caption: (L-R): Jeannie Ranglas, Gala Co-chair; Theofanis Economidis, Metropolis Council Vice President; Dr. Kenneth Frangadakis, Gala Co-chair; Judy Marcus; Ambassador Eleni Kounalakis; George Marcus; His Eminence Metropolitan Gerasimos.*

*Photo credit: Drew Altizer Photography.*

George and Judy Marcus, long-time members of Leadership 100, were honored by the Metropolis of San Francisco for their leadership and stewardship on November 15, 2014. They were presented with The Theofanis Economidis Award at a Gala whose theme was Honoring Extraordinary Leadership and Celebrating our Ministries.

George Marcus was noted for his visionary leadership of The Marcus & Millichap Company, which he founded and served as Chairman since 1971, and his service to the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America and to the Metropolis of San Francisco, as well as to the Greek-American community. An Archon of the Ecumenical Patriarchate, he served for many years on the Board of Trustees of Leadership 100 and is the founder of the National Hellenic Society. Judy Marcus was cited for her innovative community activism for many philanthropic causes in the San Francisco Bay Area.

His Eminence Metropolitan Gerasimos of San Francisco and Theofanis Economidis, Vice President of the Metropolis Council, presented the award, along with Gala co-chairs, Dr. Kenneth Frangadakis and Jeannie Ranglas, all of whom are distinguished members of Leadership 100. This award was inaugurated at the 2013 Gala at which it was presented to Theofanis Economidis and subsequently named after him in recognition of his more than 30 years of devoted service to the Church.

After accepting the award, a stunning Baccarat Emperor Eagle, George announced that he would match the net proceeds of the Gala in support of the Metropolis, and will also make a matching gift to the Roman Catholic Church in honor of his wife, Judy.

The Gala was attended by nearly 450 supporters of the Metropolis and many prominent civic leaders including House Democratic Leader Nancy Pelosi, California Governor Jerry Brown, San Francisco Mayor Ed Lee, and numerous others. The festive evening included personal video tributes to the Marcus' from His Eminence Archbishop Demetrios, His All Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew, and United States President Barack Obama. Eleni Kounalakis, former US Ambassador to Hungary, also a member of Leadership 100, served as Master of Ceremonies.

George and Judy reside in Los Altos Hills, California and are the proud parents of four children: Mary Jane Marcus (Derek Gurney), John Moutsanas (Georgia), Demetra Marcus (Blaine Bell), and Alexandria Marcus. They are the even prouder grandparents of Jayden, Evvie, Jana and Yianni, with another on the way.

## IOCC NAMES MARK STAVROPOULOS NEW BOARD CHAIRMAN



*Mark D. Stavropoulos*

Mark D. Stavropoulos of Troy, Michigan, a long-time member of Leadership 100 who served for many years on the Board of Trustees and Executive Committee and as Chairman of the Grant Committee, was named as the new chairman of the Board of Directors of International Orthodox Christian Charities (IOCC). He had served for many years on the IOCC Board and as Treasurer.

Stavropoulos, who also serves on the Board of Trustees and Executive Committee of Hellenic College/Holy Cross School of Theology, is an Archon of the Ecumenical Patriarchate. He is Managing Partner of both Eikos Holdings Stavropoulos Family Investments.

Stavropoulos assumes leadership of the IOCC board at a time when the organization continues to respond to the crisis in Syria, where IOCC works closely with the Greek Orthodox Patriarchate of Antioch and All the East to support one of the largest private humanitarian networks in the country. IOCC's emergency relief also extends to Syrian refugees and locally-affected populations in Lebanon, Jordan, Iraq and Armenia. To date, IOCC has assisted nearly two million people in the region, including over 1.6 million people inside Syria.

IOCC's global humanitarian reach also provides relief to beleaguered families in Greece where it has delivered more than \$10 million in assistance over the past year, and under Stavropoulos' leadership, aims to expand its health, education and water initiatives in Ethiopia, Uganda and Cameroon.

Stavropoulos and newly elected Vice-Chair, Presvytera Maria Z. Mossaides; Secretary, Thomas M. Suehs; and Treasurer, John V. Sobchak, will assume their duties in January 2015.



### APHRODITE SKEADAS HONORED AT THE CHRYSANTHEMUM BALL



(L to R) Katherine Moutoussis, Aphrodite Skeadas, Dr. Miranda Kofinas and Maria Marianakis.

Aphrodite G. Skeadas, a member of Leadership 100, was honored by the Archdiocesan Cathedral Philoptochos Society for her successful leadership of the 27,000-member Greek Orthodox Ladies Philoptochos Society for three terms, from 2008 to 2014, at the festive annual Chrysanthemum Ball on November 7, 2014.

The event, which supports the National Philoptochos Department of Social Services, also included the Young Professionals, chaired by Justin Bozonelis and Stephanie Pantelidis, also members of Leadership 100, which generated support for the Girls Educational & Mentoring Services (GEMS).

The program included remarks by Bishop Sebastian of Zela, Maria Logus, newly appointed President of the National Philoptochos Society, Catherine Moutoussis, President of the Archdiocesan Cathedral Philoptochos Society, Fr. John Vlahos, Dean of the Archdiocesan Cathedral of the Holy Trinity and Dr. Miranda Kofinas and Maria Marinakis, Ball Chairmen.

Skeadas, Past President of National Philoptochos, was credited with a vision of membership growth, extension of social services and national charities, and ecumenical outreach. Inspired by His All Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew, she initiated involvement on conservation policies through the creation of the Environmental Responsibility Committee. Skeadas also was credited with spearheading strategic planning, major fundraising to include assistance to Greece and Cyprus, promotion of social media and initiating a national program to purchase and house the new Philoptochos Center of Philanthropy.

She is a member of the Church of our Saviour in Rye, New York, with her husband, Peter James Skeadas, also a member of Leadership 100. The couple have a daughter, Constantina, and a son, Nicholas.

### STEPHEN CHERPELIS HONORED BY ST. MICHAEL'S HOME



(L to R) Efthalia Katos, MC, New York State Senate Majority Leader Dean Skelos, Bishop Andonios, Arete Cherpelis, Stephen Cherpelis, Archbishop Demetrios of America, and Haeda Mihaltses.

Stephen Cherpelis, a long-time member of Leadership 100, was honored with the 2014 Archangel Michael Award by St. Michael's Home at the Annual Name Day Gala on November 9, 2014, at the Metropolitan Club in New York City.

Cherpelis, joined by his wife, Arete, also a member of Leadership 100, was commended for his leadership in business and philanthropy and for his devoted support of the Greek Orthodox Church, the Greek American Community, and many contributions to local, national and international causes.

An Archon of the Ecumenical Patriarchate and 1st Vice President of the Archdiocesan Cathedral of the Holy Trinity, Cherpelis is a devoted member of St. Nicholas Church of Flushing, New York, where he and his wife were instrumental in the building of an expanded community center and school. He also served as Vice Chair of the New York Diocesan Council and fund raising chairman for the Ronald McDonald House.

A recipient of an honorary plaque from His All Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew for his role in the opening of the School of E.R.T.O. in Constantinople, and the St. Paul's Medal and Officiate of Reader from Archbishop Demetrios of America, Cherpelis contributed to the financing of the Greek Orthodox Church in Cuba. He assisted dozens of families to emigrate from war-torn Greece during World War II. He was also awarded the Ellis Island Medal of Honor.



## ARTHUR C. ANTON SR. HONORED FOR PHILANTHROPY



Arthur C. Anton, Sr.

Arthur C. Anton, Sr., a Founder and Chairman Emeritus of Leadership 100, was honored at Celebrate Giving!, an event of the Greater Lowell Community Foundation, at the Westford Inn & Conference Center in Westford, MA on September 18, 2014.

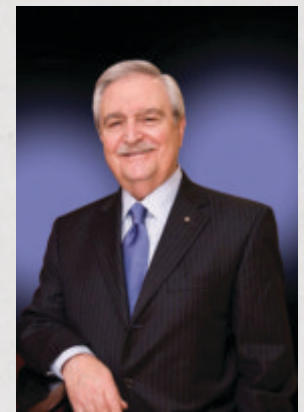
Anton was cited as an outstanding local business leader and philanthropist, with “a distinguished lifelong commitment to family, faith and community.” He was praised for his leadership as a former board member of the Lowell General Hospital, as past trustee of Boston University, his commitment to the Boys and Girls Club of Greater Lowell, the International Institute, and Goodwill Industries, among many other area nonprofits. His devotion to the Greek Orthodox Church and support of its mission was also cited.

George S. Tsandikos, Chairman of Leadership 100, in remarking on the honor, said that Anton was “a philanthropic pioneer and exemplary leader who was part of a small, dedicated group of dedicated Churchmen who had worked with Archbishop Iakovos of Blessed Memory to create the Archbishop Iakovos Leadership 100 Endowment Fund, now one of the preeminent charitable membership organizations in the nation.”

Among Anton’s long list of accomplishments are his service to the Annunciation Cathedral in Boston, Holy Trinity Church in Lowell and the Archdiocesan Council, the ruling body of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese, as well as to various other prestigious national committees and organizations. He is also an Archon of the Ecumenical Patriarchate.

## PANHELLENIC SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION AWARDS GREEK AMERICAN ACHIEVERS

The PanHellenic Scholarship Foundation, founded and chaired by prominent Chicago business leader and philanthropist, Chris P. Tomaras, a longtime member of Leadership 100, awarded \$250,000 in scholarship aid to 40 of the “best and brightest” Greek American students from across the USA on June 14, 2014. The students, all academic achievers, received scholarship awards at a ceremony attended by some 500 friends and supporters of the foundation at the International



Chris P. Tomaras

Ballroom of the Hilton Chicago. Of the 40 students, 20 with economic need received \$10,000 each, while another 20, from a more comfortable economic background, received \$2,500 each.

“It is with great pride that we offer these awards as we believe our young ‘stars’ deserve the recognition and encouragement while they receive meaningful support so that they can successfully continue their academic journey,” said Tomaras.

Pete Zervakis, as past recipient of the Foundation scholarship, was Master of Ceremonies. He gave an outline of the background and success of the organization, followed by an address and advice to students by the Foundation’s Executive Director, Yanni Valsamas. The Chairman of the Academic Committee, Dr. George Alexopoulos, described the academic excellence of all the candidates prior to the distributions of the awards.

The annual Paradigm Award was given to James D. Speros, Executive Vice President and Chief Creative Officer of Fidelity Investments, also a member of Leadership 100. He emphasized the importance of applying the values of Hellenism and Orthodoxy in advice to the scholarship recipients.

Following the success of **Hellenic Birthright**, a study abroad and cultural enrichment program sponsored by the Foundation with Anatolia College, for student who have never visited Greece before, Tomaras announced a new program with American College of Greece in Athens offered exclusively to all past and present PanHellenic scholarship recipients of a \$3,000 study abroad scholarship per student per semester. Students would be able to earn up to 15 transferrable credits per semester, while experiencing Greece’s culture and history.



## OCMC WOMEN'S RETREAT TO ALBANIA BY JUDGE MARINA CORODEMUS



*Judge Marina Corodemus, far right, OCMC mission team and Archbishop Anastasios.*

In early October of 2014, seven Orthodox American women, five Presbyteres and two lay church leaders, went to Albania to work with Orthodox Christian Mission Center (OCMC) professional missionaries. The goal was to meet, confer and share life experiences with Priftereshas (Priests Wives) of Albania. We were led by OCMC Team Leader Renee Ritsi. Our team included: Presbyteres Stephanie Panagos, from Connecticut, Joy Corona from California, Anna Lillios from Pennsylvania and Maggie Hock from Nebraska, and lay leaders Stella Wacker of New Jersey, Treasurer of the Metropolis of New Jersey Philoptochos, and me, also from New Jersey and a member of Leadership 100.

We seven women had never met each other, did not speak Albanian, and had no expectations other than a desire to serve God and answer a silent calling to go to Albania. So each woman, with her own charismas, went to help the OCMC missionaries. For me, coming from a traditional Greek Orthodox family, I was on a quest to discover if indeed we all were *μια ορθόδοξη οικογένεια* "One Orthodox Family."

We started our journey in the Albanian capital city of Tirana and were hosted for two nights by OCMC missionary persons who opened their own houses to us. There we saw and learned, from an American perspective, a quick initiation in Albanian culture, family, and Church history. During the day we were treated to visit the Orthodox Protagonist School, which recently graduated its first class of 12 full years, a new kindergarten of 120 children (of all faiths). We were then blessed to view the new Resurrection of Christ Orthodox Cathedral, which was opened in 2012 and is the third largest Orthodox Church in Europe.

Day three, we were driven toward the town of Durres, to the Resurrection Orthodox Theological Academy in Shen Vlash. This major complex contains several chapels, a church, theology school, dormitories for men and women, a dining

hall, classrooms, and the wonderful "House of Hope" for children. There all 7 women were housed in a most beautiful women's monastery, under the direction of one petite Orthodox nun, Motra (Sister) Rakela, who alone, runs the lovely monastery of "The Myrrh Bearing Women", which is adorned with vasilico plants, colorful flowers, and multiple sparrows singing. This became our Albania home with Sister Rakela, the sanctified Myrrh Bearing Women Chapel and the Theotokos to protect us.

For the next 5 days, we participated in two, 3 day programs, covering the roles and challenges of serving as Presbyteres, raising an Orthodox family, and Christian dispute resolution, including the social problems of human trafficking. From our Albania Sisters, we heard compelling stories of Orthodoxy being "underground" during the long dark era of communism, with churches having been destroyed and used as storage centers. In the last 20 years, resurrection has occurred, where the church has risen from the ashes of communism to a living, vibrant, exciting Orthodox church.

So many beautiful memories and friendships were developed with our brothers and sisters in Albania. Some of the most memorable to me were: (1) One afternoon, while we were awaiting the arrival of Bishop Asti, our Albanian sister broke into a spontaneous singing of village songs, followed by the American women answering in a Gospel song and then most miraculously, we all joined into a three language homage to the Theotokos, singing Agni Parthene Despina in Albanian, English, and Greek. What a rare privilege and blessing to experience Orthodox women, as sisters, coming together to praise the Theotokos.

The Second and more awesome experience, was the meeting, visiting, and interacting with His Beatitude Archbishop Anastasios. From the moment we landed in Albania, we heard Albanians speak about our "Blessed Archbishop." Each person placed their hopes, dreams, and unconditional faith in "our "Blessed Archbishop" who has led us, appointed Albanian clergy, teachers, and scholars, supported mothers, children and provided for a church of true believers. Again, I questioned if this could be true?

Seeing this Archbishop, and being in his charismatic presence was for me like meeting Abraham (Father of the Nation), Moses (leads his people toward freedom) and St Nicholas (who cares for his children). The answer was YES, all that the Albanian Orthodox people said of this Archbishop was true. They felt the pain of the unsubstantiated attacks leveled against him by non-believers, but reveled in the joy of successes the church had achieved because of him. We were each presented with a cross from His Beatitude, which has his emblem from St. John 12:24, "...unless a kernel of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains only a single seed. But if it dies, it produces many seeds." Here, in Albania, Archbishop Anastasios has cultured the garden of Orthodoxy and that must clearly be pleasing to God.

So for me, my personal question of whether "we are one Orthodox family" is answered by a resounding yes! And, I say, Glory to God, for allowing me to be His witness.



First Woman to Serve Leadership 100 Board Passes



Evanthea (“Eve”) N. Condakes, of Swampscott, MA, the first and longest-serving woman on the Leadership 100 Board of Trustees, passed away on September 12, 2014. She served from 1995 until 2009, first appointed by Archbishop Iakovos and subsequently elected. For several years she was the only woman to serve on the Board.

A wife, mother, businesswoman and noted philanthropist, Condakes was noted for her commitment to the Greek Orthodox Church and her inspired leadership beginning as a Sunday School teacher, a member of the local Philoptochos, President of the Annunciation Cathedral chapter of Daughters of Penelope and, most notably, as long-time National President of the Greek Orthodox Ladies Philoptochos.

During her business career as a senior executive with Avon Products, the internationally known cosmetics company, she made her first trip to Turkey and the Ecumenical Patriarchate, which began world travel with her husband, Leo, who passed away in 2009, and a life-long commitment to the Ecumenical Patriarchate and international causes.

Educated at Boston University and Marian College, where she received her degree and continued to serve as a trustee, she had been honored by the latter institution as a distinguished alumna for her dedicated service to underserved populations, particularly women, and for her commitment to social justice. She had received the Ellis Island Medal of Honor.

Timothy J. Maniatis, Longtime Consultant, Passes



*Tim Maniatis presents check to George D. Behrakis, Chairman, In December 2008, fulfilling his Leadership 100 commitment.*

Timothy (Tim) J. Maniatis, longtime member and consultant of Leadership 100, as well as to the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America, passed away on August 2, 2014. He was a well-known and respected organizer and leader in the Greek American Community.

Born in Pittsfield, MA, Maniatis received his B.S. in Economics from Illinois Wesleyan University, continuing his studies at Tufts University and Harvard University. He received an MBA from Boston University in 1966.

In 1977, Maniatis was appointed Executive Director of AHEPA, where he served for 15 years. As president of the AHEPA Centennial Foundation, he was instrumental in raising funds and overseeing the erection of the Tribute Statue in Atlanta’s Centennial Park in honor of the Atlanta Olympics. He was also instrumental in raising funds for the construction of the George C. Marshall Statue on the grounds of the US Embassy in Athens.

He managed more than 175 events throughout the United States and Europe and was actively involved with the Governments of Greece and Cyprus. He was an active member of AHEPA, The American Hellenic Institute, Leadership 100 and the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America. He also served as Executive Director of the National Hellenic Society. He was an Archon of the Ecumenical Patriarchate and a recipient of the Archdiocesan Medal of Saint Paul and The American Hellenic Institute’s Hellenic Heritage National Public Service Award.

Maniatis served on the Archdiocesan Council for 26 years and managed every Clergy-Laity Congress since 1984, as well as the visits of Ecumenical Patriarchs Dimitrios and Bartholomew. He managed the Leadership 100 Annual Conferences for 25 years.

His Eminence Archbishop Demetrios commented on his passing: “Tim was an outstanding co-worker, committed deeply to Hellenism and to his Faith, and assisted the Archdiocese for many years with his many skills. He would work behind the scenes and never take credit, always allowing others to shine.”

Leadership 100 Chairman George Tsandikos said: “Tim was an inseparable part of the life of Leadership 100, facilitating our annual conferences and contributing his managerial skills and organizational talents unselfishly. He will be missed.”

Maniatis leaves his wife, Stracie and daughters, Stephanie, Jenna and son-in-law, Alex.



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George Tsandikos signs foundation wall of Saint Nicholas National Shrine on behalf of Leadership 100.

A Ground Blessing ceremony for the Saint Nicholas National Shrine at the World Trade Center took place on October 18, 2014 at its site on Liberty Street, overlooking the National September 11 Memorial & Museum. As the only house of worship destroyed in the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001, the church is set to be rebuilt as a shrine by the end of 2016. Some 2,500 persons were in attendance.

The grounds for the National Shrine, designed by world-renowned architect Santiago Calabrava, were blessed in an "Aglamos" (Greek for sanctification) ceremony led by His Eminence Archbishop Demetrios of America. [read more](#)

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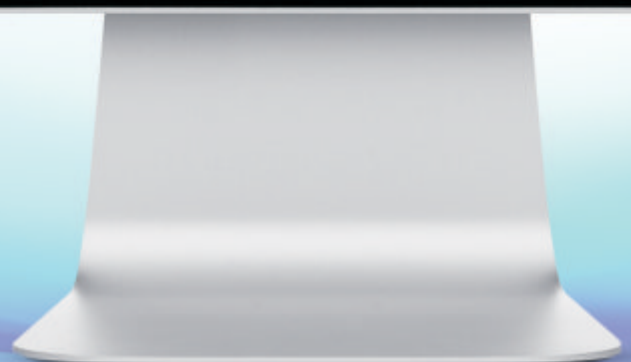
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