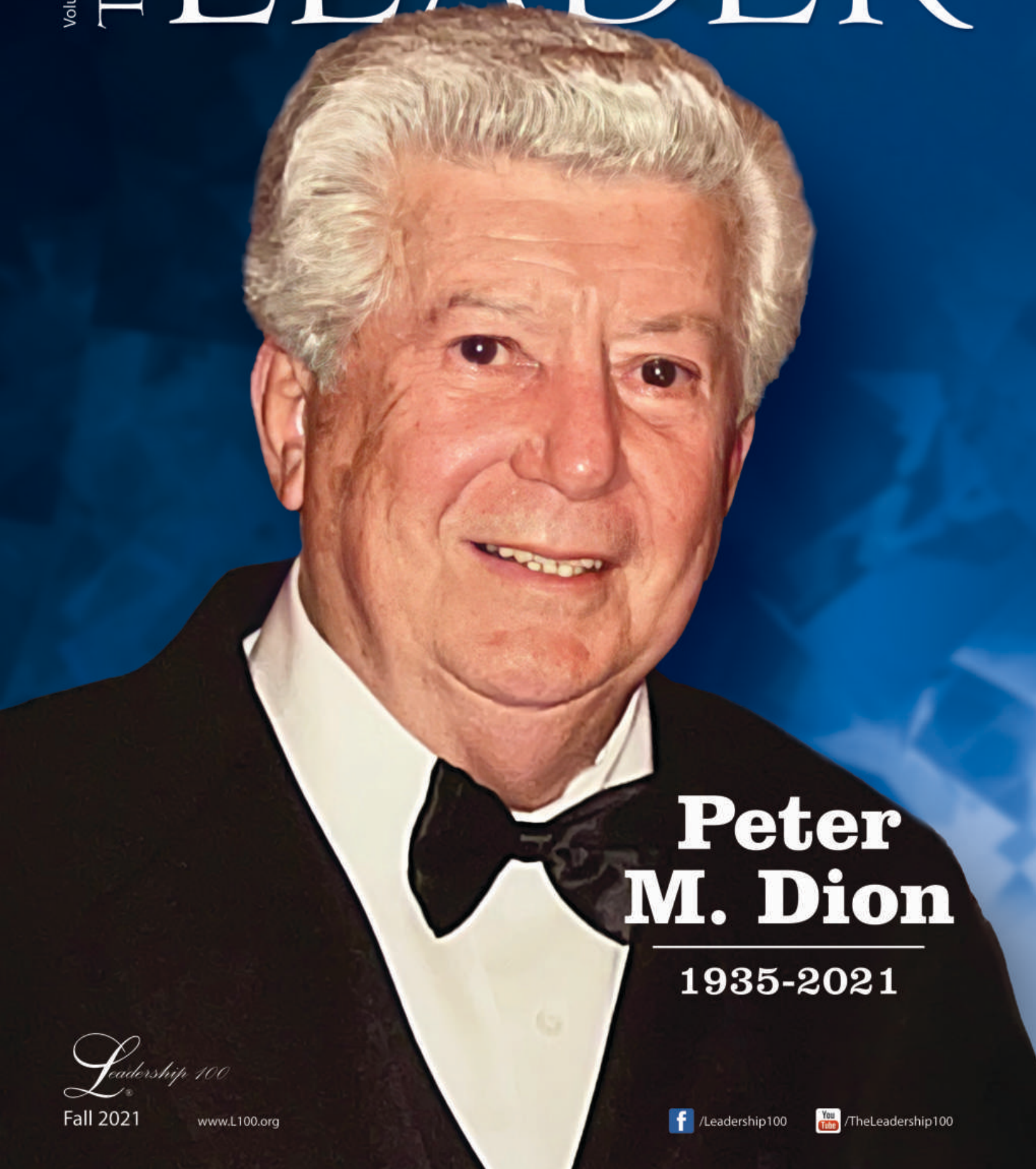


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MESSAGE FROM OUR CHAIRMAN



My Chairmanship will conclude at our 31st Annual Conference, which will be held February 10-13, 2022, at The Ritz-Carlton Naples in Naples, Florida. The torch was passed to me by my predecessor, George S. Tsandikos, at our 27th Annual Conference, which was held February 1-4, 2018, at The Ritz-Carlton Key Biscayne, Miami in Key Biscayne, Florida.

Having previously served four years as Vice Chairman, George set the tone for me as he was dealing daily with a challenging transition at our Archdiocese. I had no way of knowing that we would be dealing with an even more difficult transition in our Church and our Nation as we encountered the life changing Covid 19 pandemic.

At the time, George referred to the great benefit of the “sure foundation laid by our Founders,” referring to the two Founders then remaining, Arthur C. Anton and Peter M. Dion. Little did we know that we would lose both of those extraordinary men, whose wise counsel continues to guide us. We humbly honored Arthur by dedicating the Fall 2020 issue of *The Leader* to him, and we have dedicated this issue to our beloved Peter. May their memories be eternal!

Under Chairman Tsandikos we welcomed a new Archbishop whose relationship with Leadership 100 and direction of our Archdiocese was just beginning. I have been privileged to work closely with His Eminence Archbishop Elpidophoros and witness his tremendous support of Leadership 100 and his dynamic leadership of our Archdiocese.

We are proud to report that our organization is on a sound financial footing and is growing in membership while also increasing its distribution of grants. Like so many other organizations, businesses, governments and institutions, we were impacted both financially and personally by the pandemic, particularly at its height in early 2020. Owing to the dedication and hard work of our members, to the men and women with whom I have served these four years on the Executive Committee, the Board of Trustees, the Committees, and the Executive Director, Paulette Poulos, and the Leadership 100 staff, we recovered our losses and continued to grow.

Overall, the progress has been remarkable! In one of my first messages as Chairman in 2018 in *The Leader*, I noted that our grant distributions had exceeded \$50 million since our founding. Currently, they exceed \$65 million! Our membership then was 1,067. Today, it stands at 1,177. At the close of 2018, the investment portfolio had a value of \$84,599,990 with total assets at \$97,237,000. As of September 30, 2021, our investment portfolio has sustained its steady growth and stood at \$103 million with total assets of \$116 million.

I am grateful for the devotion and steadfast faith of our revered Archbishop and respected Metropolitans. I will forever treasure this time as a gift from God to serve you as we put our purpose and values into action.

I will also treasure the great privilege of serving as Chairman during the historic visit of His All Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew. Along with Paulette, who continued to keep things moving at our office while lending her extraordinary talents to help organize the events in New York, we witnessed firsthand the compassionate and wise attributes of our spiritual leader.

There is still work to be done before the transition to new leadership at our Grand Banquet in Naples, Florida. We will mark the Centennial of the founding of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America in 1922 at the upcoming Conference.

The speakers will include George Yancopoulos, MD, PhD, President and Chief Scientific Officer at Regeneron and Christos Kyratsous, PhD, Vice President of Research, Infectious Diseases and Viral Vector Technologies at Regeneron; Dr. Alexander Kitroeff, Professor, Department of History, Haverford College; Marianne and Dean Metropoulos, who wrote and produced *Cliffs of Freedom*, with a showing of the film, His Grace Bishop Andonios, who will present the plans for the new St. Michael's Home, and Theo Nicolakis, Director of Information Technologies at the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese. In addition, we are privileged to have with us Fr. Andreas Vithoulkas, Chancellor of the Archdiocese, who will speak to us on his newly appointed position as the Proistamenos (presiding priest) and Archiepiscopal Vicar of the St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church and National Shrine at the World Trade Center.

We wish you and your loved ones a Blessed Christmas and a New Year filled with good health, peace and happiness.

Looking forward to welcoming you at our 31st Annual Conference, I remain,

With warmest regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Argyris Vassiliou". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Argyris Vassiliou
Chairman

Dr. Alexander Kitroeff To Address History of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America



Dr. Alexander Kitroeff

Dr. Alexander Kitroeff, Professor of History at Haverford College in Haverford PA, will address the history of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America, on Thursday, February 10, 2022. Kitroeff was born in Athens, Greece in 1955 and completed high school and university studies in the United Kingdom. After doing national service in Greece, he moved to the United States in 1986 to pursue an academic career. He has taught at the Byzantine and Modern Greek Studies Center at Queens College, the Hellenic Studies Program at Princeton University, the History Department at Temple University, as well as the History Department and Onassis Center for Hellenic Studies at New York University. He began teaching at Haverford College in 1996.

He holds a B.A. from University of Warwick (1974), a M.A. from University of Keele (1979), and a D.Phil. from Oxford University (1984). His research and publishing focus on nationalism and ethnicity in modern Greece and its diaspora, and its manifestations across a broad spectrum, from politics to sports.

His books include: *The Greeks in Egypt, 1919-1937: Ethnicity & Class* London: Ithaca, 1989; *Griegos en América* Madrid: MAPFRE, 1992; *Wrestling with the Ancients: Modern Greek Identity and the Olympics* New York: Greekworks, 2004; *Ελλάς, Ευρώπη Παναθηναϊκός! 100 Χρονία Ελληνική Ιστορία* New York: Greekworks, 2010; *The Greeks and the Making of Modern Egypt* Cairo: American University in Cairo Press, 2019; and *The Greek Orthodox Church in America: a Modern History* Northern Illinois & Cornell University Press, 2020.

Dr. Kitroeff collaborates with film director Maria Iliou as the principal historical consultant in four documentaries: *The Journey: the Greek Dream in America* (2007); *Smyrna 1922: the Destruction of a Cosmopolitan City* (2012); *From Both Sides of the Aegean: Expulsions & Population Exchange, Turkey-Greece 1922-1924* (2013); and *Αγαπημένη Θεία Λένα: το Έργο και η Ζωή της Αντιγόνης Μεταξά* (2017). Their current project is a 5-part history of the city of Athens, from 1821 to the present. Part 1, "Athens Between East & West, 1821-1896" premiered in February 2020 at the Benaki Museum in Athens.

George D. Yancopoulos and Christos Kyratsous To Address Friday Forum



Dr. George D. Yancopoulos

George D. Yancopoulos, MD, PhD, and Christos Kyratsous, PhD, will address the Friday Forum, February 11, 2022, on their pioneering research to combat Covid-19. Yancopoulos is the Co-Founder of Regeneron and has been President and Chief Scientific Officer of the company for the past 30 years. He is the holder of more than 100 patents. He is a principal inventor and developer of Regeneron's nine FDA-approved medicines and foundational technologies for target and drug development. He has spearheaded Regeneron's program to address the Covid-19 pandemic with an investigational antibody cocktail.

The son of Greek immigrants, he graduated as valedictorian of both Columbia College and the Bronx High School of Science. He received his MD and PhD degrees in 1987 from Columbia University's College of



Christos Kyratsous, Ph.D.

Physicians & Surgeons and became a professor of biology at age 28.

Christos Kyratsous, Vice President of Research, Infectious Diseases and Viral Vector Technologies at Regeneron, heads its infectious diseases research team, and leads one of the most advanced efforts to design a drug that can treat and prevent Covid-19. He received his B.Sc. in Pharmaceutical Sciences from Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, and a Ph.D. in Microbiology from Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons.

A native of Greece, he and his team previously developed a therapy for Ebola patients - a drug that proved so effective in reducing mortality in a clinical trials that the study came to an early close.

Marianne and Dean Metropoulos to Address Saturday Forum



Marianne and Dean Metropoulos

Marianne and Dean Metropoulos, both longtime members of Leadership 100, will address the Saturday Forum on February 12,

2022, on their experiences in producing their timely film, *Cliffs of Freedom*, which will be shown after the presentation. A true passion project for Executive Producer and Co-writer Marianne Metropoulos, and for Dean, also an Executive Producer, the film was developed over several years as a story that would bring the Greek War for Independence alive for modern audiences. The film opened in US theatres in 2019 and to celebrate the Bicentennial of Greece's Revolutionary War in 2021, the National Hellenic Society (NHS), of which they are also members recently announced that it had completed the acquisition of all rights to this film, and it has been streamed on major platforms, including Amazon Prime, Apple, and Google Play, beginning on September 13, 2021.

“As a proud Greek American,” explains Marianne Metropoulos, “I wanted to produce a feature film depicting Greece’s fight for freedom after 400 years of occupation by the Ottoman Turks. This pivotal period in Greece’s history is less known to many, and it tells of the Greeks’ commitment and perseverance to achieve freedom or choose death rather than to live enslaved.”

Cliffs of Freedom is a historical drama romance movie based on and inspired by a novel written by Marianne Metropoulos, *Daughter of Destiny*. The novel served as the springboard to the film produced by Marianne and Dean Metropoulos with Marianne serving as co-writer of the screenplay.

Starring in the film are Tania Raymonde, Jan Uddin, Raza Jaffrey, with Patti LuPone and Christopher Plummer. It is directed by Van Ling, written by Van Ling and Marianne Metropoulos & Kevin Bernhardt and produced by Casey Cannon and Marianne Metropoulos. In addition, the picture showcases several actors of Greek descent, including Billy Zane, Simon Kassianides and Costas Mandorist. It is an Aegean Entertainment Production.



During the Greek War for Independence against the Ottoman Empire, *Cliffs of Freedom* blends ageless themes of hope, love and sacrifice with a timely narrative about one woman’s struggle to overcome oppression and shape her own destiny. An epic adventure in the tradition of *Dr. Zhivago*, *Braveheart* and *The Last of the Mohicans*, the film leverages historical context to pose contemporary questions about the meaning of family, the limits of patriotism, the dangers of intolerance and the price of freedom. “The two most important elements of my story,” says Marianne Metropoulos, “are the love and loyalty given to family; to honor their memory even at the cost of one’s own future happiness, and to realize and accept that even historic enemies can bridge religious, cultural and language differences which separate and drive hatred and war.”

Marianne Metropoulos is president and principal of a film production company, Aegean Entertainment. Charles Dean Metropoulos is the founder and head of Metropoulos & Co. a family-owned "buy-build" investment firm focused on consumer brands. He is a founding member and former president of Faith: An Endowment for Orthodoxy and Hellenism.

Bishop Andonios to Present Plans for St. Michael's Home At Thursday Forum



Bishop Andonios of Phasiane

His Grace Bishop Andonios of Phasiane will speak on the plans for a new St. Michael's Home facility at the Thursday Forum, February 10, 2022. His Grace was elected on December 11, 2001, by the Holy and Sacred Synod of the Ecumenical Patriarchate of Constantinople as an Auxiliary Bishop of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America. He was given the title of Bishop of Phasiane, an ancient Diocese in Pontus, the birthplace of his grandparents. He received a MDiv with Distinction from Holy Cross School of Theology in 1979. He served for four and a half years as Deacon to Archbishop Iakovos until December 3, 1989, when he was ordained to the Holy Priesthood.

Following his ordination, he continued to serve in both the Office of the Archbishop and the Office of the Chancellery and was Assistant Chancellor and Personnel Director of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of North and South America. He served the parish of Zoodohos Peghe in the Bronx from 1992 to 1995.

In 1996, he was appointed Director of St. Michael's Home in Yonkers, NY. In June 2000, Archbishop Demetrios appointed him to the new position of Director of the Archdiocesan Department of Philanthropy.

Archbishop Demetrios of America, in consultation with the Holy Eparchial Synod, appointed His Grace to be the Chancellor of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America, effective October 1, 2009.

He retired in 2019, promising to devote himself to the completion of St. Michael's Home, an adult care facility and assisted living/retirement home for the aging Greek American community.

A Resolution of Thanks and Appreciation by the Archdiocesan Council on May 10, 2019, expressed "its deepest gratitude and most sincere appreciation to His Grace Bishop Andonios of Phasiane for his broad and most dedicated service to the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese."

Fr. Andreas Vithoukas, Chancellor of the Archdiocese, To Speak on Role As Presiding Priest and Archiepiscopal Vicar of the St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church and National Shrine at the World Trade Center



Fr. Andreas Vithoukas

The Reverend Protopresbyter Andreas Vithoukas, Chancellor of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America will speak on his newly appointed position as the Proïstamenos (presiding priest) and Archiepiscopal Vicar of the St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church and National Shrine at the World Trade Center. He will address the Friday breakfast , February 11, 2022.

Father Andreas graduated in 1994 from Hellenic College (with distinction) with a BA in Religious Studies. In 1998, he graduated from Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology, receiving a M.Div. (with high distinction). He was ordained to the Diaconate and Priesthood in 2007 and was immediately appointed

Assistant to the Chancellor of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America, Bishop Savas of Troas, now Metropolitan of Pittsburgh.

In 2014 he was awarded the rank of Economos and in 2017 that of Protopresbyter. Between the years 2007 and 2019, he served as Assistant Priest and Presiding Priest in three parishes, the Cathedral of St. Paul, Hempstead, NY, Holy Trinity Church, Bridgeport, CT, and Church of the Holy Resurrection, Brookville, NY. In 2020, he was appointed Presiding Priest of St. George Greek Orthodox Church in Manhattan, NY.

In 2019, Archbishop Elpidophoros of America appointed him Chancellor of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America and he continues to serve in that position to this day.

On August 25, 2021, His Eminence Archbishop Elpidophoros of America formally announced his appointment to be the Proïstamenos and Archiepiscopal Vicar of the Saint Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church and National Shrine at the World Trade Center.

On November 2, 2021, His All Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew awarded him the rank of Protopresbyter of the Ecumenical Throne during the Special Service of Blessing and Opening of the Doors at the Saint Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church and National Shrine at the World Trade Center.

Theo Nicolakis, Chief Information Officer, to Speak on Modernizing Archdiocesan Technology and Digital Transformation at Opening Forum



Theo Nicolakis

Theo Nicolakis, Chief Information Officer for the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America, will speak on Modernizing Archdiocesan Technology

and Digital Transformation at the Opening Forum on Thursday, February 10, 2022.

Nicolakis spearheads the technology leadership for the Archdiocese. He created the award-winning goarch.org web site; designed the Online Chapel; enabled the first live Internet webcasts of Greek Orthodox Church services in the USA; was responsible for the creation of the Daily Readings mobile app and the GOARCH TV app for AppleTV, Roku, and Amazon Fire.

Nicolakis has been tapped to oversee the digital communications and technology operations for six international events for Ecumenical Patriarch

Bartholomew including the 2014 meeting with Pope Francis in Jerusalem and served as CIO of the Great and Holy Council in Crete in 2016. Nicolakis has advanced the engagement of Orthodox Christians with the Scriptures. He was responsible for development of the Children's Bible Reader for Orthodox Youth, the Orthodox Christian Bible for the Archdiocesan Camping Programs, and the first ever Orthodox Christian Military Bible for our service men and women. Nicolakis currently serves on the Board of Directors for the American Bible Society and served as President of St. Barbara Greek Orthodox Church in Orange, CT.

He received the MDiv degree from Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology in 1996 and an MA in Management Systems from New York University in 2005.

Apostolic Visit of His All Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew



Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew at the Thyranoixia (Opening of the Doors) of Saint Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church and National Shrine.

His All-Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew concluded a triumphant two-week Apostolic Visit to the United States on November 7, 2021 that included the Thyranoixia (Opening of the Doors) of Saint Nicholas Church and National Shrine, a meeting with President Biden, Ecumenical and Interfaith meetings in Washington and New York, the Investiture of 53 new Archons, numerous meeting with Orthodox faithful, Seminarians, Priests, Bishops and Metropolitans, and the celebration of his 30th Anniversary on the Throne of St. Andrew.

The spiritual leader of the world's Eastern Orthodox Christians gave his formal blessing at a ceremonial door opening Tuesday, November 2 at the impressive shrine that has replaced a small parish church destroyed during the Sept. 11, 2001 terrorist attacks in New York City.

Tuesday's ceremony also marked the 30th anniversary of his Enthronement as Ecumenical Patriarch, the longest reign of any patriarch on record.

“We stand here today on this hallowed ground at the World Trade Center, where the world changed in a cruel and terrible moment 20 years ago,” he said. “This sacred ground of the American experience is where the Orthodox Christian faith will take the lead in manifesting to the world that good is mightier than evil, that there is life beyond death and that love will always triumph over hate.”

His All Holiness arrived in the United States on Oct. 23 for a busy itinerary that included a White House visit with President Joe Biden, meeting with Secretary of State Tony Blinken, Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi and other government officials.



Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew at Blessing with Metropolitan Emmanuel of Chalcedon (left) and Archbishop Elpidophoros (right) inside sanctuary of Saint Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church and National Shrine. To the right of the Archbishop are Dennis Mehiel and Michael Psaros, Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Friends of St. Nicholas. Both are members of Leadership 100. Psaros serves on the Board of Trustees.



Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew with US President Joseph Biden in Oval Office of White House.

During the visit the Patriarch called for a strong response to climate change and for religious freedom and cooperation, and he drew attention to the plight of Turkey’s small minority Orthodox community, renewing calls for the reopening of the Orthodox seminary at Halki, that has been closed by the country’s government.

He received an honorary doctorate at the University of Notre Dame in Indiana, a recognition of his efforts at improving Catholic-Orthodox ties, and the American Jewish Committee’s Human Dignity Award.

At his departure on November 7, His All Holiness said, “We leave you with a heart filled with paternal affection and the same commandment we imparted nearly a quarter of a century ago: ‘Love one another. There is no greater gift you can give to our Lord Jesus Christ. There is no greater gift you can give to your children. There is no greater gift you can give to each other... than love.’ And so, as we bid you farewell, we leave you with a heart filled by your love, and we commend all of you to the love of God. May His love, peace and hope fill your hearts unto overflowing.”

His Eminence Archbishop Elpidophoros, who accompanied His All Holiness during the historic trip, reflected on the visit in his Encyclical for the National Day of Thanksgiving.

“I note with great satisfaction and thankfulness the recent Apostolic Visit of His All-Holiness our Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew...His Thirty Years on the Patriarchal Throne should surely be cause for us all to give thanks unto the Lord, for we have had the unprecedented opportunity to have such a long tenure of such a holy man. The advances in the preaching and the teaching of the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ under His All-Holiness are truly remarkable; for he has spared no effort of his office, and no labor of body, mind and spirit, to steer the Sacred Ship of the Orthodox Church through some of the most difficult to navigate waters in recent history. As Eastern Europe emerged from the ravages of Communism and Atheism (ravages that still gravely impact these lands), His All-Holiness has manifested wisdom and prudence, as he guides the Church aright.”



Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew presents an Icon to Paulette Poulos, Executive Director of Leadership 100, at a luncheon for Clergy, Presvyteres and students of Hellenic College and seminarians of Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology (HCHC) in New York City, on October 30, 2021, in acknowledgement of the generosity of Leadership 100, whose programs support the well-being of Clergy and their families, the students and seminarians of HCHC, and other ministries of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America.

Michael Psaros Family Establishes Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew Orthodox Chaplaincy at Georgetown University with a 3-million-dollar donation promoting Interfaith Unity

On October 25, 2021, at a dinner at Georgetown University held in honor of His All Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew, Archon Michael Psaros announced the establishment of the Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew Endowed Orthodox Chaplaincy at Georgetown University, endowed by the Psaros family with a 3-million-dollar donation promoting Interfaith Unity.

The chaplaincy will support a full-time Orthodox chaplain to serve the pastoral and spiritual needs of the university's growing Orthodox Christian student community. The chaplaincy endowment is the first fully endowed chaplain's position in the university's Campus Ministry program.

His All Holiness stated: "This new chair will in the years to come provide ongoing energy to our ecumenical work of reconciliation and mutual understanding. This is because Georgetown is more than a foundational and exemplary academic institute. Georgetown is a microcosm of the world and how we choose to interpret it."

In remarks announcing the Endowment, Archon Psaros said: "Today, on this historic visit by His All Holiness to Georgetown University, my family is honored and humbled to announce the creation of 'The Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew Endowed Orthodox Chaplaincy, Endowed by the Michael Psaros Family.' The Orthodox Ministry at Georgetown will now last forever."

"It is fitting," Archon Psaros added, "that Georgetown University is now in possession of a true Patriarchal Seat, in the name of Bartholomew. His All Holiness is the longest serving Ecumenical Patriarch in history, and the greatest in modern history. The creation of this Patriarchal Seat is also in recognition of the recent 30th anniversary of His All-Holiness' momentous Enthronement."

Fr. David Pratt, Georgetown's Orthodox Christian chaplain, noted that the endowment is "fitting to Georgetown's long-standing commitment to serving Orthodox students. As the Orthodox Chaplain at the oldest Jesuit, Catholic University, I was honored to witness the Ecumenical Patriarch's symbolic visit to our chapel, and to be part of his advocacy for interreligious dialogue and greater cooperation among people of faith. The endowment also brings fresh attention to the importance of ministering to the spiritual needs of



Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew with Michael Psaros in Copley Crypt at Georgetown University in Washington, D.C.

students and their formation as genuine Christian leaders for the future."

Archon Michael Psaros is a Co-Founder and Co-Managing Partner of KPS Capital Partners, LP. He has served as the Treasurer of the Holy Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of North America and currently serves on its Archdiocesan Council. He is also a founding member of FAITH: An Endowment for Orthodoxy and Hellenism, serves on the Board of Trustees of Leadership 100, the Executive Board of The Hellenic Initiative, and is a member of AHEPA. Archon Psaros is a member of the National Council of the Order of St. Andrew and the Treasurer of the Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew Foundation. Psaros, a graduate of Georgetown University, now serves on the university's Board of Directors, and is Vice Chairman of the Executive Board of Advisors of Georgetown University's McDonough School of Business and the Board of Advisors of the Georgetown University Center for Financial Markets and Policy.

Psaros' gift complements the \$250,000 gift he made in 2019 to renovate Copley Crypt, the campus sacred space where Orthodox Christian vespers, liturgies and Catholic Masses are held. This gift included funding for the sacred Icons and Iconostasis in the crypt.

His All Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew, spiritual leader of the world's 300 million Orthodox Christians, has worked steadfastly to advance reconciliation among Christian Churches and the Roman Catholic Church, unity among the Orthodox Churches, and dialogue among Christians, Muslims and Jews.

Nineteen Members of Leadership 100 Invested as Archons by His All-Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew

His All-Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew, in the presence of His Eminence Archbishop Elpidophoros of America, presided at the Investiture of eighteen new Archons of the Class of 2020 and thirty-five from the Class of 2021, from throughout the United States, following the Divine Liturgy at the Archdiocesan Cathedral of the Holy Trinity, on Sunday, October 31, 2021. The new Archons have dedicated themselves to the protection and defense of the Mother Church of Constantinople. Nineteen are members of Leadership 100, nine in the Class of 2020 and ten in the Class of 2021.



Class of 2020. (Photo by J. Mindala)

His All-Holiness told the new Archons of the Class of 2020: “We observe that the titles of Archons conferred on you and henceforth borne by you, represent significant public and ecclesiastical ministries and offices in the history of the Eastern Roman Empire and our Orthodox Church. They presuppose education, legal knowledge, diplomacy, linguistic skills, high intelligence and, above all else, devotion to the sacred mission of the Church and our People’s sacred traditions.”

To the Class of 2021, he stated:

“Honorable Archons, you are from this moment appointed guardians of the sacred traditions of our Church and the noble values of our Nation. In your person, you combine piety and nobility, modesty and creativity, an ecclesiastical attitude and spirit of service, loyalty to Tradition and a spirit of modernity by offering so much to society, economy, science, progress and civilization. We are certain that this honor bestowed upon you today by the Ecumenical Patriarchate will release within you renewed energy to support fresh activities.”

The National Commander of the Order of Saint Andrew the Apostle, Dr. Anthony J. Limberakis, said: “The Archons represent the nobility of the Church, both in Byzantine and modern times, and with this noble characterization is associated an extraordinary responsibility, noblesse oblige, to continue sustained and distinguished service to the Church. It is the Archon who is the most ardent supporter of the Ecumenical Patriarchate and serves as a goodwill ambassador of the Phanar in his daily life.”

Because of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Investiture of the new Archons of the Class of 2020 was postponed last year. At the 2020 Archon Weekend, which was held virtually, Dr. Limberakis explained that the investiture had to be conducted in person, as it was akin to an Ordination, a solemn commitment on the part of the new members to commit themselves to the Holy Great Church of Christ with all their heart, soul, mind, and strength.

To the Class of 2021, Dr. Limberakis, said: “The Archon of the Great Church of Christ is a Defender of the Faith and as such is expected to demonstrate leadership in the support of his local Parish, Diocese/Metropolis, Archdiocese and, most importantly, the Ecumenical Patriarchate. To the Archon Class of 2021, we offer our heartfelt congratulations.”

During the solemn Archon Investiture service, His All-Holiness presented each Archon with the Cross of St. Andrew along with the official Patriarchal Certificate specifying the Offikion designated by His All-Holiness for each Archon.

Archons invested in the Class of 2020. Asterisk indicates member of Leadership 100.

1. *Frank Demetrios Catrickes, Archon Kastrinsios, Watertown, MA, Financial Management Consultant
2. Hon. Jeffrey George Chrones, Archon Dikaiophylax, Chicago, IL, Judge, Chicago Circuit Court
3. Dimitrios Georgakopoulos, Archon Orphanotrophos, Weston, MA, Financial Management Consultant
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6. Mark George Moraitakis, Archon Ekdikos, Atlanta, GA, Executive Director, Chick-fil-A Corporation
7. Anastasios George Papademetriou, Archon Didaskalos Tou Genous, Egg Harbor, NJ, Director of the Center for Hellenic Studies, Stockton University
8. *Nicholas Papain, Esq., Archon Nomophylax, Plandome, NY, Attorney
9. George J. Razis, Esq., Archon Nomodotis, Sands Point, NY, Attorney
10. James George Rockas, Archon Ostiaros, Peabody, MA, Director of Strategy and Global Government Affairs, American Center for Law and Justice
11. Terry Sarantou, MD, Archon Hartouliarios, Charlotte, NC, Surgical Oncologist
12. Michael Seremetis, Archon Skevophylax, Brooklyn, NY, U. S. Secret Service, New York Field Office Director, Retired



Class of 2021 (Photo by J. Mindala)

13. *Paul Peter Skoutelas, Archon Referendarios, Washington, DC, Chief Executive Officer, American Public Transport Association
 14. *Stavro George Soussou, Archon Hartophylax, Tenafly, NJ, Executive Vice President, Cimmaron International Corporation
 15. *John Thibault, Archon Exarchos, Lowell, MA, Executive, Software Development Industry
 16. Nicholas John Tranto, Archon Protekdikos, Weirton, WV, Executive, U.S. Treasury, Internal Revenue Service, Retired
 17. *Christopher Paul Tsavoussis, Archon Laosynaktis, Nassau, Bahamas and Clearwater, FL, Family Investments
 18. *Theodore Homer Vagelos, Archon Eftaxios, Boca Raton, FL, Executive, Telecommunications Industry
- Archons invested in the Class of 2021: Asterisk indicates member of Leadership 100.
1. *Nicholas Anagnostopoulos, Archon Hartouliarios, West Nyack, NY, Real Estate Management and Investor
 2. *Soterios Theodore Argeroplos, Archon Eftaxias, Ellicott City, MD, AMA Systems CEO/Founder, Point Redemption Fulfillment and Global Trade
 3. Hon. Alex Michael Azar, Archon Aktouarios, Washington, DC, Antiochian Orthodox Jurisdiction, 24th U.S. Secretary of Health and Human Services (2018–2021)
 4. Nicholas Mtanios Azar, Archon Orphanotrophos, Casper, WY, Petroleum Industry Executive
 5. George Kostas Bovis, MD, Archon Ostiaros, Rochester, MN, Neurosurgeon
 6. Richard T. Browne, Archon Referendarios, Westchester, NY, CEO Construction Management, Saint Nicholas Shrine
 7. *Spyros Catechis, PhD, Archon Maistor, Houston, TX, Education Consultant
 8. Hon. Steven George Counelis, Archon Nomophylax, Anaheim, CA, Judge, California Superior Court
 9. Michael Efthimios Economou, Archon Skevophylax, Upper Darby, PA, Electronic Systems Design and Maintenance
 10. John George Gumas, Archon Hartophylax, San Francisco, CA, Advertising and Interactive Marketing Executive
 11. Elias Anthony Iliadis, MD, Archon Exarchos, Cherry Hill, NJ, Physician Cardiologist
 12. Theodore Michael Kakoyiannis, Esq., Archon Dikaiophylax, New York, NY, Attorney

13. *Constantine James Kalaris, Archon Laosynaktis, Annapolis, MD, Kalaris Family Vineyards
14. Ilias Katsos, Archon Depoutatos, Southampton, NY, Construction Management Consultant
15. Dennis Demosthenes Kokenes, MD, Archon Asingritis, Charlotte, NC, Physician Gastroenterologist
16. *Demetrios Kokotas, Archon Referendarios, Brooklyn, NY, Supreme President, Order of AHEPA
17. Steve Sava Kontos, Archon Notarios, Tenafly, NJ, Kontos Food Products
18. Hon. Michael John Kotsakas Kratsios, Archon Kastrinsios, Washington, DC, U.S. Chief Technology Officer (2019–2021), U.S. Acting Under Secretary of Defense Research and Engineering (2020–2021)
19. Kyriacos Charles Kyriacou, Esq., Archon Ekdikos, Los Angeles, CA, Attorney
20. *Angelo Harry Magafan, Archon Laosynaktis, Washington, DC, Real Estate Investor
21. *Vasilios Mathews, MD, Archon Referendarios, Houston, TX, Orthopedic Surgeon
22. *Pantelis Michalos, MD, Archon Aktouarios, Southampton, NY, Ophthalmologist
23. George K. Moutis, Archon Hartophylax, Ocean City, NJ, Construction Management Consultant
24. Petros Neomanitakis, Archon Hartouliarios, Brooklyn, NY, Real Estate Investor
25. Dean George Pappas, Esq., Archon Protekdikos, Houston, TX, Attorney
26. *Fotios Piniros, Archon Protonotarios, Rye, NY, Private Wealth Advisor
27. George G. Harry Poulon, Archon Depoutatos, Brooklyn, NY, Civil Engineer
28. Gregory Saad, Archon Nomodotis, Mobile, AL, Real Estate Investments, Commercial and Industrial Brokerage and Development
29. Anis Nicola Shamiyeh, Esq., Archon Notarios, Walnut Creek, CA, Palestinian and Jordanian Orthodox Vicariate Attorney
30. Demetrios Gregory Skedros, MD, Archon Maistor, Salt Lake City, UT, Otolaryngology Surgeon
31. George John Spanos, Archon Ostiaros, Camp Hill, PA, Information Technology Executive
32. *Col. Michael Leonidas Therianos, Jr., Archon Asingritis, Colorado Springs, CO, U.S. Air Force, Retired
33. Stephen Donald Tibbs, Archon Orphanotrophos, Irvine, CA, Strategic Planning Consultant
34. Chris Evan Tsamutalis, CPA, Archon Skevophylax, Tenafly, NJ, Certified Public Accountant
35. Chris Vasilakis, MD, Archon Imnodos, Morgantown, WV, Orthopedic Surgeon

Archon Isidoros Garifalakis Appointed Archon Regional Commander for the Pacific Northwest



Archon Isidoros Garifalakis

On September 27, 2021, with the blessings of His Eminence Archbishop Elpidophoros of America, and in

consultation with His Eminence Metropolitan Gerasimos of San Francisco, Dr. Anthony J. Limberakis, National Commander of the Order of Saint Andrew the Apostle, appointed Archon Isidoros Garifalakis Regional Commander for the Order in the Pacific Northwest. He and his wife, Maria, are also fulfilled members of Leadership 100.

His Eminence Archbishop Elpidophoros stated, “This is an excellent appointment. Archon Isidoros Garifalakis is a true disciple of the best Teacher: our Lord Jesus Christ. He has demonstrated over the years that he practices our faith with sincerity of heart and honest intention. Through the holy intercessions of the Theotokos, may he receive grace upon grace as he continues to love and serve our holy Mother Church of Constantinople.”

“It has been my honor to serve the Order and our Mother Church for the past 17 years as an Archon of the

Ecumenical Patriarchate,” remarked Archon Garifalakis. “I accept this new responsibility as Regional Commander with gratitude, and with deep commitment to further the mission of the Order. It is my goal to explore new opportunities for the Archons in the Pacific Northwest while mobilizing and bringing greater awareness to our efforts as Defenders of the Faith.”

A parishioner of the Holy Trinity Cathedral in Portland, Oregon, Archon Garifalakis was invested as Archon on October 10, 2004, and conferred with the offikion Depoutatos.

Archon Garifalakis is the principal owner of Omega Industries, headquartered in Vancouver, Washington, where he operates the largest main line railroad crossing supplier in the United States. He is a member of the Metropolis Council for the Metropolis of San Francisco, where he chairs the Fundraising and Development Committee. He and his family are generous supporters of their parish in Portland, of the Saint John the Forerunner Monastery in Goldendale, WA, and Saint Nicholas Ranch and Retreat Center in Dunlap, CA. Archon Garifalakis currently serves as a member of the Archdiocesan Council, a position he has held for several years.

Inaugural Class of Senators for Orthodoxy and Hellenism Inducted

His Eminence Elder Metropolitan Emmanuel of Chalcedon presided over the Pan-Orthodox Liturgy at Saint Sophia Cathedral in Washington, DC on October 24, 2021, inducting the Inaugural class of Senators for Orthodoxy and Hellenism.

During the service, His Eminence Archbishop Elpidophoros, who instituted the Senators in 2020, stated: “Your Eminence, these devout men and women before You today are stewards of varying ministries within the Church. But all have produced ‘hundredfold’ through their harvests of leadership. They bow their heads to receive Your blessing for them to continue their service to this Eparchy and to the Great Church of Christ. As they serve in a capacity as ex-officio members of the Archdiocesan Council, their counsel and guidance are invaluable. We humbly ask that You bestow upon them your archpaternal benediction, so that in good health and spiritual prosperity, they may continue to minister to the Body of Christ.”

Archbishop Elpidophoros has created the special advisory body, called, “Senators for Orthodoxy and Hellenism” to bring both mentorship for the new generation, with their energy, innovative ideas and creative thinking, and the steadfastness of the senior generation. The aim of this prestigious Senate will be to advise the Archbishop, the Holy Eparchial Synod and the Archdiocesan Council on various matters concerning the Archdiocese and its continued sound operation for the betterment of our Church and the welfare of its plenitude, especially with the commencement of the monumental task of drafting a new Charter that will meet the ever-growing modern day pastoral needs of the devout faithful, and propel our Church in America into its next historic and illustrious centenary chapter.



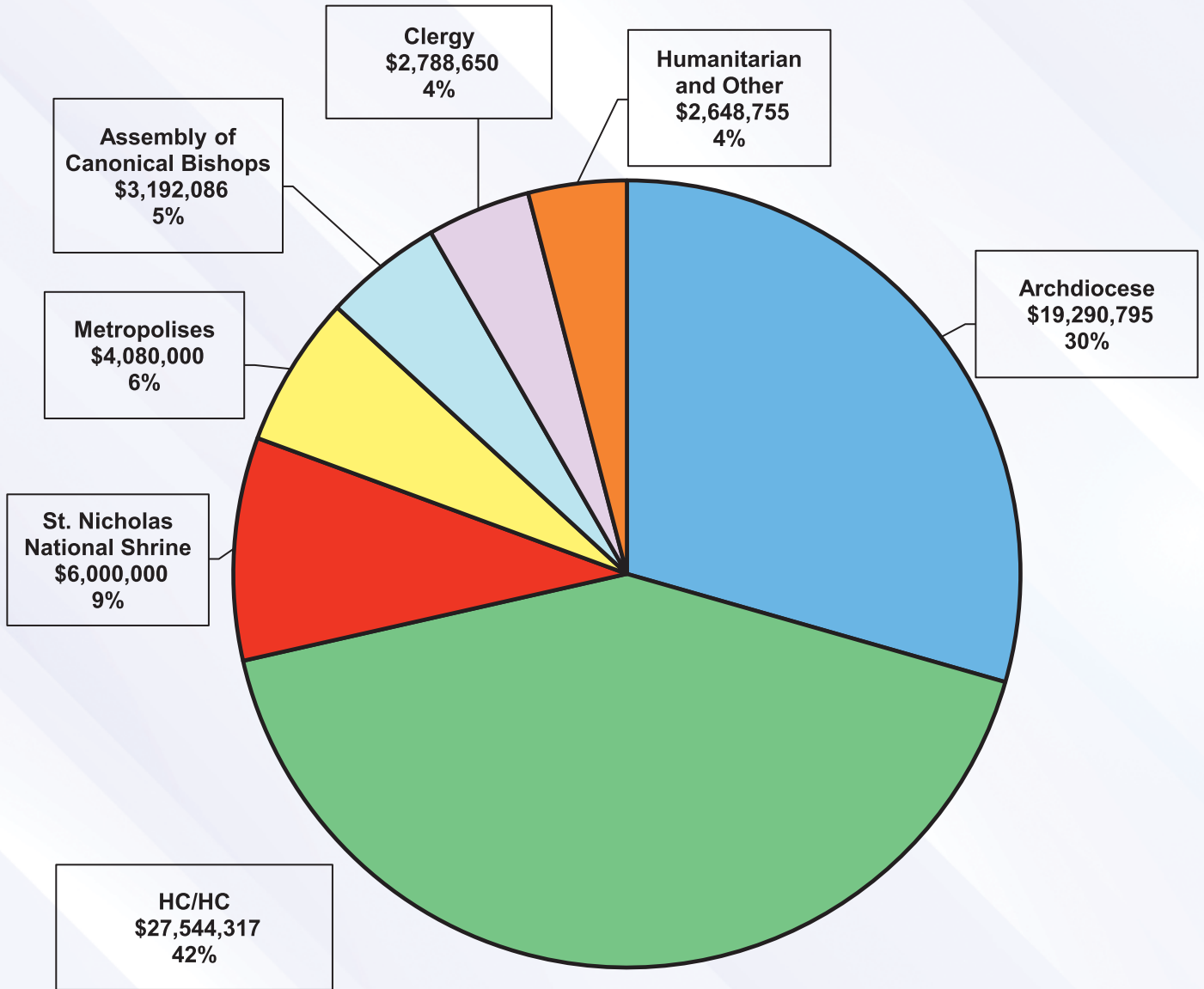
Archbishop Elpidophoros of America and Metropolitan Emmanuel of Chalcedon, center, preside at Induction of Senators for Orthodoxy and Hellenism. Inductees to the left include Fred Chapekas, Fr. Alexander Leondis, and Dr. Stamatios V. Kartalopoulos, a member of Leadership 100. Inductees to the right include Paulette Poulos, Executive Director of Leadership 100, Constantine Caras, Chairman Emeritus of Leadership 100, and Andy Manatos, longtime member of Leadership 100.

Those appointed by the Archbishop as Senators of Hellenism and Orthodoxy follow. The list will be added to in the future.

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| Mr. Clifford Argue | Rev. Fr. James Moulketis |
| Rev. Fr. John Bakas | Mr. Louis Nicozisis |
| Mrs. Lily Bentas | Rev. Fr. Dean Paleologos |
| Mr. Constantine Caras | Presvytera Cynthia Paleologos |
| Rev. Fr. Peter Chamberas | Dr. Vicki Pappas |
| Mr. Fred Chapekis | Mr. John Payiavlas |
| Rev. Fr. Paul Costopoulos | Ms. Paulette Poulos |
| Rev. Fr. Athanasios Demos | Rev. Fr. George Poulos |
| Rev. Fr. George Dragas | Dr. Louis Roussalis |
| Mrs. Evangeline Gouletas | Rev. Fr. Sarantos Serviou |
| Rev. Fr. Alexander Karloutsos | Rev. Fr. Constantine Sitaras |
| Dr. Stamatios Kartalopoulos | Mrs. Aphrodite Skeadas |
| Rev. Fr. Stephen Kyriacou | Rev. Fr. Robert Stephanopoulos |
| Rev. Fr. Alexander Leondis | Rev. Fr. Dennis Strouzas |
| Mr. Andrew Manatos | Mr. Nikiforos Valaskantjis |
| Mr. George Marcus | Rev. Fr. Alexander Veronis |
| Mr. John Metaxas | |



GRANTS



TOTAL GRANTS DISTRIBUTED SINCE INCEPTION: \$65,544,603



**ARCHBISHOP IAKOVOS LEADERSHIP 100 FUND
1989 - 2021 GRANTS**

Hellenic College / Holy Cross School of Theology \$ 27,544,317

* Hellenic College / Holy Cross Scholarship Program	23,903,617
Archbishop Iakovos Library Fund	1,000,000
Hellenic College / Holy Cross Technology Infrastructure	1,000,000
Hellenic College / Holy Cross (various grants)	733,600
Hellenic College - Office of Vocation and Ministry	406,600
Holy Cross - Certificate in Youth/Young Adult Leadership	250,500
Hellenic College Inc. - Real Estate Advisory Services	250,000

Greek Orthodox Archdiocese \$ 19,290,795

Inter-Orthodox, Ecumenical & Interfaith Relations	2,117,200
Internet Ministry and Technology Infrastructure	2,061,700
Marriage and Family	1,851,590
Archdiocese Administration, Management, and Leadership Training	1,728,386
Stewardship, Outreach & Evangelism / Home Missions	1,699,830
Youth, Young Adult, and Camping Ministries	1,689,551
Communications	1,150,559
Greek Orthodox Telecommunications	970,190
The Ecumenical Patriarchate	877,050
Patriarchal Visit 2021	200,000
Archdiocese Committee for Small Parishes - The Small Parish Program	820,000
Religious Education	695,498
Parish Development and Stewardship	658,241
Digital Typikon Liturgical and Library Project	600,000
Greek Education	586,700
Department of Registry	575,000
Archives	400,000
Special Gift for the Restoration of Ionian Village	250,000
Music, Arts & Culture	140,000
200th Anniversary of the Greek Revolution	100,000
St. Basil Academy (Archpastorate of Archbishop Michael)	69,300
The Spanish Ministry Initiative - Clergy Conference for Spanish Ministry	50,000

St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church and National Shrine \$ 6,000,000

Metropolis Ministries \$ 4,080,000

Metropolis Youth Camps	2,790,000
Metropolis Ministries Outreach	540,000
Metropolis of Atlanta - Family Life Ministry	300,000
Metropolis of Boston - Emerging Leaders Ministry	200,000
Metropolis of San Francisco - Family Wellness Center	200,000
Metropolis of San Francisco - Young Adult League (YAL) Conference	50,000

* As of September 2021, 254 recipients of Leadership 100 scholarships are graduates that have been ordained, 49 are still in School and 96 recipients are working for the Church in some capacity.

Assembly of Canonical Orthodox Bishops of the United States of America	\$ 3,192,086
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International Orthodox Christian Charities (IOCC)	989,362
Orthodox Christian Mission Center (OCMC)	862,842
Orthodox Christian Network (OCN)	450,000
Orthodox Christian Fellowship (OCF)	279,000
Orthodox Christian Prison Ministry (OCPM)	210,882
IOCC - Attica Fires Relief Fund	200,000
IOCC - Hurricane Katrina Relief	100,000
IOCC - US Emergency Response Fund (Hurricanes Harvey, Irma, and Maria)	100,000

Clergy	\$ 2,788,650
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Retired Clergy Pensions	935,400
Elimination of Student Loans of Active Priests	885,000
Archdiocese Clergy Pension	500,000
Archdiocesan Presbyters Council - Clergy Retreats, Wellness, and Continuing Education	309,000
National Presvyteres Retreats and Workshops	90,000
Presbyters Council Benevolent Fund	69,250

Humanitarian Assistance and Other Grants	\$ 2,648,755
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September 11 Relief Fund	400,000
Various Ministries	392,100
Fordham University - Orthodox Christian Studies Center	283,000
Institute on Religion and World Affairs of Boston University	260,040
Video Documentaries	219,680
National Forum of Greek Orthodox Church Musicians	208,000
Greek Earthquake and Greek Fire Relief Funds	200,000
Hurricane Relief Funds (Hurricanes Sandy and Dorian)	200,000
Patriarch Athenagoras Orthodox Institute	157,200
Project Mexico	128,735
AGES Initiative	100,000
Primary Health Care in Southern Albania	100,000

** Total	\$ 65,544,603
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** Not included in the above figures are individual gifts, exceeding \$3 million, from Leadership 100 members to various ministries and humanitarian causes.

NEW AND FULFILLED MEMBERS

Follow up list from Summer 2021

New Members

	<u>City, State</u>	<u>Sponsor(s)</u>
<u>ARCHDIOCESAN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK</u>		
Gregory Bregianos	Brooklyn, NY	Paul and Antonia Bregianos
Peter M. Guiffre	New York, NY	Catherine Pappas
Elias and Madelene Lambiris	New York, NY	James and Stella Pantelidis and Paulette Poulos
Yianni and Kristina Lambros	Sleepy Hollow, NY	Paulette Poulos
Costas Merges	New York, NY	George and Callie Zoitias
Michael Merges	Whitestone, NY	George and Callie Zoitias
Dean and Helen Rasinya	Brooklyn, NY	Paulette Poulos
Patricia Rigas	Brooklyn, NY	Anastasia Pantelidis
Antonios and Melissa Vaggelas	Whitestone, NY	George and Callie Zoitias
Michael and Stella Zoitias	Manhasset, NY	George and Callie Zoitias
<u>METROPOLIS OF DENVER</u>		
Dr. John Papilion	Denver, CO	Dr. Gregory and Stelée Papadeas
<u>METROPOLIS OF ATLANTA</u>		
Jason Arvanitopoulos	Miami, FL	Fr. Alex Karloutsos
Nikos Arvanitopoulos, Jr.	Miami, FL	Fr. Alex Karloutsos
Steven D. Galanis	Miami, FL	George D. Bousis
John and Anna Vratsinas	Fort Lauderdale, FL	Gus Vratsinas
<u>METROPOLIS OF DETROIT</u>		
Phillip T. and Tula K. Frangos	East Lansing, MI	Angelo and Christine Coutris
<u>METROPOLIS OF PITTSBURGH</u>		
Konstantinos and Kalliope Almiroudis	Westlake, OH	Angelo Coutris and Louis Frangos
David and Minnie Vargo	Columbus, OH	Adam Tzagournis and Paulette Poulos
<u>METROPOLIS OF SAN FRANCISCO</u>		
Andy G. and Leslie A. Sehremelis	Los Alamitos, CA	John Sitalides and Paulette Poulos
<u>METROPOLIS OF CHICAGO</u>		
Themis G. and Teddi Galanis	Glenview, IL	Dimitris and Eleni Bousis
<u>METROPOLIS OF NEW JERSEY</u>		
Dr. Philip C. and Deborah Efthimion	Bedminster, NJ	Christopher and Anastasia Daifotis and Dr. Stamatis and Anita Kartalopoulos and Kassandra L. Romas
Demitra M. Karalis	Media, PA	James and Sophia Karalis

Fulfilled Members

City, State

ARCHDIOCESAN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

Drs. John Athas and Monica Tadros	New York, NY
Christos and Evelyn Ikonopoulou	New York, NY
George Konomos	New York, NY
Michael and Demetroula Psyllos	Manhasset, NY

METROPOLIS OF BOSTON

Dr. Calliope J. Galatis	Brookline, MA
Eric J. and Christina Pastore	Weston, MA
John W. Touloupoulos	Boston, MA

METROPOLIS OF DENVER

Douglas K. and Shelley M. Anderson	Salt Lake City, UT
Connie and +Chris Jouflas	Grand Junction, CO
Virginia H. Farah Foundation	Wichita, KS
<i>Eric S. Namee, President</i>	

METROPOLIS OF ATLANTA

Pauline and James Catrickes	Singer Island, FL
Steven D. Galanis	Miami, FL
Dr. Diamondis and Evanthia Papadopoulos	Atlanta, GA

METROPOLIS OF DETROIT

Phillip T. and Tula K. Frangos	East Lansing, MI
John P. Regas	Douglas, MI

METROPOLIS OF CHICAGO

Themis G. and Teddi Galanis	Glenview, IL
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METROPOLIS OF NEW JERSEY

Nicholas J. and Elaine Pappas	Sea Bright, NJ
Sotiri B. and Joanna Zanolou	Fort Lee, NJ

In Memoriam

Mary T. Cocaine – 10/6/2021
Worcester, MA

George P. Psihas – 8/18/2021
Rochester Hills, MI

Peter M. Dion – 9/11/2021
Palm Beach, FL

John G. Rangos – 7/21/2021
Pittsburgh, PA

Aristides Duzoglou Dougos – 8/17/2021
Park Ridge, NJ

Doris H. Rigas – 12/10/2014 *
Coudersport, PA

Spyros A. Gavriss – 7/21/2021
Wellesley, MA

John J. Rigas – 9/30/2021
Coudersport, PA

Athanasius Jack Georgalas – 11/3/2021
Newport News, VA

Diane M. Terezis – 11/30/2021
Pittsburgh, PA

Manuel G. Loupassi – 8/25/2021
Richmond, VA

**We just learned of her passing and wanted to acknowledge our member.*

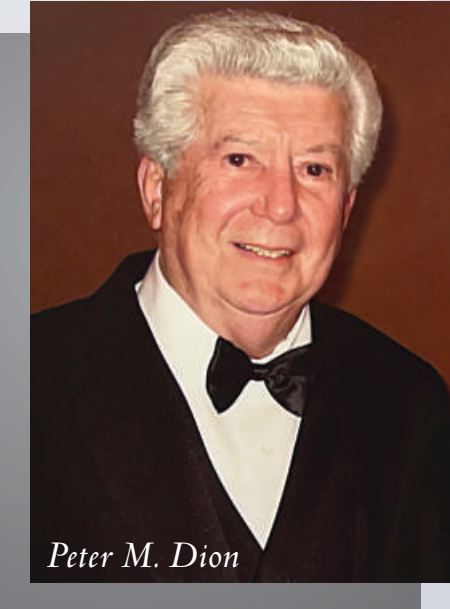
IN MEMORIAM

Peter M. Dion, Last Remaining Founder, Passes Away

Peter M. Dion, 86, the last remaining Founding Member of the Archbishop Iakovos Leadership 100 Fund, passed away on September 11, 2021 in Palm Beach, Florida. Along with Arthur Anton, Andrew Athens, Thomas Athens, George Chimplis, Michael Jaharis and George Kokalis, all of Blessed Memory, he joined Archbishop Iakovos to form the organization in 1984. He served as Chairman of the Nominating Committee for six years and remained a member of the Committee up to his passing.

Chairman Argyris Vassiliou stated, "Leadership 100 mourns the loss of our beloved Peter Dion, a Founding Member, who gave his heart and soul to the organization and to the Church at large."

Based in New York, Peter Dion was a distinguished designer, manufacturer, and wholesaler of fine fur garments. Born in Greece in 1935 under the name Peter Dionisiou, he immigrated to the United States in the early 1950's. He changed his legal name to "Dion" in 1973. Dion began his career at the New York firm of Hiller and Becker, a renowned manufacturer of fur garments, and his talents soon became apparent. In 1974 the firm began to manufacture coats under the Peter Dion label. Eventually Dion became the owner of the business and changed its name to Peter Dion, Inc. Later, he acquired Yarmuth Furs, Inc., a fur jobber, and called it Yarmuth-Dion, Inc. He maintained a long association with Nieman Marcus, which distributed his furs and had a personal relationship with Stanley Marcus, its long-time president and chairman of the board.



Peter M. Dion

In 1982, Peter Dion and James Galanos, a leading fashion designer, entered into an agreement under which Dion manufactured fur garments designed by Galanos. Galanos, also a member of Leadership100, who passed away in 2016, said of Dion, "I liked what he had to say. What he wanted to do with me was on the highest level, and he offered me the best skins, the best furs. They treated me like royalty."

In an interview at the 30th Anniversary of Leadership 100 in 2014, Dion recalled the inaugural meeting of the organization in Denver, CO in 1984 and how it managed to go beyond the initial, very optimistic, goal of 10 members to 18! "That evening in Denver my wife and my daughters became members. And of course, so did the rest of the founders. When we left Denver, we had 18 members! And they all paid the full amount of \$100,000! And for some time, we had to pay for operating

expenses from our pockets," he said. He added, "I am so proud to be a founding member of this organization and to be a Greek American. I came from the old country with no shoes and to me it means a lot to be part of this and to have helped start an organization like this."

A humble and beloved man throughout the Greek American Community and among many others throughout the country, Dion was a renowned philanthropist and supporter of the St. Paul Cathedral in Hempstead, NY, St. Mark Church in Boca Raton and St. Catherine Church in West Palm Beach. He was an Archon of the Ecumenical Patriarchate and was awarded the St. Paul Medal by Archbishop Iakovos, the highest honor of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese. As a Founding Member, he was a recipient of the Archbishop Iakovos Leadership 100 Award for Excellence.



Peter M. Dion and Paulette Poulos

Dion is survived by his wife, Diana, of 59 years, his daughter Harriet, and his grandchildren Alexander, Diana and Christina. He was predeceased by his daughter Bessi and his two sisters, Olga and Panorea.

A Tribute to Peter



Date of Birth
February 9, 1935

Date of Death
September 11, 2021

In Loving Memory of
Peter M. Dion

LIVED THE AMERICAN DREAM

He arrived from Greece
With nothing in hand.
The greeting was cold,
No flowers, no band.

A union boss came
Demanding a cut,
Thinking union power
Peter couldn't rebut.

The one thing he cherished,
To him was most dear,
When honored in the White House,
President Reagan would cheer.

Life was a blessing
He revered to the end.
We too are blessed.
He considered us his friend.

Young Peter worked,
Shining shoes on the street.
His money was taken
By an unscrupulous creep.

"I came over here
With nothing to eat,
With no place to stay
And no shoes on my feet."

So, now he is gone
What was his life all about?
Lived the American dream,
Of that there's no doubt.

Today we do mourn,
Our sorrow is deep.
The thought of his passing
Makes us sadly weep.

A fine Jewish man
Recognized his plight;
Brought him to his home;
Made the future bright.

"You want my money
Because I'm now rich.
Out the window you go
You belong in a ditch."

He loved faithfully his God.
Church and country as well.
Saying "God Bless America,"
His chest large did swell.

But Peter would not
Want it that way.
He would implore us
To celebrate this day.

A job offering came;
The money was scant,
Sweeping clean the floors
Of a fur-maker's plant.

The boss wet his pants,
The observers screamed,
The police arrived,
It was quite a scene.

Leadership One Hundred
He founded to Blend
The Church, Greek-Americans
For a righteous end.

Though this service will end,
Fond memories will last
And we shall rejoice
Knowing in God's light he's cast.

By then a young man
And truly a wiz,
It was not long before
The business was his.

The union was broken,
First of its kind.
Peter was a hero
But to that he was blind.

The love for his family
Was most strong and true.
Wife, daughters, grandkids
Extended one's too.

It grew and it grew,
Alone by his hand,
Soon it was to be,
Number one in the land.

He served his country
On many trips abroad.
CIA, FBI
Their brass would applaud.

He cherished his friends,
New ones he sought.
For those who were needy
Generous support he brought.

*With Everlasting Love,
Irene Athans and Carter W. Clarke*

*Written by
Carter W. Clarke*

IN MEMORIAM

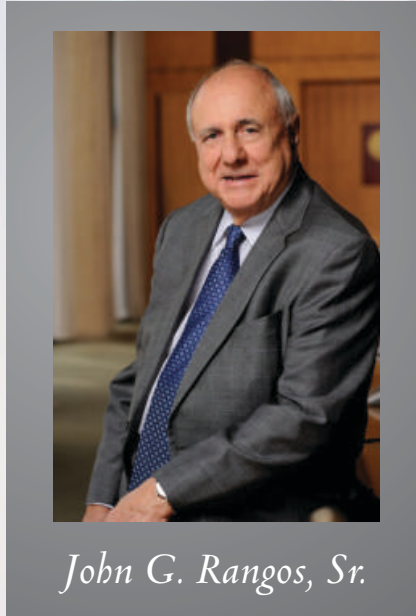
John G. Rangos, Sr., Entrepreneur and Philanthropist, Passes Away

Entrepreneur and philanthropist John G. Rangos Sr. passed away July 21, 2021, one week shy of his 92nd birthday. He was a longtime member of Leadership 100 and served on the Board of Trustees.

Rangos was an entrepreneur who launched and led multiple corporations across a range of industries starting in the 1970s. Those businesses included environmental services, security, technology, and more. His commitment to recycling and renewable energy was ahead of its time. The first company he founded, Chambers Development Inc., would later go public and merge with USA Waste. In the late 1990s it merged into industry giant Waste Management Inc.

His success charted a course for Rangos to pursue his lifelong passion for giving back. His philanthropy was particularly focused on advancing medical science, supporting education, and improving quality of life for children and families throughout Western Pennsylvania and beyond.

Mr. Rangos founded The John G. Rangos Sr. Charitable Foundation in 1987 and dramatically expanded its partners and programs for over three decades. The impact of his generosity is apparent throughout the city of Pittsburgh. The Rangos Research Center at Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh, The Rangos School of Health Sciences at Duquesne University, Rangos Hall at Carnegie Mellon University (CMU), and The



John G. Rangos, Sr.

Rangos Giant Cinema at the Carnegie Science Center are just a few among many.

Encouraging collaboration among bright young minds was a common theme. A long-standing relationship with Johns Hopkins Medicine inspired the dedication of the Rangos Life Sciences Building in the Science + Technology Park at Johns Hopkins University, a professorship of Adult Medicine, an Award for Creativity in Cancer Discovery, and a partnership between Johns Hopkins and the University of Patras in Greece.

Rangos was extremely proud of his Greek heritage. He was co-founder and former chairman of the International Orthodox Christian Charities and an Archon of the Ecumenical Patriarchate.

From IOCC's first airlift in 1992, Rangos lived its mission to serve people in need. He was a pillar of IOCC, inspiring and guiding the organization's leaders and key to its establishment, development, and growth.

Rangos also established the Information Networking Cooperative Exchange with the Athens Institute of Technology and a collaborative Master of Science program in Greece through CMU.

Rangos was born in Steubenville, Ohio in 1929, a depression-era child. As a young man, he attended the Houston School of Business, which he interrupted to join the military. He served in the U.S. Army from 1951-1954. In later years, he worked with the Congressional Medal of Honor Society to create the Congressional Medal of Honor Foundation and served as its first chairman. Throughout his entire life, Rangos continued a personal mission to serve his country by helping veterans and their families.

Through decades of service to hundreds of nonprofit organizations, Mr. Rangos sat on innumerable boards and committees contributing his time and expertise locally, regionally, nationally, and internationally.

He is survived by his children, John Rangos Jr., Alex Rangos, and Jenica Rangos Welch.

Art of Ancient Greece, Rome and the Byzantine Empire

George D. and Margo Behrakis Wing, Level 2

Opens December 18, 2021, at the Museum of Fine Arts Boston

Five newly transformed galleries at the heart of the MFA's George D. and Margo Behrakis Wing for Art of the Ancient World invite visitors to explore nearly 550 objects from one of the finest and most comprehensive collections of Classical art in the world:

- Anchored by the Museum's beloved 13-foot statue of Juno, an immersive gallery dedicated to gods and goddesses recreates the atmosphere of an ancient temple. It introduces the Olympians through their myths and explores how they were worshipped by the ancient Greeks and Romans.
- A Byzantine gallery—the first of its kind in New England—showcases a geographically diverse collection of works ranging from the era of Emperor Constantine the Great in the 4th century to the fall of Constantinople in 1453. A highlight of the space, which is modeled on early Byzantine church architecture, is the 15th-century Monopoli Altarpiece, on view for the first time after undergoing a three-year conservation treatment.
- The Romans combined likeness, character and social status to create images that are compellingly human, inventing portraiture as we know it today. In a gallery focused on Roman portraiture, visitors will encounter the faces of emperors and those of everyday individuals.
- Early Greek art, dating from the end of the 10th through 5th centuries BC, is a major strength of the



George and Margo Behrakis in front of the building that houses the Art of the Ancient World wing, which the Boston Museum of Fine Arts has named in their honor.

MFA's collection. Filled with natural light, a gallery dedicated to this formative period includes the frieze blocks from the 6th-century Temple of Athena at Assos in Turkey, a rare example of Greek temple architecture in a U.S. art museum.

- A gallery of modern and contemporary works located within the wing—the first such space in a major U.S. art museum—explores the reception of ancient art by 20th- and 21st-century artists. The first of the multiyear rotations features the works of the modern master Cy Twombly (1928–2011), an alumnus of the School of the Museum of Fine Arts, who drew inspiration from Greek and Roman art, myths and poetry. *Il Parnasso* (1964), an early important painting by the artist that is a promised gift to the Museum, is

joined by three bronzes and two original plasters on long-term loan from the Cy Twombly Foundation.

Bringing to life the richness of the Greek, Roman and Byzantine worlds, these five galleries provide fresh perspectives on an era that provided inspiration for our own modern society. The new spaces will complete a renovated suite of 12 Classical galleries transformed since 2009—most recently, “Daily Life in Ancient Greece” in 2017. The MFA will offer free admission on opening day, December 18, to celebrate the debut of the five new galleries and the reopening of seven galleries in the Behrakis Wing for Art of the Ancient World that have been closed for the past two years to accommodate construction.

National Hellenic Society Honors Helen Nicozisis



Helen Nicozisis addresses the NHS 2021 Heritage Weekend and Classic. The oil painting of her was commissioned by the NHS and was donated to the National Hellenic Museum in Chicago as part of the permanent collection archiving the Greek American story.

The National Hellenic Society honored NHS member Helen Bakalis Nicozisis with the prestigious Ariston Award for Excellence at the 2021 Heritage Weekend and Classic, October 7-10, in Las Vegas. The weekend was dedicated to the memory of the beloved Dr. George Korkos. Nicozisis, along with her husband, Lou, are long-time members of Leadership 100. Dr. Korkos was also a longtime member.

Helen Bakalis Nicozisis was the first lay person and woman to be elected President of the Board of Directors of Orthodox Christian Mission Center (OCMC). She served on the organization's board for more than two decades and chaired its capital campaign for some five years, which led to the construction of the Archbishop Anastasios and Archbishop Demetrios Missionary Training and Administration Building, its new headquarters in St. Augustine, Florida.

Born and raised in Manhattan where she worshipped at St. Spyridon parish in Washington Heights, she graduated from the Greek-American Institute of Zoodohos Peghe in the Bronx, New York and attended the Bronx High School of Science and City College of New York, where she majored in Mathematics and

Science. She also attended Franklin & Marshall College in Lancaster, PA, studying accounting.

She and her family have been active members of the parishes of St. Paraskevi in Greenlawn, Long Island, St. Nicholas in Flushing, New York, St. Paul Cathedral in Hempstead, Long Island, and the Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church in Lancaster, PA, where she moved with her family in 1971 and remains an active member. She was elected as the first female President of its Parish Council. She has also supported the Greek Orthodox

parishes of Reading, York, Camp Hill and Bethlehem, PA and is currently a member, with her husband, Louis, of St. Mark's in Boca Raton, FL. Together, Helen and Louis Nicozisis have hosted a Leadership 100 Annual Conference and have been active in the organization's activities. Louis Nicozisis has been a member of the Executive Committee and the Board of Trustees of Leadership 100. Helen also served on the Metropolis of Pittsburgh Council, the Ladies Philoptochos Society of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese and the Daughters of Penelope.

In her capacity as President of the OCMC Board of Directors, she accepted the 2003 Athenagoras Human Rights Award of the Order of St. Andrew, Archons of the Ecumenical Patriarchate on behalf of OCMC, whose missionaries and ministries have been to over 35 countries. In addition, she received the Humanitarian Award of the American Hellenic Institute (AHI) in Washington, D.C. for her involvement in the Mission movement and the St. Paul Medal, the highest award given to a lay person by the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese.

AHEPA Elects Jimmy Kokotas Supreme President



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The American Hellenic Educational and Progressive Association (AHEPA) concluded its 99th Supreme Convention in Athens, Greece on July 30, 2021, with the election of a new slate of officers by the organization's delegates. Jimmy Kokotas, a member of Leadership 100, was elected Supreme President of AHEPA. The new Daughters of Penelope Grand President is Kathy Bizoukas. The Sons of Pericles re-elected Timothy Noitsis as their Supreme President and Maria Ana Pantelous was elected Maids of Athena Grand President.

AHEPA is the oldest and largest organization of diaspora Greeks in the world. Thousands of Americans, Canadians and citizens of European and other nations where AHEPA has chapters descended upon the Greek capital for the Convention.

The organization was greeted by the Greek nation's leadership, including receptions hosted at the Presidential Palace with President Katerina Sakellaropoulou, who reflected on AHEPA's century-long history.

“During all this time, it has grown astoundingly, becoming a role model, both within American society and beyond, with remarkable community service through inspirational projects, while never forgetting the motherland,” she told the gathering.

Similar praise came from Greek Prime Minister Kyriakos Mitsotakis who was honored by AHEPA at the Grand Banquet. While accepting his award, he honored AHEPANS for their public service during the pandemic and dedicated the award that was presented to him by the organization to Greek health workers whom he called the heroes of the pandemic in Greece.

In remarks upon receiving the organization's George Marshall Award, U.S. Ambassador to Greece Geoffrey Pyatt also praised AHEPANS for being close partners in strengthening Greek-U.S. ties.

“AHEPA has upheld these shared values for nearly a century, nurturing the bonds between our peoples, standing up for civil rights, and helping the United States and Greece advance our shared goals for peace, stability, and prosperity in this region and beyond,” Pyatt said in his remarks.

AHEPA has continued its longstanding philanthropy towards causes in Greece, presenting a check for \$159,000 to complete a burn unit at Evangelismos Hospital in Athens that was created after the tragic fires in Mati in suburban Athens during which more than a hundred people lost their lives. At the time, AHEPA made a substantial gift to create the burn unit.

Andy Manatos Receives Phidippides Award for Passionate Advocacy of Hellenism



Andy Manatos with the Phidippides Award.

Hellenic Public Radio - COSMOS FM presented its prestigious *Phidippides Award for Passionate Advocacy of Hellenism* to Andy Manatos at their 26th annual Gala in New York City on December 2. Manatos, a distinguished community leader, philanthropist, and a Hellenic issues advocate, is a longtime member of Leadership 100.



Leadership 100 members with Chairman, Argyris Vassiliou, front row center, Executive Director Paulette Poulos, standing behind him, longtime former Executive Director Fr. Alex Karloutsos, front row left, and the Manatos family, front row right.

Manatos has spent his life working with Washington, DC's leading policymakers from both political parties and setting numerous legislative and policy records. With his son Mike, in addition to their firm's commercial work, Manatos has contributed millions of dollars' worth of work over the years to improve policy toward the Ecumenical Patriarchate, Greece, and Cyprus.

Mike Manatos, his eldest son with whom he has worked for 31 years, and who is a member of the Leadership 100 Executive Committee, served as the Gala Chairman. Gala Journal Co-Chairs were Amalia Bournias, George Pantelidis, and Dr. Nicholas Rallis. The latter two are also members of Leadership 100.

Fr. Alex Karloutsos was the keynote speaker. Other speakers included the Ambassador of Greece to the US Alexandra Papadopoulou, PSEKA Philip Christopher and GAEPIS Chairman Stelios Taketzis. Other honored guests included Consul Generals of Greece and Cyprus in New York, Konstantinos Koutras and Michalis Firillas, respectively, and representing Archbishop Elpidophoros who was out of the country, was Chancellor of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America Father Andreas Vithoulkas.



(L to R) Argyris Vassiliou, Mike Manatos, Andy Manatos, and Paulette Poulos.

Leadership 100 Chairman, Argyris Vassiliou, and Executive Director, Paulette Poulos attended, along with many members of Leadership 100.

Previous recipients of this award have included, His Eminence Archbishop Elpidophoros, Senator Paul Sarbanes, Congressman John Brademas and several Greek American community leaders with whom the Manatos family has had the pleasure of working, including, Andrew Athens, Merkerious Angeliades, John and Margo Catsimatidis, Dimitrios & Georgia Kaloidis, Dennis Mehiel, Nikos Mouyiaris, Constantine Papadakis, Michael Psaros, Ted Spyropoulos and Kyriakos Tsakopoulos, among others.



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