“She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.” (Matthew 1:21)

A Blessed Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year

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MESSAGE FROM OUR CHAIRMAN

George S. Tsandikos

We have entered the 33rd year since our founding and the last year of my service as your Chairman. You have honored me with two terms in that role, the last year coinciding with my service as Vice President of the Archdiocesan Council of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America. Together, these roles call for a time of reflection on our past and our future.

Leadership 100 has grown stronger with each passing year. Our membership has reached 1,065, our total assets are now $100.7 million, and the grants distributed since our founding stand at $48,198,332. Each year our annual conferences reach new heights in attendance and programming, as you will read in these pages. We have good reason to be proud!

Our true strength, however, derives from who we are as Greek Orthodox Christians. Our Church has stood the tests of time - in the past during conquest and persecution, today amidst a materialistic culture too often indifferent to our faith and values. Leadership 100 was born of the necessity of securing our Church in the challenging world of today, enabling its programs to build up the faithful and to reach out to all with the good news of the Gospel.

Over time, Leadership 100 grants have funded generations of seminarians to prepare for the priesthood with scholarship aid, relieved some of the debt burden of active clergy and provided support to retired clergy and presvyteres.

Our grants have made possible the formation and support of International Orthodox Christian Charities (IOCC), whose work in the aftermath of the recent devastating hurricanes this year is a testimony to that decision. We have also contributed to the formation and support of the Orthodox Christian Mission Center, whose work has spread throughout the world. First and foremost, we have assisted in insuring the functioning and growth of all the National Ministries and various Metropolis Ministries. We have done this along with helping other Church agencies such as Orthodox Christian Fellowship (OCF) and Orthodox Christian Prison Ministry (OCPM), along with responding to crises at home and abroad, in the aftermath of earthquakes and fires in Greece, of September 11, and of the devastating Hurricanes, Katrina, Sandy, Harvey, Irma and Maria.

Our good works have had a profound and lasting impact in transforming lives and institutions at all levels of society. Our accomplishments have been exceptional due to you, the committed men and women, who comprise our membership.

We cannot discount these achievements in the face of the financial and administrative difficulties in our Archdiocese. In fact, it is during these times that our role at Leadership 100 becomes ever more relevant and significant. We have the talent, the ability, the will and the spirit to find creative solutions to address these issues, always speaking truth in love.

We can begin this task first with the faith that our Church will prevail, with the determination to clarify our own mission, and with the resolve to redouble our efforts, while learning the lessons from our past actions.

Let us make of this time a test of our own resilience and of our own judgment in discerning what is of true value in our own lives, in our Beloved Church and in Leadership 100.

As we gather together at our 27th Annual Leadership 100 Conference, February 1-4, 2018 in Florida, let us renew our mission and, in the words of St. Paul to the Romans, “know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose.” (Romans 8:28)

May God always bless you and your families.

With warm regards,

George S. Tsandikos
Chairman
ADMIRAL JAMES STAVRIDIS
TO GIVE KEYNOTE ADDRESS AT 2018 LEADERSHIP 100
ANNUAL CONFERENCE IN FLORIDA

Admiral Stavridis, formerly Supreme Allied Commander at NATO and currently Dean of The Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy at Tufts University, will give the keynote address at the Grand Banquet at the 27th Annual Leadership 100 Conference, February 1-4, 2018, at The Ritz-Carlton Key Biscayne, Miami in Key Biscayne, Florida.

Other prominent speakers include Sylvia Mathews Burwell, the former Secretary of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and current President of American University, John P. Angelos, President and Chief Operating Officer of the Mid-Atlantic Sports Network (MASN) and Executive Vice President of the Baltimore Orioles, and Nikos P. Mouyiaris, a member of Leadership 100 and Founder and CEO of Mana Products, Inc., one of the world’s most prestigious cosmetics manufacturers and developers.

His Eminence Archbishop Demetrios, Geron of America will preside at all events, along with Chairman Tsandikos, as well as deliver both the traditional Bible Study and Lecture. Other events include Golf and Tennis Tournaments and Awards, a Walk/Run competition, new member orientation and a young adult and youth program.

The Opening Forum on Thursday, February 1, will be conducted by the Very Reverend Archimandrite Nathanael Symeonides, Director of the Office of Inter-Orthodox, Ecumenical and Interfaith Relations of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America, where he directs the relationships between the Archdiocese and numerous religious organizations, think tanks, non-governmental organizations, and Permanent Missions to the United Nations.

The Archbishop Iakovos Leadership 100 Award for Excellence will be presented at the Grand Banquet on Saturday, February 3. The Conference will conclude with the Hierarchical Divine Liturgy celebrated at Saint Sophia Cathedral in Miami on Sunday, February 4.
A Florida native, Jim Stavridis attended the US Naval Academy at Annapolis, and spent over thirty years in the Navy, rising to the rank of 4-star Admiral. Among his many commands were four years as the 16th Supreme Allied Commander at NATO, where he oversaw operations in Afghanistan, Libya, Syria, the Balkans, and piracy off the coast of Africa. He also commanded US Southern Command in Miami, charged with military operations through Latin America for nearly three years. He was the longest serving Combatant Commander in recent US history.

In the course of his career in the Navy, he served as senior military assistant to the Secretary of the Navy and the Secretary of Defense. He led the Navy’s premier operational think tank for innovation, Deep Blue, immediately after the 9/11 attacks.

He won the Battenberg Cup for commanding the top ship in the Atlantic Fleet and the Navy League John Paul Jones Award for Inspirational Leadership, along with more than 50 US and international medals and decorations, including 28 from foreign nations. He also commanded a Destroyer Squadron and a Carrier Strike Group, both in combat.

In 2016, he was vetted for Vice President by Secretary Hillary Clinton, and subsequently invited to Trump Tower to discuss a cabinet position with President Donald Trump.

He earned a PhD from The Fletcher School at Tufts, winning the Gullion Prize as outstanding student in his class in 1983, as well as academic honors from the National and Naval War Colleges as a distinguished student. He speaks Spanish and French.

Jim has published eight books on leadership, the oceans, maritime affairs, and Latin America, as well as hundreds of articles in leading journals. An active user of social networks, he has tens of thousands of connections on the social networks. His TED talk on 21st century security in 2012 has had over 700,000 views. He tweeted the end of combat operations in the Libyan NATO intervention. His memoir of the NATO years, “The Accidental Admiral,” was released in October 2014, and he has two books out in 2017: “The Leader’s Bookshelf: 50 Books That Make Us Better Leaders” in March and “Sea Power: The History and Geopolitics of the Oceans” in June.

Admiral Stavridis is also the Chair of the Board of the US Naval Institute, the professional association of the Nation’s sea services: Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, and Merchant Marine. He is a monthly columnist for TIME Magazine and Chief International Security Analyst for NBC News.

Jim is the 12th Dean at The Fletcher School, a post he assumed in the summer of 2013. He is happily married to Laura, and they have two daughters – one working at Google and the other a Registered Nurse, both married to physicians.
Sylvia Burwell is American University's 15th president and first woman president.

Burwell served as the 22nd Secretary of the United States Department of Health and Human Services from 2014 to 2017. During her tenure, the Department implemented the Affordable Care Act, pioneered groundbreaking advances in research and innovation, and expanded critical services for families.

Previously, she was the Director of the Office of Management and Budget, where she worked with Congress to negotiate a two-year budget deal following the 2013 government shutdown. Her prior government experience includes Deputy Director of the Office of Management and Budget, Deputy Chief of Staff to the President, Chief of Staff to the Secretary of the Treasury, and Special Assistant to the Director of the National Economic Council.

Burwell served 11 years at the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, including roles as the Chief Operating Officer and President of the Global Development Program. She then served as President of the Walmart Foundation and ran their Women’s Economic Empowerment efforts.

She earned a bachelor’s degree in Government from Harvard University and a BA in Philosophy, Policy and Economics from the University of Oxford as a Rhodes Scholar.

A second-generation Greek-American, President Burwell is a native of Hinton, West Virginia. She and her husband Stephen Burwell are the parents of two young children.
Over the past two decades, John Angelos has been involved in business operations for the Baltimore Orioles and Oriole Park at Camden Yards while serving since 2006 as President and Chief Operating Officer of the Mid-Atlantic Sports Television Network (MASN), one of the leading multimedia entertainment and sports properties in the United States.

Recognized as Marylander of the Year-Honorable Mention by the Baltimore Sun, Angelos has been hailed by industry-bible Sports Business Journal as a "top-ten decision maker" on MLB league, media, and digital issues and for his "reinvention of the Spring Training business model" in creating taxpayer-conscious, public-private sports tourism development partnerships around sports venue, youth academy, and family entertainment real estate development that drives responsible fiscal return on investment for all stakeholders.

Making regular appearances or featured as a guest expert on CBS Television and Radio, Bloomberg Media, PBS, MSNBC, Fox Sports Radio, and Rogers Media, as well as in the New York Times, Wall Street Journal, The Nation, Sports Pro, the SBJ and other publications, Angelos is a frequent featured panelist or presenter at media and sports industry summits. He is recognized by the national sports business, media, and journalist communities as one of a select few among both sports team or network media executives to possess several decades of experience in all three keystone sports industry disciplines of professional sports league governance, franchise valuation and management practice, sports television and multimedia property development, distribution, and rights negotiation, and sports facility and subsidiary asset consulting, funding, design, and development.

Angelos is known for his executive management oversight and operation of the Oriole Park at Camden Yards venue that forever changed baseball and stewardship of a ballpark and fan experience consistently acclaimed by both consumer polls and media reports as delivering the most memorable sports venue atmosphere and finest customer service quality in all of the American sports industry. Now approaching total attendance of 70 million fans at Camden Yards, the Orioles later carried the concept of sports tourism incubation through multimedia regional promotion, sports brand building and consumer service originated by the Camden Yards example in Maryland to the club's Spring Training and year round Academy complex in Sarasota, Florida, envisioning it as a magnet for family sports tourism. Opened in 2011, the project has been annually hailed by the State of Florida, Sarasota County, and the media for its creation of industry-leading tourism traffic and economic impact of more than $89 million each year and over $500 million returned to the local community, nearly tripling the initial projections of economic experts.

Angelos' professional and philanthropic focus has been on pioneering the use of sports and media platforms to create community benefit and change. His efforts have centered on local initiatives such as: the Orioles "Eat, Train, & Live Like the Pro’s Challenge", a two-month intensive health and fitness curriculum taught by the Orioles in public schools that has established a new model using sports branding and star players to encourage healthy lifestyles and nutritional literacy among public middle school students; the "Nashville Comes to the Ballpark-Artists and Athletes Playing for Their Community” program, a fusion of world class musicians and athletes using their talents to fund health and literacy services for those in need; and the "Birdland Community Heroes and Americana Music” and "Don't Miss the Magic” programs, both initiatives using the power of diversity, music, baseball, and positive messaging to raise awareness of our everyday American heroes in civilian and military life and the not for profit organizations that serve our community.

Beyond the ballpark and internationally, Angelos has focused on growing the engagement of the Orioles with prominent international organizations and goodwill efforts to bring people of different nations together using the power of sport to transcend unhelpful political obstacles and to avoid future conflict, to further global environmental protection, and to support programs aiding famine relief, education, the arts, and communities left behind. Toward those ends, Angelos created the Orioles and MASN partnership with the United Nations to promote U.N. World Environment Day, focused the team and network on continuing programs dedicated to saving the Chesapeake Bay, developed partnerships between the Orioles and MASN and major international NGOs in delivering food to communities in Africa and in other crisis relief efforts, developed greater Orioles outreach to the disabled community through a disabled ambassadorship and game participation program, and supported programs to aid returning military veterans and civilian victims of U.S. conflicts abroad.

He also participated in the Orioles international "people to people" programs, including the five-year partnership with the International Olympic and Greek Olympic Committees prior to the 2004 Athens Olympics and the club's creation of an historic 1999 home-and-home series played between the Cuban National Baseball Team and the Orioles in Havana and at Camden Yards. Through the latter initiative, the Orioles became the first professional American sports team to play in Cuba since the 1958 U.S. Embargo was imposed on the island nation and the first American professional sports organization to host a Cuban sports team in the United States during the Embargo and Travel Ban era.

Angelos joined the Orioles in 1994 and was named Executive Vice President of the club in 1999 and President of MASN in 2006. Angelos is a graduate of Duke University.
Nikos P. Mouyiaris is the Founder and CEO of Mana Products, Inc., one of the world’s most prestigious cosmetics manufacturers and developers. Established in 1975 with a mere $6,000.00 that Nikos borrowed from his brother, today Mana employs over 1000 people and is a partner to many of the world’s largest and most successful beauty brands.

A visionary business and community leader, Nikos believes the true measure of success lies in the ability to help others, so he is passionate in his support of many philanthropic and other endeavors. He is the Founder of the Hellenic American Leadership Council, a professional organization dedicated to the empowerment of the Greek community in the United States and eventually in every country where there is a Greek Diaspora. An organization committed to civic leadership and human rights, members of HALC are involved in the Greek Lobby in the United States.

Nikos is a Benefactor of the Malaika Foundation, helping to educate young girls in the Congo. And a Benefactor of Paradise4Kids, helping to feed, educate and clothe hundreds of Ebola orphans in Sierra Leone. Nikos is also involved with many other organizations that make a difference in the world and has received many honors including the prestigious Ellis Island Medal of Honor.
The Very Reverend Archimandrite Nathanael Symeonides was born in Thessaloniki, Greece (1978). He is a graduate of Hellenic College (BA, 2000) and of Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology (MDiv, 2003). He earned an STM (2003) and a Th.D. (2007) in Bioethics from Boston University. Fr. Nathanael has also studied the history and ethics of public health at Columbia University Mailman School of Public Health. He is a guest professor of Christian ethics and bioethics at Fordham University, Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology, and Saint Vladimir Theological School. Fr. Nathanael was ordained a Deacon (2003) and a Presbyter (2010) by His Eminence Geron Archbishop Demetrios of America. His ecclesial and pastoral work includes service as the Deacon to Metropolitan Methodios (2003-2006); Deacon to the Archbishop (2006-2010); Pastor of the Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church, NY (2010-2013).

During his time as a parish priest, Fr. Nathanael developed an urban ministry, *Orthodox Christians in Action* (OPA), which harnessed the gifts and talents of the faithful, especially the energy of over 400 young professionals of Manhattan, offering them ways to create meaningful change in the lives of those most vulnerable in society.

In September of 2013 he was appointed Director of the Office of Inter-Orthodox, Ecumenical and Interfaith Relations of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America. In his present position, Fr. Nathanael manages and directs the relationships between the Archdiocese and numerous religious organizations, think tanks, non-governmental organizations, and Permanent Missions to the United Nations. Most recently, he convened a colloquium entitled, *Orthodoxy and Humanitarianism: Ideas and Action in the Contemporary World*, which brought together experts from around the world to discuss ways that the Church may help alleviate humanitarian crises and promote sustainable development.

Fr. Nathanael is a brother of the historic monastic community of St. George Epanosifis in Crete, Greece.
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE APPROVES $100,000 FOR HURRICANE RESPONSE FUND

The Leadership 100 Executive Committee, on September 5, 2017 unanimously approved emergency assistance to International Orthodox Christian Charities (IOCC) for the Emergency Response Fund for Hurricanes with a grant of $100,000, in response to an appeal from His Eminence Archbishop Demetrios, Geron of America, which initially addressed Hurricane Harvey, but was extended to include Hurricanes Irma and Maria.

“Our Executive Committee responded immediately to the appeal of Archbishop Demetrios because Leadership 100 has always been there to aid in time of crisis at home and abroad,” said Chairman George Tsandikos. “Whether for earthquake and fire victims in Greece or in the aftermath of September 11 and Hurricanes Katrina and Sandy, Leadership 100 has always had high confidence in the ability of IOCC.”

IOCC, an agency under the auspices of the Assembly of Canonical Orthodox Bishops of the United States of America, has been in the regions of Texas, Florida and the Caribbean since access was possible for providing care, and will continue to be there for weeks and months to come.
The Center for Family Care of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America, in conjunction with the host parish of All Saints Greek Orthodox Church of Canonsburg, Pa., held its second Family Ministry Conference, “The Orthodox Family in a Changing World,” on September 20-23. The Center for Family Care and the Family Ministry Conferences are supported in part with grants from Leadership 100.

Sixty participants – including clergy, mental health professionals, ministry leaders, and devoted laypersons – from across the Archdiocese and other Orthodox jurisdictions attended. The conference’s overall objective was to offer perspectives that support family ministry geared to the needs of Orthodox families and communities.

Keynote addresses were delivered by His Eminence Metropolitan Savas of Pittsburgh; Director of the Department of Youth and Young Adult Ministries, Steven Christoforou; and Orthodox author, podcaster, and blogger, Elissa Eleatic. In addition, the conference featured numerous workshops led by clergy and lay leaders. The sessions highlighted some of the challenges families face within contemporary culture. FOCUS North America led a hands-on poverty simulation that helped participants imagine what a life of poverty might resemble and how love should be the response to those who live in such conditions.

Participants also worked in intensive sessions to reflect upon two short presentations, “Becoming a Healing Presence,” led by Dr. Albert Rossi, Director of Counseling and Psychological Services at St. Vladimir’s Seminary, and “Healing the Healer” by His Grace Bishop John Habdalah of the Diocese of Worcester and New England of the Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese. Patrick Tutella, the founder and Director of Caring Connections in Corrections, also presented on the characteristics of a pastoral-care ministry team. Participants were able to engage the content with actual case scenarios within a small-group discussion.

Leadership 100 awarded a grant of $37,700 to Orthodox Christian Fellowship (OCF) for expansion of its Orthodox Campus Ministry Summer Leadership Institute in 2017. OCF is the official campus ministry of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America and one of the seven official agencies of the Assembly of Canonical Orthodox Bishops.

With a current presence on more than 320 college campuses across the country in 2016, an increase from 247 in 2015, OCF relies heavily on its student leaders to make contact with new students during their first days on campus, to connect them with fellow Orthodox students and with a local parish while attending school.

OCF’s Summer Leadership Institute trains and prepares select Orthodox college students from varying Orthodox jurisdictions to be leaders in the Church and their communities. The curriculum is based on the needs and concerns of the students and the ministry of OCF. Workshops are led by key Orthodox clergy, thinkers and speakers in conjunction with OCF staff. Students are provided with opportunities for prayer and reflection, teambuilding, ministry orientation, and programmatic and strategic planning. The student leaders serve on the Student Leadership Board of OCF.

OCF has received positive impact on the contributions of these trained student leaders from hierarchs, parishes, universities and charitable organizations. The new grant, a continuation of support in 2016, will allow OCF to widen the impact of the Summer Leadership Institute by enlarging the pool of students from whom it selects future members of the Student Leadership Board, develop stronger student leaders for its chapters, create stronger ties between the Student Leadership Board and other student leaders across the OCF network, and invest in the future leaders of parishes.
Leadership 100 responded to the initiative of the Small Parish Subcommittee of the Finance Committee of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America in 2015 by funding a three-year Small Parish Program to stimulate the growth of new and struggling parishes throughout the Archdiocese. Grants in 2015 and 2017 each supported four parishes with $200,000 and $155,000, respectively.

Designed as a complement to the Home Mission Parish Program, also supported with Leadership 100 grants since the 1990s, and which supports priests assigned to new or turnaround parishes, the Small Parish Program funds the implementation of parish initiatives. Included are ministries and programs that bolster new parishes or reverse the downward spiral of struggling parishes in an effort to re-engage existing parishioners and reach out to Orthodox and non-Orthodox inquirers.

The program is overseen by the Archdiocesan Committee for Small Parishes, still a Subcommittee of the Finance Committee, chaired by Dr. Louis Roussalis, a member of Leadership 100. The committee looks to the Archbishop in the Direct Archdiocesan District and the Metropolitans in each Metropolis to provide profiles of one or two proposed small parishes for consideration by the committee. The committee is comprised of one member from each Metropolis and the Direct Archdiocesan District.

After selection, the respective Hierarch provides updated financial statements and progress reports every six months for review and evaluation as to whether the parish is meeting goals for developing and improving stewardship, outreach, evangelism and membership. The selected parishes issue quarterly progress reports to the committee.

According to Dr. Roussalis, the program grew out of an idea developed in the Metropolis of Denver, which Metropolitan Isaiah often describes as a “Metropolis of small parishes”. Dr. Roussalis further points out that “most parishes of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese are struggling to grow and, in some cases, struggling to survive. Unable to make long-term changes because of short-term needs, they continue to take measures that may provide short-term relief, but do not provide for long-term growth.”

Four parishes were funded in 2015 and four in 2017. They included St. Peter the Apostle Greek Orthodox Church, Bronx, New York, in 2015; St. Elias the Prophet Greek Orthodox Church, Dubuque, Iowa, in 2015 and 2017; Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church, Missoula, Montana, in 2015 and 2017; Saint George Greek Orthodox Church, Prescott, Arizona, in 2015 and 2017; and Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church, Norwich, Connecticut, in 2017.
GRANT SUPPORTS HOME MISSION PARISHES

Leadership 100 has provided a $61,200 grant for support of the Home Mission Parish Program in 2017 under the direction of the Department of Stewardship, Outreach and Evangelism. The program has been supported by Leadership 100 from the 1990s to 2008 and resumed from 2013 to the present day.

The grant in 2016 assisted one recipient parish in each of the Metropolises of Atlanta, Boston, Detroit and Chicago whose necessity of support declined each year according to plan. The new grant will provide assistance to parishes in the Metropolises of Denver, San Francisco and the Direct Archdiocese District of New York.

The Home Mission Parish program has supported mission parishes throughout the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America in their critical first years of existence. Assistance has also gone to parishes that have declined but are in a period of renewal and outreach.

In many areas of the United States there are Orthodox Christians who, with the approval of the local hierarch, would like to establish a parish. To do this requires a priest, which many of these communities are unable to afford, along with additional expenses involved. The Leadership 100 grants made it financially feasible for a priest to be assigned during the critical phases of parish formation and renewal, increasing the likelihood of the parish becoming self-sufficient. The program provides monthly supplemental support for the compensation of full-time clergy assigned to parishes designated by the local hierarch as mission parishes.

In addition, the Department of Stewardship, Outreach and Evangelism provides these mission parishes with outreach materials and runs a Clearinghouse of Liturgical Items which connects long-established parishes to new parishes with donations of liturgical items no longer needed by the larger parish. Through the Clearinghouse, according to Fr. James W. Kordaris, Director of the Department, “relationships are being formed between Greek Orthodox communities across the Archdiocese.”

CLERGY COUPLE CARE PROGRAM

Leadership 100 provided a grant of $12,000 to The Center for Family Care of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America for the Clergy Couple Care Kairos Program for 2017. The funding supported up to four clergy couples in distress or with a pressing need to attend the five-day Kairos program at the Pastoral Institute in Columbus, Georgia.

Clergy couples of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese were informed about the Kairos program in detail, invited to apply, and offered any funding they needed. Couples who expressed interest were given all the information they asked for and will be contacted again. The privacy and anonymity of the couples who participate in the program is maintained throughout the process of organizing the logistical details of their trips.

Those who have already attended the Kairos program have expressed gratitude to The Center for Family Care and to Leadership 100 for “the investment made of our spiritual and emotional health and well-being,” according to Kerry Pappas, Coordinator for Seminarian and Clergy Couple Care.
GRANT SUPPORTS GREEK EDUCATION

Leadership 100 continued its support of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America’s Department of Greek Education with a grant of $106,300 in answer to a pressing need for supplementary Greek-language textbooks, workbooks and teacher manuals on Greek Civilization and Culture. Previously, Leadership 100 funded Greek-language textbooks for first and second grade students at all Archdiocese Greek-language schools. The new textbook, workbook and teacher manual will address Greek History, Culture and monuments whose content will include "global-reach accomplishments and contributions of Greek ancestors, the self-sacrifice of the Greek people for freedom, and the indomitable Greek spirit against oppression." It will also cover the preservation of the Greek language, religion and culture against all odds and over the centuries, and the Greek civilizations, museums and monuments waiting to be discovered.

The new textbook will be incorporated into instruction within the Greek-language textbook series for grades K-9, "Ta Ellinika mou". The new funding from Leadership 100 will address this instructional gap. The funding covers the writing, illustration and publication costs, along with exercise books for students and teacher manuals.

The Director of the Greek Department, Dr. Ioannis Efthymiopoulos, stated, “Greece is known for its glorious history and as the birthplace of global civilization. It is a history and civilization that emanate from the depths of time and which have influenced the evolution of Eastern and Western societies. It is an immediate, pressing necessity to supplement our Greek-language learning series with a first-ever curriculum and instructional materials on Greek History and Culture that will infuse Greek-American children with awareness and pride of their Greek heritage.”

GRANT SUPPORTS ORTHODOX MISSION TEAM SCHOLARSHIPS

Leadership 100 provided grant support of $72,000 over 2016 and 2017 for the Orthodox Christian Mission Center’s (OCMC) Mission Team Scholarship program. The grant provides scholarships for individuals to participate in OCMC international mission teams that bring people to Christ in spreading and promoting Orthodoxy, and establishes and strengthens the Church.

Participation on an OCMC mission team is often a life-changing experience. The majority of those who go, come back with a zeal and desire that they apply to their home parishes and environment. Some team members have made decisions to enter seminary and careers that involve humanitarian service. Half the individuals awarded the scholarships are Greek Orthodox students at Holy Cross Seminary, so there is direct impact on the future leadership of the Archdiocese.

An official agency of the Assembly of Canonical Orthodox Bishops of the United States, OCMC’s mission is to make disciples of all nations by bringing people to Christ and His Church. OCMC strives to establish vibrant Eucharistic communities throughout the world, to develop and support indigenous church leaders, and to strengthen the infrastructures of their churches. OCMC works primarily, though not solely, in countries where Christianity is the minority and where the Gospel message has not been proclaimed by recruiting, training, sending and supporting Orthodox missionaries to preach, teach, baptize and minister to the spiritual and physical needs of those being served and saved.

In 1985, OCMC sent its first missionaries to Kenya to support the growing Orthodox Church under the Archpastoral care of Archbishop Anastasios. Since then, dozens of Orthodox missionaries from North America have served in several countries on nearly every continent. As part of its commitment, OCMC also began providing for the theological training of priests serving in mission countries.
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DETROIT MEMBERSHIP RECRUITMENT EVENT

Leadership 100 held its third membership recruitment dinner in the Metropolis of Detroit on Thursday, June 15, 2017 at Morton’s Steak House in Troy, Michigan, hosted by Theodore and Ann Zampetis.

The highlight of the event was the enrollment of two of Zampetis’ granddaughters as Junior Partners, Melina Theodora and Anna Viktoria Zampetis, which totals nine family members brought into Leadership 100 by Zampetis, who is Chairman of the Membership Committee.

Lou Kircos, a member of the Leadership 100 Audit Committee and coordinator of the event, thanked the Zampetis couple for hosting the event. Metropolitan Nicholas of Detroit spoke about the contributions of Leadership 100 to the ministries of the Archdiocese and the Metropolises.

Paulette Poulos, Executive Director of Leadership 100, thanked Theodore and Ann Zampetis and Melina Theodora and Anna Viktoria, who presented her with their applications and checks for $10,000 each. She referred to the front cover of the Spring 2017 issue of The Leader which pictured the Founders and Chairmen Emeriti and challenged Melina and Anna to be future leaders and to emulate these exceptional individuals.

Fr. Anthony Cook of St. George Church in Southgate, Michigan, a parish that is also a member of Leadership 100, thanked Leadership 100 for supporting him with scholarship aid when he studied for the Priesthood at Holy Cross School of Theology.
## New Members

### Direct Archdiocesan District
- **Anonymous**
  - City: New York, NY
  - Sponsor: Paulette Poulos
- **Drs. John and Monica Athas**
  - City: New York, NY
  - Sponsor: Paulette Poulos
- **Irene Campbell**
  - City: New York, NY
  - Sponsor: Lillian Johnson and Paulette Poulos
- **Lillian Johnson**
  - City: New York, NY
  - Sponsor: Bess Nicholas and Paulette Poulos
- **Alexandra Katchis**
  - City: New York, NY
  - Sponsor: Dr. Stuart and Ellen Katchis, Peter and Mary Katchis and Paulette Poulos
- **George and Karen Kollitides**
  - City: New Canaan, CT
  - Sponsor: C. Dean Metropoulos
- **Alexandra Lambris**
  - City: New York, NY
  - Sponsor: Paulette Poulos
- **Peter and Dimitra Manis**
  - City: New York, NY
  - Sponsor: James and Stella Pantelidis
- **James and Nikki Margarites**
  - City: New York, NY
  - Sponsor: Paulette Poulos

### Metropolis of Chicago
- **George M. and Eleni Dovellos**
  - City: Munster, IN
  - Sponsor: Andrew A. Athens and Paulette Poulos
- **Ross N. and Lexi Orfanos Pangere**
  - City: Crown Point, IN
  - Sponsor: Fr. James Greanias and Paulette Poulos

### Metropolis of Boston
- **Frank and Anastasia Catrickes**
  - City: Boston, MA
  - Sponsor: James and Pauline Catrickes and Drake and Maria Behrakis

### Metropolis of Denver
- **Damon and Cynthia Diamantaras**
  - City: Houston, TX
  - Sponsor: Dr. George T. Koulianos
- **Patricia Theodorelos Guzik**
  - City: Lewisville, TX
  - Sponsor: Jerry and Eva Costacos and Paulette Poulos

### Metropolis of Pittsburgh
- **Anna Viktoria Zampetis**
  - City: Valley City, OH
  - Sponsor: Theodore K. and Ann Zampetis
- **Melina Theodora Zampetis**
  - City: Valley City, OH
  - Sponsor: Theodore K. and Ann Zampetis

### Metropolis of New Jersey
- **Elena Arida**
  - City: Westfield, NJ
  - Sponsor: Louis and Helen Nicozisis
- **Alma C. DeMetropolis**
  - City: New Providence, NJ
  - Sponsor: George S. Tsandikos, Kassandra Romas, Michael N. Bapis and Paulette Poulos
- **John T. and Victoria Michals**
  - City: Manasquan, NJ
  - Sponsor: Jeff and Anastasia Michals
### Fulfilled Members

**Direct Archdiocesan District**  
James and Nikki Margarites  
George N. and Stephanie Pantelidis  
Nicholas and Pauline Papain  
Dr. Steven G. and Bonnie Messing Pavlakis  
New York, NY  
New York, NY  
Plandome, NY  
Brooklyn, NY

**Metropolis of Chicago**  
Ross N. and Lexi Orfanos Pangere  
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**Metropolis of Boston**  
Gerondelis Foundation, Inc.  
*Gregory C. Demakis, President*  
Louis N. and Zacharie Vinios  
Lynn, MA  
Boston, MA

**Metropolis of Atlanta**  
Steve E. and Frosene Zeis  
Asheville, NC

**Metropolis of Detroit**  
Harry C. and Joelle Cotros  
Little Rock, AR

**Metropolis of Pittsburgh**  
Nicholas L. and Kathryn Lekas  
Hudson, OH

**Metropolis of San Francisco**  
Justin A. and Annemarie Bosl  
Anthea M. Dyer  
Dr. Nicholas M. Halikis  
Dr. Anthony A. and Sophie Mastor  
Hayward, CA  
Scottsdale, AZ  
Redondo Beach, CA  
Los Angeles, CA

**Metropolis of New Jersey**  
Theodore C. and Helen Abadzi Vakrinos  
Marina P. Zazanis  
Alexandria, VA  
New Vernon, NJ

### In Memoriam

- **Nikolas Agathis** – 3/9/2017  
  Springfield, NJ  
  Penelope Korkos – 6/15/2017  
  Elm Grove, WI

- **Louis Anderson** – 5/31/2017  
  Charleston, SC  
  Sylvia Kress – 9/20/2017  
  Edison, NJ

- **George A. Collias** – 6/13/2017  
  Lake Bluff, IL  
  John E. Kusturiss – 8/8/2017  
  Newtown Square, PA

- **Molly J. Corpas** – 4/9/2017  
  Westlake, OH  
  Mike G. Ligeros – 4/19/2017  
  Denver, CO

- **George P. Kokalis** – 6/13/2017  
  Scottsdale, AZ  
  Vasilios C. Priskos – 10/9/2017  
  Salt Lake City, UT
Vasiliros Priskos, a member of the Leadership 100 Board of Trustees, who is credited with helping to shape the development of downtown Salt Lake City, Utah through his extensive real estate holdings, passed away October 9, 2017. He was 53.

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As the founder and principal broker of InterNet Properties Inc., he amassed numerous properties in downtown Salt Lake City, which put him third on a modern list of the “25 People Who Helped Build Downtown.”

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Priskos is survived by his wife, Shauna Bamberger Priskos, and sons Christian, Nico, Alexander and Aristotle.

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NATIONAL LEADERSHIP 100 SUNDAY OBSERVED FOR NINTH YEAR

National Leadership 100 Sunday was observed across the country for the ninth year on October 15, 2017. The celebration is held on a Sunday near to the Feast of Saint Iakovos in honor of the Founder of Leadership 100, Archbishop Iakovos of Blessed Memory.

“National Leadership 100 Sunday demonstrated once again the indispensable support Leadership 100 provides for our Church and Community,” said George S. Tsandikos, Chairman of Leadership 100. Theodore K. Zampetis, a member of the Executive Committee and Chairman of the National Membership Committee served as National Leadership 100 Sunday Chairman for the sixth consecutive year.

Parish Priests throughout the nation read the Encyclical issued by His Eminence Archbishop Demetrios, Geron of America on behalf of the Holy Eparchial Synod at the Divine Liturgy. Members of Leadership 100 held programs to develop awareness of the support provided by Leadership 100 for the Ministries of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America and all the Metropolises.

Among those participating, Arthur C. Anton, a Founder and Chairman Emeritus of Leadership 100, addressed the parish of SS Constantine and Helen in Andover, Massachusetts, along with Fr. Christopher P. Makiej. The family hour was sponsored by Arthur and Madeline Anton in honor of National Leadership 100 Sunday. The couple have sponsored a program for all nine observances of National Leadership 100 Sunday.

Thomas G. Jordan, Treasurer of Leadership 100, addressed Assumption Church in St. Clair Shores, Michigan, as he has done in previous years. At the Church of Our Saviour in Rye, New York, George T. Soterakis, a member of Leadership 100 Board of Trustees addressed the parish, along with Fr. Elias Villas. At Assumption Church in Chicago, Leadership 100 members Louis Malevitis, Marion Gouvis and Constance Andrews sponsored a program supported by the Very Rev. Timothy G. Bakakos, Archimandrite and Rev. Fr. Dimitrios Burikas, Associate Pastor.

In California, Leadership 100 member Chris W. Caras, Jr. organized an observance with his sister, Rhea Caras Rendon, mother of Leadership 100 member Christopher Rendon, in keeping the family tradition of their father, Chris W. Caras of Blessed Memory, a distinguished member of the Leadership 100 Executive Committee. They were joined by Leadership 100 member George Mitsanas.

Leadership 100 counts 1,065 members from a broad spectrum of Greek Orthodox leaders, men, women and young adults from every field of endeavor. Over three decades, $48,198,332 million in grants have been awarded to ministries and institutions of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America, as well as to Metropolis Ministries, other programs and projects that advance Orthodoxy and Hellenism, and humanitarian needs in the nation and around the world.
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LEADERSHIP 100 MEMBERS AMONG 24 ARCHONS INVESTED WITH OFFICE

On Sunday morning, October 22, Archbishop Demetrios presided at the Divine Liturgy at the Cathedral of the Holy Trinity in New York City. Following the Divine Liturgy, the ceremony of investiture of 24 new Archons of the Ecumenical Patriarchate, Order of St. Andrew the Apostle took place. Archbishop Demetrios was joined by Metropolitans Savas of Pittsburgh, Evangelos of New Jersey, Gerasimos of San Francisco and Maximos of Selyvria, representing the Ecumenical Patriarchate. The Leadership 100 members among them were:

- Michael Nicholas Bapis
  Depoutatos
  Manhasset, NY

- Justin Koutras Bozonelis
  Kastrinos
  New York, NY

- Philip John Economopoulos
  Hypomnematografos
  Montara, CA

- John Sitilides
  Referendarios
  Washington, DC

- George Harry Mitsanas
  Referendarios
  Palos Verdes Peninsula, CA

- Constantine Steve Liollio
  Harkophylax
  Houston, TX

- Jeffrey Vasilios Michals
  Ieromnimon
  Wall, NJ

- John C. Tsunis
  Orphanotrophos
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Peter Vlachos, a longtime member of the Leadership 100 Board of Trustees and Chairman of the Investment Committee, was presented with the 2017 Jaharis Service Award during the 7th Annual Oxi Day Celebration in Washington, DC at the National World War II Memorial on October 26, 2017.

The Jaharis Service Award recognizes an individual for dedicated service during the Korean War as well as his or her contributions, in the spirit of Michael Jaharis, to the Greek-American Community, the United States and to the world. Vlachos joins last year’s distinguished recipient John Payiavlas, Chairman Emeritus of Leadership 100, the first ever to receive this award. Jaharis was a noted philanthropist and a pioneer in the pharmaceutical industry who was a Founder of Leadership 100.

Peter Austin Vlachos served during the Korean War in the 93rd Bomb Wing of the Air Force Strategic Air Command and flew with the 328th Bomb Squadron as a radar bombing and navigational technician.

After the war, he graduated from Colby College in Waterville, Maine in 1958. He worked on Wall Street at Amott, the Dreyfus Corporation and Neuberger Berman and in 1989 founded Austin Investment Management, Inc. In 2016, Vlachos helped establish and joined Adalta Capital Management LLC where he is a Managing Director.

Over his career, he has served many non-profit organizations in varying capacities. Vlachos has been a lifelong supporter of the arts, humanitarian causes and education, having served on the boards and investment committees of Colby College, Outward Bound, Scenic Hudson, Metropolitan Montessori School, HANAC, Inc., and The School for Strings. Vlachos’s commitment to good works and philanthropy includes serving on the Archdiocesan Council of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America, as well as being Treasurer of Faith: An Endowment for Orthodoxy & Hellenism and Vice President of the American Associates of the Saint Catherine Foundation.

The Washington Oxi Day Foundation organizes the annual celebration of Oxi courage, past and present. The event took place in Washington, DC from October 25-27. At the Black-Tie Banquet and Award Presentation on October 26, North Korean defector Ji Seong-ho and leading voice against Islamist extremism Ayaan Hirsi Ali received the Oxi Courage Award for their David-vs-Goliath courage against the great evils of today, in the spirit of what the Greeks did in WWII. Leading humanitarian Bruce Mosler received the Metropolitan Chrysostomos Award for his efforts to fight anti-Semitism and discrimination.

Earlier in the day, at the National World War II Memorial, the Foundation honored a Greek, an American, and a Greek-American WWII veteran with its Greatest Generation Award: Greek-American George Possas, former US Senator Daniel Inouye and Eleftherios Smyrniotopoulos.

Activities began with a reception at the Greek Ambassador’s residence on October 25 and ended with a wreath laying ceremony at the Arlington National Cemetery’s Tomb of the Unknown Soldier on October 27 in honor of those who lost their lives in WWII when Greece said OXI to surrender.

The Washington Oxi Day Foundation is dedicated to informing American policymakers and the public about the profound role Greece played in bringing about the outcome of World War II and celebrating modern day heroes who exhibit the same courage as the Greeks did in continuing to fight to preserve and promote freedom and democracy around the world.
MICHAEL PSAROS HONORED AT HOLY TRINITY PHILOPTOCHOS CHRYSANTHEMUM BALL

By Revekka Papadopoulos

The Archdiocesan Cathedral of the Holy Trinity Philoptochos honored Michael Psaros, a member of the Leadership 100 Board of Trustees at its 64th Annual Chrysanthemum Ball on November 10 at the Mandarin Oriental Hotel in New York City.

Psaros is a Co-Founder and Co-Managing Partner of KPS Capital Partners, LP and a member of its Investment Committee. He is also a founding member of FAITH, an Executive Board member of The Hellenic Initiative, a member of AHEPA and he serves as the Treasurer of the Archdiocesan Council of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America.

His Eminence Archbishop Demetrios delivered the invocation assisted by Fr. John Vlahos. Welcoming remarks were given by Stella Pantelidis, co-chair of the ball, and Dr. Miranda Kofinas, President of the Cathedral Philoptochos.

Dr. Kofinas offered a warm welcome to Michael Psaros and his wife Robin noting that they “set an inspiring example for the Greek Orthodox community” and she thanked those in attendance for their “repeated generosity which allows us to do the good thing we do”.

Fr. John Vlahos, dean of the Archdiocesan Cathedral of the Holy Trinity, noted that Michael Psaros “has exemplified the idea of philanthropy”.

Co-Chairs Maria Marinakis and Maro Stratakis introduced this year’s honoree.

“My family and I are honored and humbled to receive this recognition this evening. This honor is uniquely special because it comes from the Philoptochos Society. While I thank the Philoptochos Society for this recognition, this honor belongs to my wife, Robin. Robin is my angel, my conscience, and my rock”, said Psaros, accepting the award.

In his speech, he called for unity throughout the Holy Archdiocese saying that “the Church needs the unity of our people, and our people need the Church. The Church is the only institution that binds the Greek American community together”.

He added that “there is no ethnic or secular organization that approaches the primacy of the Church in the Greek-American community. Secular Hellenism is not the answer. Hellenism can only be viewed through the glorious prism of Orthodoxy. You cannot separate the two. The Church, and only the Church, has guarded and maintained our Hellenic identity, customs, culture, and language through two millennia”.

Psaros also noted that “this is a serious time, and requires a serious commitment by serious people. We are currently confronted with certain internal challenges, and very serious external challenges, which will only be overcome by unity in Christ as a single body”, adding that “while we still must very unfortunately address the Archdiocese’s legacy obligations, the Archdiocese is working expeditiously to remedy the financial and control issues it discovered and confronted earlier this year. I ask you to join us in this effort”.

“I exhort everyone: instead of criticism, to please propose solutions; instead of idle words, to take constructive action; instead of anger and frustration, to embrace forgiveness, love and humility. We all have the same heart and the same soul; therefore, we must speak with one voice and act as one body”, he noted and repeated that “the only way to overcome our internal and external challenges is through unity in Christ as a single body. There is no other choice. There is no higher calling”.

In his closing remarks Archbishop Demetrios congratulated the Cathedral Philoptochos for "honoring a very exceptional individual in the person of Michael Psaros" and thanked him for using in his speech "so beautifully the Bible, the Church Fathers, the history and the present reality, a combination not easy to do”.

Honored guests included Dr. Konstantinos Koutras, Consul General of Greece to New York, and his wife, Popita Pavli, Ambassador Maria Theophili, Permanent Representative of Greece to the UN, Ambassador Vasilios Philippou, Consul General of Cyprus to New York, and his wife Anthea, Jennifer Constantine, Direct Archdiocesan District Philoptochos President, James Gianakis, Archdiocesan Cathedral Board of Trustees President and Rev. Robert Stephanopoulos, Dean Emeritus of the Cathedral along with Presvytera Nikki Stephanopoulos.

The Chrysanthemum Ball is the Holy Trinity Archdiocesan Cathedral Philoptochos’ main annual fundraising event for its charitable activities.
HELEN AND LOU NICOZISIS TO BE HONORED AT OCMC CELEBRATION GALA IN FEBRUARY

Helen and Lou Nicozisis, longtime, active and distinguished members of Leadership 100, will be honored for their faithful and continued commitment to the Orthodox Christian Mission Center (OCMC), at a Celebration Gala to be held on Saturday, February 10, 2018 in Boca Raton, Florida.

OCMC is especially acknowledging Helen Nicozisis for her distinctive service as the first layperson President of OCMC, a Pan-Orthodox ministry and mission of sharing the Gospel to all nations. OCMC is the official foreign mission and evangelism agency of all Orthodox jurisdictions under the Assembly of Canonical Orthodox Bishops of the United States of America. OCMC missionaries and ministries have been in more than 35 countries on six continents.

Helen Bakalis Nicozisis was born and raised in Manhattan and worshipped at St. Spyridon parish in Washington Heights. Her parents, Philip and Anastasia, were born in Kastoria, Greece. She graduated from the Greek American Institute of Zoodohos Peghe in the Bronx, New York, 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, Pennsylvania, studying accounting.

Lou Nicozisis, who served on the Leadership 100 Executive Committee and Board of Trustees, was born in Sopiki, Northern Epirus, Greece to Demetrios and Eugenia and came to the United States in 1946. He attended St. Spyridon School, Dewitt Clinton High School in the Bronx and Fairleigh Dickinson University in Teaneck, New Jersey.

Before moving to Lancaster, Pennsylvania in 1971, the couple was active in the parishes of St. Paraskevi in Greenlawn, Long Island, St. Nicholas in Flushing, New York and St. Paul in Hempstead, Long Island. In Lancaster, they became very active in the Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church, providing leadership and support to the Greek Orthodox parishes of Reading, York, Camp Hill and Bethlehem, Pennsylvania.

Annunciation is well known for its global mission-mindedness and Pan-Orthodox ministries under the guidance of Fr. Alexander Veronis. Helen was elected the first female President of the Parish Council and re-elected in 1981. For 17 years, the couple chaired the Stewardship Committee of the parish. While Helen lectured at Clergy-Laity meetings and elsewhere on stewardship and fundraising and served on the then Diocesan Council, Lou served on the Pennsylvania World Council of Churches and as Vice President of the Annunciation Parish Council in 1976.

In 1981, Helen was elected President of the Board of Trustees of the Endowment Fund for Orthodox Missions (EFOM), still serving in that capacity. She also serves on the Mission Institute Board as President of EFOM. In 2001, she was elected as President of the Board of Directors of OCMC, the first layperson and woman to be elected to this position. She has served on the OCMC Board for more than three decades, also serving on the Executive Committee, as Treasurer, Chair of the Development Committee and Chair of the Capital Campaign that led to the May 2009 dedication of the Archbishop Anastasios and Archbishop Demetrios Missionary Training and Administration Building of the OCMC in St. Augustine, Florida.

As President of OCMC Board of Directors, Helen accepted the 2003 Athenagoras Human Rights Award of the Order of St. Andrew, Archons of the Ecumenical Patriarchate on behalf of the OCMC.

In 1992, Lou was invested as an Archon of the Ecumenical Patriarchate of the Order of St. Andrew. He served for 17 years on the Archdiocesan Council of the Greek Orthodox Church in America and chaired, underwrote and initiated its Department of Outreach and Evangelism. In 2002, he was awarded the Ellis Island Medal of Honor. In 1995, the couple chaired the Leadership 100 Annual Conference in Boca Raton, Florida. They are also members of the National Hellenic Society.

Helen and Lou received the St. Paul Medal, the highest award given to a layperson of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America, from Archbishop Iakovos of Blessed Memory. Helen also was awarded the Humanitarian Award of the American Hellenic Institute (AHI) and was the honoree at the annual Chrysanthemum Ball of the Ladies Philoptochos Society of the Archdiocesan Cathedral of the Holy Trinity in New York.

Helen and Lou continue to be members of Annunciation Church in Lancaster, P.A and are members of St. Mark Church in Boca Raton, FL and St. Catherine Church in West Palm Beach, FL. They are benefactors of OCMC, EFOM, Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology in Massachusetts, St. Herman’s Seminary in Alaska, St. Vladimir’s Seminary in New York and numerous global missionary endeavors, translation of books on mission and local and national charities.

Lou, who was highly successful in the carpet industry, establishing a chain of big-box retail carpet stores, with the first opening in Lancaster, PA in 1971, retired in 1997. The couple have three children, Jeannie, married to Dr. Kenneth Arida, Philip, and Dr. Jonathan, married to Eleni (Giazikis). They have six grandchildren, Elena, Christina and William Arida and Elias, Nia and Ariana Nicozisis.
Eleni Bousis, a member of the Leadership 100 Board of Trustees, hosted the second annual Wings to Cure Gala for the Hippocratic Cancer Research Foundation (HCRF), which she founded and chairs, on Oct. 14. The event attracted more than 600 guests and raised $600,000 at the Hilton Chicago to support innovative cutting-edge cancer research at the Robert H. Lurie Comprehensive Cancer Center of Northwestern University.

Bousis spoke about her inspiration for creating the foundation. Her friend Jay Michael, a real estate developer, passed away at age 34 of non-Hodgkin’s lymphoma. “In his short life, he touched so many people around the globe,” Bousis said. She acknowledged dignitaries in the audience, including the Minister of Defense for Greece, Panos Kammenos, Metropolitan Nikitas Loulias, Illinois Gov. Bruce Rauner and First Lady Diana Rauner.

Dr. Leonidas Platanias, Director of Lurie Cancer Center, lauded HCRF for its determination to “support research at the center to create important opportunities to translate scientific discoveries into novel therapies, advanced technologies and promising clinical trials.”

The Hippocratic Cancer Research Foundation provides the philanthropic support to fund interdisciplinary research teams at the Robert H. Lurie Comprehensive Cancer Center of Northwestern University, empowering their world-class investigators to join forces and address the most urgent questions in the fields of cancer biology and oncology in daring and innovative ways. By investing in research, with an emphasis on translational cancer research, the HCRF accelerates and heightens the impact of scientific discoveries.

The Lurie Cancer Center, one of only 49 National Cancer Institute-designated Comprehensive Cancer Centers in the nation, is recognized internationally as a leader in innovative research, state-of-the-art cancer care, training and education for the next generation of clinicians and scientists, and community outreach.

Robert A. Buhler, a member of Leadership 100 and Chairman of PanHellenic Scholarship Foundation, was presented with the 2017 Philhellene of the Year Award by the Hellenic Bar Association of Illinois (HBA), on October 28, 2017.

The award, which is the first to be awarded by the HBA to a Philhellene, was presented during the HBA 67th Annual Scholarship Ball. “Mr. Buhler embodies the true spirit of Hellenism by choice. Having adopted our culture and immersed himself in our community, he is a role model for all Hellenes,” said HBA President Constantine Kanellos. “I am humbled to receive this recognition by the HBA. I am most grateful to the Hellenes who drew me into Hellenism and I encourage our community to reach out and draw other non-Greeks to Hellenism,” said Buhler.

During the Scholarship Ball, the HBA also presented the 2017 Lifetime Achievement Award to Mr. Harry Nichols and the 2017 Lawyer of the Year Award to Ms. Maria Z. Vathis. Scholarships were presented to law students Dimitra Katsis, Kaleigh McManus, Pauline Panayi, Alexi Spiratos, Amanda Tzivas and George Vinihakis.

The Hellenic Bar Association of Illinois was founded in 1951 and is the largest and oldest Greek American bar association in Illinois.
JOHN PAPPAJOHN

The PanHellenic Scholarship Foundation honored the renowned entrepreneur, philanthropist and longtime member of Leadership 100, John G. Pappajohn, with the Paradigm Award on June 23, 2017 in Chicago. The award was presented to Pappajohn by John S. Koudounis, CEO of Calamos Investments and 2016 Paradigm Award Recipient. The Annual Awards Ceremony and Gala was held to celebrate the 2017 PanHellenic Scholarship Award Recipients. The event took place at the Hilton Chicago with a new record of more than 570 guests attending. The forty-two recipients received $255,000 in scholarship awards to use toward their college education.

Pappajohn delivered a moving speech about his life, education, and career. He emphasized how adversity in his personal life taught him how to make good choices, and how the power of positive thinking and an optimistic attitude have propelled him to success throughout his life. He spoke in depth about the importance of always working hard, and how a person must be willing to “pay the price” to be successful. At the end of his speech, Pappajohn urged this year’s scholars to be generous philanthropists, and to give back to the PanHellenic Scholarship Foundation.

Yanni Valsamas, PanHellenic Board Director, conducted the Awards Ceremony, along with Academic Committee Chairman, Dr. Constantine Georgakis, and Board Chairman, Robert A. Buhler. Dr. Georgakis spoke briefly before the presentation of the scholarship awards, stating that “the Foundation could not have been more proud to honor this exceptional group of students for their many significant accomplishments.”

ANDY MANATOS RECEIVES LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Andy Manatos, a longtime prominent member of Leadership 100, received a Lifetime Achievement Award at the Greek America Foundation’s GABBY (Greek America’s Best and Brightest) Awards before 700 at Carnegie Hall in New York City on June 17, 2017.

As one of Washington DC’s most politically-connected people, Andy Manatos has not only set numerous records in the policymaking process of the U.S. government on behalf of clients, but his extensive work has also benefited Greece, Cyprus, the Greek Orthodox Church and the Greek American community in an immeasurable way with countless hours of pro bono work.

Manatos was the youngest presidential advance man for President Lyndon Johnson and the youngest Assistant Secretary in the Carter Administration. Since then he’s built an impressive portfolio of accomplishments, including successfully organizing the annual White House Greek Independence Day Celebration.

Video tributes to Manatos included President Bill Clinton and President George H.W. Bush, among many other prominent leaders. Gregory Pappas, Founder of the Greek America Foundation, and the Foundation’s Board of Directors organized the program, which also honored Leadership 100 member Danialle Karmanos, founder of Danialle Karmanos’ Work It Out, for her efforts in introducing yoga, nutrition programs and safe sanctuaries for thousands of inner city kids in Detroit, taking them off the streets and into safe, loving environments.
Dr. Anthony Limberakis, National Commander of the Order of Saint Andrew the Apostle, Archons of the Ecumenical Patriarchate, and a prominent member of Leadership 100, was honored with the Holy Trinity Award at the 82nd Archdiocesan Cathedral of the Holy Trinity’s Cathedral Gala on Saturday, June 10, 2017 at Guastavino’s in New York. His Eminence Archbishop Demetrios, Geron of America, Fr. John Vlahos, Cathedral Dean, together with Cathedral President James Gianakis, Gala Chairs Justin Bozonelis, Stephanie Pantelidis and the Host Committee recognized Dr. Limberakis’ 20 years of witness and service as a ‘Defender of the Faith’ for the Mother Church of Constantinople.

Fr. John remarked, “As Dr. Limberakis is nearing his impressive 20 year mark as National Commander of the Archons of the Ecumenical Patriarchate, the entire Greek Orthodox Family in America is indebted to him for his faithful and inspiring leadership.” Gianakis introduced Limberakis noting that the Archons are “defenders of our faith around the world, decade after decade.”

Limberakis who is a medical doctor and practicing radiologist in Philadelphia was presented with the award, a specially commissioned Icon of the Holy Trinity, by the Archbishop, Fr. John and Gianakis. He accepted the award on behalf of all the Archons, His All Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew, his wife Dr. Maria A. (Borden) and his family of three children and two grandchildren, whom he invited to join him during his acceptance speech. He said: “This award does not belong to me but to the 750 Archons in the United States who work ceaselessly to secure religious freedom for the Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew.”

Archbishop Demetrios expressed his gratitude to Limberakis and to the Archons for their achievements.

Also in attendance were the Honorable Theodore Bozonelis of the Archons, the Consul General of Greece in New York Konstantinos Koutras, Mrs. Anthi Philippou, wife of Ambassador Vasilios Philippou, Consul General of Cyprus, George S. Tsandikos, Vice Chairman of the Archdiocesan Council and Leadership 100 Chairman, and Paulette Poulos, Executive Director of Leadership 100.
GEORGE SAKELLARIS AND TEAM PROTEUS WIN THE 2017 CORFU CHALLENGE

George Sakellaris with trophy is congratulated by his wife, Cathy.

George Sakellaris and Team Proteus were the winners of the 2017 Corfu Challenge, which ran from July 3 to 8. The event was exceptional because of the challenging sailing conditions for both the coastal race and windward leeward courses; racing in between Corfu and Albania was a photographer’s dream.

“What has made the Corfu Challenge different than any other regatta is the heart, passion, and warm generosity of everyone who came together,” said Cathy Sakellaris, who thanked everyone involved and especially mentioned the organizing committee. “From day one, committee members continued to give and asked for nothing other than to promote the sport we are all passionate about,” she said. George and Cathy Sakellaris are longtime members of Leadership 100. Cathy is a member of the Board of Trustees.

Awards were given at the Museum of Asian Art at the beautiful Palace of St. Michael and St. George in the heart of Corfu. Along with the hand crafted first-place trophy, a perpetual trophy was introduced in honor of George Coumantaros. This year it was given to all Corfu Challenge Maxi 72 owners to signify the high level international racing showcased throughout the week. The world’s top, state-of-the-art Maxi 72 class racing yachts vied for victory in the inaugural Corfu Challenge.

The concept of the race was inspired by a group of Maxi owners searching for a way to bring new challenges to the sport—new experiences that would at the same time reconnect sailing to its oldest historical roots. The key was finding the right location—one that would deliver an experience of new waters, good winds, new challenges, and a new discovery of sailing’s ancient mythology. “What about Corfu?” suggested Sakellaris, pointing out Corfu’s scenic setting as a new adventure for sailing with its high mountains and unpredictable and challenging wind patterns.

The 2017 Corfu Challenge was organized by the Marina Gouvia Sailing Club, with the cooperation of the International Maxi Association (IMA) and the Maxi 72 Class. As an officially sanctioned event, the Corfu Challenge not only inspired the sport to explore its historical grounding in the ancient Hellenic spirit and traditions of sailing, but at the same time helped to bring Greece into the future as a key new host of top class yacht racing.

LEADERSHIP 100 MEMBERS GATHER AT BASEBALL GAME

Justin Bozonelis and James Pantelidis, third and fifth from left, and Michael Bapis and George Soterakis, first and third from right, all members of Board of Trustees, and Taso Pardalis, back row center with blue Mets cap, with Leadership 100 members and families at Citi Field.

On Friday, September 8, 2017, members of Leadership 100 met at Citi Field in Queens, New York to watch the New York Mets play the Cincinnati Reds. The informal get-together was organized by Leadership 100 members Justin Bozonelis, James Pantelidis, Michael Bapis, George Soterakis, Drake Behrakis and Taso Pardalis. Attended by over 25 friends and family participants across all ages, the event served as a reunion for local Leadership 100 members as well as time spent with invitees interested in the organization. The group plans to organize future events aimed at celebrating the friendships made through Leadership 100.
NIKOS MOUYIARIS HONORED BY CYPRUS-US CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

His Eminence Archbishop Demetrios, Geron of America, referred to Mouyiari’s contribution and his passion for Cypriot freedom, support for education, and his generosity. US Representative Carolyn Maloney referred to the achievements of Mouyiari and noted that many of the branded cosmetics are produced by his company MANA, and he is an example of achieving the American Dream.

Mouyiari, with his wife, Carol, received the award from the President of the Cyprus-US Chamber of Commerce Nicolas Nicolaou. In receiving the Distinguished Merit Award, Nikos Mouyiari expressed his gratitude, noting that everything that he accomplished was due to the fact that he had the support of his parents, his aunts and uncles, and the support of his wife, Carol, and his daughter, Ariana. “I am one who strongly believes in the power of the Hellenic spirit. I’m one who believes in our Greek values. A plain soldier, a single unit in a group which could ultimately become a powerful force in our community and the Greek Diaspora. A force which can truly help our community, Cyprus and Greece, do better,” Mouyiari said.

In other remarks, The US Ambassador to Cyprus, Kathleen A. Doherty, pointed out that she is a daughter of immigrants and that she feels the same pride that the Greeks feel about their achievements and the achievements of the honoree. She noted that serving in Cyprus for the last two years has been the best experience of her diplomatic career. Referring to the upcoming unity talks in Switzerland, she pointed out that they might be the best opportunity of the last 43 years to solve the Cyprus problem.

Mouyiari was also praised by PSEKA President Philip Christopher, The Executive Director of the Chamber, Despina Axiotakis, Fox Business Network news reporter Nicole Petallides, who co-organized the event, New York State Assembly member and mayoral hopeful Nicole Malliotakis, New York State Senator Michael Gianaris, and the President of the Young Professionals of the Chamber, Christina Shailas, who pointed out that Mouyiari is a teacher and mentor to many of them, raising their hopes.

Among others in attendance were New York State Assembly member Aravella Simotas, New York City Council Member Costa Constantinides, Permanent Representative of Cyprus to the United Nations Ambassador Kornelios Korneliou, Deputy Permanent Representative of Greece to the United Nations Dionysios Kalamvrezos, Consuls General of Greece and Cyprus in New York Konstantinos Koutras and Vasilios Philippou, respectively.
RONALD MCDONALD GREEK DIVISION HOLDS ANNUAL WALK-A-TON

The Ronald McDonald House New York Greek Division held its 22nd Niki Sideris Annual Memorial Walk-a-Thon on Saturday, June 10, 2017 to raise awareness and funds to support children and their families battling pediatric cancer during their treatment in New York hospitals.

Dr. Konstantinos Koutras, Consul General of Greece in New York, and Manos Koubarakis Consul of Greece in New York participated in the event. Dr. Koutras thanked the Greek Division, which is chaired by Michael N. Bapis, a member of the Board of Trustees of Leadership 100, and Ruth Browne, President and CEO of RMH New York, for their “fine work” and encouraged continued support for the House’s mission.

Spiros Maliagros, President of TIG Advisors, LLC, member of the Executive Committee of the Greek Division and the event’s Master of Ceremonies, thanked the volunteers and Walk-a-Thon participants for their support.

Among the speakers, Browne thanked the Hellenic American community for their generous support of Ronald McDonald House New York over many years. "Many of you are here since the beginning of this institution," Brown said to the volunteers of the Greek Division, warmly thanking them, as well as the Greek Division coordinator Spiridoula Katechis, for their substantial and generous help. She also spoke about Ronald McDonald House’s expansion plan in Manhattan with the construction of another 11 rooms, which is expected to be completed by September, bringing the total number of rooms to 95, as well as other initiatives, such as the Kings County Family Room and Happy Wheels coffee cart at the Hospital for Special Surgery. "The doors of the foundation are open 365 days a year, and almost all of its rooms are full most nights of the year," Brown said.

Bapis pointed out that more than ten thousand children from Greece, Cyprus and the Hellenes Abroad have found a safe haven for the last 38 years. He thanked Taso Pardalis, the Founder and Partner of Taso Pardalis & Nohavicka, LLP, and this year’s Walk-a-Thon Co-Chair, along with his wife, Maria, for their decisive contribution to the success of the 22nd Walk-a-Thon.

“The thanks to your support and donations, the Ronald McDonald House has the ability to keep families together as long as their child is being treated for pediatric cancer, and thanks to your help, the House will continue to provide these services to families from abroad as well as the Hellenes Abroad in the most difficult moments of their lives,” said Pardalis.

The National Anthems of Greece and the USA were performed by soprano Anastasia Zannis. The Archangel Michael Dance Troupe of Port Washington, Long Island, under the guidance of their dance instructor Roula Zogopoulou, performed various Greek dances.

The Walk-a-Thon and the Christmas Gala, which dozens of volunteers are now focusing on, are the two major events organized each year by the Greek Division of RMH New York.
JAMES PANTELIDIS JOINS DAUGHTER IN NEW YORK CITY MARATHON RAISING AWARENESS AND FUNDS FOR PANCREATIC CANCER

Marianna Pantelidis, the daughter of Leadership 100 members James and Stella Pantelidis, posted her story on the Crowdfunding website of her plans to run in the 2017 New York City Marathon in honor of her father and raise funds for pancreatic cancer research through Project Purple.

Marianna wrote:

"About a couple of months ago, my whole life changed. I received the news that my dad, James Pantelidis, had been diagnosed with pancreatic cancer. After taking a couple of days to try and adjust to my family’s new reality, the first idea that came to my mind was I have to run the New York City Marathon in honor of my dad and Pancreatic Cancer research. My dad likes to call himself "the marathon man." He has completed thirteen marathons in his lifetime, the NYC marathon twelve times and his first Boston marathon last year. My dad’s love for running has been passed down to me, and my dream for the past three years has been to run a marathon with him by my side. Even if he can’t run this year’s marathon with me, I know he’ll be cheering me on every step of the way just like I have done for every one of his races. This year, I am running the marathon for my dad and for all others who have been affected by Pancreatic Cancer. I am running to raise awareness for this disease, and to help Project Purple achieve its goal of finding a cure and improving the lives of patients through support, hope and compassion. The money raised for Project Purple helps them fulfill their mission statement by funding several crucial programs. Please help me make my dream a reality by donating to my fundraising page below. Thank you so much for all the love and support. (http://www.projectpurple.org)"

Surprisingly and to Marianna’s delight “Jim” ran the New York City Marathon with his daughter for 15 of the 26.2-mile course, eight miles from Staten Island to Brooklyn and the last seven miles in Manhattan.

A member of the Leadership 100 Board of Trustees and the Audit Committee, James Pantelidis was able to tell his own story at the Leadership 100 Board meeting on November 10th. George Tsandikos, Leadership 100 Chairman, led the Board in acknowledging his success and offered their continued support and prayers.
HELLENIC NEWS OF AMERICA CELEBRATES 30TH ANNIVERSARY, HONORING FOUR LEADERSHIP 100 MEMBERS

Hellenic News of America, founded in 1987 to link Hellenic communities in the United States and abroad in print and through website and social media, celebrated its 30th Anniversary at a Gala Dinner November 12, 2017 in Cinnaminson, New Jersey, in the Philadelphia area.

The event was chaired by Drs. Spiro and Amalia Spireas, both members of Leadership 100. Spireas is owner, founder, Chairman and CEO of Sigmapharm Laboratories in Bensalem, Pennsylvania. Among the nine honorees were four other members of Leadership 100: Michael Psaros, Cofounder and Partner of KPS Capital Partners, and noted philanthropist Eleni Bousis, both members of the Leadership 100 Board of Trustees; John Koudounis, CEO of Calamos Investments, a Leadership 100 member; and Nancy Papaioannou, President of Atlantic Bank, who represents the Bank’s Leadership 100 membership.

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Koudounis, who received the Investor of the Year award for his dedication to investing in Greece, also sent a message, Papaioannou, President of Atlantic Bank, NYC, who was in attendance, received the Women in Leadership Award for her dedication and leadership in banking. She is the first woman to lead Atlantic Bank since its inception in 1926.

The event also generated funds for the New York Ronald McDonald House, Greek Division; the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation; scholarships for high school and college students of Hellenic descent; AHEPA’s Hellenic Relief Fund; and the Disaster Relief Fund: Lesvos, Greece.

Founder and publisher of Hellenic News of America, Paul Kotrotsios, was presented a citation from the American Hellenic Institute and the American Hellenic Institute Foundation. He acknowledged the assistance of his wife, Linda, and his three daughters; Aphrodite, who is a co-publisher; Stavroula and Ioanna.

“This night is very special to my heart as it marks 30 years of dedication, faith and perseverance of my family’s oath to the Greek Diaspora of the United States of America,” said Aphrodite. “Hellenic News of America is more than just a newspaper covering the news of our community. It’s a platform where Hellenism comes to life. Thank you for helping us contribute to the historical vault of the Greek American Community by promoting and empowering the ideas and traditions of Hellenic American friendship. Thank you for sharing the dream,” she concluded.
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