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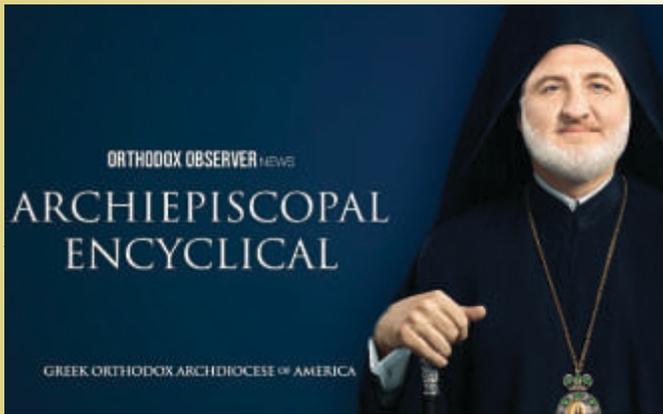
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## ARCHIEPISCOPAL ENCYCLICAL ON THE APOSTOLIC VISIT OF HIS ALL-HOLINESS ECUMENICAL PATRIARCH BARTHOLOMEW TO THE UNITED STATES

June 30, 2021

*Synaxis of the Holy and Glorious Twelve Apostles*

Unto the Most Reverend and Right Reverend Hierarchs, Pious Priests and Deacons, the Monks and Nuns, Presidents and Members of Parish Councils, Honorable Archons of the Ecumenical Patriarchate, Members of Leadership 100, the Day and Afternoon Schools, Philoptochos Societies, the Youth, Greek Orthodox Organizations, and the entirety of the Christ-named Plenitude of the Holy Archdiocese of America.

My Beloved Brothers and Sisters in Christ,  
Εὐλογημένος ὁ ἐρχόμενος ἐν ὀνόματι Κυρίου! (Ψαλμός 117:25)  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! (Psalm 117:25 LXX)

With unsurpassed joy, we announce on the Feast of the Glorious Twelve, the Apostolic Visit of His All Holiness BARTHOLOMEW, Archbishop of Constantinople-New Rome and Ecumenical Patriarch to the United States, October 23 – November 3, 2021. This Visit, the first in twelve years, will commence the day following the Thirtieth Anniversary of the Election of His All-Holiness as Ecumenical Patriarch, and include the same anniversary of His Enthronement on the venerable See of the First-Called Apostle Saint Andrew on November 2nd. The Apostolic Visit will inaugurate the Centennial Celebration of the founding of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America (1922 – 2022), which will be observed next year across the country.

The Ecumenical Patriarch will begin by being welcomed in our Nation's Capital at the highest level of diplomatic and ecclesiastical dignity. The official itinerary will be shared in the coming weeks, and it will include a visit to the Metropolises of Pittsburgh and Chicago, with a major ecumenical event taking place at the University of Notre Dame in Indiana.

The Visit will conclude in New York City, and will culminate in a dedicatory "Opening of the Doors" of the Saint Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church and National Shrine at the World Trade Center on the very anniversary of his Enthronement as Ecumenical Patriarch. All of our Metropolises, Parishes, and Institutions will be able to share in this joy, through interactive features that will accompany His All-Holiness on his Visit. Therefore, with gladness and enthusiasm, let us welcome the Spiritual Father of us all, and with heartfelt cries proclaim: "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!"

With paternal blessings in the Lord,

† ELPIDOPHOROS  
Archbishop of America



## MESSAGE FROM OUR CHAIRMAN

Dear Members,

As we enter the summer of 2021, Leadership 100 looks forward to the ending of the pandemic in our nation, the lifting of most restrictions in our states, and a return to normal in our lives and businesses. We have made great strides in our growth, and we have helped to strengthen our Archdiocese and Theological School, as well as many ministries, with our grants.

Significantly, we will be able to celebrate these achievements, along with numerous historic anniversaries, with the arrival of His All Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew this fall. Leadership 100 has provided financial support for the visit scheduled to take place from October 23 to November 3.

During the visit, His All Holiness will preside over the Thyranoxia of the Saint Nicholas Church and National Shrine at Ground Zero in New York City during the 30th

Anniversary of his Enthronement, while also commemorating the important twentieth anniversary milestone of September 11th.

The visit will also inaugurate the Centennial Celebration of the founding of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America in 1922. In this regard, I want to thank His Eminence Archbishop Elpidophoros for the honor bestowed on me to serve as National Chairman of the Centennial Celebration.

We are currently preparing for our 31st Annual Conference, which will be held February 10-13, 2022, at The Ritz-Carlton Naples in Naples, Florida. As has become customary, our committee and our staff promise to provide yet another extraordinary program.

At the end of June 2021, our investment portfolio has sustained its steady growth and stood at \$103.1 million with total assets of \$116.3 million, while contributions through June have totaled \$916,000.

We are in the process of monitoring the implementation of our grants. The Leadership 100 Executive Committee approved \$6,182,500 in new grants and prior year commitments in February of 2021. New grants approved totaled \$1,887,100 and prior year grant commitments totaled \$4,295,400.

In addition, the Executive Committee unanimously approved a grant of \$100,000 to initiate the celebrations of the 200th Anniversary of the Greek Revolution. As of June 30, we have distributed \$5.4 million of the total.

Leadership 100 is always mindful of the loss of its extraordinary leaders. In May, we lost two beloved members from Wisconsin, who also happened to be brothers-in-law. George Gialamas, a former member of our Board of Trustees was a successful developer and community leader in Madison and Dr. George Korkos, a prominent physician from Milwaukee, was co-founder of the Milwaukee Bucks and helped establish the National Hellenic Society. May their memories be eternal!

We wish you and your families a wonderful and relaxing summer and look forward to welcoming you in person to our 31st Annual Conference.

*With warmest regards,*

**Argyris Vassiliou**  
Chairman

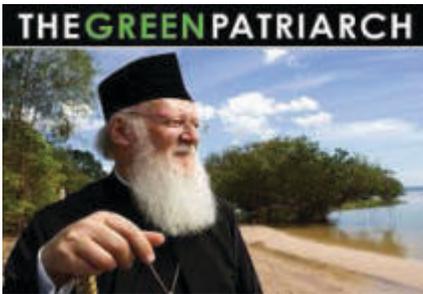
# Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew to Visit the United States from October 23 to November 3, 2021

His All Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew will visit the United States in the fall, from October 23 to November 3. During the historic visit, he will preside over the inauguration of the Saint Nicholas Church and National Shrine at Ground Zero in New York City.

The dedicatory 'Thyranoixia' (Opening of the Doors) will take place on Tuesday, November 2, 2021, the 30th Anniversary of the Enthronement of His All Holiness, following the important milestone of September 11, 2021, the 20th Anniversary of 9/11.

Saint Nicholas will be opened for continuous use in the spring of 2022. The visit will also inaugurate the Centennial Celebration of the founding of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America in 1922.

“This year is the year in which the vow that our nation made, the Greek and Orthodox Nation here in America, to reconstruct the Church of St. Nicholas that collapsed on September 11, becomes reality with God’s will and we fulfill it thanks to the support of our faithful, our people. Our Patriarch will come on November 2 to be here at the



opening of this large and important church of ours of the National Shrine of Saint Nicholas”, said His Eminence Archbishop Elpidophoros of America.

Archbishop Elpidophoros emphasized, that “not only the community of St. Nicholas can be proud, but also the entire Holy Archdiocese of America, all Orthodox and all Hellenism in America can celebrate this fulfillment of the vow because God heard our prayers, spoke to the hearts of the people who had to work and help, and we are now able after much effort and pain to prepare for this great day”.

The Ecumenical Patriarch will visit the Holy Cross School of Theology in Boston, as well as Washington D.C., where he will be received by high officials of the United States government.



On Saturday, October 30, 2021, His All Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew will present the Athenagoras Human Rights Award of the Order of St. Andrew the Apostle, Archons of the Ecumenical Patriarchate in America, to three scientists: Dr. Albert Bourla, DVM, Ph.D., Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Pfizer; Dr. Ugur Sahin, M.D., Co-Founder and Chief Executive Officer of BioNTech; and Dr. George D. Yancopoulos, MD, Ph.D., Founding Scientist, President and Chief Scientific Officer of Regeneron.

On Sunday, October 31, the Patriarchal Divine Liturgy by His All Holiness with Archbishop Elpidophoros and members of the Holy Eparchial Synod of the Archdiocese participating takes place. At the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy, the Archon Classes of 2020 and 2021 will be invested and presented with their Offikia and Cross of Saint Andrew.

The Patriarchal visit was scheduled to take place in May 2020 but was postponed due to the coronavirus pandemic. The last time the Ecumenical Patriarch visited the United States was in October 2009.

His All Holiness Bartholomew, Archbishop of Constantinople-New Rome and Ecumenical Patriarch of World Orthodoxy is renowned for his inspiration in preserving the environment, known throughout the world as the "Green Patriarch" for encouraging dialogue among all faiths, for promoting Orthodox unity by convening a Pan Orthodox Council, and for establishing dialogue with three Popes during the past 30 years.

# Leadership 100 Joins Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew Foundation as a Founding Member

The Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew Foundation, a watershed initiative of the Order of Saint Andrew the Apostle, Archons of the Ecumenical Patriarchate, is dedicated to achieving economic independence for the Ecumenical Patriarchate, so that it may fulfill its apostolic mission in perpetuity.

His Eminence Archbishop Elpidophoros of America stated: “Leadership 100’s decision to become a Founding Member of the Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew Foundation is in keeping with its core mission. Leadership 100 is dedicated to sustaining the Church and securing its financial stability for future generations; its support for the Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew Foundation is the quintessential fulfillment of this mission.”

Dr. Anthony J. Limberakis, National Commander of the Order of Saint Andrew the Apostle, Archons of the Ecumenical Patriarchate, and Chair of the Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew Foundation, said: “We are delighted and grateful that Leadership 100 has become a Founding Member of the Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew Foundation. For over three decades now, Leadership 100 has been serving as the only endowment fund that addresses the future needs of our children and grandchildren in preserving the spiritual treasures of our Orthodox Faith and the life-giving legacy of Hellenism. Leadership 100’s becoming a Founding Member is the crown of that ministry.”

Archon Argyris Vassiliou, Chairman of the Archbishop Iakovos Leadership 100 Fund, said: “It is a great honor for all of us at Leadership 100, and for all Orthodox Christians, to have an opportunity to help ensure that the Ecumenical Patriarchate is able to fulfill its divine mission in perpetuity.”

Paulette Poulos, Leadership 100’s Executive Director, added: “Leadership 100 was established for the purpose of seeding and nurturing the National Ministries of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese, which advance Orthodoxy and Hellenism. Through our Founding Membership in the Foundation, Leadership 100 continues its untiring support for the Ecumenical Patriarch and the Mother Church.”

Founding Members of the Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew Foundation have committed to ensuring the financial foundation of the Holy Mother Church, the Ecumenical Patriarchate of Constantinople, by pledging \$100,000 over 10 years.

# Saint Nicholas National Shrine Tops \$95M in Fundraising, With an Additional \$55M Since January 2020



*Non-Profit Organization Has Raised \$8.5M in the Past Two Months, Including Twenty-Five \$100K Donations*



**Archbishop Elpidophoros with Michael Psaros**

On June 2, 2021, His Eminence Archbishop Elpidophoros met with The Friends of St. Nicholas, the non-profit organization formed to complete the construction of the Saint Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church and National Shrine. At the meeting, it was revealed that recent vigorous donation activity has brought the total of the fundraising on behalf of the Shrine to \$95 million. Funding has accelerated over the past year, with \$55 million raised since January 2020 and \$8.5 million in the past two months alone. Twenty-five of those recent donors each contributed \$100,000.

Responding to this extraordinary news, the Archbishop said: “As a community, we can be very proud of the generosity and commitment of the benefactors and supporters of Saint Nicholas. Even during the pandemic, Greek Orthodox leaders came together from across America to resurrect the Shrine. Now the finish line is within our grasp as we approach two poignant and important milestones. This September 11, 2021, marks the 20th Anniversary of 9/11, and we are preparing to welcome the Ecumenical Patriarch for the dedicatory *Thyranoixia* on November 2, 2021, the 30th Anniversary of the Enthronement of His All Holiness.”

In a joint statement issued by The Friends of St. Nicholas, Chairman Dennis Mehiel and Vice-Chairman Michael Psaros, along with Vice-Chair of the Archdiocesan Council and Board member of the Friends of St. Nicholas, John Catsimatidis, said: “Our gratitude to our fellow Board members and those who have had the vision to stand with the Shrine is truly inexpressible. The embrace of this sacred responsibility to rebuild the only house of worship destroyed on 9/11 will be a legacy that endures for centuries. With the leadership of Archbishop Elpidophoros, and the guidance of Father Alexander Karloutsos, we have raised an additional \$55 million since January 2020 — and we did it during a pandemic. This is the stable and enduring foundation for Saint Nicholas.”

Michael Psaros added, “The Friends of St. Nicholas thanks the Archbishop Iakovos Leadership 100 Fund for acting as an anchor and foundational sponsor of the National Shrine. Leadership 100’s support in early 2020 was absolutely critical to the successful completion of the National Shrine. At the time, Leadership 100’s decision took courage, and that courage has been rewarded and validated. Leadership 100 had the vision to understand the National Shrine will be the most important missionary witness for Holy Orthodoxy in the United States, if not the world. Leadership 100 understands that the National Shrine is our American Parthenon and our American Saint Sophia. We look forward to the major events this Fall.”

Construction on the National Shrine continues, and the exterior is expected to be completed by September 11, 2021. The Church will be completed and will open in the spring of 2022.

# Hellenic College Holy Cross Holds Virtual Commencement



graduating students over the last year but went on to share words spoken by the School's first Dean, Bishop (later Archbishop of Thyateira) Athenagoras Cavadas of blessed memory, to the first graduating class in 1942: "You will be, wherever you are, one with the school. The school will live within you. And you will never be separated from the school. You are the beginning of the school's life, and as long as the school lives, you will be a part of its life."

On Saturday, May 15, Hellenic College Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology held its first Commencement since 2019. The ceremony was unique in the institution's long history for two reasons: it honored the classes of both 2020 and 2021 and combined prerecorded segments with a live, interactive 'virtual kafeneion' following the ceremony itself.

Before the formal program began, viewers watched an inspiring video capturing the spiritual, academic, and social life of the campus community. The video was created by Anberin Pasha and Emanuel Sabau, HCHC's media specialists, both graduates of the School.

The team also produced the prerecorded program, which began with the singing of "Christos Anesti" by the Holy Cross St. Romanos the Melodist Choir under the direction of Rev. Fr. Romanos Karanos, PhD, Assistant Professor of Byzantine Liturgical Music. His Eminence Archbishop Elpidophoros of America then gave the Invocation, after which the Choir sang the National Anthems of Greece and the United States.

Greetings were offered by Rev. Fr. Jon E. Magoulas, Vice Chairman of the Board, and HCHC President George M. Cantonis, who acknowledged the challenges faced by the

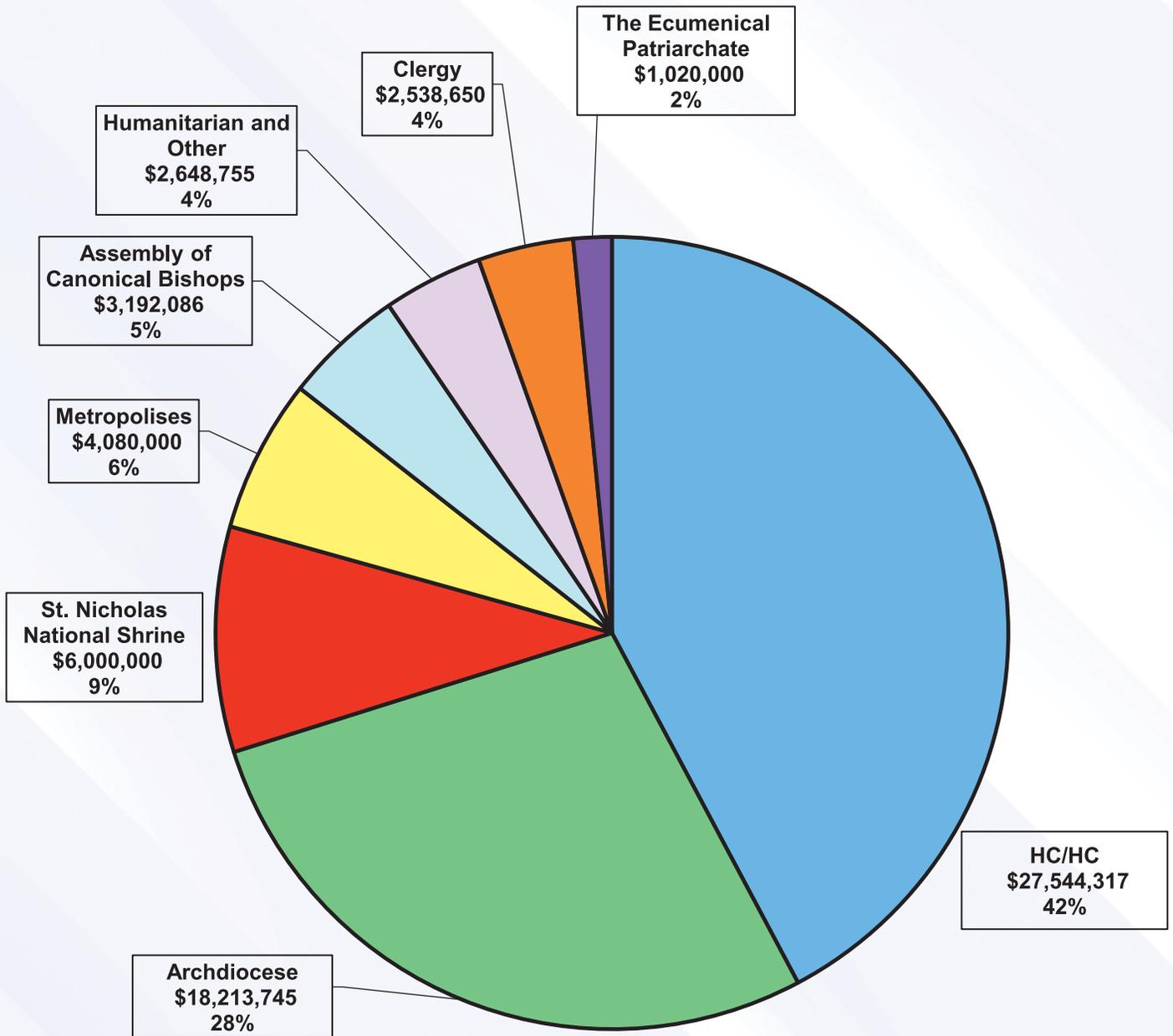
Greetings were also offered by Greece's Consul General in Boston, the Honorable Stratos Efthymiou, the Chairman of Leadership 100, Argyris Vassiliou, and the National President of the Greek Orthodox Ladies Philoptochos Society, Arlene Siavelis Kehl. Representing the School's academic leadership in addressing the graduates were Dr. Diana Demetrulias, Vice President of Academic Affairs, and the Interim Deans of Hellenic College and Holy Cross, Dr. Timothy Patitsas and V. Rev. Archimandrite Maximos Conostas, PhD.

HCHC Commencements always feature two valedictory addresses, one for each school, but this year the audience heard from four valedictorians, each offering a different perspective on the common theme of courage and tenacity driven by faith.

His Eminence Archbishop Elpidophoros eloquently explored that same theme in his keynote address. "The way that Hellenic College Holy Cross has persevered through the pandemic is a lesson in ministry, in how the Church continues to serve in the face of adversity," he said. In his concluding Archpastoral Exhortatory, His Eminence urged the graduates "to dream bigger, expand your vision of what the Church can be... Above all, go forth to build God's kingdom of love in this world."



## GRANTS



**TOTAL GRANTS DISTRIBUTED SINCE INCEPTION: \$65,237,553.**



## 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 \$ 18,213,745

Inter-Orthodox, Ecumenical & Interfaith Relations	2,117,200
Internet Ministry and Technology Infrastructure	2,061,700
Youth, Young Adult, and Camping Ministries	1,689,551
Marriage and Family	1,851,590
Archdiocese Administration, Management, and Leadership Training	1,728,386
Stewardship, Outreach & Evangelism / Home Missions	1,699,830
Communications	1,150,559
Greek Orthodox Telecommunications	970,190
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 January 2021, 247 recipients of Leadership 100 scholarships are graduates that have been ordained, 46 are still in School and 96 recipients are working for the Church in some capacity.

<b>Assembly of Canonical Orthodox Bishops of the United States of America</b>	<b>\$ 3,192,086</b>
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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

<b>Humanitarian Assistance and Other Grants</b>	<b>\$ 2,648,755</b>
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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

<b>Clergy</b>	<b>\$ 2,538,650</b>
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Retired Clergy Pensions	935,400
Elimination of Student Loans of Active Priests	885,000
Archdiocesan Presbyters Council - Clergy Retreats, Wellness, and Continuing Education	309,000
Archdiocese Clergy Pension	250,000
National Presvyteres Retreats and Workshops	90,000
Presbyters Council Benevolent Fund	69,250

<b>The Ecumenical Patriarchate</b>	<b>\$ 1,020,000</b>
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The Holy and Great Council	250,000
Patriarchal Visit 1990	250,000
Network of the Ecumenical Patriarchate for Pastoral Care - Int'l Conferences for Health Care	185,000
The Ecumenical Patriarchate (Various Grants)	135,000
Patriarchal Visit 2021	100,000
The Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew Foundation (as a Founding Member)	100,000

<b>** Total</b>	<b>\$ 65,237,553</b>
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Dear Mr. Vassiliou, Paulette and the Members of the Executive Committee,

On behalf of the Archdiocesan Presbyters Council, I greet you with much thanksgiving, love and joy in our Lord. I am writing to express my heartfelt and deepest gratitude to the Archbishop Iakovos Leadership 100 Endowment Fund for the support offered for our APC National Clergy Retreat, and the recent donation of \$45,000.

This year, we will gather in Naples, Florida, from October 12-15, 2021. Our Keynote Speaker is Father John Chryssavgis, who will speak on our theme, "Onward Together: Re-Visiting and Re-Envisioning the Priesthood."

This retreat is one of the only opportunities we have as brothers to come together on a National level, and it so needed. Leadership 100 has always been a tremendous support for our Clergy, and we are truly blessed to have you in our lives.

Expressing our love, prayers and continued thanksgiving on behalf of the faithful Clergy of our Archdiocese, I remain,

With love in our Lord,

**Rev. Mark A. Leondis, President**  
**Archdiocesan Presbyters Council**

"the soul of a priest ought to blaze like a light illuminating the world." St. John Chrysostom (350-407 AD)

## Effective Christian Ministry Cohort Director Hired



The Department of Youth and Young Adult Ministries of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America (Y2AM) is excited to announce the hiring of a new “Effective Christian Ministry” Cohort Director.

Effective Christian Ministry is a cutting-edge online ministry training program launched in January 2020. To date, over 700 students have registered. Feedback has been consistently outstanding from both novice and experienced ministry leaders (lay and ordained).

The new Effective Christian Ministry Cohort Program will give hundreds of ministry workers an opportunity to learn during a guided nine-month experience in a supportive setting. They will develop important skills and develop a concrete, multi-year plan to develop a more effective ministry in their communities.

Leadership 100 funded the program in 2021 for \$235,000 a year over two years.

Dr. Presbytera Athanasia Mellos Kostakis will serve as the “Effective Christian Ministry” Cohort Director. She is an established ministry leader with extensive experience in youth and young adult ministry. She holds a Master of Divinity from Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology (2007), a Master of Social Work from Boston University (2013), and Doctor of Ministry from Boston University (2018). She is also a Licensed Master Social Worker and has served as a Young Adult Mentor for the Telos Project.

Registration for the Cohort Program will open this summer.

For more information, please contact Y2AM by phone at 646-519-6780 or by email at [y2am@goarch.org](mailto:y2am@goarch.org).

## Department of Youth and Young Adult Ministries

### Office of Camping Ministries

### Youth Safety Education Grant



The Youth Safety Education grant of \$90,000 from Leadership 100 was designed to seek to support the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America's ("GOARCH") critical efforts to ensure full compliance with the newly adopted Policies for the Safety of Children and Youth (the "Policies").

At the core of the Policies is the requirement that, to work with children or youth, a person must first become a youth worker. And to become a youth worker, a person must follow a simple process of registration, training, and screening.

This grant allows GOARCH to (1) educate potential youth workers on youth safety principles and best practices, at no cost to those youth workers; and (2) track the compliance of potential youth workers with the important educational requirements of the Policies, at no cost to parishes or youth workers, for the next three years.

GOARCH adopted the new Policies for the Safety of Children and Youth in 2018. After endorsement by the Holy Eparhial Synod, the Policies were officially adopted by the Clergy Laity Congress. Since then, GOARCH has been rolling out and taking important steps to ensure compliance with these new Policies.

A crucial aspect to this compliance is education, which is offered in the form of online modules. To remove any potential economic hardship or barriers to entry, this training is made available to all potential youth workers free of charge, at the expense of GOARCH.

GOARCH also covers costs associated with the database used to track compliance. This database is necessary to ensure that youth workers complete their training, successfully pass their background screen, and do not engage in any conduct that would disqualify them from service in Youth Ministry programs or events.

Again, to remove any potential economic hardship or barriers to entry, access to this database is made available to parishes free of charge, at the expense of GOARCH.

GOARCH is currently in a contractual relationship with Praesidium, its official Youth and Young Adult Ministry vendor. In return for a monthly fee paid by GOARCH, every parish has access to the Praesidium youth safety database, and all youth workers in GOARCH have access to online training materials as part of their compliance process.

The GOARCH Youth Safety Compliance Officer, Father Earl Cantos, will continue to work with Archdiocesan and Metropolis leadership to ensure the continued compliance of all youth workers with the new Policies. GOARCH's ability to continue to provide parishes with free database access and online training materials is an integral part of this ongoing process.

## Ionian Village IV Next Summer Program



Under the guidance of the Holy Archdiocese, Ionian Village's "IV Next" program will be offered July 25th - August 5th, 2021. The program will be for fully vaccinated young adults. Participants must be either ages 19-24, and/or students from the high school class of 2020 (even if only age 18). Anyone that does not meet that exact criteria, unfortunately, will not be permitted to register this summer.

IV Next is a 12-day travel program supported by a Leadership 100 grant of \$74,558 in 2020. The program organizes visits to all the traditional sites of Ionian Village. It allows participants to experience the beauty of Greece, the richness of our faith, and interact with successful professionals from Leadership 100 that give practical advice toward one's career and faith.

IV Next began in 2018 with a Leadership 100 grant and continued to be funded in 2019 with a \$60,000 grant. For young adults across the Archdiocese, the program focuses on the young adult experience of the Greek Orthodox faith and their Hellenic identity.

Dozens of colleges and universities offer study abroad programs in Greece, and many of the programs of the Diaspora offer similar opportunities. However, IV Next is the only travel-based program for young adults that has the Greek Orthodox Faith as a core tenet of the program. Only IV Next combines professional development, international travel, and the Orthodox Faith into one all-inclusive program.

Participants engage in discussions about career goals, the financial realities of being a millennial, and how to successfully incorporate their Orthodox Faith into everyday business life. These conversations and sessions provide not only a more solid understanding of vocation, but also serve as an excellent inter-community networking opportunity.

Through a varied schedule that includes visits to churches and monasteries, meetings with political and religious figures, and tours of museums and archaeological sites, IV Next participants become familiarized with all aspects of Greece, her culture and people.

## IV Next Announces Trip Leaders



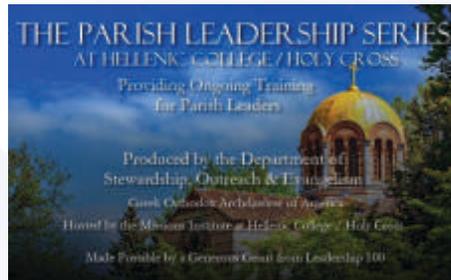
IV Next, this summer's Ionian Village program offered by the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America, has been met with overwhelming enthusiasm and interest. IV Next is excited to announce Dean and Victoria Tiggas as this year's Trip Leaders and travel ambassadors. IV Next is the only travel-based program for young adults that combines professional development, international travel, and the Orthodox Faith into one all-inclusive program. The program encourages and helps young adults maintain a focus and foundation on faith in Christ and service to our Church as they begin to contemplate the "next" phases of adulthood.

Married in 2017, Dean and Victoria Tiggas, are a great example of what IV Next strives to promote. Dean and Victoria met while serving on the summer 2013 Ionian Village staff. Dean is a graduate of Hellenic College (2013) and Holy Cross (2016) and currently serves as the Youth Director and Pastoral Assistant to Fr. Nicholas Bacalis at Saints Constantine and Helen Greek Orthodox Church in Richmond, Virginia. Victoria, born and raised in Clearwater, FL, works for the non-profit agency Hardwired Global where she helps advance international religious freedom.

Dean and Victoria bring with them a combined total of five years of Ionian Village experience. Victoria was a camper the summer of 2009 and a member of the 2013 Staff. Dean served as a Staff member in 2011, 2013 and 2014. Both are excited and honored to accept the opportunity to express the principles of a healthy relationship for this year's IV NEXT participants!

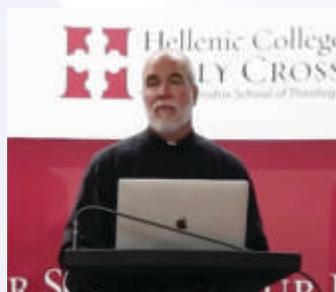
## The Department of Stewardship, Outreach, and Evangelism Releases the First Program in the Parish Leadership Series at Hellenic College/Holy Cross

### *Providing for Ongoing Training for Parish Leaders*



In order to provide ongoing training for parish leadership, the Department of Stewardship, Outreach & Evangelism has released the first session of the Parish Leadership Series

at Hellenic College-Holy Cross. This program invites qualified individuals to speak at Hellenic College/Holy Cross on various topics relating to parish leadership and ministry. These talks are recorded and provided online for reflection before parish leadership meetings, seminars and individual training and inspiration.



*Presentation 1 featuring Fr. Theodore Dorrance, Director of Parish Health and Church Growth, Greek Orthodox Metropolis of Denver*

Each 1-hour talk is offered with natural 15-minute sections to permit parish councils and ministry leaders to watch all or part of each video as time allows. In addition, each presentation is edited to provide several short, informative, inspirational "LEADERSHIP MOMENTS" to be shared among parish leadership to open meetings and to share on social media.

According to Fr. Jim Kordaris, Archdiocese Director of Stewardship, Outreach & Evangelism, parish leadership training is the key to successful stewardship, outreach & evangelism in the parishes.

This program is made possible by a generous grant in the amount of \$65,000 from Leadership 100. It is produced by the Department of Stewardship, Outreach & Evangelism in cooperation with the Missions Institute and Hellenic College/Holy Cross, the San Francisco Metropolis Missions and Evangelism Ministry and the Metropolis of Denver Department of Parish Health and Church Growth.

## The Department of Inter-Orthodox, Ecumenical and Interfaith Relations of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America



The Department of Inter-Orthodox, Ecumenical and Interfaith Relations under the direction of Rev. Nicolas Kazarian, was awarded grants totaling \$499,700 from 2018 to 2021 for the following programs and projects: *The Orthodox-Catholic Dialogue, ACT to End Racism, Religious Pluralism in the Middle East, Ecumenical Guidebook, Assembly of Bishops 10th Anniversary, International Projects and Partner Engagement, Orthodox Christianity and Mental Health, Outreach Program to African Americans and Translation/Publication of Dialogues Avec le Patriarche Athenagoras by Olivier Clement.*

*The Orthodox-Catholic Dialogues* portion of this grant supported the May and October 2018 as well as the May 2019 meetings of the Orthodox-Catholic Theological Consultation and Orthodox-Catholic Bishops' Committee. Dialogues were held in New Hampshire in the spring of 2018, in Toronto in the fall of 2018, and in New Hampshire again in the spring of 2019. The Orthodox Church hosted the spring meetings, and the Catholic Church hosted the fall meeting.

The objective of *The Orthodox-Catholic Dialogues* was to ensure the continuation of the oldest dialogue in the world of its kind. As such, work on vital documents and agreements pertaining to mixed-marriages, vocation of the laity, and conciliarity was able to successfully continue. The document on vocation of the laity, though thought to have been complete in the fall of 2018, was

revisited in the spring 2019 meeting and ultimately accepted. The statement was released to the public in early August 2019.

*The ACT to End Racism* portion of this grant supports the ongoing partnership with the National Council of Churches to end racial discrimination in the United States of America. *The ACT to End Racism* campaign is broad in scope and includes meetings of the NCC board, the NCC convening tables, as well as special events. Thus far the grant has been used for a special event and travel to meetings where the campaign management and planning are governed.

Finally, initial planning has begun for an educational event, promoting the recent resource page built by the Department on "Racial Reconciliation" to educate the faithful about the current climate around racial inequality and inequity. The campaign launched in April 2019 and attracted the attention of mass media as well as the breadth of civil society. It has repositioned the NCC as a leader of racial justice.

The launching event at Saint Sophia's in Washington D.C. reinforced the legacy of Archbishop Iakovos and reestablished the Archdiocese as a key partner and top leader in the effort. Since then, several meetings, coinciding with board meetings of the NCC, Christian Churches Together, and the Ecumenical Officers Retreat, have grappled with the issue. Furthermore, the Department has participated in a few panels.

*The Religious Pluralism in the Middle East* portion of this grant was intended to support the Department's work through a high-level committee in Washington, D.C. on the religious component to the situation in the Middle East. The scope of the grant also allows it to offer an assessment on the developments surrounding the recent reconversion of *Hagia Sophia* into a mosque. The current pandemic has not allowed further implementations of projects.

*The Ecumenical Guidebook* grant is supporting a project to develop an updated guidebook for clergy and laity on interacting with other Christian churches as well as people of other faiths. This includes day-to-day life, sacramental life, and ecclesial matters. The work on the Ecumenical Guidebook has begun. An initial meeting brought together leaders in the field from several Orthodox jurisdictions. From there, experts were identified to write the content for their respective expertise (Christianity, Judaism, Islam, and World Religions).

A new template was completed. Furthermore, an intern has completed the research phase, which will be used in the introduction and directory sections of the project. An expert, Dr. Despina Prassas, has been contracted to start combining all the various new elements of the document and prepare an initial draft. The first draft has been received and is being reviewed by the Department before its submission to the Ecumenical Committee of the Assembly of Bishops for further review before publication. The Ecumenical Guidebook will include an introduction, three sections and appendices. The first new draft has been delivered and is currently under review. By the end of 2021, the final project should be ready for printing.

*The Assembly of Bishops 10th Anniversary* grant should have covered expenses related to the 10th meeting of the Assembly of Bishops. Due to the pandemic, the meeting was postponed and will take place October 2-6, 2021, conditions permitting. Planning is underway for funding, expected to be used by October 2021.

*The International Projects and Partner Engagement* grant will allow the Department to participate in and support several and diverse international activities pertinent to its mission as representing the Ecumenical Patriarchate on a national and global level. To continue building and solidifying the Orthodox Church's relevance in the wider

society and global world, these activities must be endorsed and reinforced. The grant was not utilized due to the current pandemic.

*The Orthodoxy & Mental Health Project* aims to increase conversations, awareness, and access to resources on mental health in the Orthodox Christian community in the United States of America. The project is managed by the Assembly of Canonical Orthodox Bishops of the United States of America, which has established a Task Force to work in partnership with the Department. The project began by establishing the Task Force to discern a scope of work as well as establish a strategic plan.

The Task Force initially determined three areas of project development: needs assessment, resource collection and management, and a directory of mental health professionals. The needs assessment survey has been approved by the Executive Committee of the Assembly of Bishops; the resource collection and management working group is in the process of cataloguing existing resources while simultaneously having produced a six video introductory series; and the directory of mental health professionals was launched in December 2020. The project has paid for the development of the online directory of mental health professionals as well as the monthly maintenance necessary to add new people to the database and keep the existing members up to date.

The purpose of the *Outreach Program to African Americans* grant is to support the mission of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America towards the communities of color in the country.

*Translation/Publication of book by O. Clement.* The monies for this grant support the translation and publication by Holy Cross Orthodox Press of the book, *Dialogues Avec le Patriarche Athenagoras*, authored by Olivier Clement.

## Archbishop Elpidophoros of America Appoints New Director of the Archdiocesan School of Byzantine Music



Archbishop Elpidophoros with Archon Georgios Theodoridis

On Saturday, June 26, 2021, His Eminence Archbishop Elpidophoros of America elevated Mr. Georgios Theodoridis, Master Chanter of Saint Sophia Cathedral in Washington, DC, to the rank of Archon Mousikodidaskalos (Music Instructor) of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America in recognition of his efforts and contributions toward the teaching and promotion of Byzantine Music in Washington, DC, over the past decade.

Together with this special honor, His Eminence appointed Archon Georgios Theodoridis as the new Director of the Archdiocesan School of Byzantine Music, which he previously served in the capacity of music instructor. Leadership 100 funded the School for \$60,000 in 2021.

Archon Theodoridis expressed his deep gratitude and appreciation for the singular honor that was bestowed upon him with the following words:

“The magnitude of the high honor of this offikion, as well as the seriousness of the position of the Director of the School of Byzantine Music can only be overshadowed by the sea of Archbishop Elpidophoros’ archpaternal love. I am most honored to join in His Eminence’s vision, and together with the gracious

assistance of Leadership 100, I hope that we will achieve the realization of this noble goal, which is nothing less than the enrichment of our Sacred Archdiocese with capable, well-trained chanters, who will adorn our divine services with the glorious raiment of our precious Orthodox hymnology, so that the Psaltic Art — the Byzantine Music Tradition of our Church — may grow and flourish here in America for the spiritual benefit and edification of future generations of faithful, always unto the glory of God Almighty.”

The Archdiocesan School of Byzantine Music was established in 2010 as a response to the ever-growing needs of the Archdiocese, its clergy and its parishes, with the aim of formally teaching Byzantine Music to young men and women, who wish to one day offer their talent and services to the Church as trained ecclesiastical musicians.

Archon Georgios Theodoridis was born in Böblingen, Germany. At the age of 13, he moved to Greece, where he graduated from the Ecclesiastical High School of Tinos and was exposed to Byzantine music. Upon graduation, he moved to Athens, where he studied Byzantine Music theory. He holds an honors degree in Byzantine Music, as well as the Diploma of Music Teacher from the Conservatory of Egaleo in Athens, Greece. Archon Theodoridis has been invited to share his expertise on Byzantine Music, either as a guest speaker or guest performer, at several universities and other locations that include Hellenic College and Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology, MA; the Catholic University of America, DC; the American University, DC; Georgetown University, DC; and the Metropolitan Museum of Art, NY.

## Information Technologies Department Modernizing Archdiocesan Technology Telecom and Systems Redesign



The Leadership 100 grant of \$500,000 for Digital Transformation fortuitously enabled the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese (GOA) to transition to a COVID-19 remote environment and to function and pursue its vital responsibilities through its many ministries.

The purpose of the grant was to overhaul and modernize the infrastructure, systems, and services that power the entire Archdiocese down to the parish level. The modernization was envisioned with a cutting-edge approach to cybersecurity to protect the Archdiocese's data and intellectual property.

The grant has been implemented as a series of projects in primary alignment with assessments by the Department of Homeland Security and a third-party cybersecurity roadmap document.

The results have been a 99% reduction in backup failures, a 99% system uptime vs. previous ~75% uptime in servers and networks, a 90% reduction in system down-time and end-user business interruption, a 99% system uptime in networking and routing, reduced user issues by 90%, and reduced move/add/change request time by 50%.

Security has been achieved by 100% managed EDR (endpoint detection and remediation) capabilities within GOA and all Metropolises, implementation of response playbook in place for GOA and Metropolises, improvement of endpoint detection and remediation response time by over 98%, benchmark GOA against Homeland Security assessment, and benchmark GOA against cybersecurity roadmap— 80% complete with phase 1, 74% complete with phase 2 and 19% complete with phase 3.

Finally, data backup and retention capabilities have been improved and backup/restore testing time has been reduced by 50%.

Projects completed in 2020 at GOA include a new telecom system, installation of a new server, implementation of BetterCloud auditing and security for Dropbox, completion of virtual machine migration to new hardware, new file server, virtual machine upgrade, deployment of monitors to staff, installation of new networking equipment, and new disk and cloud-based backups.

The Metropolis compliance phase in 2020 included implementation of managed security services, completion of Incident Response (IR) Playbook with managed security provider for the GOA and Metropolises, and implementation of standardized hardware in Metropolises, eliminating end of life/legacy operating systems, deployment of new VMWare Workspace. Implementation of One mobile device management solution will take place in 2021.

Projects commenced in 2020 to be completed in 2021 include implementation of Mobile Device Management Security (VMWare Workspace One), Office 365 and SharePoint migration, enhanced physical security and upgrade of Apple systems—new Apple hardware and software incompatibility.

Apple has replaced their previous Intel-based processors with new M1 ARM-based processors; announced the end of life of Intel processors; and rolled out a new operating system. GOA made the decision to standardize on new M1 processors instead of legacy Intel-based Macs.

Apple's new systems are currently incompatible with the managed security software solutions in place. Apple's announcement and incompatibility forced GOA to delay planned 4Q 2020 procurement of new Mac systems until updated, compatible security software is released. Procurement was deferred to 2021 when updated security software is projected to be available.

## Certificate in Youth/Young Adult Ministry and Leadership Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology

Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology has developed and is piloting a one-year Certificate in Youth/Young Adult Ministry and Leadership (CYML) designed for students who have completed a BA and wish to deepen their theological knowledge while developing their skills and understanding for ministry and leadership with youth and young adults.

The Certificate comprises a twelve-month academic experience with an intensive practicum component. The academic component is 18 credits of graduate-level theological studies. The practicum component takes place through two of HCHC's outreach programs run by its Office of Vocation & Ministry (OVM), the CrossRoad Summer Institute and the Telos Project, giving students mentored training in an area of specialization as they deepen their theological knowledge and spiritual formation. The Office of Vocation & Ministry received a Leadership 100 grant of \$250,500 in 2020 to develop and pilot the program.

For students in the Certificate Program, the year of academic coursework has the following learning objectives. At the conclusion of the Program, students will be able to:

1. Demonstrate a basic familiarity with Orthodox theology and history.
2. Articulate a framework for how Orthodox thought and life will guide their own personal lifelong growth, demonstrating familiarity with and ability to access the tradition for their own ongoing spiritual/vocational formation.

3. Think theologically and critically about the Orthodox Christian tradition both historically and within contemporary Church and society.

The following courses, totaling eighteen credits, are required for one-year Certificate students:

### *Fall*

Orthodox Christianity (1.5 cr) – Dean's Course

Introduction to New Testament (3 cr)

Church History I (3 cr)

Youth Ministry (3 cr)

### *Spring*

Orthodox Christianity (1.5 cr) – Dean's Course

Old Testament – Psalms (3 cr)

Church History II (3 cr)

Each of these practicum opportunities is closely supervised and students are given feedback on their progress and learning. The OVM is developing a rubric for the required general and specific competencies for each, as well as its mentoring practices, and students will complete the Certificate with a deeper sense of their own areas of strength and areas for improvement.

1. Program Staff for the CrossRoad Summer Institute (8 annually). Students admitted into this track start CrossRoad staff training in the fall then serve on CrossRoad staff for three CrossRoad sessions. Over the course of the academic year, students have training sessions in American culture and teen spirituality, best practices in youth ministry and theological education, and Orthodox theological perspectives on vocation. Students develop critical leadership and mentoring skills that are broadly applicable.

2. Administration (1 annually). The student admitted into this track will focus on effective administration of youth programs with a focus on program coordination for CrossRoad. He/she will assist in all logistical and administrative tasks to assure the program runs smoothly. Through this position, the student will gain experience in project management, event coordination, and task management.

3. Development (1-2 annually). Students admitted into this track will be trained in Development/Professional fundraising for the sustainability and growth of effective youth programs and specifically with helping educate young people on the importance of generosity and gratitude. Students should choose this track if they are energized by the topics of gratitude and generosity, professional fundraising and development, marketing, communications, and related fields. Students will receive the training and complete a separate Executive Certificate in Religious Fundraising through Indiana University (hosted at HCHC) and complete a project through the ECRF training.

4. Photography and Media (1 annually). The student admitted into this track will focus on photography, marketing, and media advertisement by capturing and

sharing the initiatives of the OVM, with a focus on CrossRoad and Telos. During the school year, he/she will take and manage photographs for OVM events (CrossRoad, Telos, etc.) and manage CrossRoad's social media accounts. During the summer, he/she will serve as the main photography/media intern for each of the three CrossRoad sessions.

5. Communications (1 annually). The student admitted into this track will focus on communications and marketing for the Telos Project. He/she will assist in the curation and creation of content for the Telos website, social media, and other outlets based on key learnings/findings of the Telos teams; assist with photography and story capture for Telos events, including annual learning conference; draft a bi-monthly newsletter to project stakeholders; and coordinate and edit the biweekly Telos podcast.

Certificate students in the pilot program confirm that the program meets their desire to deepen their understanding of the Orthodox theological tradition at the graduate school level while learning to mentor and engage young people—a year of transformative service and learning.

While it is too soon to project officially where these students will be assigned or find employment, at this stage we know that one has signed an offer to serve as the Youth Director for Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church, in Dallas, TX; another is considering transfer to the MDiv program; while another has discovered a passion for youth ministry and wants to make it her life's work. Two others are applying for doctoral work in neuroscience and law, respectively, though both want to integrate faith into their future studies and work.

## Office of Vocation & Ministry at Hellenic College Holy Cross

### *Training Our Leaders in the Transformative Value of Excellent Fundraising Practices*



The Office of Vocation & Ministry (OVM), under the direction of Ann Mitsakos Bezzerides, Ph.D. implemented an \$80,000 Leadership 100 grant to support hosting the Executive Certificate in Religious Fundraising (ECRF) course in fall 2020 (online) and fall 2021, training a total of 50 priests, deacons, and Orthodox Christian lay leaders in best practices in religious fundraising.

ECRF is a program offered by the Lilly School of Philanthropy's Lake Institute on Faith and Giving of Indiana University. It is designed for religious organizations and is hosted by seminaries and church organizations across the country. The course offers an overview of fundraising for religious organizations that includes defining an organization's mission and vision, cultivating a culture of generosity, soliciting major gifts, and stewardship. Participants learn fundraising best practices through the course lecture component, and then are coached to design a project that applies course principles to a real-world situation. To receive certification they must propose, implement, and submit a report on this project (typically a parish or organization). Through investment in these projects, participants engage highly effective fundraising practices in their own work and will share this learning with those they work with.

Offering this course is an important step towards cultivating a culture of generosity and giving within the greater Orthodox world in America. Each year, hundreds of Orthodox donors choose to make large donations to organizations outside the Church. While there is never control of where and how individuals give their resources, it is possible to improve the way in which we individuals are invited to invest in parishes and ministries. Better fundraising practices have the potential to create donors based on relationships, rather than expediency. Such relationships are mutually beneficial to the giver and the recipient and have a high chance of long-term sustainability.

During the fall of 2020, the OVM offered this course in an online format for leaders of 27 Orthodox parishes and organizations. The cohort included leaders of various Orthodox metropolises and ministries. It was taught by Lake Institute faculty and OVM has worked with Lake to loop in Fr. Jim Kordaris, Greek Orthodox Archdiocese Department of Stewardship and Evangelism, to facilitate one of the break-out groups.

The project garnered significant interest, speaking to the tremendous need for such training, and the course reached capacity within a matter of weeks; 27 participants were awarded scholarships thanks to Leadership 100 funding.

The 8-week course began on October 5, 2020, and since its conclusion, participants have been working on their ECRF projects – a project is required to receive the certificate. Plans are in place for the course to be held again in Fall 2021 for a second cohort, although it remains to be determined whether this course will be held online or in person.

## Ancient Faith Radio

### *National/Global Orthodox Digital Media Expansion Project*



Ancient Faith Radio was awarded a Leadership 100 grant of \$60,000 to enable the continued expansion of Orthodox radio and media outreach to broaden the imprint of Orthodoxy in America. The creation of three additional regional remote studios at strategic locations will enable it to partner with the best communicators in the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese (GOA) to meet the tremendous demand for expanded and compelling Orthodox content for young and old alike. Three new remote studios will allow it to serve the remaining areas within the GOA, the Archdiocesan District, the Metropolis of Boston, and the Metropolises of Pittsburgh and New Jersey.

The project was to implement three new remote studio locations (one at Hellenic College/Holy Cross in Brookline, one in New York City and one in Emmaus, Pennsylvania), along with related programming. The studio in Emmaus, Pennsylvania has been installed and is up and running with a new “Live” broadcast titled “Lord of Spirits” which premiered in September 2020.

The other two location implementations have been delayed due to stricter COVID-19 virus protocols for those areas. It is anticipated that the two remaining studios will be implemented during 2021 (summer, fall), as these governmental (travel and health) restrictions are loosened.

There are three focus points that are being used to determine the success of each of the three studio implementations. First, the purchase and implementation of the hardware itself at each location. Secondly, the development of program content and successful premier of programming at that location. Finally, the ongoing increase of listeners for that program on a regular basis.

Ancient Faith Radio has achieved all those criteria with its first implementation and is waiting for COVID-19 virus (travel and health) restrictions to ease to complete the installations in Brookline and New York City.

## Orthodox Christian Prison Ministry

*Prison Ministry Lecture Circuit Greek Orthodox Church of America*



The Orthodox Christian Prison Ministry (OCPM) utilized a redirected Leadership 100 grant of \$48,000 to maintain relationships and correspondence with approximately 3,400 inmates who are either Orthodox Christians or inquirers to the Faith. This included but was not limited to, personalized correspondence, formal catechism classes, books, Bible studies, and religious reflections. The grant allowed OCPM to “visit” prisoners with more than 44,300 pieces of mail.

As of January of 2021, there have been at least 343,008 positive cases of Covid-19 for people in prison according to a data collection of the Marshall Project and Associated Press (there are no collective statistics provided by the government). The coronavirus has killed prisoners in most correctional systems, with more than 2,144 deaths reported. The situation has been dire in some states like Kentucky, where 1 in 312 prisoners have died from the coronavirus, 4.9 times the rate in Kentucky overall.

As in-person visitation from Orthodox clergy and lay ministers ground to a halt in March 2020, OCPM used the Leadership 100 grant money to remotely offer spiritual care to men and women in prison through the mail.

The demand for correspondence ministry is massive and is serving as a true outlet for prisoners to maintain human contact.

Via post mail, in addition to personal pastoral care, OCPM provides catechism and theological training and generic mailings such as bible studies, encouraging postcards, and Icons to those in prison.

OCPM publishes Orthodox books for in-prison purposes. These books have been specifically designed and printed to meet the intense security restrictions on what is permitted to enter correctional facilities. Due to the demand for OCPM’s publications, this grant also enabled OCPM to print and provide new copies.

In the current situation, OCPM also maintains ongoing support for men and women who were previously incarcerated and have been released. Guidance and emotional support are given to the formerly incarcerated via phone, text messages, emails, mail and/or in person.

## Sail to Freedom: Celebrating Greek Independence Day



*John Catsimatidis, who serves as Vice President of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese and is a member of the Leadership 100 Executive Committee, receives award*

By Dean Moses

With the Greek Independence Day parade canceled due to COVID-19 restrictions, GlobalAlive LLC organized “Sail to Freedom,” a boat parade that set off on Sunday, June 6, from Chelsea Piers to celebrate the Bicentennial of the Hellenic Revolution of 1821.

The event was dubbed a boat parade, and with hundreds of excited guests arriving at the pier waving Greek flags and boarding a fleet of ships, the occasion lived up to its name.

Vessels lined at the dock with a procession of Grecian colors flapping behind them as families and friends hugged and laughed after over a year apart. The boats were set to “Sail to Freedom” by cruising to the Statue of Liberty where attendees would drop a wreath in front of the iconic symbol to showcase the connection of unity and freedom between the two cultures and saluting the immigrants who came before them.

While many attendees looked to grow even closer to their roots, notable figures such as John Catsimatidis, Congressmembers Carolyn Maloney, Gregory Meeks, and Nicole Malliotakis also saw it as an opportunity to celebrate New York’s comeback story.

“There are no parades in New York, but we have done something better! We have flotillas going down the Hudson River all the way to the Statue of Liberty to celebrate. We have beaten the virus. It’s Independence Day for Greece and its independence from the virus, and I hope it will be independence in Europe from the virus too,” Catsimatidis said.

## Gianna Angelopoulos-Daskalaki Presented with Leadership Award



*Gianna Angelopoulos-Daskalaki at Greece 2021*

The Basil P. Caloyeras Center presented the Zoe Caloyera Distinguished Lecture Leadership Award to Gianna Angelopoulos-Daskalaki, Ambassador at Large of the Hellenic State and President of the GREECE 2021 committee, virtually on June 9, for her commitment and contributions to public life, education, and philanthropy, as well as her promotion of Hellenic values and ideals in Greece and abroad.

This signature lecture series brings to Loyola Marymount University Bellarmine College of Liberal Arts in Los Angeles outstanding individuals in the fields of art, culture, science, and public life relevant to the ongoing work of the Caloyeras Center.

The event was part of the Center’s ongoing commemorations of the 2021 anniversary and celebration of 200 years of Greece as a modern state. The GREECE 2021 committee is charged by the Greek government with organizing the bicentennial celebrations.

# NEW AND FULFILLED MEMBERS

Follow up list from Spring 2021

## New Members

	<u>City, State</u>	<u>Sponsor(s)</u>
<b><u>ARCHDIOCESAN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK</u></b>		
Angelo N. Katopodis	Manhasset, NY	James Pantelidis, Callie and George Zoitas
<b><u>METROPOLIS OF NEW JERSEY</u></b>		
Nicholas T. Kehayas	Somerset, NJ	Fr. Nicholas and Presvytera Sandy Pastrokos and Paulette Poulos
Dr. Dimitrios and Elizabeth Lambrou	Manasquan, NJ	Fr. Paul Pappas and Paulette Poulos
<b><u>METROPOLIS OF CHICAGO</u></b>		
Elliott and Argiana Danos	Hinsdale, IL	Constantine and Marie Danos and Paulette Poulos
Dr. Kenneth A. and Arlene Siavelis Kehl	Winnekta, IL	Dr. Stamatios and Anita Kartalopoulos Peter and Aphrodite Skeadas

## Fulfilled Members

	<u>City, State</u>
<b><u>METROPOLIS OF ATLANTA</u></b>	
His Eminence Metropolitan Alexios	Atlanta, GA
<b><u>METROPOLIS OF NEW JERSEY</u></b>	
Nicholas T. Kehayas	Somerset, NJ
<b><u>METROPOLIS OF CHICAGO</u></b>	
Bill and Tiki Spell	Edina, MN

# IN MEMORIAM

Ursula Andreas – 4/12/2019 \*  
Middleburg, VA

Mary G. Calomiris – 12/28/2014 \*  
Arlington, VA

Carol C. Cassis – 9/5/2016 \*  
Massapequa Park, NY

George T. Gialamas – 5/8/2021  
Madison, WI

Thelma Karagines – 1/15/2021 \*  
Yorba Linda, CA

Dr. George J. Korkos – 5/28/2021  
Elm Grove, WI

John Koufakis – 7/8/2021  
Brookville, NY

Christos N. Kritikos – 1/31/2021 \*  
Tequesta, FL

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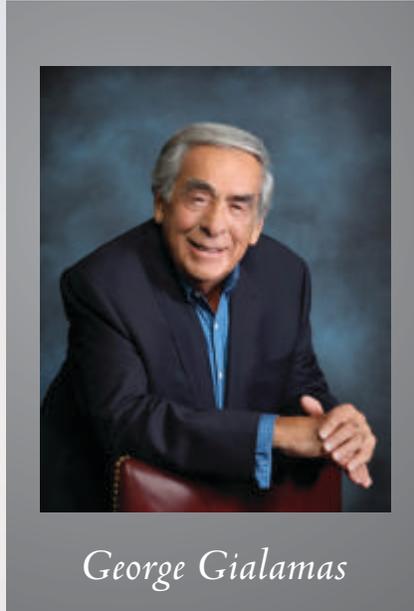
# George Gialamas

George Gialamas, a prominent developer and community leader in Madison, Wisconsin, passed away at his home Saturday morning May 8, 2021. He was the CEO of the Gialamas Company and a former member of the Leadership 100 Board of Trustees. He was awarded the Medal of St. Paul, the highest honor of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese in America.

George Thomas Gialamas was born in Chicago on October 20, 1938, to Thomas George and Demetra (Chibucos) Gialamas. In his teen years he worked at his family hotel, The Grant Park Hotel, in downtown Chicago. He was a graduate of Morgan Park Military Academy in Chicago and he graduated from Marquette University, where he earned a bachelor's degree in Philosophy in 1962. During his college years at Marquette, he acted and sang at the Skylight Theater.

Following college, George joined the IBM Sales and Marketing team in Chicago. His 14 years with the company included time in Chicago, New York City and Madison.

He married Candy McKinstry at the Assumption Greek Orthodox Church in Madison on August 20, 1970. The couple founded the Gialamas Company in 1976. The



Madison-based commercial real estate development and brokerage company had projects underway in Madison and the surrounding area from its inception.

Gialamas not only grew his company and valued his staff, but invested and provided workspace, advice and guidance to numerous start-up companies and charities. The Gialamas Company and the Gialamas Family made a priority for community needs, education and support of the arts.

Gialamas served on the Business Advisory Committee and Board of Advisors for the University of Wisconsin - Madison Business School, and Cardinal Stritch

University. He was also a member of the State of Wisconsin Governor's Council on Economic Issues. He received numerous awards, including the Helen Way Klinger College of Arts and Sciences Distinguished Alumnus of the Year Award, by Marquette University. In 1998 he was presented with Keys to the City of Madison. He was a recipient of the Congressional Ellis Island Medal of Honor for outstanding accomplishments in our nation, state and city in 2002.

Gialamas is survived by his children and grandchildren; Lana (Steve Bull) and their children Alexander and Grayson from Scottsdale, AZ, Tom and his children Candi Agapi and George of Madison, WI, Gina (Sean Byrnes) and their son Roger from Scottsdale, AZ, and Aris (Marta) and their children George, Candy, Petra and Leonidas of Madison, WI. Survivors also include several nieces, nephews and godchildren throughout the country. He is also survived by his companion Laurie Gorman.

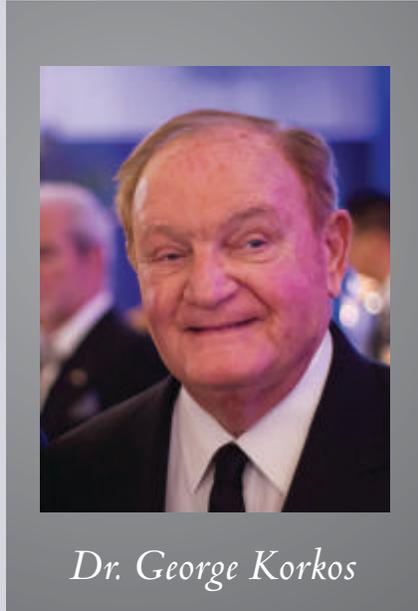
He was predeceased by Candy Gialamas, his beloved wife of 43 years, his parents, his brother Aristotle, and sisters Joanne Manos, Carol Mitsakopoulos, Penny Korkos and Mary Ellen Kotsos. His brother-in-law, George Korkos, passed away on May 28.

## Dr. George Korkos

Dr. George Korkos passed away on May 28 at the age of 89 at his home in Elm Grove, Wisconsin. A self-proclaimed sports fanatic known for his work in the medical field and for co-founding the Milwaukee Bucks back in 1968, Dr. Korkos was a longtime member of Leadership 100 and a renowned leader of the Greek American community. He was an Archon Aktouarios of the Ecumenical Patriarchate, Order of Saint Andrew the Apostle.

Born in Milwaukee, Wisconsin in September of 1931, Dr. Korkos earned an undergraduate education at Marquette University, and graduated in 1955 from Marquette dental school. He then went on to get his medical degree, graduating from Medical College of Wisconsin and further specializing in plastic and reconstructive surgery at St. Louis University Medical School.

Finding his niche in facial reconstruction, he went on to found Plastic Surgery Associates in Milwaukee, where he practiced cosmetic surgery for over 45 years. Outside of medicine, he held board positions with Heritage Bank of Milwaukee, Marshall & Ilsley Bank of Milwaukee, and Brinks Security, having been appointed to the Presidential Rank Review board under President Reagan from 1980-1982.



*Dr. George Korkos*

Dr. Korkos founded the annual Telly Savalas Memorial Golf Classic in Palm Springs, California, out of which grew the National Hellenic Society, which he spearheaded, and where he remained a board member until his death. He also served as a youth mentor through Heritage Greece, a program through which Greek American college students visit Greece to explore their roots.

He served on boards and councils of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese and the National Hellenic Museum in Chicago. "Dr. Korkos was an integral part of the National Hellenic Museum and a tireless supporter of our work. He gave generously of his time and treasure and remained an active participant

in the strategic planning for the future of the museum," said National Hellenic Museum Chairman of the Board of Trustees, John P. Calamos, Sr. in a statement.

Dr. Korkos was a recipient of the Ellis Island Award, the HANAC Man of the Year, and the AHI Hellenic Heritage Achievement Award.

He was an academic lecturer and author on the topic of reconstructive surgery, and a member of numerous medical societies. In the years spanning his career, Dr. Korkos earned a number of accolades including the Outstanding Distinguished Alumnus Award for the Medical College of Wisconsin, among others.

Dr. Korkos is survived by his children, Dr. James Korkos, Dr. Thomas (Dr. Christina) Korkos, and Kathryn (Dr. Charles) Theofilos; his eight grandchildren: Alexa Korkos, Nicole (Austin) Knapp, Demetra, George and Maria Korkos, and Stefan, Nicholas, and James Theofilos; his sister Evangeline Karioris; brother Nick Korkos; and many loving nieces, nephews, godchildren, and friends. He was predeceased by his wife of 59 years, Penny.



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