

## Greek, Turkish Leaders Meet on Tensions over Aegean Flyovers

ATHENS, Greece (AP) — Greece's prime minister told his Turkish counterpart Monday that airspace violations over the Aegean must stop as they increase the risk of a military accident in the sea between the two uneasy neighbors and NATO allies.

Greek Prime Minister Alexis Tsipras said he and Turkish counterpart Binali Yildirim, who was on a one-day visit to Greece, agreed to maintain open channels of communication between them in an effort to reduce potential military tensions arising from airspace violations.

The two countries have come close to war three times in the past half-century. The most recent time was in 1996, over who owns a couple of uninhabited islets in the eastern Aegean Sea.

Greece and Turkey stand far apart on many fronts, including Aegean boundaries, undersea exploration rights and the war-divided island of Cyprus, which is split between Greek-Cypriot and Turkish-Cypriot communities.

Athens also says Turkish

fighter jets frequently infringe the airspace under its civil aviation control, and often violate its national airspace. Both airforces have lost planes and personnel in accidents during fierce simulated dogfights over the Aegean in which the pilots, although often flying armed aircraft, refrain from using their weaponry.

"I stressed to Mr. Yildirim that this situation isn't helping at all, and that these infringements cannot continue," Tsipras said during joint statements to the media after the two men met for talks. "(They) increase the risk of an accident, which I honestly believe is the last thing either side wants."

Yildirim said Greece also engaged in violations and flyovers in the Aegean Sea.

"Of course these are not one-sided. The violations are mutual," Yildirim said. "Of course, the point is that the tension should not escalate. Our quick and direct contact will help to resolve tensions at an early phase."

Another source of tension between the two neighbors recently has been the fate of eight Turkish servicemen who sought asylum in Greece following last year's failed coup in Turkey. Ankara says the helicopter crewmen had participated in the coup, an accusation the men deny.

Greece's high court has refused to extradite the eight, who claimed they would not face a fair trial in Turkey amid a widespread post-coup-attempt crackdown that has seen about 50,000 people arrested and more than 100,000 suspended from their jobs.

Asked about Greece's refusal to extradite the servicemen, Tsipras noted that his country's

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## St. Spyridon's Out-of-Control Finances



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Honoree Nikos Mouyiaris noted his strong belief in the power of the Hellenic spirit and Greek values in his speech at the Cyprus-U.S. Chamber of Commerce Annual Award Dinner in NYC.

## Nikos Mouyiaris Honored at Gala

By Demetris Tsakas

NEW YORK — The Cyprus-US Chamber of Commerce Annual Award Dinner was held on June 16 in Manhattan. Nikos Mouyiaris, Founder & CEO of MANA Products, was honored with the Distinguished Merit Award.

Among those in attendance were His Eminence Archbishop Demetrios, U.S. Representative Carolyn Maloney, New York State Senator Michael Gianaris, New York State Assemblymembers Nicole Malliotakis and Ar-

avella Simotas, New York City Council Member Costa Constantinides, U.S. Ambassador to Nicosia Kathleen Doherty, Permanent Representative of Cyprus to the United Nations Ambassador Kornelios Korneliou, Deputy Permanent Representative of Greece to the United Nations Dionysios Kalamvrezos, and Consuls General of Greece and Cyprus in New York Konstantinos Koutras and Vasilios Philippou, respectively.

After the end of the reception, a video was presented that

highlighted the achievements of the entrepreneur, leader, and fighter for the Cyprus cause and Hellenic issues, supporter of education and culture, founder of the Hellenic American Leadership Council, and the benefactor of many institutions in the Greek and Cypriot community, Nikos Mouyiaris.

At the same time, the message of the President of the Republic of Cyprus, Nicos Anastasiades, was also presented, focusing on the work of the hon-

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## Historic Concert Honors Theodorakis

By Eleni Sakellis

ATHENS — All of Greece for Mikis — 1,000 Voices, a historic concert event with choirs from thirty cities and thousands in attendance to pay tribute to the great composer Mikis Theodorakis at the Panathenaic Stadium in Athens on June 19. The highlight of the evening was when the 91-year-old Theodorakis, in a wheelchair, conducted two of his most famous songs.

Health problems did not deter the world-renowned composer from rising twice from his wheelchair to show his appreciation for the audience. Just days before the concert, he said in an interview that his biggest wish was to stand up from his wheelchair and conduct his famous song To Perigiali to Kryfo (The Secret Beach).

The Athens Mandolinata Orchestra, dozens of musicians, soloists, opera singers, and actors under the direction of Panagis Berbatis gave their best performance to honor the "music conscience of Greece," as reported on the blog Keep Talking Greece.

The audience of 50,000 people of all ages packed the stadium for this exceptional concert. Thunderous applause shook the ancient structure as the people expressed their appreciation for Theodorakis and sang along with the choirs and singers on the many classic songs that have left indelible traces not only for their artistic merit, but for their political meaning as well.

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## The 6th Annual International SNF Conference

TNH Staff

ATHENS — The 6th Annual International Stavros Niarchos Foundation (SNF) Conference on Philanthropy opened on June 21 at the Stavros Niarchos Foundation Cultural Center (SNFCC) in Athens.

This year's SNF Conference explores the theme "Creativity, Imagination and the Importance of Reactivating Public and Ethical Spaces in a Highly Polarized Society" and runs through June 23.

Welcoming remarks were given by Lenia Vlavianou, Elenia Saloutsi, and Alexia Vasilikou — SNF Public Affairs Department, followed by the introductory remarks of SNF co-President Andreas C. Dracopoulos.

Christina Lambropoulou, Chief Financial Officer, SNF & Member of the EFC Governing Council, and Stelios Vasilakis, SNF Director of Programs & Strategic Initiatives also offered their remarks at the opening of the conference.

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Co-President of the Stavros Niarchos Foundation Andreas C. Dracopoulos gave the introductory remarks at the opening of the 6th Annual International SNF Conference on Philanthropy.

## Maragos Loans Total over \$3 mil.

TNH Staff

NEW YORK — George Maragos who is running as the Democratic candidate for Nassau County Executive has loaned his past three campaigns a combined \$3.1 million — a method used by candidates looking to make their campaigns more attractive to outside donors, as reported in New York Newsday.

According to state and federal campaign finance records, Maragos repaid himself \$2.89 million after winning his county comptroller campaigns twice and after the loss in the 2012 U.S. Senate race. Maragos' successful private technology firm has earned him millions of dol-

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## Alex Triantaphyllis Runs for Congress

By Eleni Sakellis

NEW YORK — A devoted family man, community leader, and Houston-native, Greek-American Alex Triantaphyllis is running for Congress in Texas' 7th District. He took time from his busy schedule to speak with The National Herald, sharing his thoughts on his campaign and his dedication to his family and the community. Triantaphyllis may become the first Democrat in 50 years to represent the 7th District.

When asked if he always wanted to run for elected office, he said that at least since college he has wanted to serve the community. Triantaphyllis, who attended Rice University and met his wife there and along with fellow classmates, founded PAIR (Partnership for the Advancement and Immersion of Refugees). The organization, which celebrated its tenth anniversary last year, empowers



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Alex Triantaphyllis

refugee youth to navigate American society, reach their academic potential, and become community leaders through a variety of educational mentor-

ing programs, as noted on PAIR's website.

Triantaphyllis also worked with community development organizations, helping small businesses in Houston, and other Houston-wide initiatives including the Welcoming Houston initiative focused on improving opportunities and advancing the integration of foreign-born residents.

Serving the community and giving back, Triantaphyllis told TNH, were among the important lessons his parents taught him growing up in Houston, the city he loves. The son of a fourth-generation Texan mother and Greek immigrant father, he was born and raised in Houston, a city which has given so much to his family. He noted the opportunity to study his father received as an 18-year-old immigrant originally from Megalo Horio, Karpenisi, Greece, with

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## Questions raised about role of Alma Realty management

By Theodore Kalmoukos

NEW YORK — When in October, 2015 The National Herald revealed the sexual scandal of the then-priest George Passias of the St. Spyridon parish in Upper Manhattan's neighborhood Washington Heights, with his assistant and spiritual daughter Ethel Bouzalas, which led to his defrocking from the holy priesthood, a number of questions were raised about the parish's finances.

Now, TNH reveals a preliminary audit report dated May 19, 2017, which shows that the financial issues of that historic parish were out of control.

Many questions are raised about transparency in general, and specifically about the role of the Alma Realty management company owned by businessman and philanthropist Steve Valiotis.

At press time, Archbishop Demetrios, Archdiocese employee Jerry Dimitriou — who

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## Archdiocese Changes of the Finances

By Theodore Kalmoukos

NEW YORK — Serious reorganization and changes have already started at the Greek-Orthodox Archdiocese of America after many problems occurred and the Archdiocese has reached difficult financial situations.

The National Herald has learned that until now, Jerry Dimitriou was primarily responsible for the Archdiocese's governance for the past 18 years, including the finances, the hiring and firing of personnel, salaries, and much more.

He was also in charge of selecting the hotel and the facilities —usually the Marriott — and organizing the biennial Clergy Laity Congress. TNH has learned that a metropolitan whose metropolis was proposed to host the next Congress, said that he would accept under one condition: that Dimitriou would have nothing to do with the hotel and the finances of the Congress in general.

Dimitriou also serves as Director of the Archdiocese although there is a Chancellor for that responsibly, Bishop Andonios of Phasiane.

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## Restorer of Jukeboxes, Patestos

By Andy Dabilis

*It's 1955 in a small town in the United States. Teenagers at a diner are having cheeseburgers and chocolate shakes, listening to 45RPM vinyl records in a jukebox. Musical tastes are changing and the soft ballad "Sincerely," makes way for a revolution ... "Rock Around the Clock."*

ATHENS — It's 1962 and 18-year-old Nikolas Patestos, from the island of Lesbos, is in the big city with 500 drachmas in his pocket, looking for an occupation, when he answers a call from American jukebox makers to train technicians to fix the intricate machines that play vinyl records that are the rage of teenagers everywhere, an American invention whose popularity skyrocketed when Rock 'n Roll took over.

Most love the music: Patestos loves the machine that plays them.

The floor models made popular by American companies such as Wurlitzer, Seeburg, AMI, and Rock-ola, and the table models that fit in the diner booth and would let you drop in a coin to hear your favorite

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# Manos Ikonomidis, 20-Year-Old Greek-American Killed in Brooklyn

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**BROOKLYN** – Police are investigating the death of a man who was beaten with baseball bats and stabbed inside the hallway of a New York City apartment building.

Authorities found the 20-year-old victim, Manos Ikonomidis, unconscious on the first-floor of a building in Brooklyn's Park Slope section in the early morning of June 19, the New York Daily News reported. Police say he had severe trauma all

over his body and a stab wound to his chest, and it is believed he was attacked by a group of three unidentified men. The victim was rushed to a hospital where he was pronounced dead.

A neighbor tells WCBS-TV he heard partying in the building before the attack, the Associated Press reported. Police are investigating the incident and interviewing witnesses.

The Daily News reported that the vicious attack followed a ménage à trois act in Park Slope after one of the participants be-

gan filming the encounter, police sources said. Ikonomidis died of three stab wounds in the chest and back. Earlier, he had been involved in with an unidentified woman and 21-year-old Jack Doherty.

"It's something out of a horror movie," stunned building resident Carol Petersen, 37, said, the News reported. "It's horrible. It's a nightmare."

Doherty was being questioned by police, but was not a suspect in the killing, sources said. Detectives were also questioning a man at the 72nd Precinct stationhouse early on June 20, police said.

Police sources told the News that the ménage à trois in Doherty's apartment ended violently when one of the men began filming and the woman became angry.

Doherty drove the woman back to her Staten Island home, leaving Ikonomidis alone, the sources said.

A resident in the building said the woman contacted her boyfriend, who was not involved in the ménage à trois, and alleged that she had been raped.

Ikonomidis' girlfriend, also not involved in the sex play, received an Instagram message that "your boyfriend f---d up and will be taken care of," sources said.

Police sources said there was no evidence the encounter was anything but consensual.

Surveillance cameras recorded two white men and a black man chasing Ikonomidis with baseball bats as he tried to leave the building, sources said. The three men caught up with him, then beat and stabbed Ikonomidis the sources said, as reported in the Daily News.

The victim then knocked on Joy Liguori's apartment door and collapsed.

"I saw the blood. It was out on the couch. That's when I told him, 'God, honey, you're bleeding.' He goes, 'They stabbed me! They stabbed me twice! They stabbed me!'" Liguori, told the News.

Lynne Moeser, a relative of Liguori, noted that Ikonomidis was "gushing blood," the News reported.

"He says, 'they hit me in the head, they hit my head with a bat,'" Moeser said.



COURTESY OF THE IKONOMIDIS FAMILY

**Maria Ikonomidis with her son, Manos, in happier times.**

Ikonomidis died at New York Methodist Hospital in Brooklyn.

The police took an aluminum baseball bat into evidence, but no suspects were in custody at press time, sources said, the News reported.

Doherty appeared devastated as he left with the police. "Jack was crying. He had his head down," a neighbor told the Daily News.

Ikonomidis' girlfriend arrived at the crime scene shortly after and cried.

The victim's neighbors were in shock, noting that he was polite and dreamed of "a career in the music business," the News reported.

They also said he often stayed with his girlfriend rather than the home he shared with his mother, stepfather, and young stepsister.

Neighbor Maria Brancalone told the News, "I'm in total shock. He was such a nice boy. Beautiful boy, always tried to help you out when you needed it."

## Changes of the Finances at the Archdiocese

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According to the Archdiocese's website, there are 102 employees: department heads, secretaries, administrative assistants, and many with all kinds of titles. Some of them supposedly are working and living outside of New York, including a priest and a deacon, with no clear and specific job descriptions.

Dimitriou is also in charge of

current financial operations of the Church including finance, treasury, budgeting and accounting."

TNH has learned that Fr. Baroody's appointment was requested by Executive Committee members, for the very reason to place order, transparency, and accountability in the organization's finances, such as the signing of checks, a general control of what is paid, and who authorizes the payments.



PHOTOS: DIMITRI PANAGOS

**Top Left: Fr. Soterios Baroody. Above: George Tsandikos. Left: Jerry Dimitriou.**

The request was for Baroody to report directly to Demetrios and the Committee, not to Dimitriou.

Baroody is from Beirut. He has studied finances and also has studied at the Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology in Brookline, MA. In 2011, he was ordained to the Diaconate by Bishop Andonios and to the Priesthood by Archbishop Demetrios. He holds a Bachelor in Business Administration from the American University of Beirut, a Master of Divinity from Holy Cross, and a Master of Accounting from Fairleigh Dickinson University. Baroody has been the Archdiocesan Comptroller since November, 2011.

TNH has learned that Baroody works diligently and contributes a great deal to the reorganization of the finances of the Archdiocese. The audit has begun and already the credit cards have been recalled from the heads of departments and offices. Those with credit cards must notify Baroody about proposed usage ahead of time.

Also, the use of cell phones is under scrutiny. Until the new Executive Committee and Baroody assumed their responsibilities, there was no control whatsoever as to who had a cell phone, and why and how he or she used it. The next step is going to be the leasing of automobiles. Also a detailed transparent report will be made as to how, where, and for what purposes the funds are spent – and not just in generalities, as was the case until now.

The annual budget for the Archdiocese has skyrocketed over the past 18 years, from \$13- to \$30 million. The 2018 budget, for instance, is \$30.2 million, compared to \$16.1 million in 2005.

By Michalis Kakias

**BROOKLYN** – Maria Mytiliniou tearfully relayed to The National Herald her feelings following the killing of her 20-year-old son, Manos. "I lost my boy," she said in a shaky voice, "they killed my Mano, the angel of my life. Why God, why so much pain, why?"

Throughout TNH's visit on the morning of June 20 to the family home in the Gravesend area of Brooklyn, in order to express condolences to the parents and relatives, she held her son's shirt, which she constantly caressed and kissed.

"Only his clothes are left of him to touch," she said, crying, "I raised him alone with many sacrifices. I separated from his father, Nikos, when Manos was five years old. I was alone in a foreign country and worked two jobs to raise him. And now they killed him. How will I endure, how to find the courage and power to raise my other child, my 5-year-old Stella?"

She asked that TNH, the only newspaper she chose to speak with, "write positive words about my Mano. He was a very good

and kind boy who helped the world. Even when he was bleeding and asked for help at the next apartment, he apologized for the inconvenience. That was my Manos.

"He loved Greece, every year he went on vacation to find his beloved grandparents and now I have to go to the morgue to identify his body. My angel is there now."

According to the police, Manos Ikonomidis collapsed in the corridor of building in the Park Slope section of Brooklyn where earlier he was reportedly involved in a ménage à troisact with a 21-year-old man and a woman.

The erotic triangle culminated in a murder when one of the participants began to videotape, angering the woman who called her boyfriend (who did not participate in the erotic act) and told him she had been raped.

The 21-year-old, who lived in the apartment, took the woman to her Staten Island home. When he returned, Ikonomidis decided to leave.

As soon as he walked into the corridor, the surveillance cameras record two whites

and one African-American chasing him, and then hitting him with a bat and stabbing him in his chest and back. Covered in blood, Ikonomidis knocked on the door of a nearby apartment and said he had been hit in the head.

"He tried to get up," the woman in the apartment said, "and collapsed on the floor. All of his body began to tremble and when the ambulance arrived he barely had a pulse."

Ikonomidis died at New York Methodist Hospital in Brooklyn.

When TNH asked about the funeral arrangements, the mother said she did not know anything yet. "I'm waiting to bring my relatives from Greece first," she said. Mytiliniou is from Ikaria and Ikonomidis' father, Nikos, is from Karpachos. After divorcing Nikos, she remarried and is now raising Stella.

The New York Post reported that Christopher Membreno, age 24, was arrested and charged with murdering Ikonomidis, and is reportedly the boyfriend of the woman involved in the ménage à trois.

## Upcoming Events at the National Hellenic Museum

TNH Staff

**CHICAGO, IL** – The National Hellenic Museum (NHM) will be presenting some fascinating exhibitions beginning with Reaching for the American Dream: The Greek Story in America, which reopens on June 22. An exclusive members' preview will take place 5:30-6:30 PM with an open house 6:30 – 8 PM.

NHM's core exhibit has been refreshed to include more objects, photographs, and personal stories that reflect the Greek American experience. In tracing the path of Greek immigration to America, Reaching for the American Dream: The Greek Story in America teaches about our shared heritage and preserves our history for generations to come.

The Greek Story in America encompasses thousands of unique experiences that portray the successes and hardships that contribute to the American mosaic. While creating communi-

ties, building businesses, and participating in defining moments of American history, Greek Americans have always sought to preserve their Greek identity and culture. Through educational programming, the National Hellenic Museum shares the ever-developing narratives of the Hellenic legacy and continues to protect our collective memories.

The exhibition is free for museum members and free with general admission for non-members. More information is available online at [nationalhellenic-museum.org](http://nationalhellenic-museum.org).

On June 25, NHM hosts the lecture Monetary Greek Debt – From Ancient to Modern Times presented by Johanna Hanink, an Associate Professor of Classics at Brown University and author of The Classical Debt: Greek Antiquity in an Era of Austerity.

Hanink will discuss the International Monetary Fund's first bailout of Greece's sinking economy in 2010 and the phrase



The National Hellenic Museum in Chicago.

"Greek debt" which has meant one thing to the country's creditors, but for millions who claim to prize culture over capital, it means something quite different: the symbolic debt that Western civilization owes to Greece for furnishing its principles of democracy, philosophy, mathematics,

and fine art. Where did this other idea of Greek debt come from, Hanink asks, and why does it remain so compelling today? The lecture takes place from 3-5 PM. Registration and tickets- \$15 non-members, \$10 NHM members, and \$5 students, are available at [nationalhellenicmuseum.org](http://nationalhellenicmuseum.org).

## PanHellenic Scholarship Foundation Gala 2017

TNH Staff

**CHICAGO, IL** – The PanHellenic Scholarship Foundation (PHSF) held their 2017 Awards Ceremony and Gala on June 17 at the Hilton Chicago for a record attendance of 560 contributors, guests, and scholarship recipients. This annual event serves as both an opportunity to recognize the outstanding Greek-American students benefited by the PHSF, a nonprofit organization established by the late Chicago businessman and philanthropist Chris Tomaras.

PHSF gave its 2017 Paradigm Award to John Pappajohn of Des Moines, IA, one of today's leaders in investing, entrepreneurship, and philanthropy. As one of the early venture capitalists and one of the most charitable Greek-Americans in the nation, Pappajohn's life and achievements represent the importance of education in reaching one's dreams. Born in Greece, he and his family immigrated to Mason City, IA, when he was just nine months old. At 16, he lost his father and then helped support his mother and siblings financially while he finished high school and graduated from the University of Iowa in 1952.

After starting in the Insurance industry, he founded Eq-



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**ABOVE:** The recipients of the scholarships at the Pan-Hellenic Scholarship Foundation Awards Gala in Chicago. **RIGHT:** Miss America 2016 Betty Cantrell served as the Mistress of Ceremonies for the event.



uity Dynamics and Pappajohn Capital Resources. He has since been involved in over one hundred startups and over fifty IPO's, and has served as a Director in over forty public companies.

Pappajohn and his wife,

Mary, have gifted more than \$100 million to various causes. Pappajohn is an Archon of the Order of Saint Andrew the

Apostle, the highest honor bestowed on a Greek Orthodox parishioner by the Ecumenical Patriarch of Constantinople.



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# Alexander Payne Honored at the Los Angeles Greek Film Festival

By Vasilis Papoutsis

LOS ANGELES, CA – At the star-studded closing night of the Los Angeles Greek Film Festival (LAGFF), Academy Award Screenwriter and Director Alexander Payne received the 2017 Honorary Orpheus Award. Paramount Pictures Chairman and CEO Jim Gianopulos presented the director with the award, in front of a capacity crowd at the historic Egyptian Theater in Hollywood. Gianopulos told the crowd how he came to know the director: he was in a meeting with a lawyer who said to him, "I just met another of your Greek compatriots, a talented director. When I asked him who he was he said, 'Alexander Payne.'" Gianopulos' reply was "With a last name Payne I would never guess he is Greek. Are you sure?" A couple of weeks later they were having lunch and their collaboration began. Their first work together was the Academy Award-nominated film Sideways, distributed by Fox Searchlight Pictures, a sister company of 20th Century Fox, where Gianopulos was President

that time. The comedy-drama was written by Jim Taylor and Payne, who also directed. The film about two men in their forties, a depressed teacher and an actor past his prime on a week long road trip to Santa Barbara wine country, became an indie sensation. "Alexander passed on some A-list actors who wanted to play the lead roles, until he found the right ones to match the story," Gianopulos said. Taylor and Payne hit gold by winning the Academy Award for Best Adopted Screenplay. Their next collaboration, The Descendants, also won an Oscar for Best Adapted Screenplay for Payne. The director, who had promised his mother to dedicate his award to her if he ever won a second Oscar, did so in Greek this time, becoming "the only one in the history of the Oscars to thank his mother in Greek by saying 'se agapo poli,'" Gianopulos said. The movie also won two Golden Globe Awards for Best Picture-Drama and Best Actor-Drama for its lead actor George Clooney. In his acceptance speech, Payne thanked LAGFF and spoke about his journey in the enter-



Filmmaker Alexander Payne with Jim Gianopulos.

tainment industry. "I grew up in Omaha, NE and did not know anyone in the entertainment industry, but I realized early on that I wanted to be on that creative side of films. My parents

strongly disagreed with my choice, they told me go to law school first to have something to fall back," Payne said. "Although I love my parents that is the worst possible advice you can

give to your kids. Tell them to follow their passion first and if not successful, then go to Plan B." Payne, who is on LAGFF's Honorary Board but has been "so busy that I have not been able to contribute as much," encouraged the festival to bring in more comedies. He did so by quoting director Billy Wilder, known for such films such as Some Like It Hot, who said that "If you are going to tell the truth, be funny or they'll kill you." He also said that he hopes Greek cinema will find its new movie stars that will put it back on the map. "Where would Greek cinema be without Irene Pappas or Melina Mercouri? Or Italian cinema without Marcello Mastroianni? I hope that new stars will rise and resurrect the film industry in Greece," Payne said. He then presented an extended clip from his upcoming film Downsizing that will be distributed by Paramount Pictures, prompting Gianopulos to say laughingly " I love Alexander so much that I left Fox to go to Paramount just to be with him again." The Orpheus Award for Best

Feature went to America Square, a film directed by Yiannis Sakaridis and Son of Sofia received the runner-up Special Jury Prize for features. The films were, respectively, the opening and closing night presentations for the festival and both dealt with the refugee crisis in different styles. Earth Friendly Products' CEO Kelly Vlahakis-Hanks gave out the Van Vlahakis Award for Best Short Film to director Vangelis Liberopoulos' short, Play. The award is named after her late father and longtime sponsor of the LAGFF. The LAGFF Audience Award went to The Other Me and was distributed by Greek actor Chirstos Vassilopoulos, who said that "without the audience there would be no cinema. Or paid actors. The watch, the condominium, everything I have is because of the audience." In accepting the award, director Sotiris Tsafuoulis told Vassilopoulos that "contrary to you, I lost my watch, my condo, and everything I have in order to make this movie" giving the audience a good laugh.

# St. Spyridon’s Out-of-Control Finances, Questions about Management

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until recently was in charge of the Archdiocese's finances – and St. Spyridon Parish Council President Lydia Vagelos-Kallimannis had not responded to TNH's requests for comment. Valiotis told TNH: "I cannot talk to you, what can I tell you, these people are crazy. I went up there and I saved their buildings." (The entire discussion of TNH with Valiotis appears at the end of this article.) Fr. Evagoras Constantinides, responding from the Ionian Village in Greece, told TNH that "you are talking to the wrong person because I left from St. Spyridon more than a year ago." When we told him that he told the auditors that Passias

Thousands of records were deleted from computer hard drives.

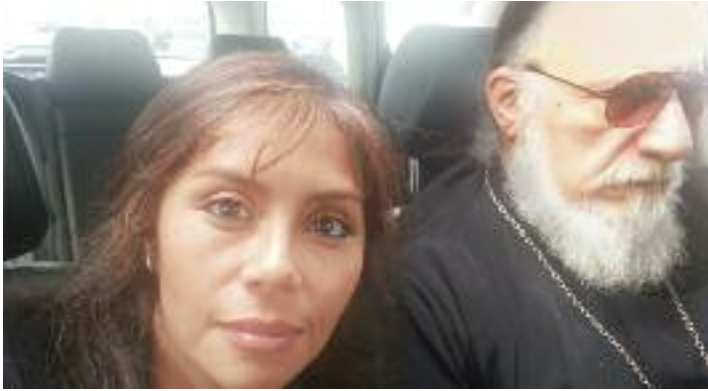
took boxes with documents, when he left, he said "I am at the camp in Greece, I have to see my notes which are at the Archdiocese in New York, I am sorry that I can't help." Archdiocesan Chancellor Bishop Andonios of Phasiane told TNH that "we are not going to cover up" anything. ( See interview.) The Archdiocese assigned the matter of St. Spyridon to the Law firm Tarter, Krinsky & Drogin LLP, which hired Anchin, Block & Anchin LLP, which specializes in financial audits. From the very beginning of the report is stated that "the bank statement analysis was limited to 2 years (2014 and 2015) rather than the three years from 2013 through 2015 that we recommended." Also it is stated that "the review of the Parochial School and Universal Pre-K was not performed." Hundreds of thousands of records from the computer hard drives were deleted. On page 2 of the report is says that "in an effort to secure relevant records of financial information, we obtained forensic images of three

computers that they were located at St. Spyridon. Two of those computers had dual hard drives for a total of five hard drives. Based on our forensic analysis of the hard drives, we determined that most of the user files on all the hard drives, including QuickBooks accounting files, were deleted. We were told by Fr. Evagoras that Steve Papadatos deleted the data on the hard drives. In total, there were only approximately 10,500 files on the five hard drives. We were able to restore a significant number of deleted files. In total, we restored approximately 571,000 files that had been deleted giving us a total of 581,000 files. However many of the files were damaged and could not be opened (including the QuickBooks accounting files). Approximately 441,000 of the files were photos, video and internet related which would not be expected to contain financial information. That leaves 140,000 user files."

On page 3 it is reported that "we could not locate vendor invoices to verify the validity the disbursements in our analysis. In fact during the course of our investigation, Father Evagoras explained to us that on the day George Passias left St. Spyridon, a local parishioner had seen many boxes removed from St. Spyridon Church and loaded onto a truck...We found very few relevant records at St. Spyridon for 2014 or 2015, the years in our approval scope of work." Regarding the rentals of the Church Hall, the auditors also wrote on page 3 that "Fr. Evagoras provided us with rental contracts for approximately 70 events that were scheduled to take place in 2014. These contracts provide for combined total rental fees and security deposits of \$132,000. The contracts also indicated that \$125,600 was received upon signing the contract, \$2,600 was refunded and \$8,300 was owed. The contracts indicated that \$120,000 of the 4125,600 received was paid in the form of cash and \$5,000was paid by check. Since we did not have

the deposit detail slips, we could not determine from our bank analysis described above, whether any of the \$120,600 of cash deposited." On page 4 it states that "what is most concerning is that in earlier years, when Mr. Yuelys was responsible for the St. Spyridon accounting, there was regularly approximately \$90,000 to \$100,000 in hall rental income recorded in the St. Spyridon general ledger. No such income was recorded in the years that we reviewed." On page 6, the report indicates that "we were advised by Bishop Andonios, that on or around the time that Ethel Bouzalas' employment was terminated, she directed a St. Spyridon employee to remove \$30,000 in cash from a safe lo-

Archdiocese pending further investigation to determine whether the funds should be returned to Bouzalas or to St. Spyridon." The Alma Realty Company, of Queens, manages St. Spyridon's Real Estate. On page 6 of the report is stated that "Alma Realty as well as Vordonia, Valco Building & Maintenance Supplies, City Lighs Construction Corp. and S7S Plumbing Corp. are all purported to have the same owner, Steven Valiotis (the 'Valiotis Entities'). All of these vendors are hired by Alma to provide services to the Properties. There is no evidence that any of the services provided by these entities are put out to bid, except in one instance. The one time there appears to be a solicitation of bids is in connection



Former St. Spyridon priest George Passias and Ethel Bouzalas.

cated in the office of the parochial school and give it to Bouzalas. We further understand that Bouzalas claimed that she had previously loaned \$40,000 to the school and was taking the cash towards the repayment of the loan. "On October 2, 2015, after finding out about the cash being removed from the safe and given to Bouzalas, Steve Papadatos, parish council president of St. Spyridon Church, wrote to Bouzalas demanding that Bouzalas return the cash to the school or provide adequate documentation of the purported loan. It is our understanding from Bishop Andonios that Bouzalas returned the \$30,000 which is now being held by the

with the construction of the elevator and a new men's room in the church. However, it appears as though Alma realty controlled and manipulated the results of the bidding process to Vordonia's (and indirectly, Mr. Valiotis') benefit." On page 9 it is reported that "Alma Realty, through Valiotis, was loaning money to the Properties. However, these loans were not documented. Alma realty was unable to provide adequate documentation to support significant amounts paid by the Properties to the Valiotis Entities. On page 10 it is stated that "the total of the unsupported payments is \$568,163.33 for all three Properties...There were

payments made for expenses that did not belong to the Properties. The expenses were for St. Spyridon Church and the School. The total payments on behalf of the church and the school were \$205,850.93...There were payments made for expenses of George Passias and Ethel Bouzalas. Passias credit card was paid \$49,775.40. There was no detailed statement provided that described what expenses were incurred." Also, the Properties were paying Bouzalas Medical Insurance of \$5,839.82. According to the report "there were expenses paid on behalf of the Properties with insufficient documentation such as the form of approval, authorization, the work perform etc. The total expenses are \$59,685.93." On page 12 it is recorded that "on May 9, 2014 the existing Alma bank mortgage of approximately \$2 million on the Properties was refinanced with the New York Community Bank. As a result a \$3.1 million mortgage was taken against the Properties. In addition to various fees and closings costs associated with the refinancing, a total of \$480,000 of mortgage proceeds went to Alma Realty, \$118,004, to Valco Building Maintenance & Supplies Corp \$100,560 , to Vordonia Contracting & Supplies Corp. \$262,000 and \$353,000 to 621 Management. The payment to Alma Realty of \$118,004 appears to be in order to repay undocumented loans from Valiotis which are discussed above."

Also on page 12, the auditors stated that "although we have reviewed documentation that indicates the Archdiocese was aware Alma was owed \$360,000 the payments to Alma Realty, Valco and Vordonia totaling approximately \$480,000 suggests that the Archdiocese was misled as to how much of the mortgage proceeds would be paid to entities purportedly owed by Valiotis." On page 14 it is reported that "Dennis Yuelys raised concerns over many of the issues that this investigation addresses...On

The Alma Realty Company manages St. Spyridon's real estate.

tion, there are significant concerns with Alma Realty's management of the Properties. It is unclear why the decision was made to not allow Cohen Greve to include the Properties as part of its investigation." **TNH'S DISCUSSION WITH VALIOTIS** **SV:** Good morning. **TNH:** Good morning Mr. Valiotis, how are you? **SV:** Good, good thank God. **TNH:** We called you last evening too. We are going to publish the audit report of St. Spyridon and because you are mentioned in it I would kindly ask you to talk to us. I will record our conversation so I can report it with exactness. **SV:** I cannot talk to you, what can I tell you, these people are crazy. I went up there I saved their buildings. **TNH:** Tell me these things. Say whatever you want. **SV:** Let me go I am busy now; I will call you in a while. **TNH:** I will wait for your call. **SV:** Yes. **TNH:** Fine, I thank you. (Valiotis called back within a few minutes.) **SV:** What can I tell you since I don't know what [the audit report] says? **TNH:** It says that you were giving loans to the Properties, to the church. That you were giving personal loans in cash. **SV:** We haven't done these things, or cash. I want to know what I have been accused of [by the report]. I do not want to talk, I do not concern myself with them, I am tired of them. **TNH:** Mr. Valiotis please tell me your comments. **SV:** If I don't know what they say I cannot answer. **TNH:** Are you telling us that you don't have the audit report? **SV:** No I don't have it, no. **TNH:** It wasn't sent to you? **SV:** No. **TNH:** So your comment is without the report you can't answer? **SV:** Yes. **TNH:** Are you going to look for it? **SV:** I don't know where it is, I do not care, but if it comes my way I will read it. If you have and send it to me I will read it and then I will talk to you. **TNH:** I can't send it to you, it is not ethical, it is not honest. You can find it from those in charge, from your associates. **SV:** Have a good day. **TNH:** You too.

# Bishop Andonios to TNH “We are Not Going to Cover up” Anything

By Theodore Kalmoukos

NEW YORK – Bishop Andonios of Phasiane, Chancellor of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America, in an interview with The National Herald about the preliminary audit into the finances of the St. Spyridon parish in New York City stated that "if we find anything most definitely we are going to do what should be done, we are not going to cover up" anything. Speaking about the former priest George Passias he said "unfortunately, Passias was who he was and he knew how to cover his tracks." The interview follows: **TNH:** Your Grace what can you tell us about the audit of the finances of St. Spyridon? **BA:** I can't tell you anything at this moment because it was not the final, it was a draft. We are going to have a meeting at the end of the month to discuss different things. We are going to state our opinions and from there correct, change or add to what [the auditors] prepared. Then we will know how to proceed. **TNH:** Why the audit was limited only to two years, 2014 and 2015, and not to previous years? **BA:** Because of the cost. The audit is extremely expensive. That is why they decided to do those two years and [depending on the results, to expand it]. I



St. Spyridon Church in Washington Heights, New York City.

don't know how much this audit is finally going to cost, but we are talking a lot of money, about \$75,000. **TNH:** The firm told you to also do the year 2013 and you said no. **BA:** I didn't say that, the Finance Committee said let us do two years and

we will see, because those two years will give us some knowledge of what has transpired. From that point on, if we think that we should do other years we will say yes. We don't have any reason to the contrary. **TNH:** Why didn't the Archdiocese do

anything all these years that it was getting information by parish officials? **BA:** Many times we checked, we looked, but there was no evidence. Unfortunately, Passias was who he was and he knew how to cover his tracks. **TNH:** Will the Archdiocese legally proceed against Passias? **BA:** It depends what the audit finally shows. With the consultation of the lawyer, we will do what we have to do. If we should go to the attorney general and turn over the evidence, we will. **TNH:** Do you have an opinion about the management of St. Spyridon's real estate holdings by Steve Valiotis' Alma Realty company? **BA:** I don't know, I don't know. There are some observations [in the audit], but in order to be fair we have to ask how they would answer to these observations. We must call the people who represent Alma Realty and tell them that the auditors say this, what is your answer? We have to listen to the other side too. **TNH:** How much weight do you give to the firm that contacted the audit? How serious it is? **BA:** I didn't know, but the firm that audits the books of the Archdiocese recommended it... But please know that if we find anything most definitely we are going to do what should be done, we are not going to cover up anything.



# Nikos Mouyiaris Honored by Cyprus-U.S. Chamber of Commerce

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oree and on the role of the Chamber in promoting relations between the United States and Cyprus.

The Executive Director of the Chamber, Despina Axiotakis, in her opening speech mentioned the honoree's work and noted that "Nikos Mouyiaris is a friend of each of you who are here tonight."

Fox Business Network news reporter Nicole Petallides, who co-organized the event, is proud of her Cypriot origin and noted

and his passion for Cypriot freedom, support for education, and his generosity.

Malliotakis and Gianaris said that the moral and financial support of Mouyiaris and all his associates helped them both in their election campaigns as well as many other Greek-American candidates in New York and elsewhere.

Chamber President Nicolas Nicolaou referred to the work of the organization and noted that in cooperation with Capital Link, they organized in Nicosia and New York the first invest-

other young people are expected. At the same time, he mentioned the role of the Chamber's Young Professionals and emphasized that the honoree played a critical role in their organization.

The President of Chamber's Young Professionals, Christina Shailas, pointed out that Mouyiaris is a teacher and mentor to many of them, raising their hopes. She said that "the young people who meet him are privileged to know him."

Amb. Doherty pointed out that she is a daughter of immi-



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**Rep. Carolyn Maloney, Ambassador Vasiliou, Consul General of Cyprus, Archbishop Demetrios, Carol Mouyiaris, Consul General of Greece Konstantinos Koutras, U.S. Ambassador to Cyprus Kathleen Doherty, Nicolas Nicolaou, honoree Nikos Mouyiaris, and Permanent Representative of Cyprus to the United Nations Amb. Kornelios Korneliou.**

the best opportunity of the last 43 years to solve the Cyprus problem.

Rep. Maloney referred to the achievements of Mouyiaris and noted that many of the branded cosmetics are produced by his company Mana, and he is an example of achieving the American Dream.

PSEKA President Philip Christopher spoke about Mouyiaris and his love for his hometown, Athienou, one of the three villages in the United Nations Buffer Zone, and that 65% of its territory is illegally occupied. He then referred to Mouyiaris' contributions to the struggle for the liberation of Cyprus and his contributions to

the Greek community.

Mouyiaris received the Distinguished Merit Award and 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," Mouyiaris said.



that Mouyiaris is a model for her own generation as well as the younger generation.

Archbishop Demetrios referred to Mouyiaris' contribution

ment forum for Cyprus.

He then referred to the J-1 Visa Program and observed that three new scientists from Cyprus had already arrived and that six

grants and that she feels the same pride that the Greeks feel about their achievements. 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

# Nikos Mouyiaris' Cyprus-U.S. Chamber of Commerce Speech

*On June 16, businessman and philanthropist Nikos Mouyiaris was honored by the Cyprus-U.S. Chamber of Commerce in New York City. The full text of his speech follows.*

Your Eminence, Senator Menendez, Ambassador Doherty, Ambassador Korneliou, Ambassador Kalamvrezos, Ambassador Pantelides, Ambassador Philippou, Consul General Koutras, NYS Senator Mike Gianaris, NYS Assembly members Aravella Simotas and Nicole Malliotakis, NYC Councilman Costas Constantinides, Honored guests and friends, I'm honored to accept this award from the Cyprus-U.S. Chamber of Commerce and I thank the Board and Nico Nicolaou, the President.

I have often said that we are successful not because we are very smart; not because we worked very hard and we were lucky; but because we had the good fortune of being able to stand on the shoulders of others. That's why I will start by acknowledging those most responsible for me – my parents, my aunt Eleni and uncle George who raised me, my aunt Sunday and uncle George in the States, my teachers, my village of Athienou, my friends and others.

I certainly would not be where I am today, if my soul, my psyche – were not formed by Greece and Cyprus and my Hellenic values, and if not for the U.S., which provided me and all of us with so many opportunities. I would not be where I am today but for the great Mana employees past and present some of who are here tonight. Thank you.

Last and definitely not least my wife Carol and daughter Ariana for their love and for always standing next to me all these years, for their patience,

and support. Thank you.

I'm especially honored to accept this award before such a great crowd of friends, coworkers, and people of our community.

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 desired 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.

I have been in the States for 50 years. I saw many of us become very successful in whatever we chose to do. Be it a professional, an academic, an entrepreneur, a scientist. Our community rates first in education and second in wealth amongst the ethnic groups in our country. As single units, with some volunteer work and our philotimo (love of honor), we have achieved so much.

We came here as dishwashers and miners, working in the mines of Wyoming and Utah in the 1800s; we came here as laborers and waiters and eventually owned diners and businesses. Today our people are top in academia and science. Our people run some of the biggest corporations; Chase, Dow, and many others. We have famous athletes, actors and singers. We offered our country so much in many fields and in public service as well.

A CIA Director, George Tenet; the first Director of National Intelligence, John Negroponte, a Supreme Commander of NATO and now a university president James Stavridis. Members of the Senate and Congress. Greek Americans who came close to the Presidency on multiple occasions. One day we will make one of ours, president of the United States!

Sadly though, in the last 50 years I noticed a decline in the organized groups of our Omogeneia, our community. Our federations and a lot of our local organizations, our somatia, are threatened with extinction. They cannot attract our youth, our amazing young professionals. We have not managed to change our ways.

Our church, the only organized institution we have in our country unfortunately is diminishing. Membership is declining, our Greek schools are shutting down. Without institutions and organized groups a community eventually disappears. We are facing existential threats as a community.

In these 50 years, we have seen the decline of Greece and Cyprus. The amazing people in these two countries unfortunately allowed people to lead them, many of which were not leaders, but opportunists, if not worse.

Because of them and because of Turkey, a chauvinist (xenophobic) aggressive neighbor, Cyprus and Greece are facing existential threats. Why is our Church and other organized groups diminishing and how can we help them reverse this?

Why don't we have more influence in DC, when the Jewish-American community and others have shown us that it is possible?

Why aren't we organized to help our youth with internships, scholarships, to send them to Cyprus and Greece by the thousands for their birthright?

Why aren't we capable of helping Greece and Cyprus in more meaningful ways?

Why do we only have 10 Greek Charter schools when the Turks have 150?

Who is trying to help create jobs in Cyprus and Greece in a meaningful and successful way? And it is possible! I can go on

and on.

I know deep in my heart that we can do all these things and do them well. We can do all these things if we organize and work together. If we create professional institutions. We can do all of these things if we recognize that our "Achilles Heel" as a people, is our desire to do things as individuals and sometimes collectively but on a voluntary basis. Unfortunately, although we achieved certain things this way, we did not



**Honoree Nikos Mouyiaris thanked his family and spoke about the Hellenic values that have helped him achieve so much.**

achieve the optimum and what will help us survive and thrive as Hellenes in the Diaspora.

The Jews recognized this many years ago, and decided to hire professionals to lead them in these affairs. They donated and continue to donate a lot of money to organize AJC, AIPAC, and many other institutions, professional institutions with thousands of employees. AJC alone has 2,500; 29 offices here and abroad with an \$80 million annual budget. These institutions enabled them to become such a powerful community, with influence in Washington and many other world capitals. They enable the Jewish Americans to thrive as a community because they have institutions that enable them to collectively discuss their issues, network and work together for their common good.

Dear friends, it's very easy to say how much we love Greece and Cyprus and our community. We can sing our love for Greece and Cyprus from the four corners of the world. At some point though, the need for real and helpful actions becomes necessary. Theories and wishful thinking are not enough to correct our non-involvement and past mistakes for the common good.

Five years ago, we founded HALC, The Hellenic American Leadership Council. A professional organization run by paid professionals to address some of our community's challenges.

In five years with only four people on the staff and some volunteers, with amazing members, Greek professionals, doctors, academics, lawyers, judges,

AIPAC, the Armenians, African American organizations, and with the Kurdish community.

HALC and AJC created the Greek-Israeli Caucus in Washington, blocked the sale of naval frigates to Turkey, and influenced Congress to take other measures in support of Greece and Cyprus. HALC works with think tanks in DC, Chicago and New York, and with universities on Hellenic issues.

HALC members are trained to hold fundraisers for members of Congress in their own states providing us with more influence. More of our youth will be able to work in DC with members of Congress and perhaps the Federal government.

In two weeks, thanks to our members, friends on Facebook and other social media, we raised \$235,000 for SOS Greek Village, an orphanage in Greece. Thank you, HALC members, followers, and friends.

We created internships in DC, Chicago, New York, and elsewhere. We sent young people to Cyprus and Greece. I do not believe that all these achievements could have been made in such a short time, without HALC's exceptional organization, without the support and dedication of our amazing members - the future leaders of our community and our followers. Thank you, Endy Zemenides!

Members of HALC in their thirties and forties have emerged as leaders we can be proud of. HALC is now launching an investment in an even younger generation.

This year HALC began leadership 2030 where young Greek

Americans from around the country will experience an intense two-year fellowship. Once every two months, these young people go through an intensive all-day seminar. They travel to DC annually, write articles, and engage in social media, have private dinners with academics and leadership experts. They are in continuous contact with their HALC mentors. By the end of 2017, there will be Leadership 2030 Fellows in Chicago, New York, New Jersey, Florida, Baltimore, and California.

By 2030, hundreds of Hellenes will have gone through this program. They will have a common point of reference. They will have knowledge, experience, connections. Most importantly, they will have each other. And we will have gained a powerful force; hundreds of Hellenes in their 30s and 40s who are ready to lead the Diaspora, help Greece and Cyprus, and train the next generation for decades to come.

We can do it. We are the people who came here with nothing, but our values, our ethos, philotimo, and the desire to work very hard, to get an education and do better in life.

We can do it once we recognize that no matter how high we climb in our profession, or our business, other people have helped us. Our parents, our teachers, our villages, our country, our friends, etc.

Knowing that, it is our obligation to help in each and every way we can. Selflessly. We cannot take money with us when we pass. But believe me, the \$10, \$100, \$1,000, whatever the amount, helps our community create institutions and professional organizations and is a very worthy cause. This is the only way it can be done. And we can do it.

We are the people that gave our knowledge in science philosophy, democracy, drama, mathematics, and art to the world. We are the people who kept the Persian invaders out of Europe. We are the only people along with the Russians that fought the Germans on our soil.

Winston Churchill praised us by saying Greeks do not fight like heroes but heroes fight like Greeks.

We are the people who said OXI – No – to Mussolini.

We are the people that although few in numbers, have many Nobel Laureates. We are the people that when we unite, we can achieve miracles.

Nothing is impossible. Everything is possible when we believe in it and work hard for it.

The nation requires love. And love doesn't come just by wishful thinking, it takes a lot of work – and methodical resilience.

A friend of mine sent these verses of Odysseas Elytis: *There is only one swallow so precious is the spring to bring back the sun takes a lot of work it takes the dead, at the wheels in numbers by the thousands and blood from the living.*

# Spiros Milonas Denies He's Suing His Wife

TNH Staff

**NEW YORK** – The New York Post's Page Six column recently mentioned that Greek-born businessman Spiros Milonas, 88, was suing his wife Antonia, 62. Milonas said he was not suing his wife, and noted that his two daughters Sofia Dingle, 50, and Claire Milonas, 47, who work for their father's Manhattan-based company, Ionian Management, are responsible for the lawsuit. As the Post reported, Milonas "believes his 'daughters convinced' his longtime attorney, Judd Burstein, to file the suit behind his back."

"This is one of the most hurtful cases in my life," a tearful Milonas said as reported by the Post which was contacted after the couple saw the story and their photo on Page Six.

Antonia Milonas told the Post that the Manhattan civil suit is an attempt by her stepdaughters to

gain "control" of the \$500 million private-investment business.

Milonas said, "They're not happy that I remarried. My daughters hold everything against Antonia," the Post reported.

He repeatedly told the Post reporter to "write that I love Antonia," in her presence and when she had left the room.

Milonas maintains that he never gave his lawyer permission to file the lawsuit.

Burstein claims that Milonas directed him to file it and suggested that the businessman's health is failing. Supermarket mogul and former NYC Mayoral candidate John Catsimatidis, who has been Milonas' friend for over 30 years, was contacted by the Post for comment and said of Milonas, "he's fine."

The Post reported that Milonas fired Burstein when the lawyer refused to drop the lawsuit. In an email dated June 13, Burstein wrote to Milonas and his daughter



Spiros Milonas

ters, noting that, "I believe that you have been unduly influenced, harassed, and intimidated by Antonia," the Post reported.

Ray Hannigan, lawyer for Milonas' daughters, said, as quoted in the Post, that they "had nothing whatsoever to do with the commencement of that lawsuit."



HISTORICAL COMMENTARY

The Enduring Image of Greek Americans in Hollywood Cinema

By Steve Frangos  
TNH Staff Writer

The Greek American Image in American Film is the guiding theme throughout the latest Journal of Modern Hellenism (JMH), Volume 32 (2016). It is available online at journals.sfu.ca.

Volume editor and TNH columnist Dan Georgakas has, once again, gathered a series of researchers to produce a common-themed series of eleven articles dealing explicitly with a specific aspect of Greek-American cultural history. As with the other volumes and books instigated and edited under Georgakas' direction, this collection of essays is, now, the "go-to" volume on the theme of Greek-American images within American cinema.

The essays are as follows, "An Introduction" by Georgakas; which is a concise historical vignette on the JMH from its beginnings in 1984 as a joint venture sponsored by Harry Psomiades of the Center for Byzantine and Modern Greek Studies of Queens College (City University of New York) and Nomikos Michael Vaporis of Hellenic College to this new digital edition format.

Next there is "The Greek American Image in American Film: Creation of a Filmography" by Barbara Saltz. Saltz' opening lines offer the core thesis for this volume: "A central concern of Greek American



Volume editor and TNH columnist Dan Georgakas.

Studies and Diaspora specialists in Modern Greek Studies is how mainstream Americans viewed Greek immigrants and the communities they created. Although there are numerous specific accounts of incidents, comprehensive statistical data is sparse and is often compromised by not accounting for differing regional, class, religious, and urban-rural factors. One aid in dealing with these compilations that is rarely used in a systematic manner is how Greek immigrants and their offspring are presented in American film." Saltz also provides a thumbnail sketch on the history of research events that led to this current volume.

With the next essay, "Other to 'One of Us.' The Changing Im-

age of Greek Americans in American film: 1943-1963" by Georgakas, we have a film-by-film presentation with analysis of the evolving image of Greeks in the United States as seen in Hollywood films. Georgakas' survey of films explores the characterizations of Greeks-Americans as they were presented and as they were to transform across the decades.

As this volume is structured, we are offered a composite view of these Hollywood Images of Greek-Americans. Aside from individual films the other essays in this volume explore the career arches of specific actors, directors and assorted others as they contribute to this overall body of images, all to telling effect.

As we see in the next account, "The Hollywood Films of Irene Papas" by Gerasimos Kastan. In that essay, the author presents a historical and thematic survey of this fabled actress's roles in American film. "Before and Beyond America America" by Stathis Giallelis is based on a series of interviews conducted by Georgakas. Giallelis offers his perspective as an actor form his first role in Elia Kazan's, America, America until now. Then, with "And the Winner is Olympia Dukakis," by Elaine Thomopoulos explores the career and cultural hurdles this acclaimed actress overcame in her efforts to engage fully in her art.

From Greek film stereotypes

to actors and directors in "Working Through and Against Convention: The Hollywood Career of A.I. Bezzerides" by Yiorgos Kalogeras, we are given a detailed well documented review of this writer's career.

"Creating Images for Hollywood Classics" by Vicki James Ananias provides an unexpected mix of two Greek-American Hollywood notables: Jack Pierce and Hermes Pan. Greek immigrant Pierce was, aside from his early career as a silent screen actor, the first Hollywood makeup artist/special effects legend. Pierce, was the creator of such Hollywood movie characters as Frankenstein, the Wolf Man and other such iconic creations. Hermes Pan was the award winning choreographer who is most recognized for his collaboration with Fred Astaire and Ginger Rogers.

"With Forgotten Movie Theater Pioneer: Alexander Pantages and Immigrant Hollywood" by Taso G. Lagos is an extremely detailed account of the extremely important mogul's career. An exhaustively documented account of great worth Lagos offers us as full a survey of Pantages as one could wish. Having said that, Pantages was never alone. Other Greek-American theater owners, all across the country (as well as their theaters in Canada and Mexico) formed a very noticeable collective all across the nation with considerable clout in Hollywood. Pantages was not alone among

Greek-American entrepreneurs in his sustained efforts to build upon his vaudeville theaters into what was to become for him a movie palace empire.

In the next two essays we are offered juxtaposing views of Greek-American directors. In "John Cassavetes and the Uneasy Conformism of the American Middle Class" by Vrasidas Keralis the author explores this director's career from a complicated viewpoint of an artist exploring the boundaries of film and the cultural conventions in which he is immersed. Next in "Promises, Trust, Betrayal: The Art of Elia Kazan" by Geoffrey Jacque, we are offered a mixture of film choice/content with a historical presentation of this director's own evolving sense of himself, his politics and how these two forces are dealt with in this man's films. Jacque's survey is clearly one deeply indebted to cinema theory. An erudite study to be sure but one that while it clearly has particular resonance for those also deeply involved in film studies may be a tad too devoted to these broader questions of film studies and analysis for the interests of the average Greek-American.

The single omission to this volume that would, in my view, have completely covered this volume's overall theme would have been an article dealing with Spyros Skouras, his brothers and their joint impact on Hollywood. It is so very strange. At the very moment when

Greek-America is collectively attempting to preserve its past and unquestionably concerned about its future – we are also in something of a golden age of research and writing about our collective experience. As such this volume, like the others before it, given Georgakas' pioneering efforts on behalf of Greek-American Studies, is that rarity – a truly unique first time contribution.

I have honestly lost count but this must be the fifth or sixth such collective effort successfully initiated by Georgakas. As such this volume, like the others before it, given Georgakas' pioneering efforts on behalf of Greek-American Studies and experience is now the "go-to" collection on the cinematic image of Greeks in the United States as exhibited in American film. Not just for this special volume but for all the others over a thirty year period Greek-American owes Dan Georgakas a debt it may never be able to repay. I can think of no other contemporary scholar involved in Greek-American studies with Georgakas' track record of personal scholarly work coupled with this one-of-a-kind editorial leadership. For this and many, many other reasons Georgakas, while certainly not alone in the ever developing field of contemporary Greek American studies, remains a leading – if not the leading figure in this as yet to be acknowledged field of study.

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Historic Concert Honors Mikis Theodorakis with 1,000 Voices in Athens

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Theodorakis sat next to the President of the Hellenic Republic Prokopis Pavlopoulos and the President of the Greek Parliament Nikos Voutsis. The concert was organized under the auspices of the Presidency and sponsored by the Greek Parliament.

In a rare interview before the concert, Theodorakis noted that the concert is of great importance to him because it satisfies his symphonic self. "One song sung by 1,000 voices, that's the ultimate happiness. That's historic!" he said, as reported by Keep Talking Greece.

Theodorakis reportedly did not want "big names" performing at the concert, preferring to share a message of unity that is currently missing in Greece.

The beloved Theodorakis is known throughout Greece and the Diaspora by his first name. As many have noted, when they say "Mikis" everyone knows

they are referring to Theodorakis.

In his remarkable career, Theodorakis has written over 1,000 songs and participated in over 2,500 concerts. Perhaps best known for composing the soundtrack to Zorba the Greek, Theodorakis has composed several film soundtracks over the years including other Michael Cacoyannis' films Electra, The Trojan Women, and Iphigenia, as well as Sidney Lumet's Serpico, which starred Al Pacino.

The generations of Greeks who grew up with his songs continue to sing them regardless of political affiliation and in spite of the fact that Theodorakis has long been associated with the Greek Left. Though he had ties to the Communist Party, he served as a government minister under rightwing Constantine Mitsotakis in the early 1990s.

During the junta, Theodorakis was jailed, sent to prisoners' camps, and then was allowed to

The highlight of the evening was the moment when 92-year-old Theodorakis conducted two of his most famous songs from his wheelchair.

go into exile after an international solidarity movement, led by such well-known personalities as Dmitri Shostakovich, Leonard Bernstein, Arthur Miller, and Harry Belafonte, who demanded his release. On the request of the French politician Jean-Jacques Servan-Schreiber, Theodorakis was allowed to go into exile on April 13, 1970, flying to Paris secretly from an Onassis-owned private airport outside Athens. Theodorakis' music was banned during the junta.

Today, he is revered for his outstanding contributions to music and to society at large. The historic concert was just a brief glimpse of how much Theodorakis means to Greece and Greeks everywhere.



Hellenic Federation of New Jersey Gala

By Michalis Kakias

MOONACHIE, NJ – The Hellenic Federation of New Jersey held its 7th Annual Awards Banquet on June 17. The honorees at the event were Tony Papamarkos- businessman, Paul Kalamaras- Executive Vice President and Chief Retail Banking Officer of Investors Bank, and New Jersey Congressman Chris Smith. The event took place at The Graycliff in Moonachie.

Papamarkos received the Alexander the Great Community Service Award, Kalamaras the Alexander the Great Achievement Award, and Smith the Alexander the Great Public Service Award.

Federation President Savas Tsivicos congratulated the winners, thanked everyone who attended the celebration, and announced the donation of \$10,000 in scholarships to Greek-American students.

"Tony Papamarkos," he said, "is a leader of the Greek-American community and a philanthropist. He is a great family man and a wonderful father who is an example to be imitated. Paul Kalamaras is a successful businessman with a high position in one of the country's most successful banks, Investors Bank.



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The Hellenic Federation of New Jersey 7th Annual Awards Banquet honored Tony Papamarkos, Paul Kalamaras, and Rep. Chris Smith at The Graycliff.

"Despite his success he never forgot his roots and origins. He is a model for our youth. Chris Smith is an honest politician who fights for human rights and religious freedom. He has strongly criticized Turkey for the catastrophes it has caused in Cypriot culture and religious heritage."

The honorees at the awards ceremony thanked the Federation for the great honor and all those in attendance for honoring them with their presence.

The Consul General of Greece in New York Konstantinos Koutras congratulated the honorees and thanked them for their great contribution to Hellenism in America.

"I congratulate you," he said, "particularly for your uninterrupted and constructive presence in the life of the community, and for your valuable contribution to maintaining close ties with the motherland through your social, charity, educational, and cultural work."

George Siamboulis, President of Pan Gregorian, said that the Federation should be "supported and maintained for the sake of the Greek-American community." "All of us," he said, "have a sacred duty and responsibility to help the work of the Federation as much as we can."

His Eminence Archbishop Demetrios, in a written statement, congratulated the winners and sent his blessings for the success of the celebration.

His Eminence Metropolitan Evangelos of New Jersey in his message stated, "I congratulate and thank Tony Papamarkos, Paul Kalamaras, Chris Smith, and all the members of the Federation of Hellenic Societies for their efforts to preserve the Greek identity and promote the principles and values that distinguish us as Greek Orthodox Christians."

Stavros Antonakakis served as the presenter of the event.

Tony Papamarkos' story is a classic immigrant success story. Born in Athens, he came to America with his father and began working in the restaurant business alongside his father while getting an education. He became a successful diner owner and then purchased The Graycliff where countless events, including the Awards Banquet, have been held. A dedicated philanthropist, churchman, and member of AHEPA, Papamarkos was named Man of the Year 2016 by The National Herald.

Besides being Executive Vice President and Chief Retail Banking Officer at Investors Bank, Paul Kalamaras is on the Board of Directors of the New Jersey State Chamber of Commerce, Big Brothers and Big Sisters State Association of New Jersey, the North Jersey American Red Cross, and the Board of Trustees of NJ SEEDS, an organization dedicated to changing lives through improved access to education.

According to the independent watchdog organization Govtrack, as of October, Rep. Chris Smith ranks second among all 435 Members of the House over the last two decades in the number of laws authored. According to congress.gov, Smith has authored 42 laws.

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To All Honorable American Leaders  
In The White House, Congress, Senate, Governors, Mayors, & Cities:

State and church are two different entities. But wisdom is for every brain. Can you separate wisdom from your brain? If you do, you will have a diploma of foolishness. The wisdom of God proves the perfection of knowledge and life. This is the most important for all always. So it is not about the church nor religion, it is about the perfection of knowledge and life which the wisdom of God proves...Why have you, the American leaders, taken this out of our schools for our children? You have replaced it with the insanity of atheism, where there is only lies. Is the destruction of our children a crime? Does the wrong knowledge produce death? So by putting the wrong knowledge into our children's brains, this has caused divisions, fighting, and killing. We must separate atheism and state! Now here are some proofs about atheism:

According to world history, scientific and mathematical facts, our bodies are part physics and part wisdom. Both the laws of physics and wisdom are working throughout our bodies. Without food we cannot live, and if we don't have a complete body, food cannot work and give us life. Without a perfectly formed body first, food cannot work in the body to help it grow. This proves that we never could have evolved by physics only because someone had to have created the body first without food which requires wisdom. Because physics has no wisdom, the next source that has wisdom is God. The human body was created to reproduce. Without reproducing none of us would exist. Firstly, this is a major purpose of the future, which physics does not know. Secondly, evolutionists claim it takes millions of years to get a human being, yet with only 9 months of pregnancy we have a human being. Why 9 months? How did physics know the perfect time needed to develop a human being? Thirdly, it takes food, breathing, and the heart working constantly for the baby to grow. Fourthly, do you see any physical evolution inside the womb when the baby is being created? No, but rather technology is created by the wisdom of God. Technology means two words in Greek, "techno" which is the creation of knowledge and "logos" which is the knowledge itself. Your body is a superior form of technology.

Man's body must be different than a woman's body for the purpose of reproducing. If it takes millions of years for man to be created according to the lies of evolution, how many years did it take for woman to be created? They would have had to have evolved at the exact same time and in the exact same place. What about the heart that gives life to the body? How did the heart evolve and when was it first completed? In order for the heart to work, it must already be working together within a completed body to give us life. The heart would have had to have evolved at the same time as the lungs, veins, liver, and all other organs at the exact same time in order to have the first completed body, otherwise it does not exist. So everything has to be created together which is what the Bible proves 100%. Atheists say the body was not formed immediately because they claim it took millions of years. Also, they claim the body was created little by little, but by the laws of wisdom, without full completion and a working heart the body is dead. Full completion is needed for every organ to function. This is a mathematical law, and statistically the chances of the human body evolving are impossible, which is why many mathematicians today don't believe in evolution. These are just a few facts out of many that I have for anyone who needs proof that God created us.

In order for the brain to produce wisdom and to be secured in the skull, it must have been created from someone that understands the purpose of wisdom and knowledge. Physics has no understanding to create technology or purpose for the future. You are a purpose for the future! Physics cannot recognize the future. The biggest and best future is perfect and everlasting life! The good news is yes, God did! God proved it by His wisdom that He sent to mankind from heaven through His Son, Jesus Christ. In that wisdom, there is 100% evidence to prove a perfect knowledge of God to govern our minds flawlessly so we can live perfectly with Him and with each other.

The perfect knowledge of God controls the brain perfectly. This is what the whole world needs including you. So the bad knowledge must be replaced it or else we will be walking with death (ie. sin). Therefore, our life depends on the perfection of God.

So God through Jesus offers perfect and everlasting life through His Wisdom for free. Do you want to accept it or do you want to reject it? If you accept it, ask Jesus to forgive you and to help you. Start to read the Gospel of Jesus, which is the Wisdom of God, and do what God tells you to do. Then, one day, I will see you in heaven.

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# Maragos Loans Total over \$3 Million in 3 Campaigns

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lars, but the campaign loans seem not to have increased contributions by much.

After a loan of \$1 million in 2013, he raised just \$57,000 for his reelection bid as comptroller. After a loan of \$1.9 million to his Senate campaign, donations amounted to \$76,000.

Last year, Maragos switched his party affiliation from Republican to Democratic and is running against Nassau County Legislator Laura Curran (D-Baldwin) in the county executive primary this September.

Maragos loaned his county executive campaign \$1 million last July and another \$450,000 in January. The amount of money spent will be reported on July 17 when candidates make their fundraising and expenses known.

Making loans to campaigns and then repaying them is legal for candidates and there is no limit on how much money can be loaned. Campaign finance experts suggest that it can give “an unfair advantage to wealthy candidates who try to use loans to persuade prospective donors to take their campaigns seriously,” as reported in Newsday. “People like to give to a winner and one way to show you are a winner is the amount of money in your campaign account,” said Ian Vandewalker, senior counsel for the Democracy Program at the Brennan Center for Justice at NYU School of Law, a nonpartisan law and policy institute, as reported in Newsday.

Michael Malbin, executive director of the Campaign Finance Institute, a nonpartisan research group in Washington told Newsday, “Lending money to your own campaign lets you create a war chest that might or might



George Maragos announcing his run for Democratic candidate for Nassau County Executive in a file photo.

not scare off potential opponents without having to raise the money from donors.”

Maragos, who declined to be interviewed by Newsday, issued a statement, “I funded my previous campaigns with all the resources needed without relying on special interest money. I intend to spend what is necessary to win without wasting money, while maintaining my independence.”

In his first run for Nassau comptroller in July, 2009, Maragos loaned his campaign \$200,000 but the state campaign finance records indicate that after that, he received no outside contributions.

Maragos and Republican county executive candidate Edward Mangano, both won in an upset. After the election, Maragos’ campaign repaid him almost \$73,000, records indicate, Newsday reported.

In his unsuccessful bid for the Republican nomination for Senate in 2010, Maragos, who was not chosen at the party’s convention, raised under \$13,000 and did not make loans to his campaign.

In 2012, Maragos tried again for the GOP nomination, this time against Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand (D-NY). He lent \$1.94 million to his campaign and finished in third place at the Republican primary. After refunding himself \$1.84 million, Maragos later paid a \$5,000 fine when the Federal Election Commission found the details of the loans had been misrepresented.

After his successful 2013 reelection campaign in which he loaned \$1,001,000 to the campaign, Maragos was repaid \$984,000.

Michael Dawidziak, a Bohemia political consultant who

works mostly with the GOP, said seasoned politicians know that loans are a political maneuver used in order to mislead their opponents. “Candidates who are serious about using their own money, make direct contributions to their campaigns, which are not refundable,” he said, Newsday reported.

Michael Bloomberg donated \$250 million total for his three successful campaigns for New York City mayor. New Jersey Democrat Jon Corzine spent \$130 million of his own money in his winning campaign for US Senate in 2000, and for two gubernatorial campaigns, only one of which was successful.

“No serious candidate should ever be scared off because of a personal loan. If a candidate really believes in himself, make it a direct contribution,” Dawidziak said, Newsday reported.

# Alex Triantaphyllis Talks to TNH about Campaign

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a scholarship to Houston’s Rice University where Triantaphyllis later attended and met his future wife Christina (Lagos Triantaphyllis). He also noted that after working in the community, he realizes his local experience could be even more beneficial for the community by representing the 7th District in Washington.

He noted how much he enjoys meeting and talking with the people in the community regardless of their political background or beliefs. As part of the community, Triantaphyllis said, they all share the same goals for their families, and he is focused on finding and creating connections with the people and partners in the community. He observed that the new generation



ABOVE: Alex Triantaphyllis met with friends and supporters in New York.

LEFT: Alex Triantaphyllis, who is running for Congress, met with The National Herald’s Publisher-Editor Antonis H. Diamataris.

BELOW: Congressional candidate Alex Triantaphyllis with wife, Christina, and baby, Mina.

BELOW LEFT: Below Left: Triantaphyllis, an enthusiastic soccer player, in his gear, with baby Mina in her stroller.



represents a new era in politics with people who are eager to work together to take the community where it needs to go. The division we have seen for the last 25 years he noted has not helped the community. Triantaphyllis is confident that there will be an improvement moving forward.

When asked if he plans on seeking higher office one day, Triantaphyllis said he is focused on family and his work with the community right now and he is most excited to build a shared vision and get the best results for the community.

He noted that he wants to meet as many people in the district as possible and have a one on one conversation with every person, though that may not be possible with about 250,000 people, but hearing from the people and knowing their concerns about the direction of the community and the country is extremely important to him.

Triantaphyllis said the most rewarding aspect is getting people involved in the community



and in the campaign, getting people to take action and help others to take action.

After working for a top Wall



Street firm, he chose to pursue a career advocating for community members in the Houston area. Triantaphyllis has brought his experience in the legal, business, and nonprofit sectors to his work on small business, transportation, immigration, and other issues in Houston. He has learned how to do what so many politicians cannot: listen to communities, appreciate their strengths, and work alongside community members to generate ideas and solve problems. In Congress, he will work to create jobs, make families safer and stronger, and listen to local communities so that their goals and the challenges they face are the top priority.

A graduate from Rice University with a BA in political science

and Hispanic studies, Triantaphyllis completed graduate economics coursework in Argentina. He is also a graduate of Harvard Law School, where he was an editor of the Harvard Law Review. His wife Christina has roots on Chios on her father’s side and Crete on her mother’s side, and leads public policy and strategy efforts at Collaborative for Children, a nonprofit organization that focuses on improving the quality of early childhood education and care in the Houston area. They live in Houston with their infant daughter, Mina, who Triantaphyllis told TNH is learning English, Greek, and Spanish.

More information about Alex Triantaphyllis and his campaign is available at alexfortexas.com.

## GOINGS ON...

■ **THRU JUNE 29**  
WESTON, MA – The Greek League Basketball Games presented by the Teddy Kariotis Foundation and greekboston.com. Enjoy a night out with fellow Greeks of Boston for some fun competition! Games will be hosted at the Saint Demetrios Greek Orthodox Church, 57 Brown Street in Weston. This season will feature teams from Arlington, Boston, Roslindale, Lexington, Norwood and West Roxbury. Games are played every Wednesday night. The season will conclude on Thursday, Jun. 29 with the Championship Game! Want to join our next season? Get in touch right away as we are already preparing our summer and fall seasons! Check out our Facebook Page: @thegreekleague-boston for news, pictures, scores, and sign up information! More information is available by phone: 781-237-5561.

■ **JUNE 22-24**  
PORTLAND, ME – Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church, 133 Pleasant Street in Portland hosts its annual three-day Greek Festival, a wonderful family event with exquisite Greek cuisine, live music, and traditional dancing, on Thursday, Jun. 22, Friday, Jun. 23, and Saturday, Jun. 24 11:30 AM-9:30 PM. More information is available by phone: 207-774-0281 and online at holytrinityportland.org.

■ **JUNE 23**  
EASTCHESTER, NY – On Friday, Jun. 23 6-10 PM the 3rd Annual Loukoumi Dance Party & Make A Difference Awards is taking place at Mulino’s at Lake Isle Country Club, 660 White Plains Road in Eastchester. The Inspiration Award will be presented to TEGNA. Please visit loukoumi-foundation.org for tickets.

■ **JUNE 23-25**  
CHICAGO – Annunciation Greek Orthodox Cathedral, 1017 N. La Salle Drive in Chicago, hosts its annual Gold Coast Greek Festival on Friday, Jun. 23 5-11 PM, Saturday, Jun. 24, and Sunday, Jun. 25 Noon-11 PM. Enjoy three days of great food, music, and dancing! Live Greek music, authentic Greek food, Greek Taverna, loukoumades, Greek pastries, raffle, kids’ games, and valet parking available. Free admission. More information is available by phone: 312-664-5485 and online at annunciationcathedralchicago.org.

■ **JUNE 24**  
MANHATTAN – The Greek-American Writers Assn. invites you to a program of poetry, theatre, and an Open Mic on Saturday, Jun. 24 6-8 PM at the Cornelia Street Café, 29 Cornelia Street in Manhattan. Outstanding actors Stephan Morrow and Nicole Ansari will perform an excerpt from the provocative play Brooklyn: Cain’s Adventure by Mario Fratti. Penelope Karageorge will present her own poetry from The Neon Suitcase and Red Lipstick and the Wine-Dark Sea. Talents stepping up to the Open Mic include Maria Micheles, Christina Salboudis, Nektarios Antoniou, Harry Dounchis, Constantine Rhodes, and more. \$10 includes admission and a drink.

■ **JUNE 25**  
SANTA FE, NM – St. Elias the Prophet Greek Orthodox Church, 46 Calle Electra in Santa Fe holds

its annual Greek Festival on Sunday, Jun. 25 from 11 AM to 6 PM in the parking lot of Tomasi’s Restaurant, adjacent to the Santa Fe Depot, 500 South Guadalupe Street in Santa Fe. Entrance fee \$3.00. Live music, performing dance group, dance lessons, delicious Greek food and desserts, beer and wine, plus Agora, and Silent Auction. More information is available online at [www.steliasnm.org/santa-fe-greek-festival/](http://www.steliasnm.org/santa-fe-greek-festival/) and by phone: 505-466-0015.

■ **JUNE 25**  
PEABODY, MA – Greek Picnic at Winter Island, Salem hosted by St. Vasilios Greek Orthodox Church, 7 Paleologos St. in Peabody on Sunday, Jun. 25 from 11 AM to 9 PM. Delicious Greek food, homemade pastries, Greek music and dancing, children’s folk dancing performance, kids’ games, beach area, sailing, and raffle. Admission is \$5, kids under 16- free. Free parking. Rain date: Sunday, Jul. 2. More information is available by phone: 978-531-0777 and [stvasilios.org](mailto:stvasilios.org).

■ **JUNE 25**  
CHICAGO – On Sunday, Jun. 25, the National Hellenic Museum, 333 S Halsted Street in Chicago, hosts the lecture Monetary Greek Debt – From Ancient to Modern Times presented by Johanna Hanink- Associate Professor of Classics at Brown University and author of The Classical Debt: Greek Antiquity in an Era of Austerity. Hanink will discuss the International Monetary Fund’s first bailout of Greece’s sinking economy in 2010 and the meaning of the phrase “Greek debt.” The lecture takes place 3-5 PM. Registration and tickets- \$15 non-members, \$10 NHM members, and \$5 students, are available online: [nationalhellenicmuseum.org](http://nationalhellenicmuseum.org).

■ **JUNE 26**  
MANHATTAN – The Manhattan Chapter of AHEPA, Delphi #25, invites you to its Monthly Social & Networking event at Kellari Taverna, 19 West 44th Street in Manhattan on Monday, Jun. 26 6-8 PM. All existing members, those interested in joining, and those interested in networking are invited to attend. Casual business attire. Complimentary hors d’oeuvres. Cash bar. Please contact [ahepa25.delphinc@gmail.com](mailto:ahepa25.delphinc@gmail.com) for details.

■ **JUNE 28**  
MANHATTAN – The Officers and Directors of the Hellenic American Association of Professionals in Finance cordially invite you to join us for a panel discussion on China Investment after the Debt Downgrade - what does it mean for the U.S., Europe and Greece? Featuring Hans Allegaert- US Manager, CITIC Capital; Nestor Gounaris- Founding Partner, China Solutions; Wenzhe Zhao- VP Global Strategy & Economics, Credit Suisse and moderated by Robert Savage- CEO & Co-Founder, CTrack Solutions on Wednesday, Jun. 28 6-8 PM at Wells Fargo Connections, 150 East 42nd Street - Concourse Level, between Third & Lexington Avenues in New York City. Please check in at the Wells Fargo security desk upon arrival. Wine & Hors d’oeuvres reception. Register online at [eventbrite.com/e/china-investment-panel-tickets-35262492063](http://eventbrite.com/e/china-investment-panel-tickets-35262492063).

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OUR EVERYDAY GREEK

This Summer We Speak Greek in the Taxi to our Hotel

By Dr. Dimitra Pontoporou

Taxis in Greece are not very expensive. You may need to take one to get to your destination more quickly. Learn how to give the taxi driver directions about the name and the address of your hotel. Then watch the meter and learn the basic dialogue to pay the taxi driver for the ride.

This summer we speak Greek. Here are some common phrases and words in everyday conversations, when using a taxi.

DIALOGUE

Maria and Petros have just arrived from New York to Athens’ Eleftherios Venizelos Airport and have decided to take a taxi to their hotel. This is a common dialogue with the taxi driver in Greek.

Greek phrase	Pronunciation	Translation
M: Ταξί, ταξί!	TaXEE, TaXEE!	Taxi, Taxi!
Είστε ελεύθερος;	EEste eLEftheros?	Are you available?
T: Ναι.	NE.	Yes.
Πού πάτε;	POO PaTe?	Where are you going?
Π: Πάμε στο ξενοδοχείο Απόλλων.	PaMe sto xenodoKHEEo aPOllon.	We Are going to Hotel Apollon.
T: Έχετε βαλίτσες;	Ehete vaLEEtses?	Do you have suitcases?
Π: Ναι, έχουμε δύο βαλίτσες.	NE, Ehoomme DEEo vaLEEtses.	Yes, we have two suitcases.
T: Ελάτε.	eLaTe.	Come.
M: Ξέρετε πού είναι το ξενοδοχείο Απόλλων;	XErete POO EEne to XenodoKHEEo aPOllon?	Do you know where is Hotel Apollon?
T: Είναι στην Ομόνοια.	EEne STEEN oMONia	It is at Omonia
Στην οδό Αθηνάς αριθμός 41.	STEEN oDO athiNAS ariTHMOS 41.	At Athinas street number 41.
M: Πόσο ώρα είναι το ξενοδοχείο από το αεροδρόμιο;	POsi Ora EEne TO xenodoKHEEo aPO TO aeroDROmio?	How far is the hotel from the airport?
T: Είναι μία ώρα.	EEne MEEa Ora.	It’s an hour.
M: Πόσο κάνει η κούρσα;	POso Kani EE KOOrsa?	How much does the ride cost?
T: Είκοσι πέντε ευρώ.	EEKosi PEnte (25) evRO.	Twenty five euros.
Π: Ορίστε πενήντα (50).	oREEste peNEEnta.	Here is fifty
Έχετε ρέστα;	Ehete REsta?	Do you have change?
T: Τα ρέστα σας.	TA REsta sas.	Your change.
Ευχαριστώ.	efhariSTO.	Thank you.
M: Κι εμείς.	KE eMEES.	We, too.

IMPORTANT VOCABULARY

Greek word	Pronunciation	Meaning
Έχω	Eho	I have
Έχεις	Ehis	you have
Έχει	Ehi	he/she/it has
Έχουμε	Ehoomme	we have
Έχετε	Ehete	you have
Έχουν	Ehoon	they have
Το αεροδρόμιο	TO aeroDROmio	the airport
Το ξενοδοχείο	TO xenodoKHEEo	the hotel



Η τράπεζα	EE TRApeza	the bank
Η ταβέρνα	EE taVErna	the tavern
Το ταξί	TO taXEE	the taxi
Ελεύθερος	eLEftheros	available
Η οδός	EE oDOS	the street
Ο αριθμός	O ariTHMOS	the number
Η βαλίτσα	EE vaLEEtsa	the suitcase
Οι βαλίτσες	EE vaLEEtses	suitcases
Ελάτε	eLaTe	come
Πού	POO	where
Ποιο	piO	which
Πόσο ώρα είναι	POsi Ora EEne	how far is
Πόσο κάνει	POso Kani	how much does it cost
Η κούρσα	EE KOOrsa	the ride
Τα ρέστα	TA REsta	change
Ορίστε	oREEste	here you are
Ευχαριστώ	efhariSTO	Thank you.
Και	KE	and, too
Εμείς	eMEES	we

Note that in Greek the verb endings indicate the person, so we may omit the I, you, we etc. pronouns.

MAIN PHRASES

Try to match the phrases in English with their translation in Greek:	
1. Where do you go?	1. Πού είναι το ξενοδοχείο σας;
2. Which is your hotel?	2. Έχετε βαλίτσες;
3. Where is your hotel?	3. Πού πάτε;
4. Do you have any suitcases?	4. Ποιο είναι το ξενοδοχείο σας;
5. How much does it cost?	5. Έχετε ρέστα;
6. Do you have change?	6. Πόσο κάνει;
What would you answer to these questions in Greek?	

PRONUNCIATION KEY

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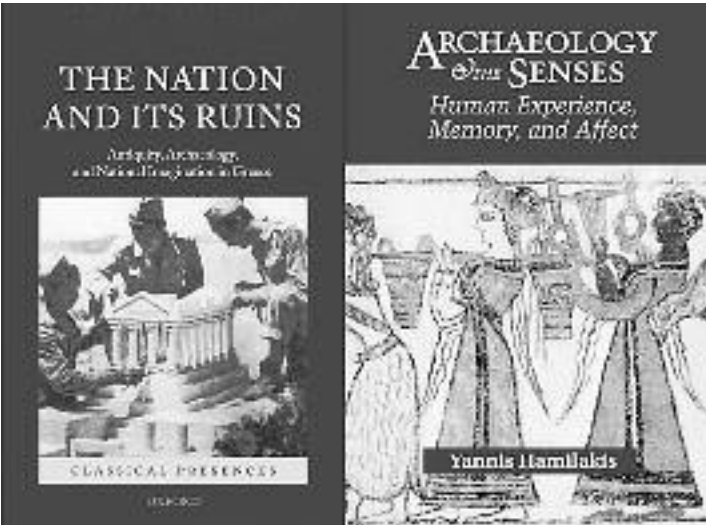
LITERARY REVIEW

Five Books to Add to Your Summer Reading List

By Eleni Sakellis

As the summer approaches, now is the time to get your reading list in order. Here are a few books to enjoy at the beach or anywhere you happen to vaca- tion this year.

For those interested in archaeology, *The Nation And Its Ruins: Antiquity, Archaeology, and National Imagination in Greece* (Classical Presences) and *Archaeology and the Senses: Human Experience, Memory, and Affect* (Topics in Contemporary Archaeology) by Professor Yannis Hamilakis are both widely acclaimed and have been translated into many languages. Hamilakis is the Joukowsky Family Professor of Archaeology and Professor of Modern Greek Studies at Brown University’s Joukowsky Institute for Archaeology and the Ancient World, as well as the Modern Greek Studies Program (Department of Classics). A renowned Mediterranean archaeologist whose research and teaching concern Greece from prehistory to the modern day, but always with an eye on and in the context of the broader Mediter- ranean, and invariably with global and discipline-wide rele- vance, he earned a PhD in Archaeology from the University of Sheffield (UK) in 1995, hav- ing previously studied History and Archaeology at the Univer- sity of Crete. Hamilakis lectured



Two books by Yannis Hamilakis

in Lampeter at the University of Wales from 1996 to 2000, and then moved to Southampton, where he rose through the ranks as Senior Lecturer (2002) and Reader (2008), before being promoted to Professor of Archaeology in 2010. He has also co-edited ten volumes and published over 170 journal articles and book chapters in various languages.

In case you missed these titles from previous articles, here are a few self-help and history titles to add to your list. For most people, fighting the effects of aging might include eating right, exercising, and slathering on the sunscreen. The most im-

portant factor in how well a per- son ages might just be how we think about growing older. After hearing for years how young he looks, doctor and author Chrys- santhos Chrysanthou put pen to paper and published *How to Keep Young: a Prescription to Achieve Ageless Aging*. The pre- scription does involve eating right, exercising, no smoking, and moderate alcohol consump- tion, but it also involves think- ing about ourselves and aging in more positive ways.

My *Detroit, Growing Up Greek* and *American in Motor City* by Dan Georgakas provides unique insights into the Greek- American experience. The pro-

lific author, academic, poet, po- litical thinker, and TNH colum- nist shares the details of his life honestly and offers a bit of so- cial commentary as well.

The *Memoirs of General Makriyannis*, 1797-1864 trans- lated into English by H.A. Lid- derdale was published by the Oxford University Press in 1966. A hero of the Greek War of In- dependence, Yannis Makriyannis rose to the rank of general and led his men to many victories. He wrote his memoirs in the years before some of the most dramatic events of his later life including his incarceration, death sentence, and then par- don, occurred, though even by the end of 1850, when he com- pleted his *Memoirs*, he had a great deal to share about his life and times. The book is an extra- ordinary achievement not only for recounting an incredible life story but also because Makriyan- nis wrote the original in Demotic Greek, giving readers the chance to experience the language as it was spoken at the time. It was first published in Greece in 1907, and garnered little at- tention until an article appeared about Makriyannis during the German occupation in World War II. After that, Makriyannis’ popularity as a historical figure, writer, and hero of the War of Independence grew. Nobel laureate Giorgos Seferis called Makriyannis one of the greatest masters of Modern Greek prose.

GREEK GASTRONOMY

Apricots: One of the First Fruits of Summer

By Eleni Sakellis

- 1 lemon

Apricots, one of the first of the summer fruits to enjoy, are a high fiber, low calorie treat. Fans of the fruit know they are best immediately after being picked from the tree. Three fresh apricots only contain 50 calories. They are a rich source of beta carotene, iron, and potassium. The antioxidants, including beta carotene and vita- min C which fresh apricots also contain in abundance, protect cells from the damage that oc- curs when the body burns oxy- gen, and thus help slow down the aging process and may pre- vent diseases often associated with aging like heart disease and cancer. Vitamin C also helps the body absorb iron. Choose apricots with an intense golden orange color for the most beta carotene. Dried apricots, a fat- free snack, contain concentrated amounts of the nutrients found in fresh apricots, except for vit- amin C, which is lost during the drying process. Sulfites used to preserve the bright color of the fruit when dried can cause al- lergies or asthma attacks for people who are allergic to sul-

Wash, pit, and cut the apri- cots into halves. Place in a large deep pot or Dutch oven. Add the sugar and the water and bring to a boil over medium high heat. Then, reduce heat to a simmer and cook for about 15-20 min- utes until nicely thickened. Add the juice of one lemon and stir. Remove from heat and transfer to sterilized jars.

Makes about 4 cups of jam. Keep in airtight containers in the refrigerator for up to two weeks. Serve with toast for breakfast or as a topping for ice cream or Greek yogurt.

Apricot Greek Yogurt Parfaits

- Apricot jam
- Greek yogurt
- Chopped nuts of your choice

To assemble, spoon two ta- blespoons Greek yogurt into the bottom of an individual glass serving dish, top with a tea- spoon of apricot jam, and sprin- kle with nuts.



Repeat the layers and garnish with a slice of fresh apricot and a sprig of fresh mint, if pre- ferred.

Apricot Jam Muffins

- 1 3/4 cup all-purpose, unbleached flour
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 1/2 teaspoon cinnamon
- A pinch of Greek sea salt
- 1/3 cup sugar
- 3/4 cup orange juice
- 1/4 cup Greek olive oil
- 1 beaten egg
- 1/4 cup apricot jam
- 1/4 cup chopped nuts, optional

fites. People who are allergic to aspirin should also be aware that apricots contain natural sal- icylate.

The apricot is thought to have originated in Armenia, where archeologists have exca- vated apricot seeds from the Chalcolithic or Copper Age, about the late 5th to the late 3rd millennia BC, just before the Early Bronze Age. The apricot was introduced to Greece by Alexander the Great. Greece, to- day, is one of the top ten pro- ducers of apricots in the world. The fruit is popular eaten fresh or dried, or baked into desserts or cooked into a classic spoon sweet.

Apricot Jam

- 2 1/2 pounds fresh apricots
- 3 cups sugar
- 1/4 cup water

GREEK AMERICAN STORIES

Employing an Asset

By Phyllis (Kiki) Sembos  
Special to The National Herald

“You’ll never believe my news,” George said, taking his place at the table. “What news?” asked Dimos. “Arei called my wife and told her that Yiannis is applying for a job.” Nodding slowly, John said, “You’re right. We’ll never believe it.” Kipreos asked, “He’s been un- employed for so many years. Why does he want to work now?” George, grinning, told him, “Ever since Barbara mar- ried and has a family Arei is cracking down on him. She says she’s tired of toting the entire economy, coming home to clean the house, wash the clothes, cook and wash the dishes while he reads his newspaper, does the food shopping and sleep till noon.” Kipreos looked solemn. “She should leave him – and, marry me!” Just then Yiannis strolled in, got his coffee and sat among them, dressed in his Sunday church clothes. “Listen

guys! I have an appointment this afternoon for an interview. It’s important! I need some help with this resume.” He produced a sheet of paper and placed it on the table.

“What’s it for?” asked Dimos, pretending having no knowl- edge of his intentions. “It’s a ...a...re...resume...for a...jo...job.” “A Job!” The loud chorus ex- claimed.

“Resume?” Yiannis wrinkled his brow. “Yeah! What’s up with that? I’m not the first person to fill out a resume for a job, you know.” John nodded. “No, you’re not, the first. But, I thought you’d be the last person to fill one out.” Ignoring him, he asked Dimos to help him out. “Let’s see,” Dimos began reading the printed words. “First thing, your name.” Yiannis shrugged, “That’s easy. That’s on my birth certificate.” John interrupted. “What kind of job are you ap- plying for?”

Taking a prideful pose, Yian- nis said, “Bank security guard. I



saw the ad in yesterday’s news- paper. I can do that! Best part is you get a uniform, a smart cap and gun. You get to stand at the door and watch everyone that comes in.” Dimos continued. “It asks here, What was the last job you had?” Every head turned to- ward Yiannis who fell to a long silence. Then, he brightened. “Oh, yeah! I figured John, here, could say I worked for him. I did, once, remember.” John’s ex- pression surprise. “One day! It

was for just one day, Yiannis.” Yiannis shrugged. “They don’t ask for how long.” Dimos went on. “Education?” Yiannis smiled, proudly. “I graduated from Marousanakislaki High School.” Dimos looked up. “High School isn’t impressive anymore, Yian- nis. You’ve got to have a more prestigious education.” After a pause, Yiannis told him, “Okay, write down Marousanakislaki College. They’ll never find it, anyway.” Making no comment,

Dimos wrote down the informa- tion. “It says here, the bank has a reputation for courtesy to- wards their valued customers. What quality can you contribute as guard t to our establishment?” Yiannis thought hard as the oth- ers watched him, closely. “I can protect their valued customers by greeting every one that comes into the bank except if I see someone wearing a black mask. I’d shoot him dead!” George slapped him on his shoulder. “That’ll impress them, for sure.” Dimos went on. “Next question, what is the main reason for ap- plying for this job?” Taking in a fortifying breath, Yiannis em- phasized, very seriously, “I’ve got money deposited, here. I want to protect that money – with my life!” He looked at his watch. He had little time left before the in- terview. “And, the last question is, ‘If a superior officer complains to you about something, how will you react?’” A long space of time took place while Yiannis gave the last question some

thought. Then, he grimaced. “Complain? Why should a supe- rior complain to me about any- thing?” John shrugged. “They’re only asking, Yiannis.”

Then, with a smug expres- sion, Yiannis pointed a finger at the resume and said, “If you’re so superior, then, why did your bank get robbed four times?” It was a no brainer that Yiannis would never get that job – in fact, any job. So, besides saving him from dire rejection and hu- miliation they all decided to hu- mor him. “You’re right, Yiannis! Imagine complaining to you – a security guard – someone who is protecting them and their money.” “And your money!” added Kipreos. “So!” Dimos ex- claimed, indignantly. “Let them find another sucker to do their dirty work. You are too valuable an asset to give them your valu- able services.” George piped up, “an asset for sure!” Feeling a surge of pride and righteousness Yiannis got up, thanked them all and went for another coffee.”



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song, are long gone, abandoned relics.

But Patestos remembers them and, after a long hiatus from repairing the dream machines, 10 years ago began again restoring the devices in a tiny shop in an industrial area of Athens.

He takes his time tinkering and carefully recrafting them for customers who range from people who were teenagers when they were popular, to aficionados who want them for entertainment or decoration in their homes. “It reminds them of their youth,” he said, and his too.

“I’ve come to love them very much and that’s why I still do them at this age,” Patestos, 74, laughed. “When they were decaying and going out of fashion, people didn’t want them and there were shop owners who would sell them or give them away or sell them,” he said.

He buys them wherever he can find them, including European models, because they fetch from 3,000-18,000 euros from buyers, he said, people who want to remember the songs of their youth, Greeks who a half century ago were weaned on jukeboxes playing rembetika, a kind of blues, before they, too, switched to Rock n’ Roll.

The jukeboxes played the music of memories and, for those who can afford one now, are a way to recapture those days.

While Greek teens long ago were be-bopping as the machines would pick up a record on a mechanical arm and plunk them down, Patestos was fascinated with how they worked. Plus, he said, “I needed the work for survival.”

It’s time-consuming and requires patience, he said, taking apart the old machines, scrounging for parts, or, making them to fit with jury-rigged materials. It can take up to a month to bring one back to life, he said. “It depends on the model. Each one has its own mentality,” he said, the ghosts of trapped mu-



TNH/ANDY DABILIS

It takes time and love for Nikos Patestos to bring back the mechanisms of the intricate jukeboxes.

sic waiting to be released again.

Patestos’ shop, Electro-dynamics Technique and Commercial, is a one-room collection of old jukeboxes beckoning the curious through a storefront window, and those who remember them stop in fascination, looking back at their youth.

Ironically, in the Internet age, there still are places where people can find the machines, such as Jukebox-World in Germany, which also advertises spare parts, hard to find as the machines went out of fashion in the 1970s with the advent of cassette players.

So Patestos drifted away from fixing them, working for a while in a sock factory before turning to repairing machinery for dry cleaning equipment, refrigerators and electrical appliances, until he decided to return to what he loved best.

“It’s my passion, I fix them and I feel they are like my children and when I sell them, I am unhappy,” he said. Just as turntables survive in an age of CD players, some purists still love their Wurlitzers and Rockolas. There is a Jukebox Fans Club in Belgium.

OUT OF THE PAST

There’s still a market, said Denny Chase, Sales Manager at Victory Glass in Waukeg, IA, which sells spare parts for jukeboxes and even re-pressed vinyl records for them. Jukeboxes still have a hold on the heart of many, he said. “They hit you on two different levels, they look real nice and they sound great and you can just sit there and look at them,” he said in an interview.

That’s what brings Patestos his customers, which include doctors and scientists and pro-

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judicial system was independent of its political system.

"We respect the decision the

judiciary has made but we hope the coup-plotters don't deliver a blow to Turkey-Greece relations," Yildirim said.

Referring to who should ex-

professionals, and, as he says, “simple family men.”

They include the son of his first boss at a company where he began to fix them after being trained, who gave it to his father, who hadn't kept one. Patestos said there are about 100 jukeboxes still operational in Greece, many that he has fixed, most in homes for personal use, a few in shops where they are curiosity pieces.

He said the crisis has affected sales by at least 50 percent – but ironically also brought him more stock as people with no need for them want to unload the boxes. Once restored, they cost \$3000-\$20,000 to buy and many clients are taverns who want to attract customers, and often put the jukeboxes next to pool tables.

“And people who have black money can buy them,” the jovial Patestos joked about Greece’s well-known underground economy. “There’s also continuous interest from The Netherlands. A lot of people there want to buy them.”

The interest hasn’t dimmed over the ages for those who admire the machines. “These are timeless. Once they are restored they will last another 50 years,” he said, and you can imagine people dancing to the tunes somewhere, heart and soul locked together.

But beware, he said, of reproductions designed to look like real jukeboxes. They are easy to spot, he said, because they’re made of plastic and play digital music on CDs, not on the vinyl that real music lovers know reach the highs and lows of the artists. “People don’t want them,” he said. “They want the past.”

Greek-American Bicyclist Dies after Bus Struck Him

TNH Staff

NEW YORK – A Manhattan bicyclist, Greek-American Michael Mamoukakis, died Saturday after he was crushed under the wheels of a charter bus, police said.

Michael Mamoukakis, 80, was pedaling south on 7th Ave. in Chelsea when he was hit by a bus as it turned right on W. 29th St., around 1:30 p.m., cops said. According to the police:

On Saturday, June 17, 2017 at approximately 1336 hours, police responded to a report of a bicyclist struck at West 29th Street and 7th Avenue, located within the confines of the Mid-

town South Precinct.

Upon arrival, responding officers discovered the bicyclist, an unidentified male, laying on the ground with severe body trauma. EMS transported the male to Bellevue hospital where he was pronounced DOA.

A further investigation revealed that the bicyclist and a charter bus were both traveling southbound on 7th Avenue when they collided as the bus was attempting to make a right turn onto West 29th Street.

The driver of the bus remained at the scene and the investigation is ongoing by the NYPD's Collision Investigation Squad.



The late Michael Mamoukakis was a cobbler who owned Mike's Shoes in Lower Manhattan, shown, at left, in happier times.

DEATH NOTICES

■ ATHANS, JAMES

ROSELLE, IL (from the Chicago Tribune, published on Jun. 14) – James Athans, 85, Born in Selasia, Sparta, Greece; Beloved husband of the late Cleopatra (nee Stamatelos); Devoted father of Eleni (Vasilios) Loutos and Mary Athans; Cherished grandfather of Georgia (Petros) Mourtokokis, Anthony (Pamela) Loutos, John and James Anagnos; Loving brother of Tula Dovalis living in Appleton, Wisc., Athena Xidis living in Athens, Greece, the late Aphrodite Athanasopoulos, the late Ioannis Athanasoulis and the late Georgia Maniatis; Dearest Godfather of Dr. Anthony Xidis; Dear Uncle, cousin and friend to many. In lieu of flowers donations to Pythagoras Greek School C/O of St. Demetrios Church appreciated.

■ DEMAS, WILLIAM GREGORY

SACRAMENTO, CA (from the Sacramento Bee, published on Jun. 16) – Bill Demas was born in Sacramento on February 5, 1933 with his identical twin brother Jim. His parents Gregory and Martha both immigrants from Greece settled in Sacramento where they raised their family. He is survived by his loving wife Suzanne, and step-son Brett Harris and his wife Phoebe and his sister Ester Leles. He was preceded in death by his first wife Kathy, his parents, brother Jim, and sister Voula. Bill was raised in Sacramento, graduating from Sacramento High where he was the Student Body President. He

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graduated from the University of California at Berkeley in 1955. While at Cal he was a member of Phi Gamma Delta and the Captain of the Varsity Tennis Team in 1954 and 1955. Bill joined the U.S. Marine Corp. and was a commissioned officer from 1955 to 1957. After his service, he entered the life insurance business in 1957 starting the Demas Insurance Agency. He was a Life and Qualifying member of the Million Dollar Round Table for 60 continuous years. In 1995, he was named American General Life's nationwide Agent of the Year. At a young age, Bill and brother Jim took up tennis. He became a nationally ranked player having played in the U.S. Open Championships. He was the Sacramento City champion for many years and was inducted into the Sacramento Tennis Hall of Fame. In the late 60's and early 70's Bill was the Director of the National Hard Court Championships that were played at Sutter Lawn Tennis Club. This tournament brought such notables as Bjorn Borg, Arthur Ashe, Stan Smith, Ilie Nastase, Tony Trabert, Billie Jean King, Nancy Richey and Rosemary Casals to name a few. Bill was a Past President of Sutter Lawn and one of its longest tenured members, having joined in 1948 at age 15. Community service was a big part of Bill's life. He was a Past President of the Del Paso Country Club, Sacramento Host Lions Club, Sutter Lawn Tennis Club and Phi Gamma Delta fraternity. In 1982, he was the Chairman of the U.S. Women's Open at Del Paso. He was an active member of the Sutter Club, Del Paso Country Club, Sutter Lawn Tennis Club and Spyglass Hill Golf Club and served as a Trustee for Jesuit High School and the Greek Orthodox Church. A Tris-

■ DINOS, TONY M.

PALOS HILLS, IL (from the Chicago Sun-Times, published on Jun. 16) – Tony M. Dinos, 77, of Aegiali, Amorgos, Greece, passed away peacefully Wednesday afternoon, June 14, 2017 in Orland Park with family at his side. Devoted and loving husband of Liberty (nee Sfondeles) for over 51 years; proud father of Mark (Kelly), Lori (Danny) Sirounis, and Georgia (Nick) Shizas; dearest Papouli of Alex, Anthony, Maria, Costa, and Eleftheria; beloved brother of Maria, Irene, Sofia, and late Michael (Voula); dear brother-in-law of James (Alice), and the late George (Elizabeth); fond uncle of many nieces and nephews. Tony was the proud owner of the Ramova Grill in Bridgeport for over 50 Years. MAY HIS MEMORY BE ETERNAL! Visitation Sunday, June 18th at The Palos Gaidas Funeral Home 11028 South South-

west Hwy (7700 W) Palos Hills from 4:00 to 9:00 p.m. with the Trisagion Service at 7:00 p.m. Friends and family are asked to meet directly at Sts. Constantine & Helen Greek Orthodox Church, 11025 South Roberts Road, Palos Hill 60465 on Monday morning for the 10:00 a.m. Funeral Service. Orrico Kourelis Funeral Services Inc., Directing. Interment Evergreen Cemetery, Evergreen Park. For information 708-974-4410 or www.Orrico-funeral.com

■ FESSARAS, DIONISIA A.

HOCKESSIN, DE (from The News Journal, published on Jun. 18) – Dionisia A. Fessaras, age 91, of Carneys Point, NJ and formerly of Bear, DE, passed away on Tuesday, June 13, 2017 at the Christiana Hospital in Newark, DE. Dionisia was born in Greece, the daughter of the late Antonios and Maria Diakopanagiotis. She completed her schooling in Kos Greece in June of 1938. She was married to the late Antonios K. Fessaras and they moved to Wilmington, Delaware in 1971 where she stayed at home to raise her family. Dionisia is survived by her sons; Kostas Fessaras and his wife Anna of Bear, DE and Zaharias Fessaras and his wife Irene of Newark, DE, four grandchildren; Dionisia Fessaras, Antonios K. Fessaras, Antonios Z. Fessaras and Theodore Fessaras, two great-grandchildren; Ana Papapetridis and Paulos Papapetridis, and her brother John Diakis of Australia. A Funeral Service will be held on Wednesday, June 21, 2017. In lieu of flowers, memorial contribution in Dionisia's memory may be made to Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church, 808 N. Broom Street, Wilmington, DE 19806. For online condolences please visit Chandlerfuneralhome.com 302-478-7100.

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# The 6th Annual International SNF Conference on Philanthropy

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The keynote speech was delivered by Leslie Koch-Founding CEO of the Trust for Governors Island, which received generous support from SNF that has helped make Governors Island a must visit destination for New Yorkers and tourists alike.

Dracopoulos welcomed everyone and spoke about the first SNF conference on philanthropy that took place in 2012 when the Greek crisis was at its height and observed the positive reaction to the event that is now in its sixth year.

He noted the decision to hold this year's conference during the



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Top Left: A spectacular view of a performance at the SNFestival. Top Right: Crowds of spectators enjoy the outdoor show on a beautiful evening. Above left: A view of the SNFCC at night. Above

center: One of the many sports activities available for all ages at the SNFCC. Above right: The crowds continue to flock to the many events taking place during the festival.

SNF's summer Nostos festival, saying "there is no better place for the SNF to hold our conference than inside the SNFCC, during the SNF's summer Nostos festival."

The Conference's theme is especially relevant today, as Dr-

acopoulos observed, "polarization in general has penetrated almost every aspect of our lives.

"It is time for each one of us to truly reengage in civic life, and in a determined and civil way try to take back our lives before it is too late."

The conference includes panel discussions on topics including From the Agora to Commons to Parisian Cafes to Tahrir Square to Occupy Wall Street: The Evolution of Public Space and its Future, A Conversation: Architecture and The Invention

of Public Space, and Imagination, Creativity and the Use of Art in Reactivating and Redefining Public Spaces.

Among the many distinguished guests and speakers at the conference just on the first day, were Evangelia Athanassiou

-Associate Professor, Department of Urban and Regional Planning School of Architecture Aristotle University of Thessaloniki; Konstantine Kastrisianakis- Anthropologist and Urban Planner, Department of Geography, Durham University;

and Professor Andre Gerolymatos- Director of the Stavros Niarchos Foundation Centre for Hellenic Studies at Simon Fraser University and TNH columnist, who spoke about Beyond Wonder: The Infinite and the Lure of Cyber Space.

## Andreas Dracopoulos' Remarks at the Opening of the SNF Conference

Andreas Dracopoulos, co-President of the Stavros Niarchos Foundation, made the following remarks at the opening of the 6th Annual International SNF Conference on Philanthropy on June 21.

Kalimeria!

Thank you all for joining us today for our 6th annual international conference on philanthropy. When we held our first such conference back in the early summer of 2012, the crisis in Greece and elsewhere was well in full force. At that time we thought that it would be a good idea to try to offer a very basic platform for individuals and for organizations to get together and discuss ideas to help alleviate the crisis, and more specifically how philanthropy could play an active and productive role towards this effort. We were happily surprised at the positive reaction of most participants and as a result we have continued to organize this annual conference hoping that it can keep providing a productive and enjoyable platform to facilitate an on-going active dialogue. We have also made the decision as of this year to integrate the conference into our Stavros Niar-

chos Foundation's (SNF's) annual week of activities at the Stavros Niarchos Foundation Cultural Center (SNFCC).

As most of you know, our Foundation donated the SNFCC fully to the Greek society, to the Greek people, just a few months ago during a delivery event that took place in this same Hall on the 23rd of February of this year. In twenty-one years of philanthropic giving, over 2 billion USD have been granted by the SNF in 113 countries all over the world, and the SNFCC, on time and on budget, with a total cost of approx. 850m USD remains our largest grant to date. As I elaborated in my delivery remarks back in February, all of us involved with the creation of the SNFCC invested much more than money and hard work, we all shared a common vision. The vision of the SNFCC was to create a beautiful cultural center which included the new homes of the National Library and of the National Opera of Greece, together with a 40 acre park, all for the absolute benefit of the people. The LEED platinum award for energy efficiency and environmental design that the SNFCC received has made us even prouder.



One of the many concerts that are currently being presented during the Summer Nostos Festival (SNFestival) at the Stavros Niarchos Foundation Cultural Center in Athens.

Renzo Piano, a great architect, a magnificent person and a loyal friend of Greece, all of us at the SNF, the construction joint venture company and all of our special collaborators, the Government committees, etc., all worked tirelessly towards creating all the necessary conditions to give birth to what you see today, which is so more than just physical beauty. What you see today is the epitome of an example of excellence, a project through

which the people of Greece can believe again, can dream again, can hope again. A project owned by the Government, any Government, in a fiduciary role, truly owned by the people for the people. And well over 1 million people have visited the SNFCC since this time last year. More than 1 million people have voted with their feet, have spoken with their action, have embraced their own cultural center, they have realized they can believe again, good

things can indeed happen even at the depth of this terrible socioeconomic crisis that has been deeply harassing Greece over the last almost decade by now.

They say that as parents we should do everything we can to establish strong roots for our children, and then we have to give them strong wings so they can fly, and the stronger the base the stronger the wings we have to provide.....The SNF has tried its best to provide both to our child, the SNFCC, and we are proud to watch it as it flies away into its own future. And as parents, we will always follow its path very closely.....with all that this may mean. All of us now just have to make sure that we really empower the SNFCC on an on-going basis not only to fly with its own wings, but also to follow and carve a new path for Greece as a whole. It is very critical that the SNFCC's ability to fly does not get affected by old 'habits'. The SNFCC can be a bright example for a new and improved way of making things happen in Greece, and not the other way around, this is imperative if the candle of hope is to remain brightly lit.

So there is no better place for the SNF to hold our conference than inside the SNFCC, during the SNF's summer Nostos festival. A sense of happiness, a sense of homecoming, a sense of the joyous feelings that early summer brings to all of us. A wide variety of artistic, educational, athletic, and fun activities have been taking place this week and we hope that everyone is enjoying them.

Truly public spaces, however, are not only physical spaces and one cannot expect that the mere creation of a space is enough to establish a sense of community, or to encourage the type of congregation and engagement that truly defines public spaces. The buildings and the park at the SNFCC cannot alone bring people together, cannot turn a space or a place into a community, a point of gathering, a topos for civic and civil engagement. It is through programming that is open, accessible, egalitarian, diverse, and all-encompassing and at the same time all-inclusive, that spaces such as this are transformed into true public spaces and centers of civic life. It has been our deep conviction since the early phases of this remarkable project that the public had a need for an inviting public space that would create a community by functioning as an embracing platform of creative expression, exploration and discovery, for anyone and everyone who wished to engage. That early conviction has proven to be justified. The public has embraced the SNFCC and in doing so has manifested its potential to function as a much-needed public space during one of the most complicated and challenging times in Greece's modern history.

The SNFCC was also envisioned as an exemplary public-private partnership, in a country where you rarely experience suc-

cessful examples of such a concept. But, as the project moved forward this very idea became a polarized one itself, and this polarization manifested itself in the public's doubts that the state can ever take over and operate successfully such a project. The SNFCC has continued to neutralize any manifestation of such polarization, as a result of a constant, transparent, civil, and efficient dialogue since its inception that aimed to include all the stakeholders and provide everyone involved with a project with a voice from the very beginning.

This year's rather long title of our conference is "Creativity, Imagination and the importance of reactivating public and ethical spaces in a highly polarized society". We feel proud that we have contributed towards the first part of our title with the creation of the great truly public space that the SNFCC represents. At the same time, we, as I am sure most of you are too, are very worried with what is happening around us with the terrible effects that polarization is having to all of us individually and to our communities at large all around the world. Polarization in general has penetrated almost every aspect of our lives, whether we see it or not, it is like a cancer of the soul, and it is becoming worse by the day. Civility is disappearing by the day...what is next?

It is time for each one of us to truly re-engage in civic life, and in a determined and civil way try to take back our lives before it is too late. I don't think there is a perfect end-result or solution in any possible way, but it is that bad that common sense alone should lead us all to stand up and work towards de-polarizing on all possible fronts. It is time to come clean, to re-engage and whether physically, mentally, or technologically, to stop hiding from behind our comfort safe zones. Public spaces such as the SNFCC can play a pivotal role in this effort, but just as Michael Kimmelman, the New York Times architectural critic who yesterday evening engaged in a very interesting, warm, and soul searching discussion with Renzo Piano in this Hall, finished his article last year called "The craving for public squares", with, and I quote, "the perfect square, it turns out, is also a state of mind".

From this stage, created with the vision of beauty and excellence by the one and only Renzo Piano, from this stage that United States ex-President Obama spoke so eloquently about the importance of the responsibilities each one of us has as a 'citizen' and, and I quote, "...power and progress will always come from the demos—from 'We, the people', from this stage that carries the name of my great uncle and the SNF's founder, the late Stavros Niarchos, I thank you for being here and urge you to rise up to the occasion that today's challenges around us have imposed on each one of us. Thank you.

### This Week in Greek History

By Eraklis Diamataris

**JUNE 27:** On this day in 1850 Greek, Irish and Japanese writer Patrick Lafcadio Hearn (Lefkadios Hearn) was born in Lefkada, Greece. At the time of his birth, Lefkada was not apart of the Kingdom of Greece but rather the United States of the Ionian Islands. Hearn was the son of Surgeon-Major in the British military Charles Bush Hearn and Rosa Antoniou Kassimatis, a Greek noblewoman.

Charles Bush Hearn was the highest ranking surgeon in his regiment that kept order during the British occupation of the islands. Lafcadio was baptized in the Greek Orthodox as Patrikios Lefkadios Hearn. The year that Lafcadio was born his father Charles was promoted to Staff Surgeon Second class and was transferred from Lefkada to the British West Indies. Charles Hearn assumed that having a son already with his wife Rosa and her being pregnant with Lafcadio would damage his career progression in the military. He failed to notify the British military of his family and departed for the British West Indies leaving his family behind.

In that time Rosa went to her in-laws in Ireland with Lafcadio and another child of Charles' she was pregnant with. She was met with fierce resistance as she was illiterate and didn't know English. Charles briefly visited his family in Ireland on leave from duty but was quickly reassigned to the Crimean Peninsula and came back badly wounded. He got the marriage annulled and Rosa moved back to her home island of Kythira where she was to marry Giovanni Cavallani who was to become the British Governor of Antikythera. In order to do this she had to renounce her custody of her two children to marry something that she willingly did.

Therefore from the age of 7 or so, Lafcadio Hearn was left to the care of his great aunt Sarah Brenane despite both his parents still being alive. While staying with his great aunt in his youth Hearn explored her expansive home library and focused particularly on the

Greek literature to found there, namely the Greek myths. In 1869 at the age of 19 and with his great aunt's health deteriorating Hearn bought a one way ticket to New York and made his way to Cincinnati, Ohio.

While bouncing around from odd jobs looking to make ends meet he met Henry Watkin, a printer who employed Hearn and gave him the nickname that would stick for the rest of his life, The Raven from the synonymous poem by Edgar Allan Poe. Due to his exceptional writing skills Hearn landed a job as a reporter for the Cincinnati Daily Enquirer. He was fired from the newspaper after three years in 1875 as a direct result of the fact that he had married and African-American woman which in 1874 was illegal in the state of Ohio to have interracial marriage. The couple would eventually divorce in 1877 and Hearn moved to New Orleans where he would live for a decade.

Whilst in New Orleans Hearn would get national recognition as his work appeared in publications such as Harper's Weekly and Scribner's Magazine in addition to being editor at the Times Democrat newspaper of New Orleans. It was chiefly Lafcadio Hearn's writings that made people think of New Orleans as a vastly multicultural city famous for its cuisine. In 1890 Hearn went to Japan as a newspaper correspondent but his assignment was terminated. Despite that he stayed in Japan and felt completely at home and found his greatest inspiration in the country. Lafcadio Hearn today is most widely recognized for his works during his days in Japan which heavily focused on Japan and some were adapted into Ping Chong and puppet theatre performances.

His most brilliant and distinguished work took place from 1896 to 1903 when he was a professor of English literature at the imperial University of Tokyo. Some of his works in this period include Exotics and Retrospective (1898), Ghostly Japan (1899) and Shadowings (1900) among others. Hearn is credited with introducing the culture and

literature of Japan to the West. Hearn would die on September 26, 1904 in Okubo Japan.

**JUNE 27:** On this day in 1988 Greek artistic gymnast Stefani Bismpikou was born in Athens. Bismpikou has a versatile range of gymnastic disciplines that she participates in but she is most known for her balance beam routine where she routinely scores high difficulty scores. Bismpikou's senior career in gymnastics started in 2004 at the age of 16 where she placed 12th in the European Championships.

After her showing at the European Championships, Bismpikou was selected to represent Greece in her hometown of Athens just months later for the Athens 2004 Summer Olympics where she would come in 15th place. In 2007 Stefani Bismpikou became the first senior female Greek gymnast to win a medal at the European Championships when she won the bronze medal for her balance beam routine.

Her bronze medal in at the European Championships catapulted her to second place in the Female Greek Athlete of the Year Awards at the age of 19. In addition to her bronze medal, Bismpikou won the bronze medal in the All-Around competition at the 2005 Mediterranean Games.

**JUNE 30:** On this day in 1984, Greek singer of the laiko and entecho genres, Nikos Oikonomopoulos was born in Patra. Drawn to music from a young age Oikonomopoulos lived in Kato Achaia just outside of Patra until he was 17 when he began touring central and northern Greece singing wherever he could get a gig. Finally his big break came in 2006 when he won Alpha channel's reality singing show competition "Dream Show". On his first album in November 2007, such hits as "Ola Gia Sena", "Koita Na Mathenia" and "Den Eisai Entakseï" can be found. In 2008 following his debut album he was awarded the Best Upcoming Artist Award at the MAD Video Music Awards.



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## Greek-Turkish Relations Head for the End of the Road

They agreed to disagree. Openly, without any pretexts.  
And it appears that they wished for their disagreement to become known, to be documented by everyone, especially by their people – which is why they conveyed it to the TV cameras and photographers.

Their obvious, unmistakable discontentment was painted on their faces. It was so evident that it makes one wonder what else they are hiding from their people that has brought about this gloom.

But even if we were to stick to their declarations alone, they were neither few nor insignificant. It took many years, perhaps decades, for these words to be spoken at this level. It took many small, but firm – and wrong – steps.

Until the day arrived, as was expected. In order to warn each other.

In order to speak “honestly,” according to the Greek prime minister, since diplomacy has not been effective thus far.

In order to basically say that this road is coming to an end. Even though the...Spanish poet whom the Greek prime minister invoked and the popular Turkish proverb cited by the Turkish prime minister are not in accordance. They stated that there is no end...

Maybe not. However, the feeling of the end, which dictates the diminution or caution of the next steps, seems to hover over them.

But the things they said publicly are harsh. The Greek prime minister sounded the alarm that the current situation of violations of Greek sovereign rights increases the risk of accidents. In other words, an uncontrolled, individual conflict in the air, at sea, or on land can lead to an unmanageable situation.

“I stressed to Mr. [Binali] Yildirim,” the Greek prime minister said, “that this situation isn’t helping at all, and that these infringements cannot continue.”

And Yildirim gave a response that provocatively, and arrogantly attempts to change the Greek-Turkish borders: “[Prime Minister Tsipras] mentioned violations and flyovers in the Aegean,” he said. “Of course, these are not one-sided. The violations are mutual.”

Thus, Yildirim is openly, cynically, and bluntly keen on raising the issue of reshaping the Greek and Turkish sovereignty, according to their wishes.

Of course, they also discussed the issue of the eight Turkish servicemen who sought asylum in Greece after being accused of involvement in the coup against Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan.

Tsipras stated that the Greek judicial system “is independent of the political system.”

“We respect the decision the judiciary has made,” Yildirim responded, “but we hope the coup-plotters don’t deliver a blow to Turkey-Greece relations.”

So this, and much more, is what the prime ministers of Greece and Turkey discussed for two hours... What’s next?

## A Decision That Embarrasses Us All

During the Greek junta, when the resistance groups tried to secure a conviction from the Human Rights Council against the dictatorship for the evident violation of prisoners’ rights, various countries – either on the grounds of their interests, or because they were guilty of similar offenses – would use their vetoes. And so the colonels in Athens were able to celebrate that, first, they treated the detainees extremely well, and second, that the resistance groups were lying.

That is what I was reminded of by the unthinkable news that was pre-released by The Guardian, but which circulated everywhere – the New York Times published an unusually harsh article against the Greek government – that Greece vetoed the European Union’s condemnation of China’s human rights record at the UN Human Rights Council.

Greece was the only one of the 28 European countries to take that position, despite intense pressure from the other Europeans who do not consider such a decision to be self-evident.

I understand why Alexis Tsipras’ “leftist” government made this big mistake. But it does not diminish the shame I feel for this action as a Greek.

China apparently held a knife to their throat. According to the Times, “China has long won diplomatic allies in the world’s poor countries by helping them build expensive roads and ports. Now, it appears to have similarly won over a needy country in Europe.” Greece.

As is well known, China is the major shareholder of the Greek port of Piraeus and due to that, and various promises, it has a significant influence on the government, as has been demonstrated.

Apart from that, it is likely that there are some... geniuses in the Greek government who believe that they can “blackmail” Europe and the United States with micro-alliances with Russian President Vladimir Putin or the Chinese in order to ensure assistance or other political concessions. And perhaps they considered this action, the “accommodation” of China on a crucial decision that determines the nature and culture of countries, to be a similar action.

But it has been proven many times that this reasoning is not effective in practice. The only thing that Greece accomplishes is to be exposed to public opinion, to become isolated from its natural foundation of alliances, and to accelerate its downhill course.

And, nevertheless, few examples to date so bluntly and poignantly reveal the stranglehold of dependence that is on Greece as does its coercion to protect a regime – China – that notoriously violates human rights.

A government must sink extremely low to allow itself to be used for something such as this. It is a disgrace.

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### The Irony of Selective Congressional Unity

To the Editor:

I say many prayers for a complete recovery of Congressman Scalise and many thanks to the Washington police who prevented the killing of many in Alexandria, VA, when a gunman opened fire at the Washington lawmakers as they were practicing to play a baseball game between Republicans and Democrats.

How ironic is this? These guys can get together and agree to play a baseball game, but they can’t get together and agree how to protect the American people from the monsters they have created.

One of them even complained on television that “we were like sitting ducks.”

Maybe now they could come to realize how we the people feel...

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#### ANALYSIS

## A Word before the Election for Chicago’s Metropolis

By Theodore Kalmoukos

The Holy Eparchial Synod of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America presided by His Eminence Archbishop Demetrios will be called to select the triprosopon (three-person ballot) for the election of a new Metropolitan of Chicago.

It is widely known as we have mentioned many times in the recent and distant past that the Metropolis of Chicago faces many and difficult problems. Not that the other Metropolises don’t face problems, but it seems to me that Chicago’s challenges are more difficult since it has become the hub of the Ephraimites. Even the late Metropolitan Iakovos was buried in an Ephraimite monastery.

According to the Archdiocesan charter, the Eparchial Synod will select the triprosopon and all of the existing auxiliary bishops could be candidates. They are the following: Demetrios of Mokissos, Sebastian of Zela, Andonios of Phasiane and Apostolos of Medeia. Also candidates are those 30 or fewer celibate priests who comprise the official list of candidates approved by the Ecumenical Patriarchate.

This list should trouble all of us about the future hierarchical leadership of the Archdiocese for the present and the future of our Church and Greek-American community. Of the 650 or so priests serving in the Archdiocese, only 30 are eligible to become hierarchs. We have a huge problem and it is hypocritical to pretend that we don’t see it.

Since I referenced the office of auxiliary bishops, I would like to emphasize that the term “auxiliary bishop” is strange to

the Orthodox teaching and ecclesiology. What does auxiliary bishop mean? Someone either is a Bishop or he is not. More correct is the horepiskopos (a bishop assigned by a ruling metropolitan or archbishop to a specific territory within a metropolis or archdiocese).

The Synod is comprised of the following hierarchs: Archbishop Demetrios of America, president, and Metropolitans Methodios of Boston, Isaiah of Denver, Alexios of Atlanta, Nicholas of Detroit, Savas of Pittsburgh, Gerasimos of San Francisco, and Evangelos of New Jersey. They will select the triprosopon, it will be sent to the Patriarchate, whose own Synod will elect one of the three, preferably and traditionally the one who gains the majority of the Archdiocesan Synod’s votes.

Of course, the Patriarchate has the privilege to elect any one of the three. We should not forget that the Church in America is just another ecclesiastical Eparchy of the Ecumenical Throne, perhaps the biggest and the wealthiest one. It’s as simple as that.

The most practical decision would be for one of the auxiliary bishops to be selected. In the case Bishop Sevastianos of Zela, chief secretary of the Eparchial Synod would be a good solution. Obviously, Bishop Demetrios of Mokissos, chancellor of the Chicago Metropolis should be removed from Chicago and be sent elsewhere, including to do mission work in Africa. No archimandrite should be elected because the Archdiocese cannot afford the expense of one more hierarch. I gather that the majority of the Ecclesia,

the People of God (ο λαός του Θεού) thinks that there are many metropolitans and bishop we don’t need any more. After, all they cost a lot to the Archdiocese. Let me remind all here that the Archdiocese is not a soulless building, but it is the People of God, who pay with the contributions of its piety all the hierarchs and everything from salaries, to benefits. To the last cent. And at this moment, the Archdiocese faces serious economic problems and it is going

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through budget reconstruction because for 18 years now it was at the mercy of just one financial official who did whatever he wanted without any supervision or accountability.

The newly appointed vice chairman of the Archdiocesan Council with the cooperation of other able, honest experts in turning around bankrupt companies and institutions are the last hope.

This is not the place to mention problematic situations that certain hierarchs create in their metropolises, which are mostly known. In many cases, the crisis and the resulting withering is nightmarish and certainly can be seen by a naked eye.

Here is a proposal: we should return to the original tradition and practice of the Church and the election of bishops should be done not only from the hierarchy, in this case by the eight

members of the Eparchial Synod, but also with the vote of the priests and the laity.

Also, we should rediscover the ancient Church tradition of married Bishops. The unnatural imposition of forced celibacy as the only criterion for the elevation to high priesthood it is certainly a sick situation and it has created many problems. It is one thing to select from a pool of 650 priests and another thing to have to choose from 30.

I fully realize the difficulties of such a radical change of mindset and structure, but I strongly believe that it has had to be done some time, and the time is now. Our Church should be able to ordain as hierarchs serious, well-educated, and physically, mentally, and psychologically healthy and sound personalities. And I don’t think that the situation in Greece, at the Ecumenical Patriarchate, and in other patriarchates is any better.

Our generation may show some kind of understanding and even tolerance, but make no mistake: our children and grandchildren will never tolerate despotic behaviors, legalistic and fundamentalist mentalities, and the constant begging for more and more money. The young people do believe in the Orthodox faith and the Church, but they reject the status quo model. That is the bitter reality.

Today’s hierarchs give the impression that they are only bureaucratic managers of our ecclesial life and in many cases they prove to be incompetent managers. Absent are the charisma, vision, agony, and desire for the building of the Body of Christ. That is why we are already mourning on the debris.

#### Observations By Antonis H. Diamataris

### Enough, Mr. Tsipras

Following developments in the homeland from afar, yet still much closer than most Greeks, I have the advantage of contributing to a rational analysis of the situation.

Yet, sometimes the deceit is so great that the distance does not help.

The government’s enthusiastic reactions to its creditors’ decision to release 8.5 billion euros are devoid of seriousness. They undermine the dignity of Greece and insult our intelligence. Repeatedly.

How much longer will this drag on? How much longer will they fall to their knees outside of the country, basically for peanuts, but pretend to be heroes within the country?

And so, on June 15, Greece’s creditors decided, in order to serve their own economic and political interests, to give Greece the installment from the July 2015 bailout deal of \$ 96.5 billion, which they have delayed until now.

The recent agreement – which notably had been reached about a month ago, but the government deliberately did not announce for “communicational” purposes – is a small step forward in that it prevents the country’s collapse in early July when it has to meet a loan payment. That’s because the bankruptcy of a European country would possibly affect German Chancellor Angela Merkel’s reelection. For that reason, German Finance Minister Wolfgang Schäuble temporarily changed tack.

But the Greek prime minister had categorically stated that he would not accept an agreement without debt relief. And, furthermore, he hoped that the European Central Bank would include the Greek debt in the massive bond market, which would really change the rules of the game for the banks, something that unfortunately did not occur.

That said, there are bankers and economists, according to a recent article in the Wall Street Journal, who claim that Greece is “at risk of needing yet another bailout.” In the same report, the newspaper lists some key elements of the Greek economy, which it characterizes as “critically ill.”

A quarter of Greeks live below the poverty line and 23% are unemployed. More than 400,000, many of whom have advanced degrees, have emigrated. The



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number of companies has been reduced by 27% since 2008 and the credit rating agencies continue to give Greek bonds a “junk” status.

And, of course, the capital controls remain.

Nonetheless, the prime minister visited the Greek president and even addressed the Greek people, to whom – among other things – he said: “We ultimately got what we asked for, as well as what we were entitled to. And now the door is open for the return to the markets, for the definitive end, in a year from now, of the supporting programs and the memoranda that accompany them, paving the way for the final exit from the crisis.”

Enough is enough!

### Steering Relations with Israel

Not so long ago, Greece was “brothers” with Bashar al-Assad, Moammar Qaddafi, and Yasser Arafat.

Also not so long ago, anyone – this newspaper, for example – who dared to support some truths, in other words, to claim the Israelis were correct to some extent, was considered by various “democratic forces” to be at the very least inhumane, if not downright anti-Greek.

That was the age of the holders of “absolute truth,” of Andreas Papandreu’s embracement of everything authoritarian in the region, for peculiar reasons which, alas, became national policy and conduct.

It was not until Constantine Mitsotakis came into power that the State of Israel was

recognized by Greece, the last European country to do so.

Both we and few others argued, in vain, that Hellenism has many important reasons to want good relations with Israel and Jews abroad, without by any means ignoring the rights of Palestinians.

Now, the leaders of the two Greek states, the “leftist” Prime Minister of Greece Alexis Tsipras and the conservative Cypriot President Nicos Anastasiades, as well as Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, give the impression that they are three good old friends. They smile at one another, shake hands, sign agreements, and appear to not have any other concerns on their minds.

And where is all this happening? In Thessaloniki, Greece’s second-largest city that had a significantly large Jewish population until World War II, before its liberation.

Better late than never...

The improvement in Greek-Israeli relations began years ago and had the support of all the non-Communist parties. It has also been helped by the acute rift between Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan and Israel.

The improvement of bilateral relations naturally marked the strengthening of cooperation between the Greek and Jewish diasporas. But many are concerned that a possible future, post-Erdogan improvement of Israeli-Turkish relations will again lead to the deterioration of relations with Greece and Cyprus. Although that is possible, if Greece and Cyprus deepen their relations with Israel in the meantime, then something is bound to remain.

The key to relations with any country is the increase of business activities.

And so Netanyahu is in Thessaloniki, along with Tsipras and Anastasiades, because he hopes to export newly discovered natural gas to Europe via a 1350-mile underwater pipeline to Cyprus and Greece.

One can only hope. It is certainly much more advantageous than passing it through Turkey...

At the same time, however, at the instigation of the State of Israel, the Jews abroad can contribute even further to promoting the Greek issues from Washington, Wall Street and Brussels, provided that what Greece is asking for is reasonable within the international context, and feasible.

Let us not allow this opportunity too, to go to waste.



Gorsuch’s First Opinion is a Lesson in Judicial Restraint

He has been president for five months now and, critics bark, what does Donald Trump have to show for it? Obamacare remains the law of the land, tax reform plans are moving at a snail’s pace, and the wall hasn’t even been built – let alone there being any indication that Mexico will pay for it. Beyond all the shiny rhetoric that packed arenas by the thousands during the campaign, to borrow a line Walter Mondale used in 1984: “where’s the beef?” The answer comes in two words: Neil Gorsuch.

Solely for the sake of argument and certainly not as the result of any reasonably objective analysis, let’s assume the critics are right and that Trump hasn’t done a blasted thing. The nomination and subsequent confirmation of Neil Gorsuch to the U.S. Supreme Court is reason alone to rejoice in Trump’s victory last November.

Had Hillary Clinton won, it is almost certain that she would have proceeded with President Obama’s nominee, Merrick Garland, instead. Casting the histronics aside, Garland is no radical saboteur who would have destroyed the American legal system at its core. Factors indicate that Garland would have been a solid Supreme Court justice. Solid and dependable, like an unbattered, unsalted, boiled potato. In stark contrast, if his first Supreme Court opinion (written decision), issued recently, is any indication, Neil Gorsuch is a judicial superstar.

The case, Henson vs. Santander, decided on June 12, is one whose substance would no



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gant and eloquent in the precision and readability of his writing. And most importantly, he gave America a lesson – or in many cases a refresher course – on what the role of the Supreme Court really is.

The petitioners (plaintiffs/complainants) argued that, had Congress thought about it carefully, it would have clearly extended the Act to apply to those like Santander, who, by purchasing defaulted loans, they argued, essentially became “collection agents.”

Gorsuch responded to that contention with this language: “while it is of course our job to apply faithfully the law Congress has written, it is never our job to rewrite a constitutionally valid statutory text under the banner of speculation about what Congress might have done had it faced a question that, on everyone’s account, it never faced.”

He added: “in the end, reasonable people can disagree with how Congress balanced the various social costs and benefits in this area. We have no difficulty imagining, for example, a statute that applies the Act’s demands to anyone collecting any debts, anyone collecting debts originated by another, or to some other class of persons still. “Neither do we doubt that the evolution of the debt collection business might invite reasonable disagreements on whether Congress should reenter the field and alter the judgments it made in the past. After all, it’s hardly unknown for new business

models to emerge in response to regulation, and for regulation in turn to address new business models. Constant competition between constable and quarry, regulator and regulated, can come as no surprise in our changing world. But neither should the proper role of the judiciary in that process – to apply, not amend, the work of the people’s representatives.”

Far too many people think that the role of the Supreme Court is to make the “right” decisions or the “best” decisions, based on a sense of “justice.” What they do not realize is that the Court’s role is to respect any law passed by the legislature and only overturn it if it is unconstitutional. Its purpose is not to look at a law and determine there is a better way and issue a decision accordingly.

As Justice Gorsuch also wrote in that opinion: “these are matters for Congress, not this Court, to resolve.” In other words, the only authority the Supreme Court has to meddle in a law created by Congress is if the law violates the Constitution. If the law, however, is merely deficient insofar as it wasn’t as well-conceived as it might have been, then let the American people petition their elected representatives to reconsider it and come up with a better option. After all, that is exactly what’s going on with health care legislation right now. Many correctly point out the numerous deficiencies of the Affordable Care Act (aka “Obamacare”), but it doesn’t mean the Supreme Court has any business striking that down either. That is where political hypocrisy rears its ugly head. “Conservatives” rail against judicial activism, except when they want judges to act in their favor.

Neil Gorsuch is brand new to the job and this is only one case. But it is a great start. Excellent choice, Mr. President.



FRED SCHILLING/SUPREME COURT VIA AP  
Supreme Court Justice Neil Gorsuch and President Donald Trump pose for a photo in the Justices' Conference room before a special sitting at the court in Washington, Thursday, June 15, 2017, for the formal investiture ceremony of Gorsuch.

doubt be considered too bland by the general public to examine. It is about whether a purchaser of defaulted loans is a “creditor” or a “collection agent.” Hardly red-meat stuff, like abortion, medical marijuana, and transgender bathrooms.

Essentially, a lender named CitiFinancial Auto loaned money to people seeking to buy cars. Some defaulted on those loans, and Santander bank purchased the defaulted loans from CitiFinancial. The Fair Debt Collection Practices Act is a federal law designed to protect consumers against unruly practices of those who “regularly collect or attempt to collect debts owed or due another.” The consumers in this case argued that Santander’s practices, in attempting to collect the debt, violated the Act, and Santander countered that the Act applies to collection agents who are in the business of collecting debts for third parties, but that Santander, in attempting to collect its own debt, is not a collection agent and therefore the Act is not applicable.

In writing a unanimous decision for the Court, affirming the lower court rulings in favor of Santander, Gorsuch was ele-

Constantinos E. Scaros’ latest book, Grumpy Old Party (about the 2016 presidential election), is available for purchase on amazon.com and in bookstores nationwide.

Maybe We Needed Trump?

An old Greek saying translates roughly as “every obstacle has potential for good.” Clearly, most of the American people, whether we calculate the three million whose votes did not count because of the oddities of the Electoral College or the 55% of the American public who disapprove of Donald Trump’s presidency, believe that his election was bad for the country. All but his most fervent supporters understand that Mr. Trump seems determined to fail the four key tests of successful governance: national security, a functioning justice system, the education of our future generations, and the health of our citizenry.

He and his closest associates have seen too many TV shows; they think national security flows only from the barrel of a gun. Spend more on armaments and everything will turn up roses. Real national security flows from a synthesis of good diplomacy, strong alliances, excellent intelligence, and proper use of military force. Mr. Trump’s administration has managed to trash all of it. I would recommend the president read Thucydides’ The Peloponnesian Wars as a primer on national security policy. It is probably way too long for him to have read it, but if Steve Bannon, his advisor who claims political literacy, did read it, he shows no sign of having understood it.

Trump’s White House has emasculated the State Department and he has publicly humiliated his secretary of state amid a crisis. His public contempt for our country’s judicial system needs no elaboration. He has appointed a secretary of education whose declared objective is the destruction of the public-school system and who prefers taxpayers finance the education of the children of the wealthy. Finally, Mr. Trump and his most avid supporters believe that in any tradeoff between public health and tax cuts, the latter take priority.

Ok, I just vented. But let us

consider the possibility that there is some divine guidance in the election of Mr. Trump. After all, Count Otto von Bismarck, the founder of the modern German State, once noted that “God looks after drunks, little children, and the United States of America.” Perhaps Mr. Trump’s election warns us that the greatest development in modern history is coming off the rails. In the last seven decades, the liberal economic order harnessed globalization and technology to produce unprecedented progress in human history and raised billions of people on this earth out of poverty. (Let me emphasize that the “liberal” in the liberal economic order is used in its original definition and not the pejorative of the American political lexicon. In fact, I recommend Wikipedia’s definition: “Economic liberalism is an economic system organized [so that] the greatest possible number of economic decisions are made by individuals or households rather than by collective institutions or organizations.” You can safely insert that into the Tea Party manifesto.)

That progress, however, cre-



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ated millions of losers but far fewer winners in the United States and other advanced Western countries. Disruption, which we so fondly cite, disrupted the lives of hundreds of millions across the developed world. Traditional industries could not adapt nor compete against new technologies. Advances in transportation

technologies and the lowering of barriers to free trade sent other industries to where they found cheaper labor. Technology combined with free trade created what we now call globalization. Everyone benefitted with cheaper and cheaper consumer goods and services. Think Uber, which brought us cheaper rides and greater convenience. But Uber also took money out of pockets of taxi drivers and gave a small part of it to amateur drivers willing to work for lower wages. A big chunk of what taxi drivers lost went into the pockets of a tiny number of entrepreneurs. The changes happened faster than those who lost their jobs and their governments could react. Globalization, mostly technology but also outsourcing, moved jobs from steel mills to McDon-



LETTER FROM ATHENS

The Story Behind the Story of SYRIZA’s Fake Deal

Pay close attention, ladies and gentlemen of the Troika. My name is Alexis Tsipras and I’m the Prime Minister of Greece here to give you a chance to win the Bailout Game merely by choosing under which shell is the hidden pea.

If you win, we don’t ask for debt relief. If we win, you give us everything we want, we claim victory, keep 326 billion euros and you get nothing.

(Tsipras swiftly moves three shells around a table in a conference room in Brussels, under the scrutinizing eyes of German Finance Minister Wolfgang “Schadenfreude” Schaeuble and European Commission finance chief Pierre Moscovici, who’s already in Tsipras’ pocket and there to distract the marks from being conned)

Tsipras starts: "A little fun, just now and then, Is relished by the best of men. If you have nerve, you may have plenty; Five draws you ten, and ten draws twenty. Attention given, I'll show to you, How the little shell plays the peek-a-bo. Select your shell, the one you choose; If right, you win; if wrong, you lose..."

This is the patter behind the ancient shell game in which suckers always lose because the pea is secretly removed from the shell as they are moved. Under Looney Left leader Tsipras, it’s really the Smell Game because the stink of this fake deal is worse than from cooking escargots.

You know French food: so bad, and such small portions – and this is what the Greek people will be left with after the 3-Card Monte switch-lane-chicane-snake-oil-salesmen deal that’s being sold to them by Tsipras.

And the media too, which unquestioningly reports the facts without interpreting what they really mean, falling into the propaganda trap set by politicians whose machine gun patois is faster and more deceptive than even Umbrella Jim Miner, one of the best shell game men among the Mississippi Riverboat Gamblers.

What Tsipras didn’t and won’t say about the deal he got from the country’s international lenders was that all it did was release 8.5-billion euros (\$9.52 billion) from a staggered 86-billion euro (\$96.3 billion) third bailout that wouldn’t have been needed in July, 2015 if he’d stuck to reforms he said he’d reject and then imposed.

The governments who preceded him, including the coal-



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tion led by New Democracy and including the then-PASOK also got release of monies from two first bailouts of 240 billion euros (\$268.74 billion) and were pushing the country toward economic recovery before Tsipras won and pulled the rug out from under that hope and now claims he’s bringing it back.

The deal came at the cost of his renewed renegeing on anti-austerity promises, including more pension cuts he swore he’d cease and also taxes on low-income families he pledged to help but who were also thrown under the bus to keep him in power at any cost.

The deal does not hurt a single Greek who’s been hurt by austerity and leaves untouched the oligarchy he said he’s crushed, the rich who don’t pay taxes and hide their money in secret foreign bank accounts while Tsipras allows Greek banks to foreclose on homes of people who can’t pay their mortgage because of crushing conditions he continued, and as the shipping industry he said he would make pay taxes laughed at him and got away with it.

Most of the bailouts are used – just like the 8.5-billion euros Greece is getting now - to repay the lenders and the banks making huge profits off it as almost nothing goes back to a beleaguered Greek citizenry that won’t recover for years after Tsipras is gone.

The lenders said they’ll now also talk about debt relief that would give the country another 15 years to pay back the loans, up to 2063 and the Interna-

ald’s. To make matters worse, technology improved communications to confront us with equally rapid social change. Too many of us lived glibly in ignorance of what others in our society suffered. Now, the media have brought us face to face with inequalities and injustice and our comfortable social order has turned upside down. Our children have adjusted faster, but for too many of us the rapid change in the social order disturbs. Human beings need time to adjust to change of any sort; the new technological order moves faster than humans can manage.

Those who brought us this miraculous new order grew rich, fat, and complacent. The winners, whether in New York, London, Paris, or beyond ignored the turmoil they had created and, in fact, often expressed disdain for the losers who missed the boat. They quoted economists who, absorbed with differential equations and curves, blamed real live human workers for not adjusting fast enough. Or, they bought unscrupulous politicians who diverted blame from the elites to the Other, such as minorities and immigrants.

Trump brilliantly stepped into this situation and inspired many that he cared about their plight. He promised solutions where others ignored them or, worse, called them “deplorables.” In Europe, his election and his incompetence and the chaos he creates seems to have awakened people to the dangers of glib answers to real problems. Hopefully, our political system will also rise to the occasion.

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*Its not often that Peter Marudas, an outstanding journalist and member of this community with long and distinguished service to the country, the community, and Hellenism, writes a column*

*for this newspaper. But when he does, he certainly makes a point. However, for the sake of fairness, we considered it necessary to provided the other side an opportunity to respond.*

*What we got in the process is more than we bargained for: a first class dialogue that even the ancient founders of the art of dialogue might envy.*

# A White House Reception Does Not a Policy Make...

By Peter Marudas

Once again, The National Herald has demonstrated its unique role in stimulating dialogue and the open exchange of ideas concerning important matters facing our community. Its most recent contribution was reflected in two infonnative items appearing in the May 6 edition regarding the status of the Greek-American political presence in Washington.

First, a Herald editorial titled "Emerging Greek-American Leaders" is a serious and thoughtful review of our past and present-emerging leadership in Washington.

The other, an article by Washington insiders, Andy and Mike Manatos suggests that the annual Greek-American Presidential reception at the White House is the most important aspect of our community's effort in Washington.

Andy and Mike Manatos, who run a Washington lobbying business, have been active for many years in Greek-American activities and in collaboration with the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America instituted the Presidential Reception now in its 31st year. Their article featured a remarkable assertion that the Presidential Reception-a largely social and ceremonial event- is the keystone of the Greek-American presence in Washington.

This claim was puzzling and disappointing.

The Manatos's major thesis that the Greek Orthodox Church in America through Archbishop Demetrios and his chief political agent, Father Alexander Karloutsos are and should be the key individuals in our Washington presence is simply unrealistic in the real world of U.S. government and political policy.

First, it raises a fundamental question whether it is effective or appropriate for clerics to intrude in complex foreign policy issues in contemporary America, the largest and greatest democracy in history. It raises the red flags of confusion as reflected in the Archbishop's continuing involvement in the Cyprus dispute and other Greek related issues while his concern is commendable it is counter-productive and betrays an inability to separate secular political issues between Greece, Cyprus and Turkey from the Church's understandable concern for the welfare of the Ecumenical Patriarchate in Istanbul.

Such action is not only politically wrong headed but harmful. Harmful in that it sends a signal to Ankara that Archbishop Demetrios whose immediate ecclesiastical superior is Patriarch Bartholomew and Father Karloutsos, a publicly acknowledged

confidant of the Patriarch are working openly against Turkish political interests. How does this help Cyprus or the Ecumenical Patriarchate? Turkish President/ Prime Minister Erdogan and his ministers whose cooperation is essential to relating pressure on the Ecumenical Patriarchate certainly can't be happy with the Patriarch Bartholomew's American representatives political maneuverings. The Church in America has simply no business interjecting itself into Greek political issues.

It also significantly undercuts the Church's moral credibility and that of thousands of the faithful and religious rights advocates who correctly point to Turkey's consistent violation of the Patriarchate's right to religious freedom and to reopen the Chalki Seminary. This situation is clearly a universally recognized issue of religious freedom. In contrast, Greece's disputes over Cyprus, illegal Turkish flights in the Aegean and other differences while critical are bilateral political issues. Mixing the status of the Patriarchate with these matters only hands Turkey another lever of pressure and highlighting the involvement of Greek-American clergymen further roils the waters.

Splitting the Patriarchal issue from Cypriot and Greek national issues in no way diminishes the tragedy that thousands of Turkish troops still occupy that island nation.

But it is important that our precious resources and vigilant attention not be diluted by spreading ourselves too thin. We cannot afford ineffective extraneous clerical interference in the important "national" issues, that are best left to secular political leaders in America, Cyprus, Greece and Europe.

It is reassuring that Greek Orthodox Americans feel close to their local churches and view them as centers of community activity but not as political vehicles. It is also well to remind ourselves, however, that we are not living under Ottoman Turkish rule when the Church was designated by the Sultans as the only relatively independent institution. To encourage the Church in America to assume such a role is obsolete and ineffective. We do not need a Martin Luther King, our community faced challenges in America but did not suffer centuries of slavery and oppression.

What is needed now as the Herald's perceptive commentary advises are tested political leaders with recognizable credibility to lead our advocacy.

In chronicling the evolution of our community's political presence in Washington over the years, the Herald cites the critical



His Eminence Archbishop Demetrios, President Donald Trump, and Vice President Mike Pence at the White House event honoring Greek Independence Day.

contributions made by distinguished Greek-American members of Congress among them Rep. John Brademas, Senator Paul Sarbanes and Representative Gus Bilirakis along with Senators Olympia Snowe and Paul Tsongas. They were joined by Phil-Hellenes as Thomas Eagleton, Joe Biden, Ben Rosenthal and Ed Derwinski. It also praises the efforts of present members of Congress, Gus Bilirakis, John

pensive dinners honoring public officials, some deserving, some not, as important to our collective causes is in reality, a fragile substitute for realistic and substantive policy.

Case in point: President George W. Bush, like his immediate predecessors and successors, sponsored during his first term, presidential receptions where hierarchs, priests and laity were warmly welcomed and private presidential meetings were bestowed on the "presiding" Archbishop.

President Bush, despite sharp political disagreements, was considered even by many of his most fervent opponents, as an engaging and decent individual. Yet on the day after his re-election in November, 2004, his administration suddenly and without forewarning, recognized FYROM as Macedonia. This action came as a total surprise because it contradicted existing U.S. policy, concretely expressed by American backed negotiations between Greece and FYROM. This shocking announcement blindsided Athens, other nations and our community creating a fire storm of protest in Greece and around the world. It should now be historically clear that those intimate meetings between President Bush and the Archbishop, at the end of the day, had no impact on the Bush Administration's policy on the Macedonian issue. In fact, the reverse was true.

And despite dinners and receptions, such turn abouts are Bi-Partisan. Consider President Carter, an individual of publicly recognized rectitude, who made a highly public campaign pledge

to support the congressionally approved embargo on U.S. arms sales to Turkey. Then once in office, he completely reversed himself and successfully moved to abolish the arms ban on Turkey. Let the historical record also show that at the very time President Carter was aggressively working against our community on this most important of issues, Archbishop Iakovos trekked to the White House to receive a high Presidential award from Carter before an audience of selected Greek-Americans. My recollection is that to their credit, not one Greek American member of Congress attended this event.

It should be obvious by now while such ceremonies may be great for our collective egos or for the individual prestige of an Archbishop, they are no substitute for persistent and effective political strategies. For some observers, it might appear that successive presidential administrations might not be incorrect in viewing the Greek-American community through the prism of White House receptions not as vigorous advocates of principled positions of political freedom and human rights.

This is not to devalue completely, past and even present, contributions by Hellenic organizations in Washington, the Manatos firm included, but the daunting challenges facing Greece today demand a much more inclusive and skillful political Washington presence. These serious challenges and threats are clear and present: Greece's perilous economic condition; radical and unpredictable changes in Turkey; general in-

stability in the Eastern Mediterranean and the Middle East and a genuinely new presidential administration in Washington whose policy directions are just beginning to take shape.

The very recent visit by Turkish President Erdogan indicates perhaps the difficult road ahead.

The National Herald's objective and perceptive analysis of our situation makes the case, in this writer's view, for an urgent and new approach one that builds, as the Herald editorial advises on the community's emerging broader leadership. Existing arrangements are not to be summarily dismissed but given the stakes, it is imperative for our community's institutions and activists to rigorously and frankly reassess priorities.

The Greek Orthodox Archdiocese must get out of the political business. It is neither equipped or qualified for such an endeavor. Will its mission be Pastoral or Political?

Those who have over years generously contributed large sums to our causes, must seriously determine whether their investments have generated fruitful outcomes, as must those activists who unselfishly devote great time and effort.

A new and it must be stressed, vastly more inclusive leadership is needed in Washington. One which tenaciously focuses on the important mission before us and is not preoccupied by irrelevant social-ceremonial activities, too often touted as politically meaningful.

The Herald editorial's Emerging Leaders again shows us the way. We must recruit and enlist new talent and broaden our reach. We owe this to the struggling and heroic Greek and Cypriot peoples and to those who did so much before us and those who will carry the torch in the future.

In this respect, we must always remember that celebratory Ceremonies and Dinners do not a policy make.

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# ...and the Response of the Manatoses, Organizers of the White House Reception

By Andy Manatos & Mike Manatos

We admire Peter Marudas and he has been a friend for decades. As chief of staff and koumbaro to former US Senator Paul Sarbanes, Peter played a significant role in many of our community's greatest accomplishments. It should be noted that too few are aware of his impact by virtue of his humility and desire to remain behind-the-scenes.

With respect to his views about our recent article that appeared in the National Herald and the Greek newspaper Kathimerini entitled, "Why US Presidents Meet Annually With Only Greeks and Irish And What Good It Does," we take issue with some of his points. Most importantly the article did not intend to explain the many complexities of our community's influence on US policy and said nothing about it. Our article focused on a very narrow subject -- the hidden good of our community's annual meeting with the President and why only the Greek-American community and the Irish-American community are able to have such an annual meeting.

Our annual White House meeting with each President for 31 years often runs up against the common misconception that it is "a largely social and ceremonial event." Many fall into this misunderstanding upon hearing only the remarks of the Archbishop and the President at the large receptions that have unfolded in recent years. However, this celebratory pageantry, which receives press coverage, follows our very private issue-focused meeting with the President. In fact, nearly 2/3rds of our 31 annual issue-oriented Presidential meetings involved

no social event whatsoever.

We do not believe, nor do we ever expressly say or intend to imply, that this annual meeting with the President is superior to all other Congressional and community influences on policy. In fact, we do not believe it is even the most powerful arrow in our quiver. There are many activities that our Church-oriented group undertakes that people know nothing about. For instance, one of our group's unique abilities is to unselfishly and generously contribute to the campaigns of serious policymakers, something increasingly important and sometimes paramount to educating policymakers in today's unusual political world. This year alone we hosted numerous fundraisers including a \$98,000 event for one of our country's very top US policymakers. We raised the same figure last year for this policymaker who now resonates to our cause and understands some details of our issues.

With this said the value of our annual White House meetings is far from insignificant. For example, one of its benefits arose when Dick Holbrooke was appointment as Assistant Secretary of State for Europe and Eurasian Affairs and Andy Athens and I (Andy) joined him for breakfast at the Waldorf Astoria in New York City. There, Holbrooke told us that the President put him in this new position explicitly to handle the high profile Bosnian crisis and that he would therefore not be able to work on our issues.

Knowing of his extraordinary intelligence and ambition, as well as the rarity of face time between the President and Assistant Secretaries, we mentioned our upcoming Oval Office Presidential meeting and that we hoped to take him with



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us. We told him we knew there were steps he could take for Cyprus and Greece that we wanted to highlight for the President. We also told him that our close friend David Leopoulos would speak frequently with the President about his progress. By the end of the breakfast his plans shifted, he indicated interest in our issues and accepted our invitation to the Oval Office.

Holbrooke engaged deeply in our issues and ended up doing more for Greece and Cyprus than all his predecessors combined.

During our weekly working with Holbrooke on steps forward we saw and appreciated the guidance and urgings Holbrooke received from the powerful Senator Paul Sarbanes, with Peter's input, and from some others in Congress on our issues.

Years ago, many if not most in our community, including my (Andy's) father Mike Manatos (senior), mistakenly believed that the term "separation of church and state" meant that clergy should not be involved in US policy. After consultation



Laura Evans Manatos, White House Chief of Staff Reince Priebus, and Mike Manatos.

with experts, I learned that America's founders supported the separation of a Church from becoming the official religion of our State so that all religious leaders could participate in our democracy. Since America's earliest days, religious leaders have been deeply involved in policy and some, not including our Archbishop, even support and oppose candidates.

We believe that our Church's Harvard educated Archbishops -- Iakovos and Demetrios -- have been best equipped to lead our community to the White House. They remain in their position year after year and head a network of over 1,000 full-time, college educated people (priests and their staffs) around the country each of whom has a following of hundreds of some of America's most highly respected people (Greek Orthodox Christians). And we are not the only ones who believe this value of our Archbishops. Once, prior to an ad-hoc single issue-focused meeting with the President, there was a meeting of community leaders at the Hay-Adams Hotel in Washington. The argument for the Archbishop to lead that meeting was being lost until Senator Paul Sarbanes arrived, considered the alternatives and said, "I hope the Archbishop is opening the meeting with the President".

Each year we meet with the president to ostensibly celebrate Greek Independence Day that, according to Greek tradition, was declared in 1821 by Metropolitan Germanos. Our clergy have traditionally done magnificently well on policy issues. Archbishop Damaskinos and Metropolitan Chrysostomos may be best remembered for leading the Greek people during WWII to an unsurpassed position in their courageous opposition to

the Holocaust.

The Church has another extraordinary leader in Father Alex Karloutsos, Protopresbyter of the Ecumenical Patriarchate at the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America. After 50 years of watching the Congress and White House closely we have never seen anyone with more intelligence and integrity who is also respected by both sides of the aisle, to the degree reserved for Senator Paul Sarbanes. Likewise, we have never seen a person with the unique ability to be more spontaneously and personally liked by Presidents, Vice Presidents, Speakers of the House and other Congressional leaders from both sides than Father Alex.

In closing, we believe our national community must keep whatever influence we have with our government. Some wonderful new young people and groups have emerged, but as the Greek-accented percentage of our community diminishes, so too does community interest in our issues. A non-Church-related patriotic Hellene recently sent an invitation for some involvement in our issues to our country's top 35,257 Hellenic households and 90 responded -- 99.7% by their non-response expressed no interest. Let us keep strong what has worked and welcome any others who step up to help.

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