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Our Lord Jesus Christ, who according
to His abundant mercy has begotten
us again to a living hope through the
Resurrection of Jesus Christ from the
dead.”*

(1 Peter 1:3)

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MESSAGE FROM OUR CHAIRMAN



With this first issue of *The Leader* in 2021, we continue *A TRIBUTE TO GREECE*, In Celebration of the Bicentennial of the Greek Revolution of 1821 and our Hellenic Orthodox Christian Heritage, the theme of our 30th Annual Leadership 100 Conference.

Our conference concluded on February 19 with a resounding musical program, *Greek Music for the Greek Revolution, 1821-2021*, that was applauded by hundreds of participants here and abroad. The Tribute was an honor bestowed upon Leadership 100 by His Eminence Archbishop Elpidophoros to initiate the year-long celebration under the direction of our own Vice Chairman, Demetrios G. Logothetis, who also serves as Vice Chairman of the National Coordinating Committee of the 200th Anniversary of the Greek Revolution.

Our program was organized by the Vice Chairman, working with Nektarios S. Antoniou, Artistic Director and Senior Advisor for Culture of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America, and our own Paulette Poulos and her staff.

We have gathered the texts of the video remarks and addresses in these pages, which include those of the Archbishop, the Prime Minister of Greece, His Excellency Kyriakos Mitsotakis, President of “Greece 2021” Committee and Ambassador-at-Large of Greece, Her Excellency Gianna Angelopoulos-Daskalaki, Ambassador of Greece to the United States, Her Excellency Alexandra Papadopoulou, and Tom Papademetriou, Ph.D., Constantine and Georgian Georgiou Endowed Professor of Greek History and Director, Dean C. and Zoë S. Pappas Interdisciplinary Center for Hellenic Studies-Stockton University, Galloway, New Jersey.

The highlight of our Conference meetings was the action of the Executive Committee in approving \$6,182,500 in new grants and prior year commitments. New grants approved totaled \$1,887,100 and prior year grant commitments totaled \$4,295,400. In addition, the Executive Committee unanimously approved a grant of \$100,000 to initiate the celebrations of the 200th Anniversary of the Greek Revolution. This brings the total of grants distributed since the inception of Leadership 100 to more than \$65 million, a milestone that is a tribute to the continuing generosity of our members.

I am also happy to report that, at the end of 2020, our investment portfolio has sustained its steady growth and stood at \$101.8 million with total assets of \$114.7 million, while contributions totaled \$2.2 million.

Leadership 100 is always mindful of the loss of its extraordinary leaders. The last issue of *The Leader* in 2020, a painful year for all, was dedicated to our beloved Founding Member and past Chairman, Arthur C. Anton, Sr. and acknowledged the successful

entrepreneur and dedicated former Board member, Nicolaos Bissias, of La Canada, California. In this issue, we acknowledge the other great losses of the past year, our beloved Hierarch, His Eminence Metropolitan Maximos, former Metropolitan of Pittsburgh, who believed in Leadership 100 and came forward on his own to join as a member, Stephen G. Yeonas, former Chairman, who founded National Leadership 100 Sunday and introduced numerous innovations, and two other respected former members of our Board of Trustees, the prominent neurosurgeon, Dr. John S. Collis of Cleveland, Ohio and the visionary developer, Gus A. Chafoulias of Rochester, Minnesota. May their memories be eternal!

Our successful 30th Annual Conference, although conducted in a virtual environment, ended nonetheless with a joyful sound, a tremendous gift of all the great musical performers from our Motherland, a reminder of the heritage that is the soul that animates all we do and stand for.

May we greet each other in person at our 31st Annual Conference scheduled for February 10-13, 2022 at The Ritz-Carlton in Naples, Florida.

We thank His Eminence for the honor in launching this celebration of the 200th Anniversary of the Greek Revolution and all who participated in making our Conference and our Tribute a great success.

We wish you and your families a Blessed Pascha. May the Light of the Resurrection bring hope to all.

With Warmest regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Argyris Vassiliou'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a prominent initial 'A'.

Argyris Vassiliou
Chairman



Invocation – Paternal Exhortation – Benediction of His Eminence Archbishop Elpidophoros

My Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Invocation:

Let us commence with the Hymn of Victory to our Theotokos:

Τῆ ὑπερμάχῳ στρατηγῶ τὰ νικητήρια,
ὡς λυτρωθεῖσα τῶν δεινῶν εὐχαριστήρια,
ἀναγράφῳ σοι ἡ Πόλις σου Θεοτόκε.
Ἄλλ' ὡς ἔχουσα τὸ κράτος ἀπροσμάχητον,
ἐκ παντοίων με κινδύνων ἐλευθέρωσον·
ἵνα κράζῳ σοι· Χαίρε νύμφη ἀνύμφευτε.

* * *

My beloved friends: our celebration of 1821 and the glories of Greece, ancient and modern, is a perfect capstone to our fellowship of Leadership 100, which we have enjoyed this past week. Although we are virtual, we are still powerful, and our message resounds from coast to coast across our Archdiocese.

This first of our Archdiocesan celebrations of the Two Hundred Years since 1821 and the liberation of Greece, is the gift of Leadership 100 to the *pleroma* of the Church. It is a gift for which we are all most grateful.

Our acknowledgment of the blessings of life and liberty, blessings for which the Heroes of 1821 shed their blood, is a monumental moment in the one-hundred-year history of our Holy Archdiocese of America. The distance of time, of land and sea, and even of our cultural acclimation, cannot separate us from the profound depths of meaning that this Anniversary contains.

Therefore, with gratitude to all the pious Members of Leadership 100, and especially to the leadership of the Chairman, the Executive Committee, and the Executive Director and Staff, let us commence our Tribute with thankfulness and pride.

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Benediction:

Let us pray to the Lord. Kyrie Eleison.

O Lord our God, Who has blessed in an extraordinary way the Pious People of Greece – granting unto them the knowledge of Your truth and leading them to the light of the Orthodox faith by the Great Fathers and Teachers of Your Church; You preserved the Greek People in liberty throughout the ages. When we fell under hard servitude, You strengthened us and saved us. Bring us forth into a resurrection of freedom.

O Most Holy Master, on this occasion of the Liberation and Rebirth of Greece, we offer You our profound thankfulness. We ask that You receive our prayers and hearken unto us as we fervently beseech You: Give rest to all our brothers and sisters, who heroically gave their lives in the struggle for freedom; make us worthy of the liberty we enjoy and preserve our lives in peace. For You are the Prince of Peace and the Savior of our souls, and to You do we ascribe all glory, honor, and worship – to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto the ages of ages. Amen.

30th Annual Leadership 100 Conference Concludes with a Resounding Musical Tribute to Greece

The 30th Annual Leadership 100 Conference, a virtual event, which ran February 17-19, 2021, concluded with a resounding musical program, *Greek Music for the Greek Revolution, 1821-2021*, that was applauded by hundreds of participants, according to Argyris Vassiliou, Leadership 100 Chairman. The program was organized and introduced by Nektarios S. Antoniou, Artistic Director and Senior Advisor for Culture of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America.

The program, on Friday afternoon, February 19, opened with a heart-warming performance by the Archdiocesan Cathedral School Choir and included stirring renditions of Greek classical and contemporary music performed by Les Vibrations Sympathiques, conducted by Pavlos Kordis, pianist; the acclaimed Polis Ensemble; Soprano Eleni Calenos, accompanied by virtuoso pianist and musicologist, Dr. Athanasios Trikoupis; violinist Dr. Giannis Zarias and the Frog String Trio and Violin Orchestra; Mode Plagal; and singers Charis Tsalpara and Erini Ziogala, ending with the Ss. Cyril

and Methodios Choir performing a sing-a-long Greek National Anthem. The music was accompanied by the showcasing of artistic works by master painter and iconographer Dr. George Kordis, and photographs and prints from the collection of The Treasury NYC.

The Conference had begun with the Executive Committee, Board of Trustees and General Assembly meetings from Wednesday, February 17 to Friday, February 19. The program, *A TRIBUTE TO GREECE*, In Celebration of the Bicentennial of the Greek Revolution of 1821 and our Hellenic Orthodox Christian Heritage, was opened by Chairman Vassiliou, who introduced His Eminence Archbishop Elpidophoros, after thanking him for honoring Leadership 100 with leading off the celebration of the Bicentennial of the Greek Revolution.

Both the Chairman and His Eminence thanked Leadership 100 Vice Chairman, Demetrios Logothetis, who was appointed by His Eminence as Vice Chairman of the National Coordinating

Committee of the 200th Anniversary of the Greek Revolution.

Logothetis then led the Tribute with introductions of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese plans for the Bicentennial Celebration and video messages from the Prime Minister of Greece, Kyriakos Mitsotakis, President of “Greece 2021” Committee and Ambassador-at-Large of Greece, Gianna Angelopoulos-Daskalaki, and Ambassador of Greece to the United States of America, Alexandra Papadopoulou. He then introduced the keynote address, *The Greek Revolution through American Eyes*, delivered by Tom Papademetriou, Ph.D., Constantine and Georgeian Georgiou Endowed Professor of Greek History and Director, Dean C. and Zoë S. Pappas Interdisciplinary Center for Hellenic Studies. Stockton University, Galloway, New Jersey. The address was a special preview of the exhibition *The Greek Revolution (1821-29) through American Eyes*, which opened at the Maliotis Cultural Center on March 30, 2021.

Greek Music for the Greek Revolution, 1821–2021



Les Vibrations Sympathiques,
Conducted by Pavlos Kordis



Nektarios S.
Antoniou,
Artistic Director



Visual Art by
Dr. George Kordis



Charis
Tsalpara,
Singer



Polis Ensemble



Violin Orchestra



Mode Plagal



Ss. Cyril and
Methodios Choir



Eleni Calenos, Soprano,
accompanied by
Dr. Athanasios Trikoupis,
Pianist



Frog String Trio and
Dr. Giannis Zarias, Violinist & Director



Archdiocesan Cathedral
School Choir



Greetings from H.E. Prime Minister of Greece Kyriakos Mitsotakis

αυτοκέφαλη εκκλησία ενός ανεξάρτητου πια κράτους παρέμεινε στην πνευματική αγκαλιά του Πατριαρχείου, πιστή στην οικουμενική Ορθοδοξία και στον οικουμενικό Ελληνισμό.

Η ταυτόχρονη διαδρομή Εκκλησίας και Ελλήνων είναι ποτισμένη με αίμα. Ο Γάλλος Πρόξενος Πουκεβίλ που έζησε από κοντά την ελληνική επανάσταση γράφει ότι εκατό Πατριάρχες και επίσκοποι θανατώθηκαν στη διάρκεια της Τουρκοκρατίας, ενώ στα περισσότερα από ογδόντα κινήματα, τα οποία προηγήθηκαν, πρωτεργάτες ήταν επίσης επίσκοποι. Η ίδια διαδρομή ωστόσο είναι και φωτισμένη από πνεύμα. Η ελληνική παιδεία, αλλά και η κοινοτική αντίληψη της εκκλησίας, υπήρξαν τα συστατικά των πρώτων θεσμών της πολιτείας. Και έκτοτε τη συνοδεύουν σταθερά.

Αλλά και η Αμερική είχε το δικό της μερίδιο στο 1821. Ο Αδαμάντιος Κοραΐς αλληλογραφούσε με τον Thomas Jefferson. Ο Αναστάσιος Πολυζωΐδης μετέφρασε την διακήρυξη της Ανεξαρτησίας και το Σύνταγμα των Ηνωμένων Πολιτειών. Ενώ ο George Washington και ο Βενιαμίν Φραγκλίνος ενέπνευσαν τον Διονύσιο Σολωμό. Μάλιστα, η 22η στροφή του Ύμνου στην Ελευθερία αφιερώνεται στην Αμερικανική Επανάσταση και στη σύνδεσή της με την Ελληνική.

Γκαρδιακά χαροποιήθη και του Βάσιγκτον ή γή και τὰ σίδερα ένθυμήθη ποῦ τήν ἔδεναν κι αὐτή.

Οι ελληνοαμερικανικοί δεσμοί λοιπόν έρχονται από μακριά, πηγαίνοντας

μακριά. Και τα 200 χρόνια της παλιγγενεσίας δίνουν την ευκαιρία να συνδεθούν ακόμα περισσότερο στη βάση των σημερινών δεδομένων, με πρωτεργάτη ασφαλώς την Αρχιεπισκοπή Αμερικής και τις ομογενειακές μας οργανώσεις. Γιατί στους δύο αιώνες ελεύθερου εθνικού βίου, η Εκκλησία στάθηκε ουσιαστικός πυλώνας της κοινωνικής και πολιτικής ζωής.

Τη θρησκευτική ζέση των χρόνων της σκλαβιάς πλαισίωσε ο πατριωτικός ζήλος του οράματος της εθνικής ολοκλήρωσης. Με τον κληρο πρωτεργάτη και πάλι σε ένα νέο ρόλο, την πνευματική διακονία της Διασποράς. Αυτήν, που υπό τη σκέπη του Οικουμενικού Πατριαρχείου εδώ και έναν αιώνα συνδέεται με την εθνική μητρόπολη και υπηρετεί τα εθνικά συμφέροντα στα πέρατα του κόσμου.

Οι εορτασμοί της Αρχιεπισκοπής Αμερικής για τα 200 χρόνια από την εθνική μας αναγέννηση δεν περιορίζονται ασφαλώς στη τιμή στο παρελθόν. Δείχνουν και το δρόμο προς το μέλλον. Πως δηλαδή? Κράτος και Ορθόδοξη Εκκλησία, όχι μόνο στην εθνική εστία, αλλά και όπου υπάρχουν ελληνικές κοινότητες, μπορούν να εργάζονται αρμονικά και να προοδεύουν συλλογικά.

Στον 21ο αιώνα και μπροστά στις μεγάλες του προκλήσεις, η Εκκλησία της Αμερικής είμαι βέβαιος ότι θα συνεχίσει να καθοδηγεί με σοφία, να αποτελεί το στήριγμα των ομογενών και το μόνιμο φάρο για την ευημερία του απανταχού Ελληνισμού.

Σας ευχαριστώ και εύχομαι κάθε επιτυχία στις εκδηλώσεις σας.

Σεβασμιώτατε,
Κυρία Πρόεδρε Επιτροπής 2021,
Κυρία Πρέσβυ,

Αγαπητοί μου συμπατριώτες πέρα από τον Ατλαντικό,

Λυπάμαι ειλικρινά που η πανδημία μας κρατά προς το παρόν μακριά. Ευχαριστώ όμως για τη δυνατότητα να βρεθώ μαζί σας, έστω και με βοήθo τη τεχνολογία, και να στείλω το μήνυμά μου για τα 200 χρόνια της ελληνικής παλιγγενεσίας. Εκτός από γέφυρα στο χρόνο, ελπίζω να γίνει κι ένας ακόμα κρίκος που ενώνει την εκκλησία με το λαό μας, αλλά και όλους τους Έλληνες μεταξύ μας παντού στον κόσμο. Γιατί η Εκκλησία είχε πράγματι καθοριστική σημασία στην Επανάσταση του 1821.

Μέχρι τότε την προετοίμαζε διατηρώντας την ενότητα των τοπικών πληθυσμών με όχημα τη θρησκεία, τη γλώσσα και τις παραδόσεις μας. Στη διάρκεια της, επιφανείς ιεράρχες και ανώνυμοι ιερείς έγιναν πρωταγωνιστές της. Αλλά και στα ταραγμένα μετά-επαναστατικά χρόνια, δεν έχασε το ρόλο της. Και αργότερα, ως



Remarks by H. E. Ambassador-at-Large of Greece and President of “Greece 2021” Gianna Angelopoulos-Daskalaki

Your Eminence,
Dear Chairman and members
of the Board of Trustees,
Dear fellow-members
of the Leadership 100,

I am delighted to address you today, at the 30th Annual Leadership 100 Conference, which due to current circumstances takes place as a virtual event but nonetheless comes at a significant moment for Hellenism.

Indeed, the world is at a critical crossroad as it faces an unprecedented health pandemic which is having a tremendous impact on global economic and social stability. At the same time, our Nation's horizon is clouded by threats to its security while it continues to strive towards overcoming a long and deep economic crisis in Greece. These times require our full attention and readiness, both in the motherland and around the world. It is in this volatile and complex international environment that our Nation comes together to celebrate the Bicentenary of Modern Greece.

As I address you today, I am emboldened and proud to be with you - unfortunately not in Scottsdale but, with the help of technology, to be among the best. Emboldened and proud to speak to an audience of accomplished individuals who are determined to work together to safeguard and promote Hellenism and Orthodoxy, to be with Greeks who are a source of inspiration for our people. As I have known you a long time, many of you personally, I recognize each one of you for your achievements and your long-time commitment to our heritage and the national causes.

On this occasion and as a long-standing member of Leadership 100 - together with my husband Theodore - I wish to pay tribute to this organization and to its founders. I join you in recognizing the innovative initiative of Archbishop Iakovos of blessed memory, to create this remarkable initiative that has, in just 37 years, exceeded a membership of 1,100 and 60 million dollars in grants. The Leadership's remarkable record continues today under the inspired guidance of His Eminence Archbishop Elpidophoros and the stewardship of the Board. Personally, I was extremely honored to receive in 2008 the Leadership 100 Award for Excellence in recognition of the work of hosting the Athens Olympic and Paralympic Games.

For all of you who know me and are familiar with my long-term commitment to public service, it has come as no surprise that when Prime Minister Kyriakos Mitsotakis asked me in 2019 to accept the responsibility of coordinating the commemoration of Greece's Bicentennial, I did not hesitate to take on this task. Like you, my commitment to Hellenism comes first and has been a lifelong driving-force.

The “Greece 2021” Committee has been tasked to create the overall framework and coordinate the program for the celebration of the milestone anniversary of 200 years after the Revolution of 1821. We invited all to prepare proposals on how they wanted to celebrate this anniversary, and we received an impressive response: 1,827 proposals were submitted through our online platform from public and private entities, associations, organizations, and individuals, from Greece and around the world. Some of the proposed actions and events are already being implemented. Many of them will occur abroad, and a significant number of them in the US and Canada.

Some of the proposed actions and events are self-financed, while others

request financial support for their implementation. The Committee does not receive any State funding. The Committee's operation, the implementation of its own four emblematic initiatives, and the extent of its support to proposals submitted, all rely on private sponsorships and on the proceeds of sales of the Greece 2021 Numismatic Program. I wish to emphasize that our Numismatic Program offers for sale a limited number of coins of enormous collector value which will preserve the memory of the anniversary forever. These coins are available through the Committee's website, which I invite you to visit.

As I mentioned, all proceeds are intended to support events and actions organized on the occasion of the bicentennial celebration and to finance the four emblematic initiatives of the “Greece 2021 Committee”, namely:

- the International Forum “Greece in 2040”, *an outline for our course towards the future*
- the establishment of the Research Institute for Artificial Intelligence, *placing Greece at the forefront of global technological innovation*
- the Festival of Cities, *concurrent celebrations, open to all, in the 51 Prefecture Capitals of Greece*
- *Walking on the Tracks of 1821, a journey of 200 young women and men across Europe on historic paths linked to the Greek Revolution*

In closing, I invite you all to share this historic milestone of our nation by actively participating in the Bicentennial celebrations and by remaining actively and decisively involved in the common effort for the safeguarding, the preservation and the promotion of Hellenism, our language, and our religion.

I thank you, wish you a successful Conference and hope to meet with you soon in person.



Remarks by H. E. Ambassador of Greece to the United States Ms. Alexandra Papadopoulou

Your Eminence Archbishop Elpidophoros,

Members of Leadership 100,

Congratulations on the annual conference of Leadership 100, this major organization that indeed makes a difference in people's lives.

Your great work is rightly focused but not only limited to the Church; it also entails substantial contributions to many sectors in the lives of the Greek American community, education being the most prominent one, with long lasting positive effects towards its younger members; not to mention the humanitarian assistance you provide in times of crisis, both national and international, and which is the cornerstone of your contributions to the broader community- Greek Americans being part of that as well.

This year we mark the Bicentennial year since the start of the Greek Revolution, the war that led to Greek independence.

The path towards liberation from 400 years of Ottoman Occupation was a long and winding one. The Greek Church had a crucial role at the forefront of the struggle of the Greek nation to keep its culture and identity throughout these 400 years, but also in the fight for national emancipation and independence.

But we should not forget the equally crucial role played by the Greek Diaspora in this regard. This path towards independence, which began in 1821, was kindled by the unshakeable will of the Greek people for freedom, the principles of European Enlightenment -bearer of the principles of ancient Greek civilization, and largely by the actions and the drive of the Greek Diaspora. These elements helped crystallize our sense of national identity and our vision of independence, inspiring the Greek people to fight to the end.

It was the Greek Diaspora that lit the fire of revolution, emblazing the road to the modern Greek state; it is the Greek Diaspora that stood by the nation in its most difficult and trying times, never yielding in their devotion to the motherland. This devotion of Greeks of the Diaspora continues to this day. The Greek American community has a long tradition of standing by the homeland at the most critical times.

We, as a people, are grateful for this.

And, we are looking upon you, the Leadership 100, to keep the community strong and united, the young generation interested and involved, and this march to the future as positive and productive as our past.

Again, thank you for giving me the opportunity to address this meeting and wish you great success in your proceedings.

The Greek Revolution through American Eyes



Dr. Tom Papademetriou

On March 30, 2021, His Eminence Archbishop Elpidophoros of America inaugurated the exhibition, *The Greek Revolution through American Eyes* at the Maliotis Cultural Center of Hellenic College Holy Cross, Brookline, MA. It will remain up at the Maliotis Cultural Center until October 15, 2021, according to Drake Behrakis, Chair of the Hellenic College Holy Cross Advisory Committee for the Maliotis Cultural Center and a member of the Leadership 100 Board of Trustees.

The exhibition is a Digital and physical Traveling Exhibition commemorating the 200th Anniversary of the start of the Greek War of Independence in 1821. It also allows viewers to consider the formation of U.S. identity in the first fifty years of the nation's existence, as foreign policy was taking shape and slavery was leading the country to its own war. The exhibition serves as a dual lens, allowing viewers to see the Greek revolutionary events and their significance through the writings and

actions of Americans who supported and fought in the war.

Created in partnership between the Maliotis Cultural Center and the Dean C. and Zoë S. Pappas Interdisciplinary Center for Hellenic Studies of Stockton University in New Jersey, the exhibition will open at Stockton University in Fall 2021. The physical exhibit will tour and be presented in universities and community centers throughout the United States.

Directed by Dr. Tom Papademetriou (Stockton University) and Dr. Nicholas Ganson (Hellenic College) the exhibition explores the common themes binding Greece and the United States, including Greece's pursuit of universal freedom and liberty.

The physical exhibit is made up of twenty-four-panel displays with information researched by sixteen contributing scholars from the US and Greece whose full essays are included in the Digital exhibit website.

The Greek Revolution (1821-1829) Through American Eyes

A Bicentennial Traveling and Online Exhibition
 March 30-October 15, 2021
 Maliotis Cultural Center, Brookline, MA
 Fall 2021
 Stockton University, Galloway, NJ
 Online Exhibit Coming May 2021



The Greek Revolution Through American Eyes explores four themes:

- 1) Freedom or Death: Greece in the Age of Revolutions
- 2) Monroe's Empathy: Rooting for Greek Victory, Forging a Doctrine of Non-Intervention
- 3) Greek Fever: American Philhellenes and the Birth of International Humanitarianism
- 4) 400 Years a Slave: Greek Unfreedom and American Abolitionism

A Greek version will be created in collaboration with the Macedonian Struggle Museum and the Laboratory of Narrative Research at the School of English of the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki. It will be displayed in fall 2021 at the Museum in Thessaloniki and other locations in Greece.

Organizations and institutions interested in hosting the exhibit beginning in summer 2021 may contact the organizers at info@greekrevolution.org.



The Mission of the National Coordinating Committee of the 200th Anniversary of the Greek Revolution

by Demetrios G. Logothetis

As Vice Chairman of the National Coordinating Committee of the 200th Anniversary of the Greek Revolution, I have been privileged to implement the vision of His Eminence Archbishop Elpidophoros for this momentous celebration. I was also privileged to present plans for the celebration in my role as Vice Chairman of Leadership 100 at the virtual meeting of the 30th Annual Leadership 100 Conference, whose theme was, *A TRIBUTE TO GREECE*, In Celebration of the Bicentennial of the Greek Revolution of 1821 and our Hellenic Orthodox Christian Heritage.

Our Mission at the National Coordinating Committee is to organize a united campaign so that Greek Americans can present a powerful witness as unique beneficiaries of two great revolutions and two great democracies.

Our priorities are to organize the many proposals and ideas into three categories.

1. To Promote, the main website for this will be www.goarch.org/greece200, the hub for all things concerning the Celebration, to include:

- A Calendar of Events organized by the Metropolises and Omogenia organizations throughout the USA.
 - Reaching out to over 150 organizations and institutions to include them and their events.
 - A searchable Map of Events, so that people can find events close to them.
 - A constant Social Media campaign to promote the events to the Omogenia and broader audiences.
 - Creation of recorded messages for local radio stations about the importance of Greek Independence for modern democracy.
 - Advertising of Editorials about the Revolution to be published in newspapers across the country.
- 2. To Educate**, we will create a virtual Seminar Series of important Academics and Historians talking about the Revolution and other consistent ideas and themes. In addition, we plan:
- To acquire and share materials that have been produced in Greece.
 - To charge each Archdiocesan Department to develop a detailed

proposal for how they can address the Revolution and incorporate it into their field of expertise.

- To reach out to the Institutions of the Archdiocese to develop programs.
- To create Greek Festival Interaction Packages that each parish can use to promote and educate visitors to their yearly festival.

3. To Celebrate, we will launch a video with “recognizable faces” of Greek America, as well as:

- Organize events with Local and Federal Officials.
- Create events throughout the year following the special commemoration of the 200th Anniversary of the Greek Revolution on March 25th, 2021.

Finally, as you can see, this is a sprawling cause, so we welcome ideas from the Community. This is a unified effort and depends on the cooperation of all groups to present a powerful voice for the blessing of freedom and opportunity we all enjoy as the heirs of two great revolutions.

Archdiocese Launches Official Logo and Website for 200th Anniversary of 1821



The National Coordinating Committee announced the formal launch of the official logo and website for the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America's celebration of the 200th Anniversary of the Greek Revolution of 1821.

The website, developed by the Archdiocesan Department of Internet Ministries, will serve as the main point of information and advertisement regarding the various events of the 200th Anniversary across the Archdiocese and throughout the Omogenia, as well as provide access to the many educational programs that will be offered online and, when possible, in person.

For more information, and to access the full list of events for the celebration of the Anniversary, please visit the website at <https://greece200.goarch.org/home>

National Coordinating Committee of the 200th Anniversary of the Greek Revolution Meets

On February 9, 2021, His Eminence Archbishop Elpidophoros of America convened the first full meeting of the National Coordinating Committee that will oversee the efforts of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese during the 200th anniversary of the historic Greek Revolution of 1821. The committee is led by Demetrios G. Logothetis as Vice Chairman, who also serves as Vice Chairman of Leadership 100, and is composed of representatives of each Metropolis of the Archdiocese, representatives of Omogenia organizations, and representatives of Hellenic Studies Departments at universities and colleges across the country.

Archbishop Elpidophoros opened the meeting with words of encouragement and an important charge, "The story of Greek-America is an exciting one, and its roots in 1821 are a legacy of which we should all be proud and of which we should all be aware. Therefore, I welcome all of you to this noble and important work. I want you to imagine for a moment the gift you will be giving by unfolding this history for our community. Suddenly, young people will see the world around them through new eyes, eyes that behold the light of Greece on our world in a spectrum of radiance they might not have thought existed. Greece will appear in art, science, politics and even the English language, in ways that they might never have guessed."

Following His Eminence's remarks, Vice Chairman Logothetis reviewed the overview of the campaign that will be divided into three distinct areas. These are: to promote events, whether online or in person, that occur across the US through a centralized calendar, to provide unique educational programs and content, and to hold proper, dignified and safe celebratory events. In addition, Vice Chairman Logothetis called upon the members of the committee to join specific subcommittees that will enhance the already planned events and celebrations.

Greek Orthodox Archdiocese Celebrates the Greek Revolution Bicentennial



His Eminence Archbishop Elpidophoros of America



John Catsimatidis



Archdiocesan Byzantine Choir

His Eminence Archbishop Elpidophoros of America presided over commemorations of the Bicentennial of the Greek Revolution of 1821 at the Greek Orthodox Archdiocesan Cathedral of the Holy Trinity. The event took place on March 25, 2021 at 1:30 p.m. Eastern Time and was live streamed on the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America social media channels and broadcast on TV.

The event began with a Doxology, or a service of thanksgiving, presided over by Archbishop Elpidophoros, and was followed by live musical presentations and videos. George Stephanopoulos, Chief Anchor for ABC News, served as Master of Ceremonies and award-winning actor Dennis Boutsikaris provided narration to videos featuring historical and modern themes on the Revolution of 1821 and its relevance to our modern day.

In his sermon, the Archbishop stated:

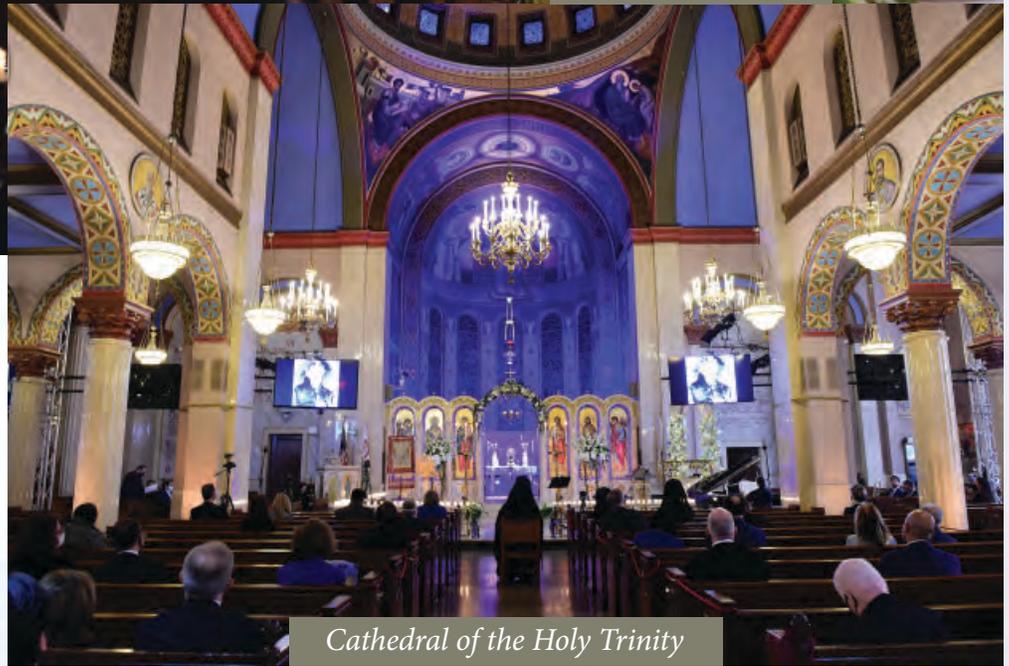
“The Heroes of 1821 could have chosen no better Day to announce their Revolution, the rising up that led to the restoration of the Greek People as a Nation. For the Feast of the Annunciation is the ultimate Day of Liberation for all Humanity. Those immortal Greeks who rose up on March 25th, knew in their souls what Pericles spoke of five hundred years before the



Karolina Pilou



Dennis Boutsikaris



Cathedral of the Holy Trinity

Annunciation – that freedom was happiness, and courage was freedom. But it is the responsibility of every generation to secure its own liberty of conscience, of practice, and of life. Each, in their turn, must find the courage within, to bring about liberty without.”

Greetings at the event were offered by President of the United States, Joe Biden; the Prime Minister of Greece, Kyriakos Mitsotakis; main opposition

leader, Alexis Tsipras; President of the Republic of Cyprus, Nicos Anastasiades; US Senate Majority Leader, Charles Schumer; US Congresswoman, Dina Titus; US Congressman, Gus Bilirakis; the CEO of Pfizer, Albert Bourla; Archdiocesan Council Vice President John Catsimatidis; and AHEPA Supreme President George Horiates.

Among the attendees were the Ambassador of Greece to the U.S.

Alexandra Papadopoulou and Consul General of Cyprus in New York Alexis Faedonos.

Musical presentations were made by Karolina Pilou, Principal Artist at The Metropolitan Opera of New York, Stefanos Koroneos, International Baritone and Artistic Director of Teatro Grattacielo, The New York Notables Trio, and the Archdiocesan Byzantine Choir.

LEADERSHIP 100 APPROVES \$6.2 MILLION IN NEW GRANTS AND PRIOR YEAR COMMITMENTS

The Leadership 100 Executive Committee, meeting virtually on Wednesday, February 17, 2021, approved \$6,182,500 in new grants and prior year commitments. New grants approved totaled \$1,887,100 and prior year grant commitments totaled \$4,295,400. In addition, the Executive Committee unanimously approved a grant of \$100,000 to initiate the celebrations of the 200th Anniversary of the Greek Revolution. This brings the total of grants distributed since the inception of Leadership 100 to more than \$65 million, according to Argyris Vassiliou, Chairman.

The Chairman added: “We commend the thorough work of the Grant Committee, chaired by Justin Bozonelis. The Executive Committee approved all the new grants recommended by the Grant Committee.”

NEW GRANTS

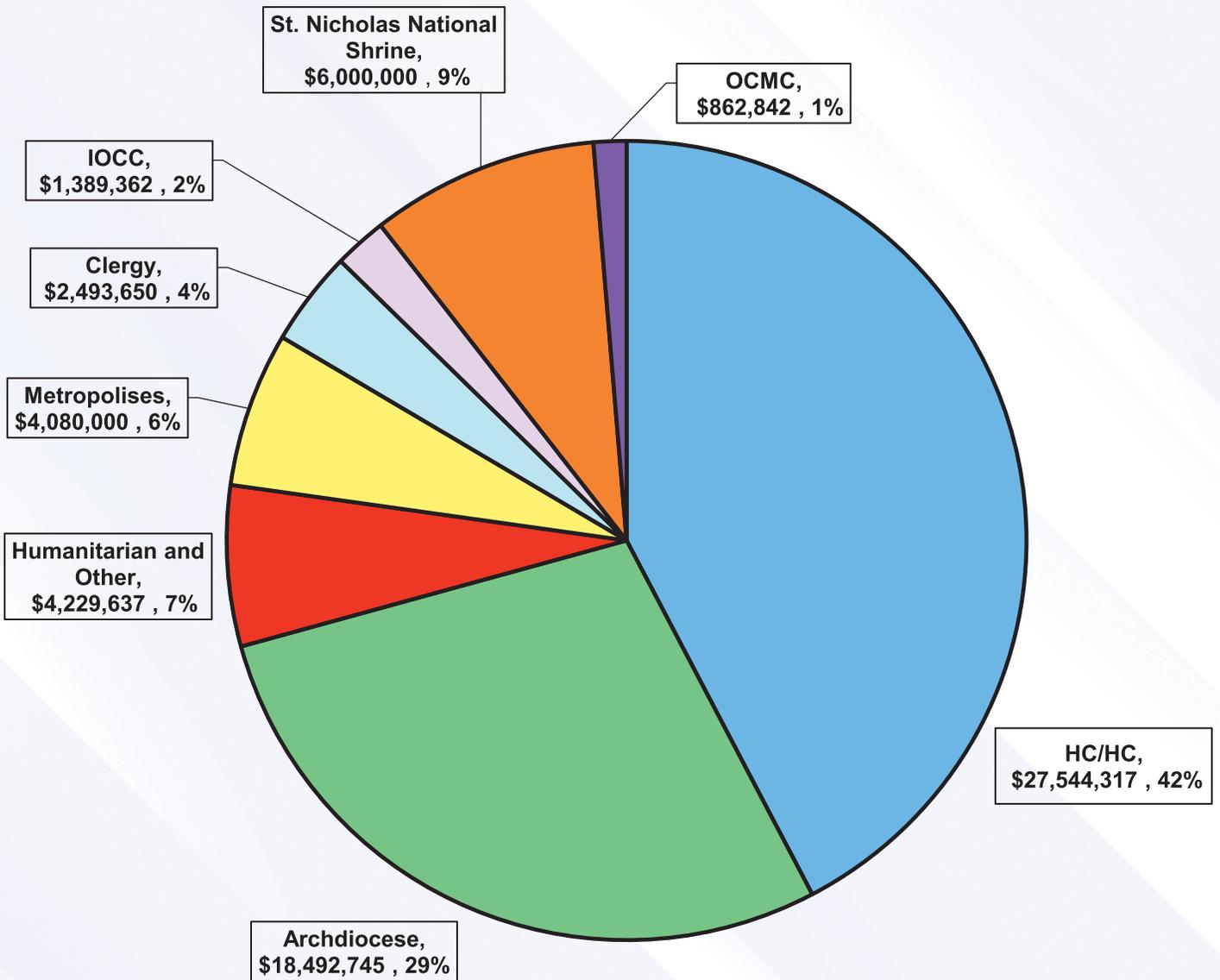
1. **The Department of Youth and Young Adult Ministries - \$470,000** over two years for “Effective Christian Ministry” Training.
2. **The Department of Communications - \$419,000** for GOARCH Content Creation.
3. **Clergy Leadership Development - \$200,000** over two years to provide advanced training for select clergy.
4. **The Department of Greek Education - \$170,000** for the Virtual Activities for Promoting Greek Heritage to Greek Orthodox Communities.
5. **The St. Paul's Autism Research and Training Academy (SPARTA) - \$160,000** over two years - Providing behavioral intervention to children with Autism Spectrum Disorder.
6. **The Department of Inter-Orthodox, Ecumenical and Interfaith Relations- \$120,000** over two years for the Outreach Program to African Americans.
7. **Ministry of Arts and Culture Initiative – \$80,000** for the Festival of Festivals; Feast of Feasts.
8. **The Department of Stewardship, Outreach and Evangelism - \$74,100** for the Home Mission Parish Program.
9. **Archdiocesan School of Byzantine Music - \$60,000** for the Pilot Year Initiative.
10. **The Department of Inter-Orthodox, Ecumenical and Interfaith Relations - \$45,000** over two years for the translation and publication of the book, “Dialogues avec le Patriarch Athénagoras”.
11. **The Department of Youth and Young Adult Ministries - \$40,000** for the Barna Youth & Young Adult Ministry Survey.
12. **The Chancellor's Office - \$25,000** for the Digitization Initiative of a database of Clergy files.
13. **The Department of Stewardship, Outreach & Evangelism \$24,000** for the Small Parish Stewardship Survival program.

PRIOR YEAR GRANTS FOR 2021

1. **St. Nicholas National Shrine and Church - \$2,500,000.**
2. **Hellenic College/Holy Cross Scholarship Program - \$1,000,000,**
3. **Archdiocese Clergy Pension - \$1,000,000,** The first \$250,000 payment was made in January 2021.
4. **The Department of Youth and Young Adult Ministries- \$270,000** for Metropolis Camping Ministries.
5. **The Small Parish Program - \$75,000** for year-three funding of the \$330,000 three-year grant.
6. **The Project Mexico and St. Innocent Orphanage - \$65,000** for the Project Mexico Harvest 100 to support volunteers and interns to build new homes.
7. **The Greek Orthodox Metropolis of San Francisco - \$50,000** for the 2021 Young Adult League Conference.
8. **The Orthodox Christian Studies Center at Fordham University \$50,000** for year-three of the \$250,000 five-year grant for Affirming an Orthodox Christian Theology of Human Rights.
9. **The Department of Youth and Young Adult Ministries - \$30,000** for year two of the \$90,000 Youth Safety Education three-year grant.



GRANTS



TOTAL GRANTS DISTRIBUTED SINCE INCEPTION: \$65,092,553.



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

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

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

Greek Orthodox Archdiocese **\$ 18,492,745**

Inter-Orthodox, Ecumenical & Interfaith Relations	2,117,200
Internet Ministry and Technology Infrastructure	2,061,700
Youth, Young Adult, and Camping Ministries	1,968,551
Marriage and Family	1,851,590
Archdiocese Administration, Management, and Leadership Training	1,728,386
Stewardship, Outreach & Evangelism / Home Missions	1,699,830
Communications	1,150,559
Greek Orthodox Telecommunications	970,190
Archdiocese Committee for Small Parishes - The Small Parish Program	820,000
Religious Education	695,498
Parish Development and Stewardship	658,241
Digital Typikon Liturgical and Library Project	600,000
Greek Education	586,700
Department of Registry	575,000
Archives	400,000
Special Gift for the Restoration of Ionian Village	250,000
Music, Arts & Culture	140,000
200th Anniversary of the Greek Revolution	100,000
St. Basil Academy (Archpastorate of Archbishop Michael)	69,300
The Spanish Ministry Initiative - Clergy Conference for Spanish Ministry	50,000

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

Metropolis Ministries **\$ 4,080,000**

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

* As of January 2021, 247 recipients of Leadership 100 scholarships are graduates that have been ordained, 46 are still in School and 96 recipients are working for the Church in some capacity.

Humanitarian Assistance and Other Grants **\$ 4,229,637**

The Ecumenical Patriarchate (Various Grants)	920,000
Orthodox Christian Network	450,000
September 11 Relief Fund	400,000
Various Ministries	392,100
Fordham University - Orthodox Christian Studies Center	283,000
Institute on Religion and World Affairs of Boston University	260,040
Video Documentaries	219,680
Orthodox Christian Prison Ministry	210,882
National Forum of Greek Orthodox Church Musicians	208,000
Greek Earthquake and Greek Fire Relief Funds	200,000
Hurricane Relief Funds (Hurricanes Sandy and Dorian)	200,000
Patriarch Athenagoras Orthodox Institute	157,200
Project Mexico	128,735
AGES Initiative	100,000
Primary Health Care in Southern Albania	100,000

Clergy **\$ 2,493,650**

Retired Clergy Pensions	935,400
Elimination of Student Loans of Active Priests	885,000
Archdiocesan Presbyters Council - Clergy Retreats, Wellness, and Continuing Education	264,000
Archdiocese Clergy Pension	250,000
National Presvyteres Retreats and Workshops	90,000
Presbyters Council Benevolent Fund	69,250

International Orthodox Christian Charities (IOCC) **\$ 1,389,362**

International Orthodox Christian Charities (IOCC)	989,362
Attica Fires Relief Fund	200,000
Hurricane Katrina Relief	100,000
US Emergency Response Fund (Hurricanes Harvey, Irma, and Maria)	100,000

Orthodox Christian Mission Center (OCMC) **\$ 862,842****Total** **\$ 65,092,553****Individual Gifts from Leadership 100 Members** **\$ 3,338,792**

St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church and National Shrine	2,743,213
Greek Fire Relief Fund	200,029
September 11 Relief Fund	187,550
Leadership 100 Fitness Center at Hellenic College / Holy Cross	135,000
Attica Fires Relief Fund	52,050
Hurricane Katrina Relief Fund	20,950

SAINT NICHOLAS GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH & NATIONAL SHRINE



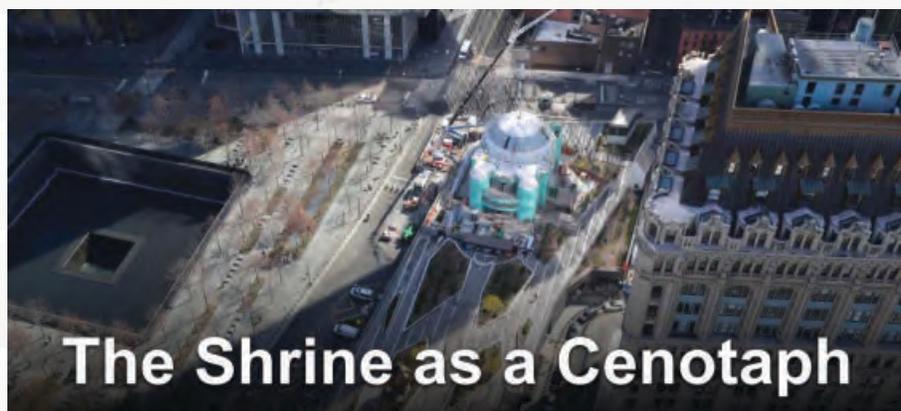
Beloved Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

The construction on our Saint Nicholas Greek Orthodox

Church and National Shrine continues apace, and we are confident that the exterior of the Shrine will be complete in advance of September 11, 2021, a most significant milestone to be observed. Part of what makes the Shrine so important to the entirety of

smoke and ash. It is a grief-filled and sobering thought, especially for those families who were denied even the chance to bury the remains of their loved ones. So many of the funerals in the weeks and months after 9/11 were held for empty coffins.

When there is an empty tomb, it is called a cenotaph (Greek, κενοτάφιον). The most famous cenotaph in the world is, of course, the Anastasis in Jerusalem, the Holy



the World Trade Center is the fact that it is the only religious structure within the site. We must never forget that Ground Zero became like a charnel ground for thousands of our fellow human beings who were murdered that day, as what little remained of their mortal coil disappeared in the

Sepulcher. And for the Saint Nicholas Shrine, as the only House of Worship destroyed on 9/11, there is a sense that the rebuilt church will have some of the character of a cenotaph, a living place of memory carved out of stone. This is most appropriate, as Bishop Joachim's article this month connects

the intercessory role of St. Nicholas himself with a historic "refuge" (καταφύγιον) chapel appended to Hagia Sophia in Constantinople, to his role as a "powerful intercessor for the dead at the Last Judgment."

The Saint Nicholas Shrine takes on a role of cenotaph for those who perished on 9/11, much as the Woman in the Hymn of Kassiani took on the role of a myrrh-bearer (μυροφόρου ἀναλαβοῦσα τάξι). The events of 9/11 and the grievous loss of life, with the scant remains of those who perished, bring to the Shrine a further purpose, one that is intensified by the intercessory nature of the Sainly Church Father.

It is an awesome responsibility and privilege to the Greek Orthodox Community, that our National Shrine would serve as a cenotaph for those who would engage it as such. Like the ancient Martyria that were the tombs of the Holy Martyrs, the Shrine becomes both a repository of memory and a place of pilgrimage.

And like the Holy Sepulcher in Jerusalem, the Shrine will be an affirmation of the Resurrection from the dead, that every person may one day say with the Prophet Job (19:25,26):

For I know that my Redeemer lives, and that at the last He will stand upon the earth; and even after my body has been destroyed, yet in my flesh shall I see God!

With paternal Blessings in Christ,
Archbishop Elpidophoros of America

MESSAGE FROM THE FRIENDS OF ST. NICHOLAS



Dear Friends of our National Shrine,

As we enter into Spring and what we pray is a return to the normalcy we knew before the pandemic, we, The Friends of St. Nicholas, reflect with pride on the year behind us.

Despite the challenges of COVID-19, the rebuilding of the Church has continued unabated since the restart on site in August 2020. Thanks to our COO of Construction, Richard Browne, we remain on schedule for finishing the Shrine's exterior in time for the Twentieth Commemoration of 9/11 on September 11, 2021.

The complexity of this building cannot be overstated. The combination of light, stone (Pentelic Marble), and glass will result in an

extraordinary glow on the exterior at night, and an ethereal translucence on the interior during the day. Combined with a full scale program of traditional Byzantine Iconography executed by one of the masters of Mount Athos, the Saint Nicholas Shrine will be a national and indeed, international, focal point for our Orthodox Christian Faith. The iconographic program will include, in the grand tradition of Byzantine iconography, specific visual references to New York City and the events of 9/11, which will make it a unique place of Pilgrimage for the Nation and the world.

We want to encourage everyone to participate to the extent they are able. This is a once in a lifetime opportunity to be part of history. Donations are being received on an ongoing basis, and every supporter's name will be recorded digitally in perpetuity. Each name will be able to

be searched and displayed on the interactive kiosk located within the Narthex, acknowledging the community that came together to rebuild the Church. Outside in the garden on the south side of the Church, there will be a magnificent granite Donor Wall to record the major donors who have given \$100,000 or more.

We are grateful to His Eminence Archbishop Elpidophoros for his leadership, and to all our fellow members of "Friends" for their faithfulness to this project. We also want to thank you for your prayers and your generosity, that are making our National Shrine a reality.

As we draw ever closer to the completion of construction, the mission of the Shrine is just beginning to dawn. We know that it will be a bright and glorious day!

Faithfully,

Dennis Mehiel
Chairman

Michael Psaros
Vice-Chairman

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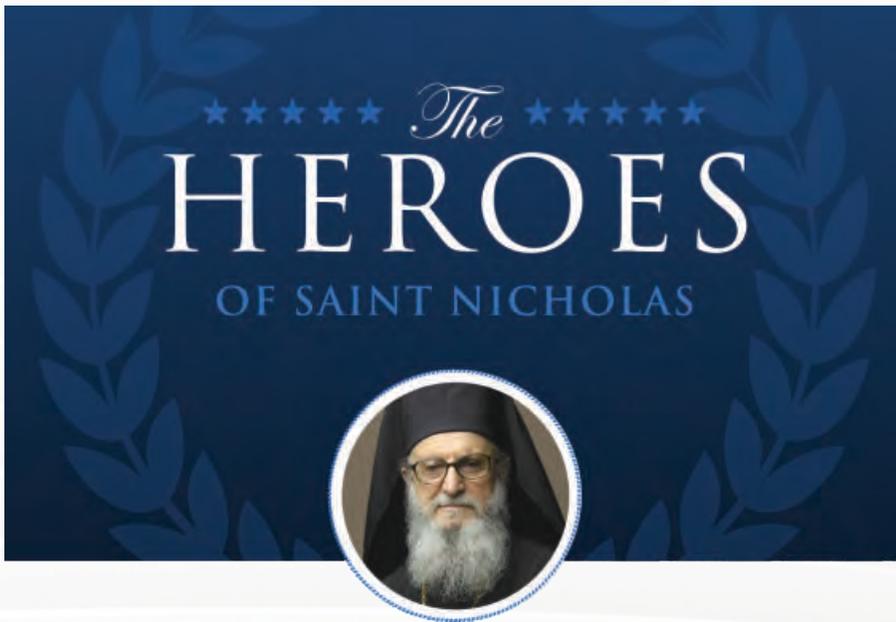
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FINANCIALS (FIGURES AS OF MARCH 10, 2021)

Past II - Since January 2020		Cost to Complete (Phase II)	
Total Fundraising Goal:	\$45MM	Remediation Costs:	\$250,000
Contingency Reserve:	\$3MM	Pre-construction Costs:	\$96,000
Net Fundraising Goal:	\$42MM	Construction Costs:	\$38,260,025
Cash Spent Toward Budget:	\$16,226,396	Soft Costs (consulting):	\$2,121,500
Cash on Hand:	\$14,390,000	Owner-direct Costs (icons, seating, AV, et.):	\$1,010,000
Outstanding Pledges:	\$14,385,392	Subtotal:	\$43,739,599
		Project Contingency:	\$1,231,151
		Total Project Budget:	\$44,970,750



HIS EMINENCE ARCHBISHOP DEMETRIOS



On the morning of September 11, 2001, the former Archbishop, His Eminence Demetrios, was preparing to return to New York from Boston, where he had attended an academic event. As the ensuing days unfolded, he found himself at Ground Zero, together with many clergy, and in the midst of the aftermath of the worst attack on American soil in history.

In a reminiscence to *The National Herald* some years later about his first visit to Ground Zero, he recalled: "I remember it being a sunny day, but there was a blur in the air, a peculiar burning smell, and even a burning

taste in our mouth of the mixture of dust, cement, and perhaps remnants of the three thousand bodies – all having been pulverized."

The Archbishop continued: "We began a Trisagion, at which point a group of soldiers arrived. One approached me and asked if we would join them for one, big prayer, and we did. We hoped that we would be able to save some of the men and women who had been inside the Twin Towers – what we did not know at the time is that they were all dead."

As the Nation rallied in the face of this catastrophe, Archbishop Demetrios was a calming presence at Ground Zero. He was with President Bush, Governor Pataki, the city officials, and those tasked with rescue and retrieval.

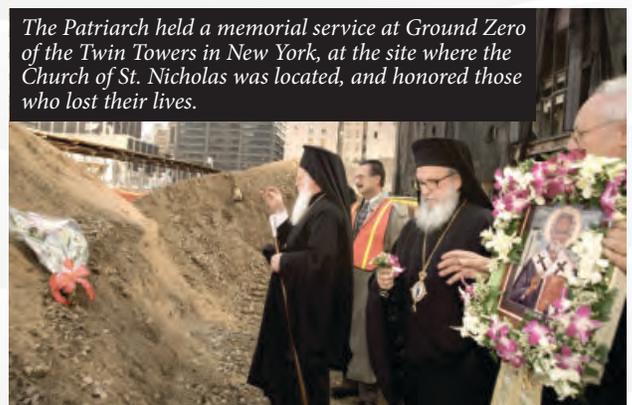
Throughout the painful weeks and months that followed, the Archbishop met with families, conducted funerals for the Orthodox victims, and prayed with the small flock of the St. Nicholas Church on 155 Cedar Street that was completely destroyed.

He remarked on one of his many visits to Ground Zero: "As I watch this explosion of hatred, I see the rescue efforts and the support, and so I also see an explosion of life, and this is our hope."



As he led the many commemorations of the community at the site of the former church structure, he also accompanied His All Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew in 2002, who conducted a Trisagion for all who perished that fateful day (pictured below, with the late Fr. John Romas, the pastor of the St. Nicholas Parish, and Emmanuel Velivasakis).

Archbishop Demetrios' pastoral guidance in the aftermath of September Eleventh will never be forgotten; he is one of the Heroes of Saint Nicholas.



The Patriarch held a memorial service at Ground Zero of the Twin Towers in New York, at the site where the Church of St. Nicholas was located, and honored those who lost their lives.

NEW AND FULFILLED MEMBERS

FROM 29TH CONFERENCE TO APRIL 2021

New Members

	<u>City, State</u>	<u>Sponsor(s)</u>
<u>Direct Archdiocesan District</u>		
Arthur Darby	New York, NY	Alexandra Lambiris
Peter and Christine Gerazounis	Searingtown, NY	Demetrios J. Ziozis
Ryan J. Hamilos	Washington, DC	Mike and Laura Manatos
Dr. Michael and Erika Lafasakis	Westbury, NY	John G. Manos and Paulette Poulos
Nicholas and Georgia Notias	Douglaston, NY	Stephen Seremetis
Nick K. and Christina Pashalis	Douglaston, NY	Stephen Seremetis
Stephen and Maria Seremetis	North Hills, NY	Fr. Alex Karloutsos and Demetrios J. Ziozis
Dr. Constantine and Anastasia Vardopoulos	Newburgh, NY	Christos and Evelyn Ikonomopoulos and Paulette Poulos
<u>Holy Metropolis of Boston</u>		
Steven S. Anton	Carlisle, MA	Arthur C. and Nina Anton
<u>Holy Metropolis of Atlanta</u>		
John H. Copanos	Sea Ranch Lakes, FL	Mike and Laura Manatos
Marcus Lara	Clearwater, FL	Markos and Manoli Lagos
Andrew and Joanna Pastrikos	Fort Myers, FL	Nicholas Pappas and Kassandra L. Romas
<u>Holy Metropolis of Denver</u>		
Lambros and Charissa Gianos	Greenwood Village, CO	Michael S. Johnson, Dr. James N. Maniatis and Dr. Gregory G. Papadeas
Dr. Demetrios and Georgette Skedros	Bountiful, UT	Nick M. Bapis and Dr. Gregory G. Papadeas
<u>Holy Metropolis of Pittsburgh</u>		
Matthew and Melissa Ferrari	Pittsburgh, PA	Nick and Kathy Lekas and Paulette Poulos
George and Crystal Thomas	Rocky River, OH	Louis Frangos
<u>Holy Metropolis of San Francisco</u>		
Ann Chafoulias	Phoenix, AZ	Gus Chafoulias, Argyris Vassiliou and Paulette Poulos
<u>Holy Metropolis of New Jersey</u>		
Mark A. Latsios	Arlington, VA	Fr. Konstantinos Pavlakos and Paulette Poulos
Anastasia Michals	Manasquan, NJ	Jeffrey Michals
George and Adriana Sifakis	Alexandria, VA	Christopher Daifotis
Simone Tsigounis	Cresskill, NJ	Stacey and Nicholas Tsapatsaris
<u>Holy Metropolis of Chicago</u>		
Taylor D. Prodromos	Chicago, IL	John G. and Debra P. Prodromos

Fulfilled Members

	<u>City, State</u>
<u>Direct Archdiocesan District</u>	
Hercules Hanjjs	Astoria, NY
Michael Niamonitakis	Brooklyn, NY
Fotios and Vassiliki Piniros	Scarsdale, NY
Dr. Nicholas and Serene Romas	White Plains, NY
<u>Holy Metropolis of Boston</u>	
†Arthur G. and Vaia Koumantzelis	Lincoln, MA
<u>Holy Metropolis of Denver</u>	
Damon and Cynthia Diamantaras	Houston, TX
Constantine S. and Angela Liollo	Houston, TX
Col. Michael L. and Chrysanthi Therianos Jr.	Foxfield, CO
<u>Metropolis of Atlanta</u>	
Lillian Johnson D'Agostino - <i>In Memory of Dr. Alfred and Mary Johnson</i>	Palm Beach, FL
Stratton J. and Maria Nicolaides	Sarasota, FL
Timothy S. and Marybeth Sotos	Palm Beach, FL
<u>Holy Metropolis of San Francisco</u>	
Theofanis Economidis	Los Altos, CA
AKT Communities Fund- <i>Rev. Dr. Anton C. Vrame</i>	Sacramento, CA
<u>Holy Metropolis of New Jersey</u>	
Thomas L. and Karen Kalaris	Summit, NJ
Basil and Demitra Kollias	Greenville, DE
Mark A. Latsios	Arlington, VA
Dr. Stavros J. and Zoe Paragioudakis	Ocean, NJ
<u>Holy Metropolis of Chicago</u>	
Michael and Verna Bousis	Highland Park, IL
John S. and Joanne Koudounis	Chicago, IL
Novak Family Foundation/SS. Constantine and Helen Church	Merrillville, IN

IN MEMORIAM

Follow up list from Fall 2020

His Eminence Metropolitan Maximos – 11/2/2020
Pittsburgh, PA

Alex Alexiades – 3/30/2021
Woodbridge, CT

Constantine A. Anthony – 11/22/2020
Berlin, MD

Anne Cantonis – 2/2/2021
Fullerton, CA

Gus A. Chafoulias – 12/11/2020
Rochester, MN

Dr. John S. Collis – 11/10/2020
Hunting Valley, OH

Crystal Condakes – 5/2/2020
Beverly Farms, MA

Harry J. Demas – 2/23/2021
Bay Head, NJ

Irene G. Demoulas – 11/4/2020
Andover, MA

Evangeline Gabriel – 2/2/2020
Orefield, PA

Dr. John Y. Kalucis – 10/30/2020
Middleburg Heights, OH

Maryann Mihalopoulos – 10/24/2020
Dallas, TX

Angela Pandelidis – 1/29/2021
York, PA

Marina Petrou – 1/29/2021
Singer Island, FL

Sophia Poulos – 1/14/2021
Lincoln, MA

Stephen G. Yeonas – 11/12/2020
McLean, VA

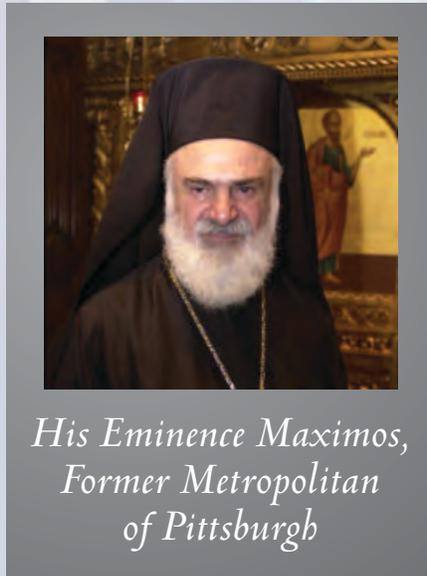
His Eminence Maximos, Former Metropolitan of Pittsburgh

Metropolitan Maximos, formerly of Pittsburgh, fell asleep in the Lord on November 2, 2020. The late Metropolitan retired due to failing health in August 2011 but continued to be a beloved and much respected figure in the Metropolis, which he served for over thirty years. He was a steadfast supporter of Leadership 100 and came forward on his own to join as a member.

Born to Father and Presvytera Evangelos Aghiorgoussis in Chios on March 5, 1935, the future Metropolitan attended the Patriarchal Theological School of Halki, where he received his degree in Orthodox Theology in 1957. He was ordained a deacon at Halki on April 28, 1957 and ordained a priest on his native island on July 26, 1959. He pursued graduate studies at the University of Louvain, Belgium, where he received a Doctorate in Theology and Baccalaureate in Philosophy in 1964.

From 1966 to 1979 (his election as a Bishop) he taught at Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology as Professor of Systematic Theology. During his tenure at the School, he also served as Vice President of Hellenic College and Academic Dean of the Holy Cross School of Theology.

On April 11, 1978, the Holy Synod of the Ecumenical Patriarchate elected him Bishop of Diokleia. Archbishop Iakovos consecrated him to the Episcopacy on Pentecost Sunday, June 18, 1978, at the Archdiocesan Cathedral of the Holy Trinity in New York City. He was elected in March 1979 and enthroned as



the bishop of the Greek Orthodox Metropolis (then Diocese) of Pittsburgh on April 27, 1979. In 1997, he was elected a Metropolitan of the Throne of Constantinople to preside in Pittsburgh, and later in 2003 became Metropolitan of Pittsburgh.

Archbishop Elpidophoros, commenting on the passing of the beloved Metropolitan, said:

“I was deeply grieved to learn of the passing of Metropolitan Maximos, a beloved spiritual father of so many clergymen of our Archdiocese, who studied with him at our Seminary, and indeed a beloved spiritual son of the Ecumenical Patriarchate. I know that I express the condolences of the Holy Eparchial Synod to his surviving family members and indeed to all the Faithful of the Metropolis of Pittsburgh, which he shepherded for thirty-two years. As Chairman of the Board, I also wish to express the sympathies of Hellenic College

and Holy Cross, which knew his daily presence and wisdom in his time there as a Professor. He was among the best and brightest who emerged from Halki in the 1950’s and became leaders in the Ecumenical Movement. His ministry in Rome as a young clergyman and theologian was instrumental in renewing the relationship of the Sister Churches, and his pastoral perspectives were always considered the world over for their sagacity. As we grieve the loss of this great Hierarch and scholar, we also acknowledge that he is worthy of the rest in God, into which he has now passed after a lifetime of service to Christ and His Holy Orthodox Church. May his memory be eternal.”

Metropolitan Savas of Pittsburgh also stated:

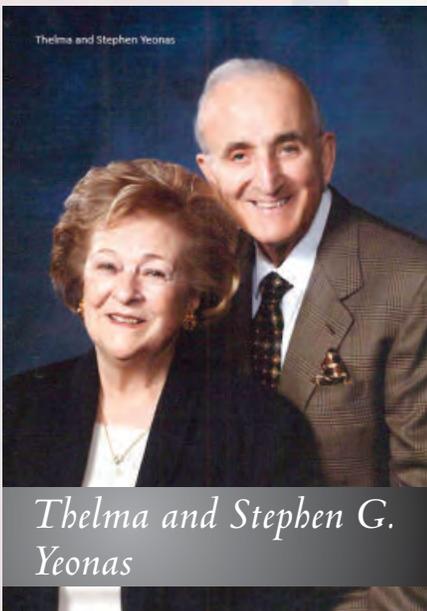
Metropolitan Maximos served the Church of Christ with all his heart, all his mind, all his strength, and all his being. He was a theologian’s theologian, a pastor’s pastor, a liturgist’s liturgist, and man of God for the people of God. Though not the first hierarch of what was to become the Metropolis of Pittsburgh, he was the longest serving by decades, and he will long be remembered as its spiritual father. May God grant him a place at His heavenly altar, and may his memory be eternal!

The funeral for the late Metropolitan Maximos was held at the Saint Nicholas Cathedral in Pittsburgh on Saturday, November 7th, followed by the interment at Saint Gregory Palamas Monastery in Perrysville, Ohio.

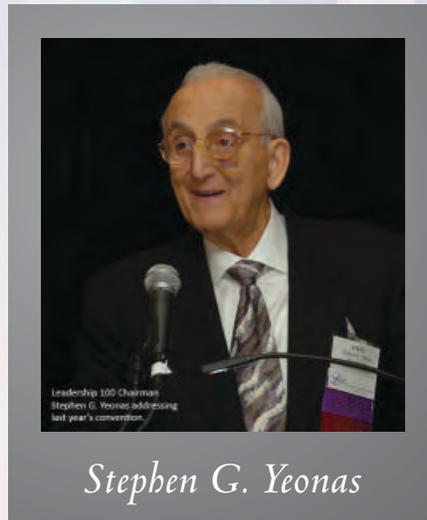
Stephen G. Yeonas

Stephen G. Yeonas, esteemed former Chairman, passed away on November 11, 2020, Veterans Day, at the age of 95.

As Chairman, from 2008 to 2010, he founded National Leadership100 Sunday and introduced innovations in membership recruitment, grants administration, communications and marketing. As National Chairman of the Millennium Membership Drive 2000-01, he oversaw the phenomenal growth of Leadership 100. He gave fully of his talents and energy to Leadership 100, according to current Chairman Argyris Vassiliou.



“With his beloved wife of 69 years, Thelma, who passed away in 2019,



Yeonas presided over Leadership 100 with vigor and warmth, imparting his wisdom to all,” said Vassiliou.

Invested as Archon Ostiarios in 1996, he chaired the historic Patriarchal Visitation to Washington DC in 2007 when His All-Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew received the Congressional Medal of Honor.

A true Christian, he was always concerned for the wellbeing of those retired Priests and Presvyteres of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese who were not able to have pension benefits, having personally offered to underwrite such support. He was also responsible for raising the funds for the Leadership 100 Fitness Center at Hellenic College/Holy Cross and many other projects at the School.

Born and raised and living his entire life as a Washingtonian, he served in the Army from 1943-46. He returned from WW II and established the Yeonas Company in Arlington, Virginia with his three brothers, Gus, Jimmy, and Paul. He received a BS in Business Administration from American University in 1948 and a JD from Catholic University in 1967. He and his brothers spent the next two decades building and developing more than 14,000 quality homes. By 1972, serving as President, The Yeonas Company became the No. 1 builder of new homes in the Washington Metropolitan Area.

A recipient of numerous professional and civic awards, he was a member of St. Sophia Greek Orthodox Cathedral, Washington, DC.

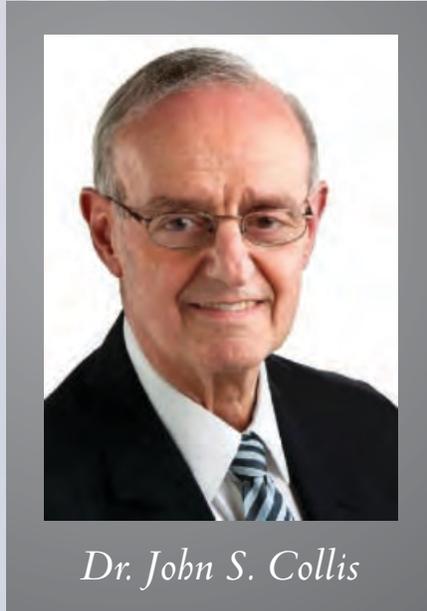
He is survived by two children, Stephanie (Richard) Ellis and Stephen (Elizabeth) Yeonas; five grandchildren, Rich (Kimberly), Jason (Kristen), Victoria, Patricia and Stephen; and six great-grandchildren, Mason, Madison, Abigail, Luke, Graham and William.

Dr. John S. Collis

John S. Collis Jr., M.D., 89, of Hunting Valley, OH, passed away at home surrounded by his family on November 10, 2020. Considered by many of his peers as a pioneer and innovator who revolutionized the field of spine care, he was the first neurosurgeon in the country to specialize exclusively in spinal care. Dr. Collis wrote numerous publications about spinal surgery. He helped invent many devices and surgical instruments for spinal surgery, including various spinal retractors and a table for discography. He formerly served on the Board of Trustees of Leadership 100.

Dr. Collis graduated from the University of Louisville Medical School in 1955 and completed his neurosurgical residency at the Cleveland Clinic in 1961. After spending two years in the military, Dr. Collis returned to the Cleveland Clinic as a member of the neurosurgical staff. At the time, the field of neurosurgery was focused on brain and head injuries, and after spending sixteen years at the Clinic, Dr. Collis saw a need for a separate department specializing in spinal surgery. Because the medical community was not ready for this new approach, Dr. Collis chose to move into private practice.

Dr. Donlin M. Long, former Director of Spinal Surgery at Johns Hopkins Medical Center, said of Dr. Collis' accomplishments, "What happened because of the Collis decision to specialize in spinal surgery was that his example and success convinced the next



generation of neurosurgeons and orthopedic surgeons that spinal surgery was a viable subspecialty. Now most neurosurgeons in practice do mostly spinal surgery."

Over the past 64 years, Dr. Collis cared for over 400,000 patients and performed over 17,000 surgeries. However, the fact that less than 5% of his patients underwent surgery best exemplifies Dr. Collis' approach to medical care and his commitment to providing the safest, most effective treatment for each of his patients.

Dr. Collis held many posts throughout his career, serving as Director of Neurosurgery at St. Vincent Charity Medical Center and at Lutheran Medical Center in Cleveland. Most recently, he was co-founder and Co-Chairman of the Spine and Orthopedic Institute and Neurosurgeon at St.

Vincent Charity Medical Center. At St. Vincent's, he continued seeing patients up until six days before his passing. Even during the COVID-19 pandemic he was eager to continue his work, adapting quickly to telemedicine to care for patients and confer with their surgeons virtually.

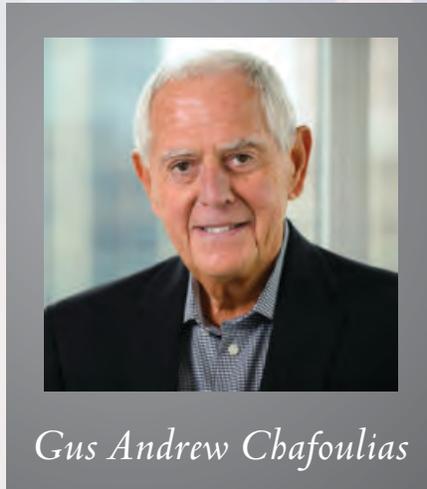
Dr. Collis was active in the Greek Orthodox Church, serving on the Archdiocese Council for 20 years. He was invested as an Archon of the Order of Saint Andrew, Archons of the Ecumenical Patriarchate in 1993. He served on the Board of Trustees of Hellenic College Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology. He chaired fundraising for Saints Constantine and Helen Cathedral in Cleveland Heights, OH, and the Hellenic Preservation Society of Northeastern Ohio. He and his wife, Helen, were longtime patrons of the Cleveland Museum of Art, establishing the Dr. John and Helen Collis Annual Lecture of Ancient Greek and Byzantine Art.

He is survived by his loving wife Helen (nee Levas); daughter Maribeth (Steve) Lekas; son John III (Katey); grandchildren Michael Lekas, Andrea (James) Cappello, Kacey Collis, and Laina Collis; and brother Dr. William Collis. John was predeceased by his brother Foster Collis. John Collis Jr. was born in Lexington, KY, and was raised in Winchester, KY, by his loving parents, John and Elizabeth (nee Stefanis).

Gus Andrew Chafoulias

Gus Andrew Chafoulias passed away peacefully at Mayo Clinic Hospital, St. Mary's Campus on Friday, December 11, 2020, at the age of 85. A land developer, his towering legacy includes some of the biggest buildings on the Rochester skyline. As a faithful member of Leadership 100, he was a former member of the Board of Trustees. He was also an Archon of the Ecumenical Patriarchate. A devout Christian and faithful steward, his love for his Church and family were clear throughout his lifetime.

Chafoulias was known for being a "man of vision", an innovative developer who helped transform the city of Rochester through ideas like introducing the skyway system and developing premier hotels. His passion for delivering great guest experiences, building strong partnerships, and treating his employees well all aided in his success of developing over 50 properties throughout the city. He was honored with many local awards and recognitions. He earned the national Ellis Island Medal of Honor.



Born in Rochester, Minnesota in 1935 to Andrew and Anna Chafoulias, he graduated from Rochester High School in 1953 and then completed two years of college. He also served with the United States Army for two years until 1960. As a child, he worked at his father's businesses. At the young age of 21 years old, he took over his father's liquor store. This was the start of his love with running businesses and being a

developer. He made a positive impact that his family will always be proud of by mentoring many young Rochester entrepreneurs. He thrived in seeing their successes.

Generosity was another admired characteristic of Gus. He was involved with numerous non-profit organizations and a faithful member of the Greek Orthodox Church. His genuine care for others and love for God were unmatched. Gus was also an avid fan and supporter of the Golden Gopher Football team.

Gus is survived by his son, Andy Chafoulias (fiancé Kelly Miles); daughter, Ann Koury; son-in-law, Mark Fister; his brothers, Jim Chafoulias and Ted (Dianne) Chafoulias; sisters, Kalliope Chafoulias and Mary Chafoulias; and five grandchildren: Michele Koury, Marie Koury, Taylor Chafoulias, Carter Miles, and Peyton Miles. He is also survived by his former wife, Ann. Gus was preceded in death by his daughter, Cindy Fister, and his parents, Andrew and Anna Chafoulias.

John Sitilides Elected to Executive Committee



John Sitilides

John Sitilides was elected as a member of the Executive Committee of Leadership 100 at the meeting of the Board of Trustees on February 18, 2021. He had served on the Board of Trustees for 16 years and as Chairman of the Grant Committee for 12 years.

Sitilides is Principal at Trilogy Advisors LLC, specializing in government relations, geopolitical risk, and international affairs. He is a professional speaker at corporate, investor, and leading industry conferences, and before government, military and intelligence community audiences, on geopolitical risk management and the business impacts of international security policies.

Under a U.S. government contract since 2006, Sitilides is the Southern Europe Regional Coordinator at the Foreign Service Institute, the State Department's professional development and diplomacy academy for American foreign policy professionals being posted in Greece, Turkey, and Cyprus. He was Board Chairman of the Woodrow Wilson Center Southeast Europe Project through 2011, following seven years as Executive Director of the Western Policy Center.

His domestic client portfolio includes industry leaders in real estate development, home construction and agribusiness, along with aviation and emerging technology companies, with a specialization in federal regulatory reform and private property rights protection. He launched his career as a communications and legislative aide to Senator Alfonse D'Amato, including on his successful 1986 and 1992 re-election campaigns.

Sitilides holds a master's degree in International and Public Affairs from Columbia University. He lives in McLean, VA with his wife, Angela, who is an attorney and businesswoman, and their four sons.

George Tsunis Appointed Co-Vice Chairman of the National Coordinating Committee



George Tsunis

His Eminence Archbishop Elpidophoros of America has appointed George Tsunis to serve as the co-Vice Chairman of the Archdiocese's National Coordinating Committee commemorating the historic 200th Anniversary of the Greek Revolution of 1821. The Committee is comprised of individuals and organizations representing the fullness of the Omogenia in the United States. He joins Demetrios G. Logothetis, Vice Chairman of the National Coordinating Committee and Vice Chairman of Leadership 100.

"Celebrating our rich Hellenic culture and the reverberating effect of the Greek Revolution of 1821 must be central to any conversation happening in our Archdiocese today," commented Tsunis. "In every part of the country, groups, parishes, clubs, and organizations are figuring out how to celebrate this historic event. And now, as we begin to see a light at the end of the pandemic tunnel, we will continue the hard work of the Committee to ensure that these 200 years are celebrated with the dignity they should rightfully be afforded."

Tsunis is an Archon of the Ecumenical Patriarchate, Order of Saint Andrew and a member of Leadership 100. He serves as the chairman and CEO of Chartwell Hotels, as well as the Chairman of the Battery Park City Authority of the City of New York.

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