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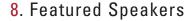
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Τερώτατε Αρχιεπίσκοπε Αμερικής, υπέρτιμε και ἔξαρχε Ωκεανῶν Ατλαντικοῦ τε και Εἰρηνικοῦ, ἐν Αγίω Πνεύματι ἀγαπητέ ἀδελφέ και συλλειτουργέ τῆς ἡμῶν Μετριότητος κύριε Δημήτριε, χάρις εἴη τῆ ὑμετέρα Τερότητι και εἰρήνη παρά Θεοῦ.

«Άδελφός ὑπ' ἀδελφοῦ βοηθούμενος ὡς πόλις ὀχυρά· ἰσχύει δέ ὑπέρ τεθεμελιωμένον πύργον», εἶναι ἡ κρίσις τοῦ σοφοῦ τῆς Παλαιᾶς Διαθήκης διά τῆν μεγίστην ἀξίαν και σημασίαν τῆς ἀδελφικῆς συμπορεύσεως και ἀλληλοβοηθείας.

Τοιαύτην συνεργασίαν και τοιούτον δημιουργικόν σύνδεσμον άγάπης μετά τῆς Ἐκκλησίας εὐηρεστήθη νά ἐπιδείξῃ εἰς τήν ἀκροτάτην ταύτην ἀπολήξιν τῆς Ἐσπερίας, τήν φιλόξενον, δηλονότι, και ἐν άλματώδεσιν ἐπιστημονικῶς ἐπιτεύγμασι γνωριζομένην χώραν τῆς Ἀμερικῆς, ὁ ἀξιονόμαστος και ἀφειδῶς μετά τῆς Ἐκκλησίας συμπράττων ὀργανισμός τῆς «Ἡγεσίας τῶν 100», ὅστις κατὰτάς γηθοσύνως πανηγυρίζει τήν συμπλήρωσιν ἐνός τετάρτου αίῶνος ἀφ΄ ἡς ἱδρύθη τἢ προνοία τοῦ μακαριστοῦ Αρχιεπισκόπου κυροῦ Ἰακώβου ὡς ἔν ἐπὶ πλέον ὅργανον διά τήν προαγωγήν τοῦ ἐκκλησιαστικοῦ ἔργου ἐν τοῖς κόλποις τῆς αὐτόθι προσφιλοῦς Ὁμογενείας.

Οὖτος, ἐπιδιδόμενος ἀόκνως εἰς ὀτοηρόν κοινωφελές ἔργον, οὐκ ὤκνησε νὰ ἀναδειχθῆ ἀρωγός και συνοδιτης της ποιμαντικῆς μερίμνης τῆς Ἐκκλησίας, διό και ἐγένετο ἐπίκουρος τοῦ πολυκαμάτου ἔργου αὐτῆς, ὅπως διά τῶν ζειδώρων ναμάτων τῆς ἀφθίτου ἡμῶν πατροπαραδότου κληρουχίας, και τῶν λοιπῶν ἐλληνοχριστιανικῶν θεσμίων, διατρέφη δαψιλῶς τὰ αὐτόθι φερέλπιδα ἐκβλαστήματα τῆς γενεαλογικῆς ἡμῶν ἀμπέλου, καλλιεργοῦσα ἀκραιφνῶς εἰς αὐτά Όρθόδοξον συνείδησιν και Ρωμαίηκην ίδιοπροσωπείαν.

Συγχαίοοντες, οὖν, ἀπό καρδίας διά τόν σημαίνοντα τοῦτον σταθμόν καί τήν ὅλην ἔπιτυχῆ διεξαγωγήν τῆς πολυδιαστάτου προσφορᾶς τῆς ὡς ἄνω ἑργώδους καὶ καρποβριθοῦς συλλογικής προσπαθείας, ἐπευλογοῦμεν ἀπό τῆς Μητρός Ἐκκλησίας τήν ἔνζηλον διακονίαν ταύτην τοῦ Οργανισμοῦ «Leadership 100» καὶ ἐπευχόμεθα πλούσιον ἀμητόν καὶ εἰς τήν διαδρομήν τοῦ μέλλοντος χρόνου καὶ πλείστας εἰσέτι ἐορτίους ἔπετείους ὡς ἡ παροῦσα.

Ή χάρις τοῦ Θεοῦ και τό ἄπειρον Αὐτοῦ ἔλεος εἴησαν μετά τῆς ὑμετέρας ἀγαπητῆς Γερότητος και μετά πάντων ὑμῶν.

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HIS ALL HOLINESS

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HIS EMINENCE ARCHBISHOP DEMETRIOS OF AMERICA
READ THE MESSAGE FROM HIS ALL HOLINESS ECUMENICAL
PATRIARCH BARTHOLOMEW AT THE LEADERSHIP 100
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YOUR EMINENCE, ARCHBISHOP DEMETRIOS OF AMERICA, MOST HONORABLE EXARCH OF THE ATLANTIC AND PACIFIC OCEANS, BELOVED BROTHER IN THE HOLY SPIRIT AND CO-CELEBRANT OF OUR MODESTY: MAY THE GRACE OF GOD AND HIS PEACE BE WITH YOU.

"A BROTHER BEING HELPED BY A BROTHER RESEMBLES A FORTIFIED CITY; HE IS EVEN MIGHTIER THAN A CASTLE WITH STRONG FOUNDATION" WAS THE OPINION OF THE WISE MAN OF THE OLD TESTAMENT ON THE TREMENDOUS VALUE AND IMPORTANCE OF THE BROTHERLY COMMON COURSE AND SUPPORT OF ONE ANOTHER.

SUCH COOPERATION AND CREATIVE BOND OF LOVE WITH THE CHURCH HAS BEEN KINDLY DEMONSTRATED BY THE SIGNIFICANT ORGANIZATION OF "LEADERSHIP 100", AN ORGANIZATION GENEROUSLY COLLABORATING WITH THE CHURCH IN THIS FARTHEST LAND OF THE WEST, THAT IS THE HOSPITABLE COUNTRY OF AMERICA, WHERE SCIENCE ADVANCES BY LEAPS AND BOUNDS. "LEADERSHIP 100" IS JOYFULLY CELEBRATING THE COMPLETION OF A QUARTER OF A CENTURY SINCE IT WAS ESTABLISHED BY THE FORESIGHT OF ARCHBISHOP IAKOVOS OF BLESSED MEMORY AS ONE MORE INSTRUMENT FOR THE PROMOTION OF THE WORK OF THE CHURCH IN THE BOSOM OF THE BELOVED OMOGENIA IN AMERICA.

"LEADERSHIP 100" HAS OCCUPIED ITSELF TIRELESSLY WITH SWIFT AND BENEFICIAL WORK AND DOES NOT HESITATE TO LEND A HAND AS A COLLABORATOR AND COMPANION TO THE PASTORAL WORK OF THE CHURCH, BY BECOMING A SUPPORTER OF HER MULTI-DIMENSIONAL MINISTRY. Thus, our inexhaustible paternal legacies and Hellenic-Christian traditions are abundantly supported for the Benefit of the promising branches of our ancestral vine, cultivating into them the Orthodox ethos and Greek Uniqueness.

Congratulating you, therefore, wholeheartedly for this important anniversary and for all the successful multi-faceted work that is carried out as a result of laborious and productive collective effort, we bless from the Mother Church this ministry of fervor of "Leadership 100" and pray for abundant prosperity in the future and many more landmark anniversaries such as the present one.

THE GRACE OF GOD AND THE ABUNDANT MERCY OF HIS MAY BE WITH YOUR BELOVED EMINENCE AND ALL OF YOU.

## Founders Honored

Some 340 conferees gathered for the Grand Banquet at the Leadership 100 Celebration Conference at The Ritz-Carlton San Juan Hotel in Carolina, Puerto Rico on Saturday, February 7, 2009 to honor Leadership 100 Founders. Stephen G. Yeonas, Chairman, and His Eminence Archbishop Demetrios of America were joined by George D. Behrakis, Chairperson of the Conference with his wife, Margo, in presenting them with the Archbishop Iakovos Leadership 100 Award for Excellence, named for the visionary Archbishop Iakovos who initiated the organization in 1984.

The newly-designed award bore a laserchiseled image of Archbishop Iakovos imbedded in clear crystal lighted from below by a light source within the solid base. The inscription, a quote from Archbishop Iakovos at the September 12, 1999 dedication of the Archbishop Iakovos Library and Learning Resource Center at Hellenic College/Holy Cross School of Theology, read: "I plant your visions and mine, your hopes and mine, your future and the futures of your children and grandchildren..."

In honoring Leadership 100's Founding Members, Arthur C. Anton, Sr., Andrew A. Athens, George K. Chimples, Peter M. Dion, Michael Jaharis and, posthumously, Thomas A. Athens and George P. Kokalis, Behrakis said: "In the lead were always the best examples of lead-

ers, our Founders, who always and everywhere rejoiced in hope, each and every one, Arthur C. Anton, whom my own father pointed to as a shining example of what we can achieve, Andrew A. Athens, an apostle of Hellenism around the world, George K. Chimples, who has inspired us to ever greater heights, Peter M. Dion, who has offered us a special wisdom in our affairs and Michael Jaharis, whose generosity of spirit has no match. We remember too, with gratitude, Thomas A. Athens, who built up Leadership 100 like no other, and George P. Kokalis, who whipped us into action. What truly great examples for us and our children and their children."



Archbishop lakovos Leadership 100 Award for Excellence Founder-Recipients at Grand Banquet, left to right, Founder Peter M. Dion with wife, Diana; Eugenia Hasiotis who accepted on behalf of her father, Founder George K. Chimples; Dr. William A. Athens and wife, Angie, who accepted on behalf of Founders Andrew A. Athens and the late Thomas A. Athens; Founder Michael Jaharis with wife, Mary; Rev. Nicholas C. Triantafilou, President of Hellenic College/Holy Cross School of Theology, who accepted for the late Founder George P. Kokalis; George D. Behrakis, Chairman of Conference, Archbishop Demetrios, Founder Arthur C. Anton with wife, Madeline; and Thelma and Stephen G. Yeonas, L100 Chairman.



Arthur C. Anton



Peter M. Dion



Michael Jaharis



William A. Athens



Eugenia Hasiotis



Rev. Nicholas C. Triantafilou

## 25th Anniversary

## General Assembly Hears Good News

The Leadership 100 Annual General Assembly convened at the 25th Anniversary Celebration Conference on February 6, 2009 in Puerto Rico, to hear reports of record growth in membership and continued success in raising new funds for grants despite the economic downturn.

Stephen G.Yeonas, Chairman of Leadership 100, told an estimated 340 members and their guests that membership has increased to a record 813 with 64 new members joining in 2008 and 374 members fulfilling their pledges of \$100,000 each.

In reviewing the past year, the Chairman said: "We have had a very successful year despite the economic downturn and the future looks bright. We have reached 813 members in all with 64 new members in 2008 alone and managed to raise in excess of \$1million in special grant funds to allow our Endowment Fund to recover over 2009. There is no question in my mind that our ultimate goal of 1,000 members and \$100 million in the Endowment Fund will be achieved before our 30th Anniversary. We are strivers and optimists by nature, faith and heritage and we will prevail!"

The General Assembly heard reports on membership, investments, finances, administration, nominations and communications. The highlights were reports from Charles H. Cotros, Chairman of the newly-formed Leadership 100 Grant Fund, who said that despite the economic downturn, \$1,060,350 had been raised in cash and pledges from Leadership 100 members to continue support of scholarships for seminarians studying for the priesthood at Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology and from Michael Bapis, Chairman of Leadership 100 Partners, the young professionals and future leaders, who reported membership now standing at 74 with plans for an accelerated membership drive in the Spring of 2009.

In addition, Metropolitan Athenagoras of Mexico, Exarch of Central America and the Caribbean Islands, which includes Puerto Rico, greeted the conferees and reported on his ministries. Other reports were given by Dr. Anthony J. Limberakis, National Commander of the Order of St. Andrew the Apostle and Rev. Fr. Nicholas Triantafilou, President of Hellenic College/Holy Cross School of Theology.



Paulette Poulos presents plaque to Chairman on behalf of Retired Clergy Association - picture of Fr. Nick Soteropoulos, President of Retired Clergy Association



Rev. Fr. Nicholas Soteropoulos, President, Retired Clergy Association



Charles H. Cotros, Chairman of L100 Grant Fund



John A. Payiavlas, Co-Chairman of Membership Committee



Metropolitan Athenagoras of Mexico



Dr. Anthony J. Limberakis, National Commander of Order of St. Andrew the Anostle



George S. Tsandikos, Chairman of Audit Committee



Michael Bapis, Chairman of L100 partners, Greets Archbishop Demetrios

From its initial 100 members at its historic beginning, Leadership 100 now counts 813 memberships. Having surpassed its goal of 63 members in 2008, it has set a new goal of 50 members for 2009. Total grants since the inception of Leadership 100 will exceed \$28 million in 2009. This is because Leadership 100, in response to the current economic crisis and its effect on its Endowment Fund, has raised in excess of \$1 million for the special Leadership 100 Grant Fund, which was formed by the Executive Committee in October of 2008 to continue its grant program until such time as the earnings from the Endowment Fund allow the organization to resume grant distributions. Leadership 100 regulations restrict the organization from dipping below its "inviolate amount", consisting of paid membership contributions. Annual grants derive from the return on those invested funds.

Paulette Poulos, Executive Director (Interim), presented a plaque on behalf of Rev. Fr. Nicholas Soteropoulos, President, Retired Clergy Association, to Chairman Stephen G. Yeonas and Leadership 100 "for recognizing the untiring services and valuable ministry offered by our retired Clergy to the Church and its faithful and heartfelt gratitude to you for coming forward to offer support to our Clergy and Presvyteras Benevolent Fund." Fr. Soteropoulos added, "Please know Leadership 100 will always have a special place in the hearts of our Clergy and Presvyteras. May God bless you and the members of Leadership 100 as you continue your worthy service to His Holy Orthodox Church."

## Celebration Conference

#### **Business Forum**



George D. Behrakis

George D. Behrakis, 25th Anniversary Celebration
Conference Chairperson with his wife, Margo, moderated a
Business Panel on Important Economic Issues that included
Leadership 100 members John G. Pappajohn from Des
Moines, Iowa, and Charles H. Cotros from Memphis,
Tennessee. Cotros was President, Chairman and CEO of
Sysco. Pappajohn is very successful as a venture capitalist.
Following are excerpts of the discussion.

**Behrakis:** What do you think of the 7 to 8 percent unemployment that the news media, television and the Administration has been discussing recently, that this is really - we're hitting rock bottom?

Pappajohn: I'm not an economist. I think we'll go up to 10 percent. Probably 2 percent or 3 percent are unemployable anyway. They're people that really don't want to work, they draw unemployment compensation. But it's going to get very difficult. In my opinion, part of the problem is the press. Every newspaper you pick up, things are terrible, and people are being let off. As a result of that, it compounds the problem. But I think this country will turn it around. Our country always has.

Cotros: We're probably more at 9, probably going to 10 to 11 percent before we reach the bottom. You know, we're in uncharted territory. I don't think anybody in this room - I know I don't - has any idea how we got here, why we're here and how we're going to get out of it. But there are certain things we can do now. The vehicle that's going to drive us out of this recession - and I don't want to use the word depression, but recession - is the banking industry. It's imperative that we get these banks back solvent and liquid and strong. That's the engine that's going to drive us out of this recession. And, you know, right now we look at the country, and we say, my God, we are really in bad shape. Well, we're not as bad as the world is. Europe is in worse shape than we are. Their banks are in rougher shape and the economy is in rougher shape. We cannot live by ourselves and not recognize that the rest of the world is hurting also.

**Behrakis**: What could happen if we became isolationists and to the rest of the world - what would happen to the employees who would lose many jobs in America if we were to stop purchasing steel from overseas?

**Pappajohn**: I think that what most of the economists are saying today, that they hope that China continues 5 or 6 percent growth, because they've been buying all of our paper, they've been buying all of the U.S. bonds and paper as a

result of that. That will help us get back on track. So I think whatever we do today, we have to keep an eye out for every other country. We have to be fair, just like we want them to be fair with us. And sometimes they're not fair with us, but it's a delicate problem.

Cotros: I think there's another issue that we need also remember, that Europe, particularly the Asian and Eastern countries, they own all of our debt. You know, China and Japan owns all of our paper, so therefore we cannot say we're going to Buy America over here, yet, by the way, keep buying our bonds, because we need you.

I'd like to bring up another issue. You know, there's an effort out there to make ethanol part of the energy solution, and ethanol is driven by corn. Now, you have all these farmers that are switching from soy beans and all of the other products that they were growing, and now they're growing corn. Well, corn also happens to be one of the biggest commodities that we use in our industry to raise cattle. Cattle eat off of corn, so therefore the price of beef has just gone crazy as a result of that one issue of putting corn into ethanol.

**Behrakis**: Let me ask you a question. Is it on board - now, we saw it happen with the insurance industry, with the housing industry, even with some companies. Where were the boards of directors when all this was happening? Why were the CEOs, presidents and officers of these corporations allowed to continue?



Charles H. Cotros, left, and John G. Pappajohn

Pappajohn: George, ethanol is a subject I know a lot about. Everyone thought that it was a solution to the oil market, and it ended up not being a solution, because what happened, the price of corn got too high. We have 28 ethanol plants in the state of lowa, and every one of them is for sale today. You can buy them for 25 cents on the dollar, and nobody wants to buy them. So, again, regulation would have been wrong. Economics takes care of it. The farmers are smart enough today and they're shifting back in soy beans and corn's going back into the food space. But what is happening, there have been in the last year some major breakthroughs in using cornstalks and switchgrass, and they are now creating oil, they are now creating ethanol out of waste material, and that's what makes sense.

Cotros: George, you were asking a question about where were the boards and the CEOs when these problems were coming up. This thing happened so quickly a period of time that nobody really knew how bad a shape we were really in in terms of subprime lending. And that was the biggest issue that caused us to really have a problem, which was we were loaning money to people who could not afford to buy the house, we were loaning money to people who couldn't afford to pay the loan; however, as long as the value of that real estate was going up, it didn't make any difference, because they could always borrow and refinance a loan that they

weren't paying back in the first place. What happened is when the value went down, now there's no equity in the house, they can't borrow against it, so now we've got all these defaults hitting us, and that has caused turmoil. The banks got greedy. Fannie Mae, Freddie Mac and all these lending institutions were making a lot of money packaging these mortgages and selling them all over the world. Nobody even knows where the mortgages are. And this thing has just become so gigantic that that's where we are today. The banks don't even know what the value of the property is that they have just foreclosed on.

**Pappajohn**: On the housing, I absolutely agree, it's the law of supply and demand. That's what it always has taken to solve the problem. And so when we overbuild, then you have to slow down and you can't build for a while. And we don't need the government to bail out every business, and that is a problem. So how much they have to do in order to keep the banks solvent - and I agree with Charles there. Whatever it is they're going to decide, that is where it starts.

**Behrakis:** Now, we all have congressmen and senators in our states. What do you people think about Washington? Do they know what's going on? Do our congressmen know what's happening? Do our senators know how to solve these problems?

**Pappajohn:** I'm in a perfect state. I have two senior senators, one Republican and one Democrat, and they cancel each other's votes out. One is quite liberal and the other one is quite conservative. We have Senator Harkin and Senator Grassley, and they're both fabulous. They look out for the country and the state, and it's a very difficult job. But I'm very pleased with the ability of our senators and our congressmen, and they're doing the best they can, and, you know, sometimes there is no perfect answer.

**Cotros**: Right now I think that Washington is in gridlock. I have never seen an environment like we have today. You have the Republicans on one side and the Democrats on the other, and they're continually fighting each other. We have just gone through a presidential election where we probably had one of the most charismatic candidates running for office I've ever seen. I didn't vote for him, but I'll tell you what, he was a very impressive man. I didn't think he had the experience that he should have, and time will tell what kind of job he does, and I hope like heck that he does a good job.



But what's bothering me about what's happening today is we're having what I call ready shoot aim mentality. We're just reacting like this \$700 billion bailout that we had for the banking industry with no controls, with no restrictions, do what you want to do. I just don't understand. They need to figure out how to get things done. I think that probably a result of this downturn in the economy is going to make them work together, because if they don't, we're going to really have some serious trouble.

## 25th Anniversary Celebration

## Jacob A. Stein

Stein, Mitchell & Muse

Introduction: Stephen Yeonas I made a last minute call Monday evening to ask my long time friend to speak at our conference, and after I explained that our mutual friend, Plato Cacheris, a member of Leadership 100, became ill and had to cancel, he was willing, and thank God, to be with us. Jake Stein has been a lifetime friend for more years than we would like to admit, since we had lockers in high school together. When a high profile client wants the best, he calls Jake Stein for his wisdom and legal counsel. But to name a few of his famous clients, when Oregon Senator Packwood was investigated for ethics violation, he called Jake Stein. When Nixon's campaign manager, Kenneth Parkinson, needed a lawyer to represent him in the Watergate trial, he called Jake Stein. Kenneth Parkinson was the only one of five defendants to walk away free in the Watergate trial. Jacob Stein is an adjunct professor at Georgetown University Law School and a visiting lecturer at Harvard Law School. He was selected by the Special Division of the United States Court of Appeals to serve as an independent counsel regarding Edward Meese. He investigated and cleared him. He is the former president of the DC Bar Association. He is considered a lawyer's lawyer. He is the recipient of the Lawyer of the Year award. He is the best of the best lawyers. He is the brightest of the brightest lawyers. With exceptional joy and emotion, I introduce my

Plato Cacheris and I are very close friends, and he and I, I think, probably are the only lawyers who were counsel in the two cases involving the future of the Presidents of the United States. As Steve said, we were in the Watergate case. Plato was representing the Attorney General, John Mitchell, and I was representing Ken Parkinson. And the other defendants were Haldeman, Ehrlichman and a few other thieves, and they were all sitting together. Plato is there with the former Attorney General. But I thought, "Why the hell would I want to go sit next to those people?" So I sat far away. And the judge liked that. The judge became quite sympathetic to my client.

long time friend Jake Stein.

And as the case goes on, he took a liking to my client - it was John Sirica - and he says to me, "Jake, are you going to put on any character witnesses?" And I said yes. He says, "How many? Let's get this moving." I said, "Seventeen." He says, "I never put on more than three character witnesses in this case, any case." So the next day he says to me, Judge Sirica, "Are the character witnesses here?" I said yeah. There was a roomful of them. He said, "Well, get them in here." And I put on seventeen character witnesses, which probably acquitted the person I was representing. So that's the Watergate case.

Now the Clinton case. A lawyer comes in to see me - and by the way, Plato and I are now in the same building across the street from the Mayflower, and we see each other just about every day. And a lawyer comes into my office, and he says, "I saw something about you in The New Yorker magazine." I said, "What was that?" He said, "There was an article about you as an independent counsel," and this and that. And I haven't seen that. And he said, "This lawyer representing Monica Lewinsky is crazy. He's running around holding press conferences, and they don't want him anymore. Would you be interested in representing her?" I said I would be, certainly. And he said, "Well, I'll be back in touch with you."

So I go down to Plato's office, which was on the sixth floor, I was on the eleventh floor, and I said, "Plato, this fellow came in and was talking about representing Monica Lewinsky. Apparently, the family wants to get rid of this crazy guy who's representing her." And Plato says, "Well, somebody came in to see me about representing Monica Lewinsky." He said, "Let's do this. Let's join up." So we joined up, and the two of us extricated her from her problem over time. And since the lawyer who had been repre-



Jacob A. Stein, left, and Stephen G. Yeonas

senting her held a press conference every three minutes, we agreed, Plato and I, that we would never appear on Larry King, we'd never have a press conference except the first press conference announcing the fact that we were representing her.

So one day I'm in the Greek restaurant just below Dupont Circle with my wife, and Plato was over in Greece. And the waiters got together and in some way or the other brought in a Greek soccer match, and all of a sudden, the program was halted, and Plato appears. He's holding a press conference in Greece. So he comes back, and I said, "Plato, we weren't going to hold any press conferences." He said, "We didn't hold any in English, did we?"



## Conference Featured Speakers.

#### Deborah Norville

Host, Inside Edition

Deborah Norville began her career in television while a student at the University of Georgia, as a reporter, and later as an anchor at WGA TV in Atlanta. In 1987 she made her move to New York as NBC's anchor of News at Sunrise and co-host of the Today show. She is the author of several books, including two children's books, and has most recently written *Thank You Power*, whose positive and hopeful message has received rave reviews. Following are excerpts of her talk at a special Spouses' Brunch at the 25th Anniversary Celebration Conference.



I was incredibly fortunate to start in Atlanta, because my only ambition was to end up in Atlanta, because it was a very big market and continues to be an important market in television. The career continued on. Atlanta, Chicago - And then from Chicago I went to New York where I did NBC News at Sunrise, and I remember getting an email about 3:00 in the morning from Jane Pauley saying, "Aside from the headache and throwing up part, can you be me today?" And that was kind of the first notice I got when I was going to be on the Today show. It was an incredible time to work in the national media. The Berlin Wall was coming down; communism was disintegrating before our very eyes. And to be reporting the story of the resurgence of democracy around Eastern Europe and the end of communism as a ruling force in the Soviet Union was truly, truly incredible. And yet at the same time, things were happening behind the scenes for me that I couldn't understand.



Archbishop Demetrios and Stephanie Yeonas Ellis, Chairperson of Spouses' Brunch, with Deborah Norville

Some of you may remember, I was the hot young thing that replaced Jane Pauley. Ratings went up 40 percent on NBC Sunrise when I came on. That's the kind of stuff bosses notice. So with that kind of in the background, the bosses at NBC said, "You know, Jane Pauley has asked to come off the show. Let's put Deborah Norville in." But the first part of that sentence

was never shared with anyone. NBC and Jane never revealed to the public that she had asked to be relieved of her early morning duties that she had been doing for the previous 13 years, and when I was assigned to first come on the news as the Ann Curry role and then later as the co anchor, none of that was ever revealed, but none of us really thought anything about it.

I was promoted to be the news reader, and by the end of the first week, there was a story in USA Today that said, "Watch out, Jane Pauley. Deborah Norville looks very comfortable." Well, of course I was comfortable. Jane and Bryant were friends of mine, thneeey were at my wedding, we'd had a lot of great fun together, and I was only on the program because they had given their blessing. So we didn't pay any attention to that.

But the stories continued. I went to my agent, and I said, "This is ridiculous. I've got to respond to this." He said, "Deb, they put a gag order on you. If you respond to the press, you have deliberately breached an order, and they could fire you for breach of contract. And you will not collect a nickel on your salary." I was stuck. And it was so hopeless and I felt so alone, and yet I got up every day and I went to work at 4:00 in the morning, and I did my interviews and I won an Emmy. So it wasn't that I was doing a bad job. I got an Emmy award while all this garbage was going on. But, boy, it wasn't easy.



Paulette Poulos and George D. Behrakis with Deborah Norville

But I knew that God had a purpose. I didn't know what that purpose was, but the Bible tells us to have faith and it will be revealed to us, and I could only have faith that somehow in this outrageously public trial that I was going through that there was some higher purpose, some good to come from it, and that if I could only be patient, it would be revealed to me, because every crisis I'd had prior to that I could see God's hand and I could see God's purpose.

I issued a statement that said I was resigning my position, that I was going to stay home with my child, but then I had a moment, and I said, "You know what, I am never going to let them," defined as broadcast executives, "have this kind of control over me again." And that was the first step to me getting back on track. And I realized that who I am had become totally wrapped up in what I did, and it is a failing that most of us at some point in our lives fall prey to. Who I am was not the lady

working on television. That was what I did, certainly not what I'm going to be doing. And I had to redefine my own definition of self, and I commend this exercise to every one of you.

So I started honing back in as I got good at getting dressed and putting on my makeup on who I was, and I realized I had some unfinished business in television. And I got back into the television business. While I've been chagrinned to see more attention paid on the misadventures of the Paris Hiltons and Lindsay Lohans of the world, I'm thrilled to see that while it took an economic crisis like we're going through right now, the media is finally paying attention to what really matters and giving the information that we as citizens need.



Diana Dion with Deborah Norville

I had a hunch that my life went better when I focused on what was working as opposed to fixating on what goes wrong, and we've all got stuff that goes wrong, and I thought, yeah, but it just seems that way because you want it to be, the placebo effect. So I started diving into the research, and I had one question I wanted to answer, and that was, has anybody reputable actually quantified that there are benefits that come from focusing on what works? And I started looking and found studies that proved absolutely there are, and it was such a gas when I found it.

When you focus on what's working - and I want each of you to think about a moment in the last week or so that when you think about that you just go, whoa, that's really cool. And when you think about that, now consider this. You know how good you feel. We all know that feel good feeling. Well, what's happening is that feel good feeling is most importantly activating this part of your brain. This is where your dopamine receptors are. And in my research, what I learned was that when you activate the dopamine receptors, you have also excited the same part of your brain as where strategic thinking, reasoning and logic, cognitive associations. It all is right here. So when you focus on your blessings, when you take a moment out of every day to just jot down what's working for you, you have actually started an incredibly powerful process that I think is particularly vital during challenging times like these where you are smarter, you're a better decision maker, you can come up with strategies that will be more effective, and you will think more clearly. And heaven knows we all can use that.

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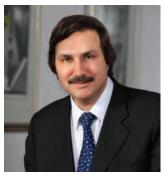
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## LEADERSHIP 100 WELCOMES

Aristotle S. Onassis died on March 15, 1975. At that time, the Foundation amounted to no more than a few lines in his will and the express instruction that it was to bear the name of Alexander S. Onassis, his son, who had predeceased him, wishing to preserve his memory. Onassis bequeathed about half of his fortune to the Foundation and carefully chose the people who were to turn his vision into reality. Of these – the six executors of his will and the first members of the Board of Governors – some took on the burden and carried out his wishes.

After the Foundation's beginning, and almost 35 years after Onassis's death, a new generation is now at the helm, exemplified by its President and Treasurer, Anthony S. Papadimitriou, who graciously granted the following interview on the occasion of the Alexander S. Onassis Public Benefit Foundation joining the Archbishop Iakovos Leadership 100 Endowment Fund, a linking of two historic legacies with one mission – to preserve, perpetuate and advance Hellenism in all its manifold aspects.

The Editor



Anthony S. Papadimitriou

Interview with Anthony S.
Papadimitriou, President and Treasurer,
Board of Directors,
Alexander S. Onassis Public Benefit
Foundation

What goals have you set for the Alexander S. Onassis Public Benefit Foundation since becoming President and Treasurer of the Board of Directors in 2005 and how has the Foundation evolved in its mission from the original wishes of Aristotle Onassis which put culture, education, environment, health and social achievement as first on the agenda?

As you know, the Onassis Foundation is administered by a 15 member Board of Directors and I have always believed that joint effort is very important. The goal of this Board has always been to continue the successful work that has been collectively done for almost 35 years since the establishment of the Foundation in 1975.

Since 1975, the Foundation has expanded the areas of its activity, both in Greece and abroad. Culture, education, the environment, health, and social solidarity have always come first on the agenda of the Foundation, which carries out Aristotle Onassis's original wishes, consistently, steadily and conscientiously. Our permanent and long-terms programs have been very successful. Let me add that the Foundation has actively proven its great interest in welfare projects by offering substantial grants and subsidizing organizations, which are active in the above fields. Moreover, the Board of Directors of the Foundation decides on the execution and funding of important



Aristotle S. Onassis

projects of significant public benefit, undertaking both the preliminary studies and their implementation. The Foundation concentrates mainly on its own permanent projects rather than funding projects and activities undertaken by others.

## What prepared you for your leadership role?

I was born in Alexandria, Egypt in 1955. In my first 5 years we lived in Saudi Arabia. In 1960 we returned to Alexandria where we lived until 1966. We came in Greece at that time and have lived here since then. I always understood myself a Greek from Alexandria, i.e. a Greek of the Diaspora.

In 1977, I graduated from the Law School of Athens University and in 1980 I became a member of the Piraeus Bar. I then earned the Diplome d'Etudes Superieures Specialisees (DESS) in Maritime and Transport Law from the Law School of the University

## THE ONASSIS FOUNDATION



Alexander S. Onassis

of Aix - en Provence, France, and a B.S. in Economics from the London School of Economics. I am therefore by training both a lawyer and an economist. I am now managing partner of the law firm A. S. Papadimitriou and Partners established in Athens since 1966 by my father. My law firm is independent from the Foundation.

"The greatness of Aristotle Onassis's spirit was that he selected the right people to whom he entrusted both his business as well as the Foundation."

In 1988 I was elected member of the Board of the Alexander S. Onassis Public Benefit Foundation, in 1996 Secretary to the Board, in 2003 Secretary/Treasurer and in 2005 President.

I was promoted to the Board of the Foundation by Christina Onassis when she was still alive. There was an effort to find new people to come in and start from the lowest grade within the organization and work their way up to wherever their capabilities would allow them to go.

So, when I was elected president of the Foundation, I was not actually "new" to the Foundation. I had already been involved with the Foundation for 18 years and I have been working for the group for an even longer period. I have always been a part of the team that was running the Foundation and I have participated in whatever good has been done and my intention is to continue like that.

Today the work of the Foundation is truly breathtaking, ranging from Scholarships to Educational Institutions in Greece and for Hellenes and Foreigners to Grants and Prizes, Onassis International Prizes, Promotion of Hellenic Civilization and Studies Abroad to Science Lecture Series and Fine Arts, covering virtually every field. What weaves all this together?

Our mission is to promote through our programmes Hellenic culture in Greece and abroad. Greece was always at the centre of Aristotle Onassis's vision. His vision is also the vision of all the Hellenes and in particular of the Hellenes of the Diaspora.

You say in the President's Message, From Memory to Challenge, that he possessed the unique ability to select goals and choose people. How is this reflected in the work of the Foundation?

The greatness of Aristotle Onassis's spirit was that he selected the right people to whom he entrusted both his business as well as the Foundation. Most of them were his closest associates. In any organization the most important and most difficult job is to choose the right people at the right places and to arrange for the succession. His vision also included a mechanism to arrange for the next generation which is us. His choice of people is reflected in the fact that the Onassis Foundation is one of the very few businesses that have survived the death of the founder for so many years.

Yet, I notice the Onassis Cardiac Surgery Centre gets most of the funding followed by Scholarships for History, Archaeology and Fine Arts as a group with Economics, Business, Science and Technology next. Why is this?

The Onassis Cardiac Surgery Centre (OCC) has been the first of the big projects envisioned and brought to completion by the Onassis Foundation's Board of Directors. The cost at that time amounted to more than \$75,000,000 (estimated at €150,000,000 in today's prices). Since then, we have continuously supported the OCC. For example, between 2002 and 2005, the Foundation spent \$8,500,000 on replacing all the medical and technical equipment of the OCC and in 2006 the Foundation decided to purchase and install the most up-to-date CT scanning machine at a cost of €1.600,000. Even though the sums spent for the building and equipping OCC historically represent a large percent of our public benefit projects up to now, it is not a permanent programme like the scholarships, grants, promotion of Hellenic studies etc.

At this point, I should mention our next major project: the Onassis House of (Continued on Next Page) Letters and Arts, multi-purpose cultural centre, which is currently being built in Athens and which we plan to inaugurate by the end of the year 2010. The building, with a surface area of 18,000 sq m, is being constructed on a plot of private land measuring 3,000 sq m, and covers an entire block. It consists of a 900 seat amphitheatre, with a stage that can accommodate theatrical performances, a symphony orchestra, opera, dance, cinema, lectures and conferences; a 220 seat hall, suitable for smaller theatrical, musical or dance performances, lectures and special audiovisual shows (multimedia, virtual reality); 700 sq m of exhibition space; an open air theatre; an electronic library; a professional recording studio; a restaurant with an open-air section for artistic events; and an underground parking and storage space.



Artist renderings of Onassis House of Letters and Arts to open in Athens in 2010.



"What is unique in our case is that, in accordance with Onassis's will, the Public Benefit Foundation is the sole beneficiary of the Business Foundation and spends about 40% of its net annual profits."

The goals of the Onassis House of Letters and Arts are multifarious and among them is to encourage the development of Modern Greek culture and its promotion outside of Greece, as well as providing Greek artists with a fully equipped cultural center where they can present their work. It will also give foreign journalists, critics, and cultural managers a chance to become acquainted with the work of Greek artists. At the same time, it will give Greek artists the opportunity to make use of the Foundation's network of valuable contacts abroad, created in the course of its long-term involvement with the world of culture. The Board of Directors has decided that the building will also be used for events organised jointly with foreign organizations, if such events are of interest to the Greek public, especially in the case of works that exhibit Greek elements.

How have the so-called "Business Foundation" and its investment policies allowed you to carry on the work of the "Public Benefit Foundation?"

As you may know, the Business Foundation engages in shipping, real estate and other business. What is unique in our case is that, in accordance with Onassis's will, the Public Benefit Foundation is the sole beneficiary of the Business Foundation and spends about 40% of its net annual profits. The remainder is re-invested in order to keep the business going and generate more profits. It does not have

any other beneficiaries except the Public Benefit Foundation. Both Foundations are independent from legal, financial and administrative point of view from the estate of the late Christina Onassis and her daughter.

The success of the Business Foundation is reflected in the fact that the Onassis Foundation now controls more than five times the original amount that Aristotle Onassis bequeathed to it.

As a lawyer, economist and businessman how do you view the economic downturn and its affect on both political and economic systems around the world? Are you optimistic about economic recovery? In shipping and trade?

Today's crisis affects all aspects of economic and business activities. I believe that the fundamental cause of this crisis is the fact that the control mechanisms of economic activity were generally inferior to the intelligence and creativity of the new forms of economic activity.

"There has been no example in history of such an important economic crisis that was not followed by a socio-political crisis."

There are many sub-levels in this crisis: the real estate crisis, the credit crunch, the fall of consumption and the fall in new investments etc. In my opinion, we are now beyond a deep recession. We are in fact already in a depression. Lastly, I believe we have not seen the end of it. Quantitative easing is actually another word for money printing. Therefore, the next sub-level of the crisis is likely to be centered on the funding of the budget deficit, taxation, inflation and unemployment.

Moreover, it is very possible that we are going to experience social upheavals due to this crisis. There has been no example in history of such an important economic crisis that was not followed by a socio-political crisis. I would be surprised if this does not happen in this case given the depth of the recession. I also believe that this socio-political crisis is likely to be triggered by a chance event.

"The crisis in shipping will lead to a clearing out of the strongest over the weaker. In the Onassis Group we did not proceed to ordering new vessels because we thought that wouldn't have been wise."

The crisis in shipping, however, does not only depend on the recovery of demand for transport services which will happen sooner or later. It also depends on the oversupply of vessels which will become worse within the next 2 years even if there are substantial order cancellations. The crisis in shipping will lead to a clearing out of the strongest over the weaker. In the Onassis Group we did not proceed to ordering new vessels because we thought that wouldn't have been wise. When we see that the prices of the vessels and the conditions of the market justify the investment, we will proceed. Until then we remain patient since, even under these conditions, we have a positive cash flow.

How has the establishment in 1998 of the Alexander Onassis Public Benefit Foundation (USA), of which you are also President, affected the mission and outreach of the parent Foundation? Has it enhanced the role of advancing Hellenic Civilization and Studies and given this priority?

The purpose of the affiliated Foundation

is to promote Greek culture in the USA and the Americas in general. By establishing the affiliated Foundation, the parent Foundation drew attention to the significant contribution of the Greek spirit to contemporary civilization bearing in mind the present cultural environment of international interaction and globalisation. The affiliated Foundation's activities are two-fold, the promotion of Modern Greek culture through a series of lectures and the promotion and display of Greek culture through the ages by means of exhibitions and other cultural events.

"Leadership 100 is one of the top Greek American organisations which includes some of the best men and women of Hellenism. We consider it our duty and an honour to symbolically participate in this organisation."

In pursuance of its first aim, the University Seminars Program invites top-ranking scholars and professors who conduct a series of seminars and lectures in universities and major centres of culture in North and South America and Canada each semester. The lecturers who are invited to teach -at the Foundation's expense- come from top universities in Greece, Europe and America. In order to support the classes and seminars, the Foundation provides all the books and manuals suggested by the teachers so that students can prepare for the courses. After the end of the course the books and manuals are donated to the relevant university libraries.

The second of the affiliated Foundation's aims is served by organising exhibitions and educational events based on Classical, Byzantine and contemporary Greek culture. The Onassis Cultural Center has organised exhibitions of archaeology, contemporary art and sculpture, lectures, concerts and



Atrium of The Olympic Tower with Casts of Parthenon marbles



dramatic readings, for the citizens of New York. The exhibitions are accompanied by educational events such as lectures and one-day seminars. Guided tours are provided for American and Greek-American schools, universities, senior employees of museums and educational or cultural foundations in the US, diplomatic and consular representatives, and of course for the general public. Entry to the exhibitions and educational events is free.

Finally, in relation to the Onassis House of Letters and Arts now being built in Athens, the affiliate Foundation is in a perfect position, to be used as a conduit whereby we can get Greeks (Continued on Page 28)

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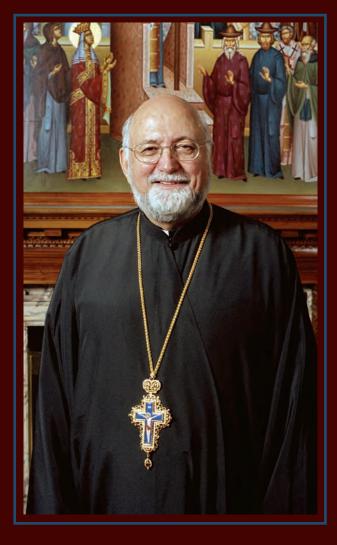
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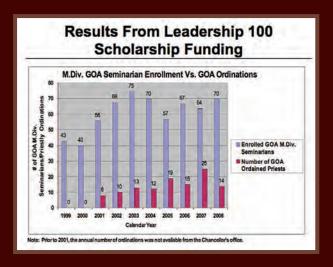
## Rev. Nicholas C. Triantafilou

President

Dear Leadership 100 Members,

On behalf of His Eminence Archbishop Demetrios, Chairman of The Hellenic College and Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology Board of Trustees, and Dr. Thomas C. Lelon, Vice Chair, it is a pleasure to share with you a very brief report regarding three areas of our School life: Finances, Student Body and Recruitment and Information Technology (IT). In all three areas, it has been the unprecedented faith and generosity of you, the members of Leadership 100, that have supplied foundational financial resources for operations, for scholarships and for internet upgrade and effectiveness. It has been you, the collective members of Leadership 100, who have given grants to our School which amount to almost 50% of all grants throughout these wonderful twenty-five years and you as individual families who have offered additional generous personal gifts to our Scholè.Please know that under the guidance and counsel of His Eminence Archbishop Demetrios, our Metropolitans and Bishops, as well as our Board of Trustees, we have done our best to honor your trust. We will continue to do so with vigor and enthusiasm, with faith in God's call and with dedication to the mission of our two schools. Thank you, again, for your unprecedented support and for allowing me to represent our Trustees, our Deans, Faculty, Students and Staff here at your historic 25th Conference. Rev. Nicholas C. Triantafilou President.





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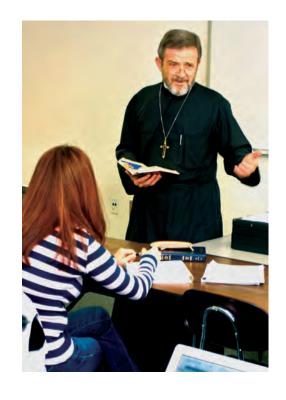
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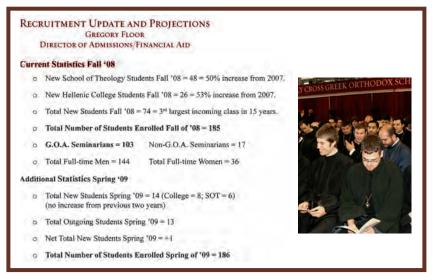
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#### Chief Information Officer

In August 2006, Hellenic College and Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology submitted a Technology Infrastructure Grant Proposal to the Archbishop Iakovos Leadership 100 Endowment Fund. The purpose of the grant was to provide the necessary funding for a major technological infrastructure upgrade. The success of this project will have a tremendously positive impact on our School and on the Orthodox community at large. Several key systems used at the school are very old and can no longer support the growing needs of our community, thus preventing Hellenic College and Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology from accomplishing their strategic mission and goals. The administrative computer system and the voice / data communication system are obsolete. The School also needs a 10GB campus-wide fiber-optics ring. The total cost of the project would have been \$2,048,687. On March 21, 2007, the Archbishop Iakovos Leadership 100 Endowment Fund approved funding for the technology infrastructure in the amount of \$1,000,000 to be paid over a four year period, in installments of \$250,000 a year. The school has intensified its fundraising efforts, while the HCHC IT Department had to re-examine the implementation plan and make changes to the original design. Since IBM has stopped supporting (at any cost) the School's obsolete administrative computer system, we decided this was the most urgent component to replace. All the School's information, gathered over decades, is stored and accessed through this system (donor data, student information, accounting, etc.). We decided to replace the Jenzabar TE software on the old AS/400 system with the latest version, Jenzabar EX, running on a Microsoft SQL server. The whole replacement process (including data conversion and migration, training, etc.) will take between sixteen and eighteen months, and during this interval both systems will function in parallel. Before the end of 2009 the new system will be fully operational and the old system will be taken offline. Replacing administrative computer systems and database migration are two of the most challenging projects in Information Technology. Projects like these rely heavily on team-work, and the most important migration team members are not the IT professionals but the future users of the new system, who have to be actively involved in all phases of the migration project.









## LEADERSHIP 100 CELEBRATES





George and Margo Behrakis, right, Chairpersons of the 25th Anniversary Celebration Conference, with Archbishop Demetrios and Ronnie Milsap.















## 25TH ANNIVERSARY



Archbishop Demetrios celebrates his birthday with Stephen and Thelma Yeonas and Leadership 100 family







# NEW YORK LIFE CEO JOINS L100 COMPANY DONATES \$1 MILLION TO HELLENIC COLLEGE

Ted Mathas, 41, who became a member of Leadership 100 shortly after being named chief executive officer by the Board of Directors of New York Life Insurance Company last year, presented Archbishop Demetrios with a \$1 million donation on behalf of the company on Jan. 9 for the establishment of the New York Life Center for the Study of Hellenism in Pontus and Asia Minor at Hellenic College/Holy Cross School of Theology in Brookline, MA. The donation is part of New York Life's outreach program to the heirs of Greek policyholders in the Ottoman Empire.

Mathas, who was sponsored by Stephen G.Yeonas, L100 Chairman, and Thomas C. Kyrus, a fulfilled member of Leadership 100, served as New York Life's chief operating officer in 2006 and as the company's president since 2007. He graduated from Stanford University in 1989 and received a J.D. from the University of Virginia in 1992, where he was a member of the Virginia Law Review and the Order of the Coif.

The donation was presented during a visit with Archbishop Demetrios, along with Dr. Thomas C. Lelon, Vice Chair of the Board of Trustees of Hellenic College/Holy Cross, who signed the relevant agreement. Also present at the meeting were Michael DeMicco and William Werfelman both officers of New York Life, Bishop Andonios of Phasiane who facilitated the realization of the project, and Fr. Elias Villis, the parish priest of Mathas



Dr. Thomas C. Lelon and Archbishop Demetios accept New York Life donation from Ted Mathas

"We are grateful to New York Life for this significant donation and it is our conviction that this Center will add a unique and dynamic dimension to the academic offering of our Hellenic College/Holy Cross," stated His Eminence. "It is most appropriate and fitting that our Church, which now embraces the children and grandchildren of those refuges from Pontus and Asia Minor, should do everything possible to keep alive the memory of these two once vibrant and prosperous communities. It is our sacred duty to educate everyone about the life of these people who comprised a very significant portion of the flock of our revered Ecumenical Patriarchate which to this day is suffering from their demise."

"We are very pleased to be here today," said Mathas, at the conclusion of the meeting. "New York Life has a long history of social responsibility and we work hard to fulfill all the commitments we have made in the past. This is an extraordinary example for us to be able to reach back in our history and in as much as we can to provide some good will for what was a great tragedy in Greek history. We had great cooperation from the Greek Orthodox Church and it is something we are very proud of."

The focus of the New York Life Center for the Study of Hellenism in Pontus and Asia Minor at HC/HC will be to educate not only those studying at the School but also the greater community as to the rich history, culture and legacy of Hellenism in Pontus and Asia Minor. Greeks had settled in Asia Minor and then Pontus 1000 years before Christ and played a central and important role in the history of the area for three millennia producing successive waves of the highest quality cultures. The disastrous events with the collapse of the Ottoman Empire at the beginning of the Twentieth Century not only resulted in the death of hundreds of thousands of Hellenes in both Pontus and Asia Minor but ultimately the forcible uprooting of over 1,5 million people from their ancestral homelands and the end of this long and significant chapter in history.

Responsible for overseeing all domestic and international business operations including life insurance, retirement income, and investments, Mathas is the 18th chief executive in New York Life's 163-year history. Additionally, Mathas serves on the board of Haier New York Life Insurances Ltd., the company's joint venture in China, as well as on the board of the American Council of Life Insurers. A Fortune 100 company founded in 1845, New York Life Insurance is the largest mutual1ife insurance company in the United States, and one of the largest life insurers in the world.

#### First Woman Elected Officer



The Board of Trustees of Leadership 100, meeting at the 25th Anniversary Celebration Conference, elected Kassandra L. Romas of Short Hills, NJ as Secretary, the first woman to be named an officer of the organization. She is the Managing Director of Bouras Properties, LLC of Summit, NJ.

This followed a series of firsts for the women of Leadership 100. Romas and Eugenia Hasiotis of Boston, MA were the first women elected to the Executive Committee of Leadership 100, also in 2009, and there are now five women serving on the Board of Trustees: Romas who was elected in 2005, Hasiotis, who was elected in 2004, Froso Beys of New York City, who was elected in 2002, Eula Carlos of Atlanta, GA who was elected in 2007 and Cathy Sakellaris of Milton, MA, who was elected in 2009. The longest serving woman on the Board of Trustees and the only woman to serve for many years was Evangeline Condakes of Weston, MA, long-time President of Greek Orthodox Ladies Philoptochos Society, who served on the Leadership 100 Board from 1994 until 2009.

Kassandra Loucas Romas was born in San Francisco, California in 1945. In 1957, she moved with her family to Bronxville, NY where she attended Tuckahoe High School, graduating Salutatorian of her class. She attended Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church of New Rochelle, NY, teaching Sunday school. She graduated from the College of New Rochelle with a BA in 1967 and received her MA in teaching from Manhattanville College Graduate School the following year.

Upon graduation, she married Christos Romas, MD and settled in Short Hills, NJ where her husband established his Ophthalmology practice and where they raised their three daughters, Christina, Annette and Maria. During those years, she was active as a volunteer on the boards of the League of Women Voters; in school PTA's, Summit College Club, YWCA of Summit, NJ, and Junior League of Summit, NJ. Her involvement included being an elected official of the Republican Party Committee of the County of Essex, New Jersey, Millburn District 4. She served on the CoreStates Bank Board of Advisors and is currently on the Board of Advisors of the Town Bank of Westfield, NJ. She was also very active in Overlook Hospital, Summit, NJ where she served on the Auxiliary Board and then being President of the 1600 member volunteer organization. She was elected to the Overlook Hospital Foundation Board, serving for 16 years, and is currently a Trustee Emeritus. As a volunteer, she was asked to produce and moderate the Overlook Hospital Foundation sponsored cable TV show "30 Medical Minutes", and is still, after 16 years, the producer and on-air host of this show, which is presented as a community service to viewers in Central New Jersey.

The recipient of many honors, she received the Woman of the Year award of the Union County Professional Women's organization in 1994, the Overlook Hospital Foundation's Lifetime Achievement Award for Volunteerism, in 1996, was selected to carry the Olympic torch, also in 1996, when the flame was on its way to the Atlanta Olympic Games, received the Ursula Emeritus Award from the College of New Rochelle in 2004 and the prestigious National Ethnic Coalition Organization's (NECO) Ellis Island Medal of Honor award and a Volunteer Service award from TV 36 for her work on the TV show "30 Medical Minutes" in 2005. In 2006 she received the Woman of the Year award from the AAUW (American Association of University Women) and in 2008 was the recipient of "Woman of the Year" award from the Boy Scouts of America, Patriot's Path Division in Central New Jersey.

Active in numerous church-related organizations over the years, she was president of her local parish chapter of the National Philoptochos Society for four years and is currently Parliamentarian on the Board of Trustees of the national organization, having served as first and second vice presidents. She was also Vice President of the Metropolis of New Jersey Board of Trustees and for sixteen years served two terms as President of the Parish Council and Millennium Building Fund chairman for the expansion project of the Holy Trinity Church in Westfield, NJ. She chaired the Archdiocesan Cathedral of the Holy Trinity of New York's Annual Cathedral Ball for two years and has been actively involved in the building restoration projects and chairing Testimonial Dinners at the Greek Orthodox Church of the Annunciation of New York, including one honoring John Catsimatidis (attended by former President Bill Clinton and Senator Hillary Clinton, Governor Pataki, Mayor Mike Bloomberg and many other notables). She has also chaired the Greek Orthodox Church of the Annunciation's Annual Gala at the New York Harvard Club since 2005.

When her husband passed away in 1995, she entered the work world, working for the Executive Recruiter Michael E. Marion and Associates for over three years engaging executives for pharmaceutical companies, primarily Merck. She was then asked to become Director of the newly formed Bouras Properties, LLC and is currently Managing Director/Landlord of a large office building in Summit, NJ.

Kassandra's interest in her heritage and background led to her purchasing her familial home on the island of Andros, Greece and after a four year saga, has completed the restoration of the historical landmark home. She and her family have been enjoying going there and also look forward to other travels. She is now the grandmother to Elizabeth, 4 years old, and infant Corinne, the daughters of her eldest daughter, Christina.



## Demakes Named National Membership Chairman

Thomas L. Demakes of Swampscott, MA was named National Membership Chairman of Leadership 100 by Stephen G. Yeonas, Chairman. He will organize a nationwide membership committee in order to recruit 50 new members in 2009. Leadership 100 recruited 64 new members in 2008 and the membership now stands at 813.

A member of Leadership 100 since 2000, he has served for eight years on the Hellenic College/Holy Cross Board of Trustees, for 10 years as a Director of the Agganis Foundation and for 15 years as a Director of both the Gerondelis Foundation and the Community Credit Union.

A graduate of the College of William and Mary, where he received a B.A. in Economics in 1965, he served in the US Army from 1965 to 1967 as a First Lieutenant at Ft. Lewis Washington, and in Vietnam with the Fourth Infantry Division, as well as with the 25th Infantry Division as a company commander of a supply and transportation company.

Demakes is CEO/owner of DBA Old Neighborhood Foods, the family meat packing business he joined in 1967, working for 10 years as a salesman and progressing through manufacturing and then into management. He is also involved in the real estate business in the North Shore area and is building both residential and commercial projects.

Active in community affairs, he has served as President of St. George Greek Orthodox Church in Lynn, MA for three years and is chairing fundraising for Girls Inc. in Lynn, to build a \$10.1 million facility to expand their operations.

Married for 30 years, he and his wife, Marill, have three sons, Elias, Timothy and Andrew. Married for 30 years, he and his wife, Marill, have three sons, Elias, Timothy and Andrew, who are members of the Leadership 100 Partners Program.

## Psarouthakis on Lecture Circuit

Dr. John Psarouthakis, a pioneering scientist-entrepreneur and member of Leadership 100, traveling with his wife, Antigoni, in Europe last December gave the keynote speech, "The Challenge of Rapid Change in a Borderless World", at the graduation celebration at the Neynrode Business University in Holland; a lecture at the same school on "How to Acquire the Right Business"; and then two lectures, "How to Turn Around an Underperforming Business", and "Management Change", at a German university and in Milan.

The author of *Elisabeth's Gift*, in which he chronicles the story of his upbringing, after being orphaned, Dr. Psarouthakis also writes on business topics and authored an article in Crain's Detroit Business last month with a friend, a retired news reporter and currently part time music entertainer, regarding productivity and companies passing a lot of the operating activity to their customers.



#### TIBORIS PRESENTS FESTIVAL OF THE AEGEAN

Peter Tiboris, conductor, business innovator, and proud Greek American, who fulfilled his membership in Leadership 100 at the end of 2008, is giving something back to his historic homeland, presenting the Fifth Annual Festival of the Aegean, from July 1-11, in Syros, Greece, for the fifth time since 2002.

This year's Festival will offer a high level of programming, ranging from Puccini's opera Tosca starring soprano Eilana Lappalainen; to Schubert's Mass in G Major, No. 2, D.167; Mozart's Overture to La clemenza di Tito, K.621; and Tchaikovsky's Symphony No. 5 in E minor, Op. 64, all of which Mr. Tiboris will conduct.

The Festival will also present three days of dance with Stars of the Vienna State Opera Ballet performing the World Premiere of Zorba Variations to the famous music by Mikis Theodorakis, as well as scenes from Bolero, Swan Lake (Act II), Il Corsaro, Spartacus, and Anna Karenina. Renato Zanella is the Dance Director & Choreographer.

Tiboris' first music festival in Greece, which was launched in 1998, took place on the island of Mykonos. Eventually, the Festival moved to the island of Syros, and began presenting operas along with popular music and jazz. Major operatic undertakings have included Rossini's Il Barbiere di Siviglia in 2005, Mozart's Don Giovanni in 2006, Mascagni's Zanetto in 2007 (later recorded and released on Elysium Recordings), and Mascagni's Cavalleria Rusticana in 2008. There have also been appearances by Taximi, Stratos Vougas Jazz Quartet, Human Touch featuring David Lynch, Aquila Theater of New York, and Rebetika from Sweden, among many others.

Born in 1947 in Sheboygan, Wisconsin, to two first-generation Greek-Americans, Stella Menas and Ernest Tiboris, Tiboris began piano lessons at the age of five and organ at the age of nine. By the time he was 10 years old, he had become the official organist of the St. Sprydion Greek Orthodox Church in Sheboygan. He received his bachelor's and master's degrees in music from the University of Wisconsin-Madison, and his doctorate from the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champagne. Thinking that music education would be his career path, he spent the next 14 years teaching music at colleges in Illinois, New Hampshire, and Louisiana.

In 1983, Tiboris was asked to organize a benefit concert to commemorate the 25th anniversary of His Eminence Archbishop Iakovos as Primate of the Greek Orthodox Church in North and South America. On January 7, 1984, he made his New York conducting debut, leading the American Symphony Orchestra, soloists Phyllis Demetropoulos, Sharon Munden, Giorgio

Aristo, and Sam Jones, and choruses from Louisiana and New York, at Lincoln Center's Alice Tully Hall, in a program that included the World Premiere of Dinos Constantinides' Hymn to the Human Spirit and the New York premiere of Constantinides' Lament of Antigone.

Following that concert, he realized that artists from all over the world would be interested in performing on the stages of New York's greatest venues, most notably Carnegie Hall, and he formally launched MidAmerica Productions, Inc., which is now celebrating its 25th anniversary as the foremost independent producer of classical concerts in New York. To date, MidAmerica has produced nearly 1000 concerts worldwide, of which 460 have taken place in Carnegie Hall.

Concurrent with the growth of MidAmerica Productions, Mr. Tiboris has continued his conducting career on a global scale, leading orchestras this year alone in the U.K., Portugal, Greece, Romania, and Italy. His performances have garnered widespread acclaim. Earlier this year, a newspaper in Barletta, Italy, proclaimed in a headline, "TIBORIS' MUSIC HELD THE PUBLIC AT CURCI SPELLBOUND." In February 2009, the Oxford Times in England, said of his performance of Tchaikovsky's Fifth Symphony: "Tiboris drew an open, transparent sound from the Philomusica (not always an easy thing to do in the Sheldonian), and expertly lying march tempi, so that woodwind solo passages had time to breathe."

Close to Peter Tiboris' heart has been his role as a facilitator in creating opportunities to present Greek composers, artists, and works to the American public. In 2000, he presented and conducted the U.S. Premiere of Mikis Theodorakis' Electra; in 2004, the U.S. Premiere of Taneyev's Agamemnon; and in 2006, Cherubini's Medée, all in Carnegie Hall.







## ST. METHODIOS FAITH & HERITAGE CENTER

By Sophia Nibi

Nestled in the tranquil woods of New Hampshire in the historic town of Contoocook, the St. Methodios Faith & Heritage Center of the Metropolis of Boston has been termed "a beacon of Orthodoxy and Hellenism."

The Center, situated on an idyllic 199-acre piece of property with two beautiful lakes, accommodates hundreds of children who enjoy winter and summer camp programs, and hundreds more who participate in year-round retreats. Currently under construction is a magnificent Retreat House on the shores of one of the lakes which will fulfill yet another vision of Metropolitan Methodios of Boston by expanding the programs offered at the Faith & Heritage Center, reaching out to adult members of the community. The Retreat House will have 40-double bedrooms, two handicapped accessible bedrooms, conference rooms and many amenities. Priests, Parish Council members, Philoptochos Women, Senior Citizens, Catechetical and Greek School teachers and other community groups will have a place to experience and celebrate their Faith and Culture.

The Faith & Heritage Center is a testimony to the visionary leadership of Metropolitan Methodios, whose dream when he assumed the leadership of the Metropolis 25 years ago was to establish a Camp and Retreat Center where young and old could rest and relax, and at the same time learn about their faith and cultural heritage.



The faithful in the Metropolis, many of who are prominent members of Leadership 100, responded with generosity to his vision and his dream. Today, the St. Methodios Faith & Heritage Center hosts campers from throughout the country. The newest cabin houses youngsters who participate in "Embracing the Children" camp experience, which is dedicated for children with special needs, the only such program of the Greek Orthodox Community of America. Experience has shown that the special needs of these youngsters do not diminish their enthusiasm and thirst to learn and to enjoy all activities, especially Greek dancing! The programs are supervised by specially trained counselors who offer one-to-one teaching.

Every September hundreds of faithful from throughout New England gather at the St. Methodios Faith & Heritage Center to worship and to enjoy fellowship. Metropolitan Methodios presides at the Hierarchical Divine Liturgy in the Chapel of St. George and leads a procession of clergy and laity to the lake for the blessing of the waters, and the retrieval of the cross from the lake by campers. A luncheon is served under the tent and in the state of art dining room of the Center. Participants enjoy walking around the property, admiring both the natural beauty and the improvements of the property.

The St. Methodios Faith & Heritage Center welcomes groups and individuals to meet and retreat on its grounds which are open year-round.

## ARCHBISHOP IAKOVOS MUSEUM ICONOGRAPHY DEDICATED



View of Archbishop lakovos Museum

At the end of last year, Paulette Poulos, long-time Executive Assistant to Archbishop Iakovos, and executive Director (Interim) of the Archbishop Iakovos Leadership 100 Endowment Fund, was on hand for the dedication of the spectacular iconography at the Archbishop Iakovos Museum. Part of the Archbishop Iakovos Library and Learning Resource Center, it is the only capital project supported by Leadership 100, which gave a grant of \$1 million for its establishment at Hellenic College/Holy Cross School of Theology in Brookline, MA.

Bishop Andonios of Phasiane presided at the Aghiasmos service along with the families of Randall James Katchis, who donated the icons in honor of his grandparents, Erasmia and John Tchakurides and Victoria and Theodore Katchis.

Noted iconographer, George Filipakis, also attended, as guests marveled at the stunning icons of The Pantocrator and surrounding Prophets, Saints and Evangelists.



Bishop Andonios, right, and Rev. Nicholas C. Triantafilou, at Aghiasmos Service



George Filipakis at work



Paulette Poulos with Randall James Katchis,far left, George Filipakis and his wife, Mary



Prophets, Saints and Evangelists



The Tchakurides and Katchis families

## LEADER SHIP 100 WELCOMES THE ONASSIS FOUNDATION

from Greece out into the United States and vice-versa — to bring, also, Greeks from the Diaspora, Greek Americans back into Greece. We can use the connections with Universities, with the chairs of Modern Greek culture studies, etc., as a conduit for Greek artists, writers, performers, etc., to come into the American art scene.

Why did the Foundation decide to join Leadership 100 and how does the Foundation relate to the mission of Leadership 100 to support the National Ministries of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America and its mission to advance Orthodoxy and Hellenism in America?

The Foundation honours Leadership 100 bearing in mind the very important role of this organisation in supporting the Greek American Community and the Greek Orthodox Church. We acknowledge the importance of its mission which aims at promoting Hellenism and Greek Orthodox faith in America. Leadership 100 is one of the top Greek American organisations which includes some of the best men and women of Hellenism. We consider it our duty and an honour to symbolically participate in this organisation. Based on the up to date

#### Friends and Neighbors

On December 22, 1998 in Athens, Greece, the President of the Parent Alexander S. Onassis Public Benefit Foundation, Mr. Stelios Papadimitriou signed the founding act of the Affiliated Alexander S. Onassis Public Benefit Foundation (USA). On October 24, 2000, the Alexander S. Onassis Public Benefit Foundation (USA) celebrated its inauguration and the opening of the Onassis Cultural Center, housed in The Olympic Tower at 645 Fifth Avenue in New York City. The celebration featured the opening of an art exhibition at the Onassis Cultural Center and the display, for the first time, in the Atrium of The Olympic Tower, of the Collection of Casts of the Parthenon marbles owned by The City College of New York, on loan to the Alexander S. Onassis Public Benefit Foundation (USA). The mission of the Alexander S. Onassis Public Benefit Foundation (USA) is to disseminate information about Hellenic civilization throughout the United States and Canada. By cooperating with universities, colleges and art institutions in Greece and throughout America, the Onassis Foundation (USA) promotes bilateral cultural relations.

In 2005, the Archbishop Iakovos Leadership 100 Endowment Fund, organized in 1984 as the vision of the late Archbishop Iakovos, Primate of North and South America, to support the National Ministries of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese and advance Orthodoxy and Hellenism in America, moved its offices to The Olympic Tower, becoming a neighbor of the Onassis Foundation and cooperating with it in promoting Hellenism in the premiere venue of Hellenic culture in the United States.

achievements of Leadership 100, I express my optimism for the future of the organisation and of Hellenism in general in the USA.



Archbishop Demetrios and L100 Chairman Stephen G. Yeonas present the traditional Christ the True Vine Icon to Ambassador LoucasTsilas, Executive Director of the Alexander S. Onassis Public Benefit Foundation (USA), pictured with his wife, Penny, accepting on behalf of the Foundation.



Onassis Cultural Center in The Olympic Tower



Exterior of The Olympic Tower

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