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*Outgoing Chairman George S. Tsandikos, right, passes the Torch of Leadership to new Chairman, Argyris Vassiliou, center, while Metropolitan Nicholas of Detroit looks on.*

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Resurrection of Jesus Christ from the  
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*(1 Peter 1:3)*

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*Argyris Vassiliou*

Dear Friends,

I am both pleased and honored to address you for the first time as Chairman of Leadership 100. In being installed in office at the 27th Annual Leadership 100 Conference in Key Biscayne, Florida, I recognized the foundation laid at Leadership 100 by its Founders and Chairmen Emeriti and expressed my belief that institutional continuity is essential to future growth. I also expressed my indebtedness to my predecessor, George S. Tsandikos, who set a great example of leadership.

Over its 34 years of existence, Leadership 100 has grown and thrived largely because of the presence of these leaders, who remind us of our purpose, our

support of our Church, and our responsibility and accountability in managing the generous gifts of our members.

We have entered a new time when all institutions are challenged but, unlike many, we have our faith and heritage to guide us. That is the source of our strength. Just as our Church has stood the tests of time, Leadership 100 has endured because it has shared that mission to minister to the faithful and to reach out to all.

Leadership 100 has continued its faithfulness this year with the approval of \$2.7 million in grants. Total grants distributed since our founding in 1984 exceed \$50 million. This represents more than half of our current total assets. These grants have been essential to the life of our Church from funding seminarians studying for the priesthood to support of the many ministries and organizations serving youth, families and those in need. This is evident in the full list of grants featured in this issue of *The Leader*.

However, more is required of us. Therefore, we have established a protocol with the Archdiocese in which all grant monies go into accounts restricted for their purpose and all use of those monies is reported to the Leadership 100 Office, allowing both transparency and monitoring.

Our membership of 1,072, as previously reported, has already increased to 1,081, but more is required of us. Therefore, we are planning for greater geographical representation, as well as increasing numbers. We will hold membership events in the Midwest, Southwest and on

the West Coast. We are a national organization and need to better reflect areas of the country where membership has not grown as rapidly as in others.

Our 27th Annual Leadership 100 Conference was a great success. It is covered in this issue of *The Leader*. Our annual conferences are the focal point of our activities and have made Leadership 100 widely known for the quality and effectiveness of its planning and communications. As a result, they draw great interest, great press coverage and, most importantly, attract new members.

All of this has been made possible by the commitment of all of you, our extraordinary members, professional men, women and young adults, who understand that philanthropy is an extension of our cherished Orthodox Christian Faith and Hellenic Heritage.

Our mission at Leadership 100 has become even more important. We have offered and will continue to offer the best of our abilities, the depth of knowledge, and the breadth of our resources to move forward into a more promising future.

I look forward to working with you, our faithful members, in strengthening and advancing our common purpose

May you and your family share in a Blessed Pascha,

*With warm regards,*

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'A. Vassiliou', written in a cursive style.

**Argyris Vassiliou**  
Chairman



February 27, 2018

Mr. George S. Tsandikos  
800 Fifth Avenue, Apt. 20G  
New York, NY 10065

Dear George:

There are no words adequate to express to you our warmest and heartfelt gratitude for the valuable and untiring service you have offered to Leadership 100 as our Chairman for the last four years.

You have been a sterling example of a true leader who has unselfishly sacrificed his time, talent and treasure toward promoting Leadership 100 and the Church-at-large.

It is through your exemplary leadership that we have reached the level of 1,075 members and projected the mission and purpose of Leadership 100 throughout the Metropolises.

Please accept the enclosed awards which are offered to you with deep admiration, love and affection for all that you are and for all that you represent.

We pray that the Good Lord will continue to bestow His bountiful blessings upon you and your loved ones.

Wishing you a most blessed Lenten Journey, we remain,

With a heart full of love and gratitude.

Argyris Vassilou  
Chairman

Paulette Poulos  
Executive Director

Enclosures

## LEADERSHIP 100 APPROVES \$2.7 MILLION IN GRANTS

The Executive Committee of Leadership 100, meeting on Wednesday, January 31, 2018, at the 27th Annual Leadership 100 Conference in Key Biscayne, Florida, unanimously accepted the recommendations of the Leadership 100 Grant Committee, with one addition, and approved a total of \$2,668,663 in grants.

The Grant Committee, chaired by John Sitalides, along with members Maria Allwin, Michael Bapis, Justin Bozonelis and Patsy Kouvas formally reviewed 25 new and prior-approved grant requests.

The new grants for 2018 totaled \$1,283,263 and included:

Department of Youth and Young Adult Ministries - \$429,400 as follows: \$270,000 for the Metropolis Camping Ministries program; \$94,400 for the first-year salary for a new Youth Safety Coordinator, to help coordinate minimum youth protection training and screening for all youth workers across the Archdiocese; \$45,000 to support the “Alive in Christ: Living Orthodoxy” conference for young adults across all canonical Orthodox jurisdictions and \$20,000 to fund a season of the “Be the Bee” retreats which offer youth retreats and programs for parents, youth workers, and young adults in at least eight cities across the United States.

Orthodox Christian Studies Center at Fordham University - \$250,000 for a five-year grant for international research initiative to publish analyses of Orthodox Christianity’s engagement of human rights issues, and to develop constructive proposals affirming an Orthodox Christian theology of human rights.

Ionian Village -\$193,263 as follows: \$101,402 for the “Next” program, to have 45 young adults, beyond summer camp or GOYA age, continue to interactively experience Orthodoxy and Hellenism by traveling to Ionian Village and visiting the campgrounds; \$75,000 for a five-year “On-the-Go” program to organize ten retreats that seek to replicate the Ionian Village experience in parishes within the United States; and \$16,861 for an Alumni Staff Lenten Getaway, hosted at the Saint Iakovos Retreat Center outside of Chicago.

National Archdiocesan Finance Committee - \$144,300 for the continuation of the Orthodox Software Initiative, to continue creating and distributing a parish-based software management system facilitating more consistent and accurate reporting, financial tracking, and communication at the Archdiocese and Metropolis levels.

Department of Inter-Orthodox, Ecumenical and Interfaith Relations - \$96,200 as follows: \$30,000 for the Orthodox-Catholic Dialogue Series; \$36,500 for the Evangelical Lutheran Education Series: \$20,000 to attend and participate in the Selma March 50th Anniversary events at the African-American Museum in Washington DC; and \$9,700 to participate in the “Religious Pluralism in the Middle East” program.

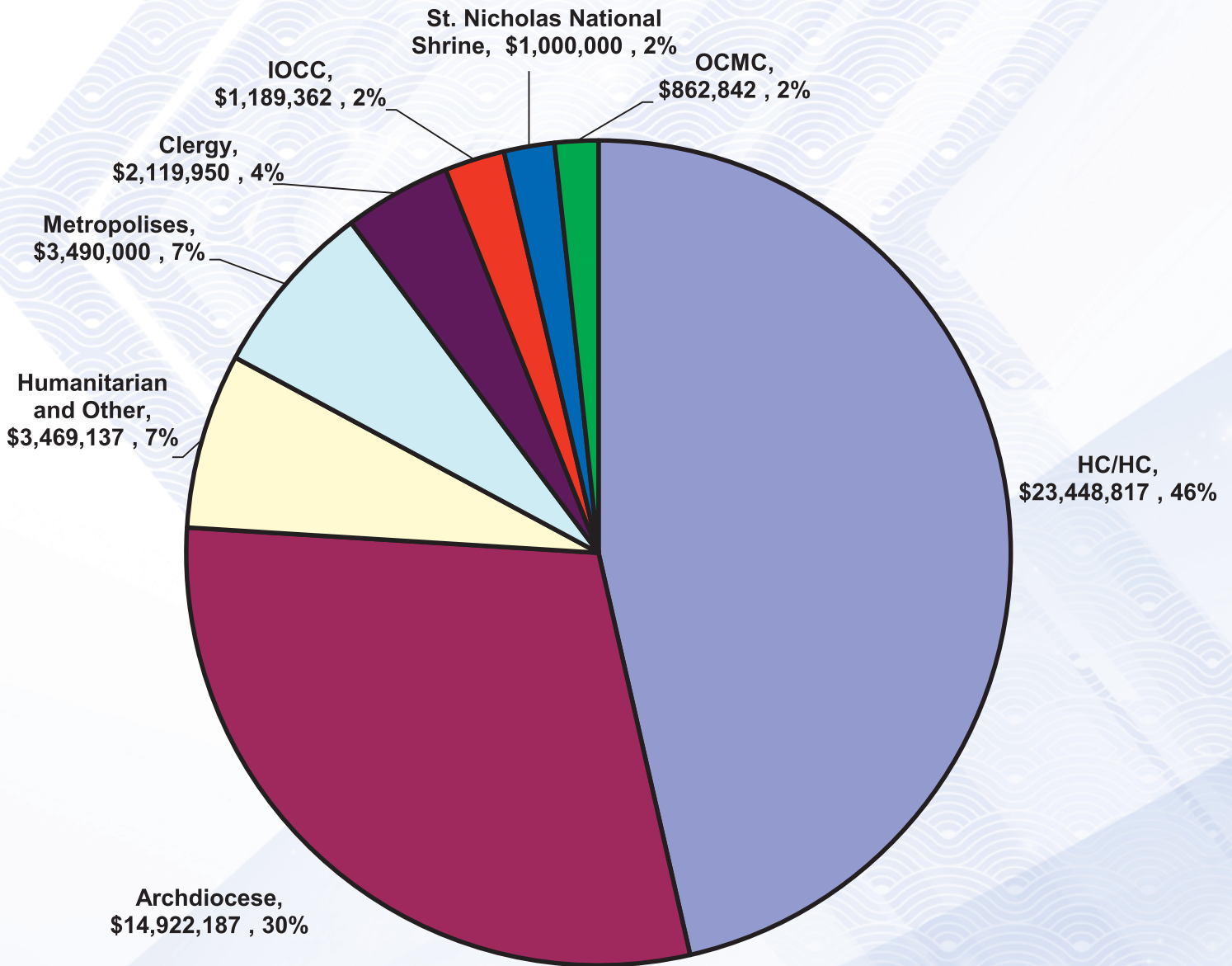
Center for Family Care - \$67,000 as follows: \$50,000 for a Clergy Couple Retreats program to promote healthy marital functioning for clergy and their spouses, including prevention and containment of marital crises, and various marital enrichment opportunities and \$17,000 over two years for the Family Ministry Webinars series.

Department of Stewardship, Outreach and Evangelism- \$55,800 for the Home Mission Parish Program, to provide monthly supplemental support for the compensation of full-time clergy assigned to eight (8) mission parishes nationwide, until each parish becomes self-sufficient.

Orthodox Christian Fellowship (OCF)- \$47,300 to expand and strengthen the Summer Leadership Institute of the Campus Ministry program, to further develop the next generation of Orthodox leaders in America through leadership training, as well as continuing to expand the number of OCF chapters at colleges and universities nationwide.

Prior Grant Commitments totaled \$1,385,400 and included Hellenic College / Holy Cross Scholarship Program - \$1,000,000 annually (through 2018), Digital Typikon Liturgical and Library Project - \$270,000, Small Parish Program- \$110,000 for the third year of the program, and Retired Clergy in Need - \$5,400 annually.

*Leadership 100* GRANTS



**TOTAL GRANTS DISTRIBUTED SINCE INCEPTION: \$50,502,295.**

## Camping Ministries



*Camping Conference*

“Summer Camp develops identities and qualities in a child that are impossible to do in any other way. Nothing compares to the summer camp. The summer camp is something that offers conditions that are the most conducive to strong and standing and remaining impact. I said on another occasion; one, two, three weeks in a summer camp might do more than a year in an ordinary teaching condition.” - His Eminence Archbishop Demetrios.

Each summer across the country, young people flock to summer camps. They have fun, they make friends, they build bonfires and swim in lakes and pools, and at the camps of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese, our campers and staff members also come into contact with Jesus Christ.

For much of the past 50 years, each Metropolis and the Direct Archdiocesan District offers summer camping ministry programs that have touched the lives of thousands of young people, clergy and staff members. And for the better part of the last decade, Leadership 100 has been at the forefront of supporting these ministries through generous grants made each summer to the Metropolises and Direct Archdiocesan District, to offer scholarships and support at the Metropolis level. “What Leadership 100 has done and continues to do for the youth of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese is unparalleled. They have supported these programs, not just through words or by

sending their children to these camps, but they have stepped up and offered the Metropolises and the District a financial solution to ensure that no child gets left behind when it comes to summer camp” remarked Father Evagoras Constantinides, Director of the Archdiocesan Office of Camping Ministries and Ionian Village. “And it must be our priority to make sure that these programs we offer are the absolute best, competing with all the other secular camps our children can choose from. We don’t want to have campers who were just sent to camp by mom or dad, we want campers who WANT to be at camp, who yearn to be at camp. And we are getting there, each year, by the grace of God.”

To continue working together and finding new solutions for unity and cohesiveness, over 30 camp directors and leaders of the various regional Camping Ministry programs of the District, Metropolises and the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America met Feb. 26-28, 2018 at the Saint George Greek Orthodox Church in Southgate, Michigan for the first Annual Greek Orthodox Camping Ministries Leadership Conference. Hosted by the Archdiocesan Office of Camping Ministries in conjunction with the Metropolis of Detroit, this was the first time that representatives from the Greek Orthodox camps across the Archdiocese came together for the sole purpose of discussing Camping Ministries, their development and growth across the Archdiocese.

The conference began with opening remarks from Fr. Evagoras Constantinides, Director of Ionian Village and the Archdiocesan



*Fr. Evagoras with Ionian Village campers.*



Office of Camping Ministries. His Eminence Metropolitan Nicholas of Detroit then offered the first keynote address. He spoke to the attendees about leadership and emphasized that camps need to focus on the “why” when building and promoting their camps. The second keynote presentation was offered by Christy Buck, the Executive Director of the Mental Health Foundation of West Michigan, who spoke about the mental wellness of campers and staff, and how to address mental illnesses at camp with an approach that is both pastoral and respectful of appropriate boundaries.

Through a series of participant-driven reflections and discussions, the Conference identified three main aspects of Camping Ministries to address: the camper, the staff member, and the organization. Lefteri Sitaras (Director of All Saints Camp in the Metropolis of San Francisco) spoke about the Camper, Father Elias Villis (Director of Camp Saint Paul of the Direct Archdiocesan District) spoke about the Staff Member, and Eva Konstantakos (Youth Director of the Metropolis of Detroit and Director of Saint Nicholas Summer Camp) spoke about the Organization. For each topic, the presenters shared a short reflection, which stimulated further discussions and break out groups. Conversations among the participants were lively and wide-ranging, which gave the camp directors and leaders from across the Archdiocese the opportunity to learn more about each other’s programs and ministries. In addition, each break out produced content and direction for the Office of Camping Ministries to further develop its mission and the resources it provides.

The Conference fostered a collaborative environment that encouraged discussions and participation from the attendees. Participants continued conversations about topics through meals and other appointed breaks. Other topics of discussion included the new Policies for the Safety of Youth and Children that was created by the National Youth Office and how its implementation will affect the Camping Ministries programs of the Archdiocese, and marketing and fundraising practices. This ground-breaking opportunity for the camp directors to come together set an important precedent for the leadership of the Greek Orthodox camping community to remain engaged with each other and to continue to meet annually to discuss policies, methodologies, and content so that the quality and safety of all Camping Ministries across the Archdiocese will improve substantially. Throughout the Conference, the camp directors reaffirmed their commitment to work with each other and the Archdiocesan Office of Camping Ministries to collectively strengthen all the camping programs of the Archdiocese that provide such a unique and important ministry to our young people.

## Father Evagoras Constantinides, Director of Archdiocesan Office of Camping Ministries and Ionian Village



*Fr. Evagoras with Presvytera Maria and son Christopher.*

Father Evagoras, Director of the Ionian Village since 2011, was appointed in 2017 by His Eminence Archbishop Demetrios to oversee the Office of Camping Ministries for the Archdiocese. He was given the mandate of coordinating and facilitating communications amongst all camps of our Archdiocese and to work with the camp directors in developing policies and procedures that will ensure a successful and safe program for the young campers and the staff.

Fr. Evagoras is best known for his efforts following a disastrous tornado that caused considerable damage at Ionian Village in the fall of 2016. He led the #RenewIV campaign, which raised over \$800,000, including a \$250,000 gift from Leadership 100, which allowed for the complete renovation and restoration of the campsite. He also presided over a complete renaissance of the

Ionian Village program, with registration numbers reaching 20-year highs and the program completely reinvigorated.

Camping Ministries have left a lasting impression on Father Evagoras. He has been a part of several camping programs, including Fanari Camp of the Metropolis of Chicago, Camp Saint Paul of the Direct Archdiocesan District, Summer Fenn Day Camp of Concord, Massachusetts, as well as Ionian Village.

For more than 20 years, he has experienced every facet of Ionian Village, participating in the program as the son of a priest, a camper, a staff member and now as the director. As a result, he is keenly aware of the remarkable spiritual, historical and cultural impact Ionian Village has had on the Greek Orthodox community.

In addition to the Ionian Village program in Greece, Father Evagoras has expanded the influence and reach of Ionian Village at home, creating more local ministries to offer continuing education and outreach to offer the camping ministry to as many young people as possible. In 2013, he started the IV On-the-Go program, focused on bringing the Ionian Village camping ministry experience to the parishes of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese. He also initiated the Staff Alumni Lenten Getaway, offering former staff members the opportunity to gather every two years, to retreat and re-center themselves on Christ, ensuring that the Ionian Village ministers to its staff and participants during more than just the summer. In 2018, he introduced “IV Next”, which focuses on young adults and offers them the classic Ionian Village experience, along with professional development. Each of these innovative programs has been supported by a Leadership 100 grant.

Father Evagoras has also served the Archdiocese in a wide capacity, as the Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministries for the Direct Archdiocesan District, as a member of the Religious Education Committee of the Direct Archdiocesan District, as spokesman for Saint Nicholas National Shrine at the World Trade Center, and in serving on the Youth Committee of the Assembly of Canonical Orthodox Bishops as the representative of the Chairman, Archbishop Demetrios. He also has served at various parishes, including long-term assignments at Saint Peter’s Church in the Bronx, Saint Spyridon Church in Washington Heights, and Holy Cross Church in Brooklyn.

Father Evagoras holds a B.A. in Communication Studies from Monmouth College in Monmouth, Illinois and a Master of Divinity from Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology. His wife Maria (Calender), of Bethesda, Maryland, has also participated in Ionian Village as a camper and staff member for multiple summers and is a part of the administrative staff that

oversees the year-round ministry and executes the program at camp. Together, they have two sons, Christopher Andonios and Yianni Andrew, and they look forward to each life-transforming summer at Ionian Village!

## IV Next

IV Next is an exciting new ministry of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America for college students and young adults offered by Ionian Village.

Full participation and all costs associated with this program (flight to and from Greece, meals, travel, lodging) are subsidized through a generous grant from Leadership 100. IV Next will focus on the influential excursions of the classic Ionian Village program and the future of the participants by providing access to mentors, working with Leadership 100.

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

The twelve-day itinerary includes time at the historic Ionian Village campgrounds, as well as excursions to the cornerstones of the travel program. Throughout the program, participants will engage in discussions about career goals, the financial realities of being a millennial, and how to successfully incorporate our Orthodox Faith into everyday business life. These conversations and sessions will provide not only a more solid understanding of vocation, but also serve as an excellent inter-community networking opportunity.

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

Over 150 applications were received for this program, marking the need for a program like this amongst the young adults of our community. Participants of the IV Next program will be selected by a selection committee consisting of representatives from the Office of Ionian Village as well as the trip leaders, Fr. Vincent and Presvytera Minucci.



OFFICE OF THE ARCHBISHOP

## GREEK ORTHODOX ARCHDIOCESE OF AMERICA

March 5, 2018

Mr. Argyris Vassiliou, Chairman  
 Archbishop Iakovos Leadership 100 Endowment Fund  
 Olympic Tower  
 645 Fifth Avenue  
 Suite 403  
 New York, New York 10022

Dear Mr. Vassiliou, Members of the Grant and Executive Committees, Members of  
*Leadership 100,*

I greet you in the peace and love of our Lord and wish upon you His bountiful  
 blessings during Great and Holy Lent.

As Archbishop of America, I write to you today to thank you for the support  
 you have provided for special programs of the Archdiocesan ministries whose requests  
 have been approved by the Grant Committee for funding.

The valued offering of \$1,091,263 supports outreach efforts to targeted groups,  
 pastoral initiatives, infrastructure projects, and preventive and wellness measures that  
 each in their own right contribute to the ministry of the Church. With this approach, the  
 words of Paul are mirrored, *I have become all things to all men, that I might by all means  
 save some. Now this I do for the Gospel's sake, that I may be partaker of it with you.* (1  
 Corinthians 9:23).

Thank you for your discernment, your responsiveness, and your nuanced  
 understanding of mission. I am appreciative to each of you for your efforts and your  
 support. May your spiritual journey to the Lord's Passion and Resurrection be filled  
 with inspiration and renewal.

With paternal love and esteem in Christ,

*Archbishop Demetrios of America*

✝ DEMETRIOS  
 Archbishop of America



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March 5, 2018

Mr. Argyris Vassiliou, Chairman  
 Miss Paulette Poulos, Executive Director  
 Archbishop Iakovos Leadership 100 Fund  
 Olympic Tower  
 645 Fifth Avenue Suite 403  
 New York, New York 10022

Dear Mr. Vassiliou, Miss Paulette, Members of the Executive Committee and Grant Committees, and Members of Leadership 100,

I greet you in the peace and love of our Lord during this inspiring period of Lent.

I have received your letter of February 15, 2018 with documentation of the funds disbursed by Leadership 100 upon approval by the Grant Committee of the grant submitted by the Archdiocesan Committee for Small Parishes chaired by Dr. Louis Roussalis. I commend you for your support of this effort to strengthen the parishes of : 1) Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church, Norwich, CT 2) Saint Elias the Prophet Greek Orthodox Church, Dubuque, Iowa 3) Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church, Missoula Montana and 4) Saint George Greek Orthodox Church, Prescott, Arizona.

Thank you for increasing the capacity of the Church in America to fulfill her sacred mission. With my prayers to God for your well being and my best wishes for a spiritually enriching Lenten journey to *Pascha*, I remain

With paternal love and esteem  
 in Christ,

✝ DEMETRIOS  
 Archbishop of America



**LEADERSHIP 100 FUND**  
1989 - 2018 GRANTS

**Hellenic College / Holy Cross School of Theology** **\$ 23,448,817**

Hellenic College / Holy Cross Scholarship Program *	20,403,617
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	311,600

**Greek Orthodox Archdiocese** **\$ 14,922,187**

Inter-Orthodox, Ecumenical & Interfaith Relations	1,875,000
Marriage and Family	1,795,490
Archdiocese Administration, Management, and Leadership Training	1,588,386
Internet Ministry and Technology Infrastructure	1,561,700
Outreach & Evangelism / Home Missions	1,428,530
Youth, Young Adult, and Camping Ministries	1,361,993
Greek Orthodox Telecommunications	970,190
Communications and Radio Ministry	723,659
Parish Development and Stewardship	658,241
Religious Education	647,998
Digital Typikon Liturgical and Library Project	600,000
Department of Registry	575,000
Greek Education	416,700
Archives	400,000
St. Basil Academy (Archpastorate of Archbishop Michael)	69,300
Special Gift for the Restoration of Ionian Village	250,000

**Humanitarian Assistance and Other Grants** **\$ 3,469,137**

The Ecumenical Patriarchate (Various Grants)	765,000
Orthodox Christian Network	450,000
September 11 Relief Fund	400,000
Various Ministries	263,335
Institute on Religion and World Affairs of Boston University	260,040
Orthodox Christianity in American Public Life	
Video Documentaries	219,680
National Forum of Greek Orthodox Church Musicians	208,000
Fordham University - Orthodox Christian Studies Center	183,000
Orthodox Christian Prison Ministry	162,882
Patriarch Athenagoras Orthodox Institute	157,200
Greek Earthquake Relief Fund	100,000
Greek Fire Relief Fund	100,000
Hurricane Sandy Relief Fund	100,000
Primary Health Care in Southern Albania	100,000

\* As of January 2018, 201 recipients of Leadership 100 scholarships are graduates that have been ordained, 56 seminarians are still in School, and 73 recipients are working for the Church in some capacity.

<b>Metropolis Ministries</b>	<b>\$ 3,490,000</b>
Metropolis Youth Camps	2,250,000
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

<b>Clergy</b>	<b>\$ 2,119,950</b>
Increased Retired Clergy Pensions	911,700
Eliminated Student Loans of Active Priests	885,000
Archdiocesan Presbyters Council - Clergy Retreats, Wellness, Continuing Education, and Publications	219,000
Clergy Benevolence	59,250
National Presvyteres Retreats	45,000

<b>International Orthodox Christian Charities (IOCC)</b>	<b>\$ 1,189,362</b>
International Orthodox Christian Charities (IOCC)	989,362
Hurricane Katrina Relief	100,000
US Emergency Response Fund (Hurricanes Harvey, Irma, and Maria)	100,000

<b>Special Gift to St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church and National Shrine at the World Trade Center</b>	<b>\$ 1,000,000</b>
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<b>Orthodox Christian Mission Center (OCMC)</b>	<b>\$ 862,842</b>
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<b>Total Grants Distributed by Leadership 100</b>	<b>\$ 50,502,295</b>
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<b>Additional Gifts from Leadership 100 Members</b>	<b>\$ 3,246,742</b>
<b>(individual donations from Leadership 100 members not included above)</b>	
St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church and National Shrine at the World Trade Center	2,703,213
Greek Fire Relief Fund	200,029
September 11 Relief Fund	187,550
Leadership 100 Fitness Center at Hellenic College / Holy Cross	135,000
Hurricane Katrina Relief Fund	20,950

## LEADERSHIP 100 INSTALLS ARGYRIS VASSILIOU AS CHAIRMAN AT 27<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL CONFERENCE IN KEY BISCAIYNE, FLORIDA



*Outgoing Chairman George S. Tsandikos, right, passes the Torch of Leadership to new Chairman, Argyris Vassiliou, center, while Metropolitan Nicholas of Detroit looks on.*

Leadership 100 installed Argyris “RJ” Vassiliou of Stamford, Connecticut, a business executive and engineer, as Chairman, at the Grand Banquet of its 27th Annual Conference on Saturday, February 3, 2018 at The Ritz-Carlton Key Biscayne, Miami in Key Biscayne, Florida. George S. Tsandikos, outgoing Chairman, passed the Torch of Leadership to Vassiliou, thanking Leadership 100 members for their support during his tenure.

Vassiliou is the President of two family-owned businesses, Acme Pallet Company, Inc., an industrial engineering concern, based in New York City, and Di-Cor Industries, Inc., a specialty structural steel fabrication company, located in Bristol, Connecticut. He was educated at The Cooper Union for the Advancement of Science and Art, receiving a B.C.E. degree in 1989, and at Princeton University, receiving a M.S. degree in 1991. Married to the former Ann Pappajohn, they have two children, Alexandra and Nicholas, and attend the Church of the Archangels in Stamford, Connecticut.

Vassiliou served as Leadership 100 Vice Chairman for the past four years. He will be succeeded by Jim G. Logothetis of Chicago,

a Senior Partner at Ernst & Young. Cassandra L. Romas of Short Hills, New Jersey, continues as Secretary and Thomas G. Jordan of Bloomfield Hills, Michigan as Treasurer.

Some 500 members and guests attended the Conference which featured a keynote address by Admiral James Stavridis, formerly Supreme Allied Commander at NATO and currently Dean of The Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy at Tufts University. Stavridis spoke on 21st Century Security: Challenges and Opportunities. He was introduced by Michael G. Psaros, member of the Leadership 100 Board of Trustees and was presented with the Archbishop Iakovos Leadership 100 Award for Excellence by Chairman Tsandikos and Metropolitan Nicholas of Detroit.

Other speakers included Sylvia Mathews Burwell, the former Secretary of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and current President of American University, who was also presented with the Archbishop Iakovos Leadership 100 Award for Excellence and John P. Angelos, Executive Vice President of the Baltimore Orioles and President and Chief Operating Officer



George S. Tsandikos, far right, Metropolitan Nicholas and Michael G. Psaros, second from left, present Archbishop Iakovos Leadership 100 Award for Excellence to Admiral James Stavridis.

Cathy Pappas accepts the memorial Commendation for Distinguished Service to the Board of Trustees awarded to Peter J. Pappas, from Archbishop Demetrios and George S. Tsandikos.



Argyris and Ann Vassiliou with their son, Nicholas, and daughter, Alexandra.



George S. Tsandikos and Metropolitan Nicholas present Archbishop Iakovos Leadership 100 Award for Excellence to Sylvia Mathews Burwell, while Mike Manatos, far right, member of Executive Committee, looks on.

of the Mid-Atlantic Sports Network (MASN). Burwell spoke on Hellenic Values and Health Care: What My Greek Heritage Taught Me About Public Policy. She was introduced by Mike Manatos, member of the Leadership 100 Executive Committee. Angelos spoke on A 25 Year Evolution of the Intersection of Sport Media and Society. He was introduced by George Anderson, a member of Leadership 100.

In addition, the Very Reverend Archimandrite Nathanael Symeonides, Director of the Office of Inter-Orthodox, Ecumenical and Interfaith Relations of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America (now Metropolitan Nathanael of Chicago), conducted a panel titled Transforming the World through Collaboration: The Work of the Department of Inter-Orthodox, Ecumenical and Interfaith Relations with four participants: Dr. Carrie Frederick Frost, Professor at Saint Sophia

Ukrainian Orthodox Seminary, Joyce S. Dubensky, CEO of Tanenbaum, Christina Hioureas, Counsel at Foley Hoag LLP, and Dr. Elizabeth H. Prodromou, Visiting Associate Professor of Conflict Resolution at The Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy at Tufts University. Nicholas Anton, Coordinator of UN Programs and Special Assistant in the Department, also joined the panel.

Special recognition was given to Peter J. Pappas, a longtime member of the Leadership 100 Executive Committee and Board of Trustees and a prominent business leader and philanthropist,





Archbishop Demetrios and George S. Tsandikos present Icon to John P. Angelos.



Lou Kircos, member of Leadership 100 Audit Committee, and George S. Tsandikos at Opening Breakfast Open Dialogue.



(L to R) Very Reverend Archimandrite Nathanael Symeonides (now Metropolitan Nathanael of Chicago), Dr. Elizabeth H. Prodromou, Dr. Carrie Frederick Frost, Nicholas Anton, Joyce S. Dubensky, and Christina Hioureas.

at the General Assembly on Friday, February 2, 2018. His wife, Cathy, accepted the memorial Commendation for Distinguished Service to the Board of Trustees presented by Archbishop Demetrios and Chairman Tsandikos.

Archbishop Demetrios delivered both the traditional Bible Study and Lecture. Metropolitans Nicholas of Detroit and Savas of Pittsburgh also attended. Chairman Tsandikos and Lou Kircos, a member of the Leadership 100 Board of Trustees, conducted an Open Dialogue at the Opening Forum of the Conference on Thursday, February 1, 2018.

Both the Leadership 100 Executive Committee and Board of Trustees met on Wednesday, January 31, 2018. The Executive Committee approved grants for 2018 totaling \$2.7 million, bringing grants distributed by Leadership 100 since its founding



Archbishop Demetrios with Leadership 100 Founders Arthur C. Anton, left, and Peter M. Dion, right.

to more than \$50 million. Chairman Tsandikos reported that membership had increased to 1,072, with 628 members fulfilled and assets topping \$100 million for the first time.

The Conference concluded with the Hierarchical Divine Liturgy celebrated by Metropolitan Savas at Saint Sophia Cathedral in Miami on Sunday, February 4, 2018.

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GOLF, TENNIS AND WALK/RUN



Golfers Gather



Second Place in Golf: Athanasios C. Liakos (second from right), with winners (L to R) Dr. George Korkos, John Calamos, George Behrakis, and Dean Metropoulos.



Golf Longest Drive, Nancy Baker, and Closest to Pin, Athanasios C. Liakos.



Tennis Winners (L to R) Taylor Prodromos, Second Place, and William Maguire, First Place, with Stephania Patsalis, Assistant Coordinator for Golf and Tennis, and Athanasios C. Liakos.



First Place in Golf: Athanasios C. Liakos, Coordinator of Golf and Tennis, second from left, with winners (L to R) Jerry Karalis, Andreas Aivazoglou, John Aivazoglou and Nick Karalis.



Tennis Players



Mike Manatos, Coordinator, organizes Walkers and Runners with Sylvia Mathews Burwell at center.

Walkers and Runners Gather: At Center, Mike and Laura Manatos flank Sylvia Mathews Burwell.

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<b>Metropolis of Pittsburgh</b> Angelo and Joan Karouzos	Westlake, OH
<b>Metropolis of Chicago</b> Demetrios L. and Chrisoula Kozonis	Bannockburn, IL

## In Memoriam

Constantine E. Avgerinos – 11/17/2016 Wayne, PA	Bonnie Messing Pavlakis – 12/14/2017 Brooklyn, NY
Madeline K. Anton – 1/6/2018 North Andover, MA	Peter G. Peterson – 3/20/2018 New York, NY
Harold N. Kallis – 4/9/2012 Grand Blanc, MI	Alexander Siafacas – 2/8/2018 Clemmons, NC
George Koukounaris – 1/5/2018 Nahant, MA	

# Leadership 100 Gives Thanks for the Life and Leadership of Peter J. Pappas



Peter J. Pappas

Peter J. Pappas was a noted entrepreneur and philanthropist who served Leadership 100 from its earliest days as a devoted member and on both its Executive Committee and Board of Trustees. He was gratefully acknowledged by Leadership 100, along with all who knew him following his passing away at the age of 77 on November 23, 2017, Thanksgiving Day.

In notifying the Leadership 100 Board of Trustees of his passing, George S. Tsandikos, Chairman at the time, stated:

“It is with great sadness that I inform you of the passing of our beloved Peter J. Pappas, a member of our Executive Committee, and dear friend for many years. Peter was a most dedicated Christian whose love for his Church and family were clear throughout his lifetime. He will be greatly missed by all and we pray his beloved soul will find eternal rest in God’s Kingdom.”

Pappas was the Chairman of the Board of P.J.M. Holding Group, consisting of P.J. Mechanical Corp., Delta Sheet Metal Corp., Expert Insulation and many other companies. He was also a real estate developer in New York, NY; Palm Beach, Florida; Youngstown, Ohio; and Sacramento, California. He began his career while attending New York University and trained with many of the leading equipment manufacturers in the field of commercial air conditioning. In 1971, he founded P.J. Mechanical Corp. and a year later, Delta Sheet Metal Corp. Today, PJ Mechanical is among the largest mechanical contracting firms in the country.

Pappas’ company projects included the renovations of the Chrysler Building, GM Building, Park Avenue Atrium, Citicorp Building, Morgan Stanley Properties, and AOL Time Warner Center. They were tapped as the lead mechanical contractor for the World Trade Center Tower 4 Project and the National September 11 Memorial and Museum. They also completed Citi Field, Yankee Stadium and Madison Square Garden. Other major tenant installations include Salomon Smith Barney, Paramount Communications, Scholastic Publishing, Crédit Lyonnais, Société Générale, Coopers Lybrand, I.T.T. Corp., Mizuho Corporate Bank, Estée Lauder, Grey Advertising, Revlon, Polo Ralph Lauren, Bergdorf Goodman, Gucci and many others. Besides office towers, his

companies undertook major infrastructure projects at New York Presbyterian Weill Cornell Medical Center, NYU Langone Medical Center, Columbia University Medical Center and Rockefeller University.

Pappas was born in New York City on December 8, 1939. Married to Catherine (Cathy) in 1961 and the father of Peter Jr., James and Tara and grandfather of nine, he resided in Manhattan and Nassau County. Both his wife and two sons are also members of Leadership 100. Cathy worked with him in his earliest days of starting his businesses and shared in many of his charitable activities.

Of Greek and Cypriot heritage, he was a member and devoted supporter of the Greek Orthodox Church in America, as well as the Greek and Cypriot American communities. A past National Chairman of the Cyprus Children’s Fund, he was awarded the Honorary Gold Medal of the Republic of Cyprus. He also was awarded



Peter and Cathy Pappas

The Honorary Medal of St. Paul, the highest honor of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America and was a long-time Archon of the Ecumenical Patriarchate, Order of St. Andrew and a member of the Archdiocesan National Council. He was also a lead benefactor of the St. Nicolas Greek Orthodox Church and National Shrine at the World Trade Center. In 2016, he was honored by the

American Hellenic Institute with its Hellenic Heritage Achievement Award. He was a member of the Archdiocesan Cathedral of the Holy Trinity in New York, St. Demetrios Church in Merrick, Long Island and St. Mark Church in Boca Raton, Florida.

Pappas was Chairman of the Board of 3doo, Inc., Director of Biovest International Corp, a Board Member of the Crohn's and Colitis Foundation of America, The Michael Wolk Heart Foundation, and The Fashion Institute of Technology.

Founder of the New York State Hellenic American Republican Association, Pappas supported many Greek American political candidates, Republicans and Democrats alike. An avid golfer, he played with his longtime friend Telly Savalas, former President George H.W. Bush and many celebrities. He promoted golf in Greece as a means to revitalize tourism and economic development and was Executive Producer of the 2016 film "Swing Away", which tells the story of a Greek-American professional golfer who travels to her grandparents' village in Greece following a professional meltdown.

Many tributes have stated that throughout his life and through his philanthropy, Peter Pappas' support for so many worthy causes and organizations was based on the Christian teaching that "it is more blessed to give than to receive." While that is true, there was much more to the man that so many admired and loved. He was a force of nature, untiring in all his world wide travels and activities. He was filled with the Greek spirit of hospitality and was a warm and true friend to so many. Leadership 100, which he joined on December 31, 1986, two years after its founding, was enriched by his presence and will remain grateful for his loving service.

## Leadership 100 Gives Thanks for the Life and Loving Service of Madeline K. Anton



Madeline K. Anton

Madeline K. Anton was the beloved Matriarch of the Anton family and the cherished wife for more than 66 years of Leadership 100 Founder and Chairman Emeritus Arthur C. Anton, former President of Anton Cleaners. She passed away at the age of 91 on January 6, 2018. She was acknowledged for her many years of devoted service to Leadership 100.

Born in Cambridge, Massachusetts, she attended Boston Latin High School and was a graduate of Boston University, Class of 1948. She was a longtime member of the Holy Trinity Church of Lowell, Massachusetts and, in later years, a member of SS. Constantine and Helen Church of Andover, Massachusetts. She was also a member of the Greek Orthodox Ladies Philoptochos Society.

Along with her husband Arthur, she was active in the community with several philanthropic and charitable organizations and was a member of the Chelmsford Garden Club and the Whistler House Museum.

Madeline Anton was noted for her many loving friendships and her social graces. She was noted as a great hostess to countless friends and family. Her high school yearbook inscription captured her spirit, stating, "Loving, warm hearted and kind, a truer friend you'll never find".

She was the mother of four children: Diane Wilmot and her husband Gunnar of Bronxville, NY; Susan Pasanen and her husband Wayne of North Andover, MA; Arthur Anton, Jr. and his wife Nina of Carlisle, MA, all members of Leadership 100; and Charles Anton and his wife Tami of Lincoln, MA. Her ten grandchildren are Gunnar Wilmot, Jr., Madeline Wilmot, Zachary Pasanen and his wife



Madeline and Arthur Anton

Alexandra, members of Leadership 100, Alexandra Pasanen, a member of Leadership 100, Christina Pasanen, Austin Anton, Jacqueline Anton, Spencer Anton, Olivia Anton, a member of Leadership 100, and Steven Anton.



## HELLENIC AMERICAN ACADEMY HONORS GEORGE D. BEHRAKIS



*George and Margo Behrakis, right, with Jim and Marianthe Logothetis.*

The Hellenic American Academy honored George D. Behrakis, noted business leader and philanthropist and Chairman Emeritus of Leadership 100, with the Heritage Award at its 11th Annual Gala on Saturday, Feb. 17 at the Loews Chicago O'Hare.

Behrakis, whose extensive research in the medical and pharmaceutical fields led to the development of asthma and allergy products, founded two successful companies – Dooner Laboratories and Muro Pharmaceutical. He also founded The Behrakis Foundation, along with his wife Margo. His philanthropy, which includes a devotion to Hellenic causes and the Greek Orthodox Church, extends to education, healthcare and the arts.

The Academy also presented its Service Award to Peter Maroutsos, a finance and operations executive, who has helped preserve Hellenic culture in America.

Jim Logothetis, Chairman of the Hellenic American Academy Executive Committee and newly elected Vice Chairman of Leadership 100, presented the evening's awards. In acceptance remarks, Behrakis emphasized the importance of Greek education, stating that Hellenic values and respect are still instilled in Greek Schools.

Emmy Award winning television producer and morning radio co-host and producer, Cathy Vlahogiannis, served as Mistress of Ceremonies. Co-chairs were Dina Pappas Panagos, Eleni Papasimakis and Georgia Pontikes, graduates of Socrates School who are educating their own children there. The event featured a pledge drive and silent auction to benefit the Academy and its educational mission.

The Hellenic American Academy, which has set its sights on redefining Greek American education for the modern era, is home of the Socrates Day School, a private institution that provides high-quality bilingual education to students from preschool through eighth grade.

The Academy's mission is to provide an enhanced curriculum to offer young Greek-Americans the opportunity to excel academically on a national level. It has provided Chicago students with a competitive advantage as they begin their academic careers. Recognized by the University of Crete as a model of outstanding Greek Orthodox education, the Academy's students routinely score in the 90th percentile in national standardized testing. More than a thousand Greek-American children have been educated at the Academy over the last decade, making it the largest Greek-American educational institution in the Midwest.

# JIM LOGOTHETIS HONORED BY GREEK EDUCATORS

By *Revekka Papadopoulos*



*Jim Logothetis, right, is presented with award by Stella Kokolis and Dr. Ioannis Efthymiopoulos.*

speaker. Greece's Deputy Permanent Representative to the UN, Ambassador Dionysios Kalamvrezos, offered remarks.

The program included a special presentation by the students of HCCS in honor of their principal and a musical interlude by soprano Anna Tsoukala and pianist Gregory Post.

"Greek education is the best investment we could make for our kids' and grandkids' future", Logothetis stated in receiving his award. He urged the Greek American community to financially support the cause of Hellenic Education in the USA.

**D**emetrios (Jim) G. Logothetis, newly elected Vice Chairman of Leadership 100 and a Senior Partner at Ernst & Young, was honored by the Federation of Hellenic American Educators and Cultural Associations of America at their 2nd Annual "Greek Language" Celebration at the Archdiocesan Cathedral of the Holy Trinity in New York City on Sunday, March 4, 2018.

The event, co-organized by the Hellenic Paideia of America and the Department of Greek Education of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese celebrated International Greek Language Day, which has been officially declared as February 9 by the Hellenic Republic.

Honorees also included Christina Tettonis, principal of the Hellenic Classical Charter School (HCCS) in Brooklyn, and Dr. Georgia Filiotis, educator and community activist, for their dedication to promote Hellenic ideals and language in the United States.

Stella Kokolis, President of the Federation and a member of Leadership 100, along with Vasiliki Filiotis of the "Paideia" organization, welcomed the attendees, which included Jim Logothetis' wife, Marianne, and Paulette Poulos, Executive Director of Leadership 100. Dr. Ioannis Efthymiopoulos, Director of the Department of Greek Education, was the keynote

Jim Logothetis was born in the village of Karatoula Kynourias in Arcadia, Greece. He joined Ernst & Young in January 1979 and was promoted to partner in 1990. He has served in the Global Lead Partner role for various global public and private companies, including Chrysler Corp, Whirlpool, Brunswick, Newell Rubbermaid, Case New Holland, Grainger, Porsche, Molex, and Harley - Davidson. He currently serves in that role for The Coca-Cola Company, based in Atlanta.

Logothetis has always made his faith and Greek heritage a priority in his life and remained very close to his roots in Greece and to the Greek community in the United States.

He is a founding member and has served as Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Hellenic American Academy in Chicago since 2004. He has also served as a member of the Archdiocesan Council and Parish Council President of Holy Trinity Church in Chicago as well as on the Advisory Council of the DePaul University College of Commerce and its Finance Department.

He currently serves on the Board of Trustees and the Executive Committee of the National Hellenic Museum and Cultural Center. In 2004 he was named an Archon of the Ecumenical Patriarchate.

## MICHAEL G. PSAROS RECEIVES HELLENIC HERITAGE AWARD

By Revekka Papadopoulou



(L to R) Andrew Gounardes, Fr. Eugene Pappas, Michael Psaros, Dr. Konstantinos Koutras, Archbishop Demetrios, Demetrios Kokotas, AHEPA Supreme Secretary and a member of Leadership 100, and John Eugenis.

Michael G. Psaros, a member of the Board of Trustees of Leadership 100 and co-founder of KPS Capital Partners, LP, was honored by the Three Hierarchs Greek Orthodox Church with the 16th Hellenic Heritage Award at their Annual Name Day Celebration Banquet held on January 29th, 2018 at the parish hall in Brooklyn.

The event took place after the Vespers Service for the feast of the Three Hierarchs, celebrated by His Eminence Archbishop Demetrios, Geron of America, assisted by the Presiding Priest Archimandrite Eugene Pappas and clergy from the New York area.

In accepting the award, Psaros thanked the community of the Three Hierarchs, saying that the honor goes to the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America, which he serves as Treasurer of the Archdiocesan Council. He noted that other leaders worked tirelessly with him for the benefit of that institution, naming Archbishop Demetrios, with whose blessing and wisdom directed their efforts, the Chancellor, Bishop Antonios of Phasiane, the Chief Financial Officer, Fr. Soterios Baroody, the Vice President of the Archdiocesan Council, George Tsandikos, Secretary and Legal Counsel of the Archdiocesan Council, Cathy Walsh, and the Chairs of the Council's Finance and Audit Committees, Lazaros Kirkos and Elaine Allen, respectively.

"I have the blessing of learning from Archbishop Demetrios every day because, every day and every moment for him is a teaching moment", Psaros said.

He remarked further, "I am who I am today because I was raised an Orthodox Christian and I was raised with the values and value system resident in every Greek household. That has grounded me. That has provided me with direction. That is powerful. Hellenism and Orthodoxy are two lungs that breathe together. I reject secular Hellenism. It is like breathing with one lung. I can only see Hellenism through the beautiful prism of Orthodoxy."

"This is a man of tremendous achievements", said Archbishop Demetrios, referring to Psaros. He thanked him for his untiring efforts to find a solution, stabilize and improve the financial status of the Archdiocese.

Psaros was also congratulated by Consul General of Greece in New York, Dr. Konstantinos Koutras and Andrew Gounardes, Counsel to Brooklyn Borough President Eric Adams.

Remarks were offered by Fr. Eugene Pappas, John Eugenis, the Three Hierarchs Parish Council President and Dr. Steve Gounardes, former President of St. Basil's Academy.

## MICHAEL PSAROS HONORED BY GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY WALL STREET ALLIANCE

By David Bjorkgren, *Hellenic News of America*



Michael G. Psaros (Photo by TNH/Costas Bej)

**M**ichael G. Psaros, a member of the Board of Trustees of Leadership 100 and Treasurer of the Archdiocesan Council of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America, who is Co-Founder of KPS Capital Partners, LP, was honored March 1st at the 18th Annual Wall Street Alliance Scholarship Dinner.

Each year, the dinner brings together the Georgetown University business community to honor colleagues who have made a significant mark professionally and in service to their community. The dinner also raises money to provide scholarship assistance to undergraduates of the university.

Psaros received a B.S.B.A in Finance from Georgetown University and currently serves on the the school's Board of Directors. He is also Vice Chairman of the Executive Board of Advisors of Georgetown University's McDonough School of Business and the Board of Advisors of the Georgetown University Center for Financial Markets and Policy.

In 2013, he and his wife created "The Michael and Robin Psaros Endowed Chair in Business Administration" at the McDonough School of Business.

Psaros is an Archon of the Ecumenical Patriarch, Order of St. Andrew, where he serves on its National Council. He is also a founding member of FAITH: An Endowment for Orthodoxy and Hellenism.

"Georgetown gave me the confidence to approach the rest of my life grounded with the same values and value system that I learned from my family and the Church," Psaros said in a video highlighting his recognition from the university. "Philanthropy is important, he said, "but philanthropic leadership matters more."

Psaros is a Co-Founder and Co-Managing Partner of KPS Capital Partners, LP and a member of its Investment Committee. KPS Capital Partners, LP is the manager of KPS Special Situations Funds, a family of private equity funds with approximately \$5.2 billion of assets under management focused on making controlling equity investments in companies across a diverse range of manufacturing industries globally.

## HELEN AND LOUIS NICOZISIS HONORED AT OCMC GALA



*OCMC Board President, John Colis (left), OCMC Executive Director, Fr. Martin Ritsi (right), OCMC Board Member and Event Chair, Athena Economou (center right) with Lou and Helen Nicozisis at the first inaugural OCMC Celebration Gala in Boca Raton, Florida, where the Nicozisis family was recognized for their tremendous support of Orthodox missions. Photo courtesy of Diane Parsons Photography.*

The Orthodox Christian Mission Center Celebration Gala took place the weekend of February 10, 2018, in Boca Raton, FL, at the Marriott at Boca Center. There were nearly 300 guests in attendance to honor Helen and Louis Nicozisis, members of Annunciation Church in Lancaster, PA, St. Mark Church in Boca Raton, FL, and St. Catherine Church in West Palm Beach, FL. Helen and Louis were honored for their lifetime of dedication to Orthodox Missions and the OCMC.

The gala, chaired by OCMC Board Member, Athena Economou, saw presentations from OCMC

Executive Director, Fr. Martin Ritsi, OCMC's President Emeritus, Fr. Alexander Veronis, current OCMC Board President, John Colis, and OCMC founder, His Grace Bishop Dimitrios (Couchell) of Xanthos. His Eminence Archbishop Demetrios, Geron of America and Congressman Gus Bilirakis offered congratulatory messages. Mike Emanuel of Fox News served as the evening's master of ceremonies. The celebration acknowledged Helen Nicozisis for her role as the first layperson President of the OCMC Board, elected in 2001. She has served on the OCMC Board for three decades, in addition to being Chair of the Capital Campaign Committee, which led to the May 2009 dedication of the Archbishop Anastasios and Archbishop Demetrios Missionary Training and Administration Building of the OCMC in St. Augustine, Florida.

These major contributions are just a few of the many Helen was recognized for on February 10th. Some of Helen's other

achievements include being elected President of the Board of Trustees of the Endowment Fund for Orthodox Missions (EFOM) in 1981, as well as being on the Mission Institute Board as President of EFOM.

Alongside his wife, Louis Nicozisis was recognized for his lifelong service to Orthodox Missionaries and the Church. Louis was awarded the Ellis Island Medal of Honor in 2002, after serving for 17 years on the Archdiocesan Council of the Greek Orthodox Church in America. He was chair on the council, and in his service, underwrote and initiated its Department of Outreach and Evangelism.

In addition to his many years of dedication, Louis also served on the Leadership 100 Board of Trustees from 1996 to 2010. Louis also became an Archon of the Ecumenical Patriarchate of the Order of St. Andrew in 1992.

Helen and Louis Nicozisis received the St. Paul Medal from Archbishop Iakovos of blessed memory, the highest award given to a layperson of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America.

These wonderful achievements were highlighted at the Celebration Gala, where the pinnacle of the evening was thanking the Nicozisises for their unwavering commitment to many Orthodox foundations and countless missionary endeavors.

# AMERICAN HELLENIC INSTITUTE HONORS MEMBERS OF LEADERSHIP 100

By David Bjorkgren, *Hellenic News of America*



(L to R) Phil Angelides, Isidoros Garifalakis, Nancy Papaioannou, and Tim Tassopoulos with their Awards.

The American Hellenic Institute honored three members of Leadership 100 at its 43rd Annual Hellenic Heritage Achievement & National Public Service Awards Dinner held in Washington, D.C. on March 3, 2018. The dinner honors Greek Americans, philanthropists and Philhellenes based on their career achievements and contributions to the Greek American community or community at large.

“Tonight, we honor four outstanding members of the Greek American community for setting an example not only of professional excellence but of selfless service to others, which is the ultimate definition of the ideas of Hellenism,” said Hellenic Institute President Nick Larigakis.

Honorees included former California State Treasurer Phil Angelides, Isidoros Garifalakis, the founder and CEO of Omega Industries, Inc. in Vancouver, Washington, Nancy Papaioannou, President of Atlantic Bank of New York, all members of Leadership 100, and Tim Tassopoulos, President and Chief Operating Officer of Chick-fil-A. Metropolitan Gerasimos of San Francisco attended to honor Angelides and Garifalakis, members of his Metropolitan.

Angelides received the Hellenic Heritage National Public Service Award for his “record of achievement in public policy and reform.” Angelides is President and owner of Riverview Capital Investments, which focuses on developing clean energy products and sustainable urban communities. He served as California State Treasurer from 1999 to 2007, the first and only Greek American elected to a state-wide office. Under his watch, the state saw many innovative projects and policy initiatives that

created affordable housing, clean energy and jobs. From 2009 to 2011, Angelides served as chairman of the U.S. Financial Crisis Inquiry Commission studying the factors that led to the 2008 Recession. Larigakis described Angelides as a “faithful public servant” and the “conscience of a nation when it examined such important topics as housing affordability and the causes of the Great Recession.”

Angelides was also the Democratic nominee for California governor in 2006 and Chairman of the California Democratic Party in the early 1990s. The 64-year-old was born and raised in Sacramento, California. His mother, Eleni Papadopoulou, from Alexandria, Egypt came to the United States in 1949, marrying his father, Jerry, a San Franciscan.

Garifalakis received the Hellenic Heritage Achievement Award. His company, Omega Industries, is the nation’s largest railroad crossing supplier and a world-wide leader in street fabrication, railroad track products and dredging equipment. He was cited “for his passionate commitment to integrity and honesty in business, philanthropic achievements and his support of Orthodoxy.” Larigakis said, “The first designation of an American dream can still be a reality as personified by Isidoros Garifalakis. He started with nothing, built everything and has never forgotten where he came from as he continues to support his hometown of Palioxori in Greece, funding projects in monasteries, churches, schools and health clinics.”

Born in 1947, Garifalakis emigrated to the United States after marrying at age 23 and within five years had learned English and earned his U.S. citizenship. Active in his church, he is a member of the National Hellenic Society and sponsor of the

Hellenic American Cultural Center in Portland, Oregon. He has been honored with the PLATO award and received the Humanitarian Award at the Annual Greek Folk Dance Festival. He serves on the Advisory Board and Council of the Greek Orthodox Metropolis of San Francisco and on the Archdiocesan Council.

Nancy Papaioannou, who received the Hellenic Heritage Achievement Award, was elected President of Atlantic Bank of New York in July 2013. She was cited “for her commitment to the Hellenic ideals of entrepreneurship and service.” Larigakis described Papaioannou as a “smart, intelligent woman, who rose to the top of a male-dominated field with nothing but hard work, grit and an authentic expression of her Hellenic values.”

Atlantic Bank is a key financial partner for the Greek American and Cypriot American communities in New York and works to assist Greece with its financial difficulties. A native of Greece, Papaioannou is Chairman of the Board of the Hellenic American Chamber of Commerce, on the Board of Directors of the National Hellenic Society, a member of the board at Mt. Sinai Queens Hospital and a member of the Archdiocesan Cathedral Philoptochos Society. She was named Distinguished Person of the Year at the Hellenic News of America’s 2017 30th Anniversary Gala and Greek American Woman of the Year at the 2016 Association of Greek American Professional Women Annual Awards Gala. This year, she will serve as Chairwoman of the 2018 Greek Independence Day parade in New York.

Tim Tassopoulos, who also received the Hellenic Heritage Achievement Award, began as a restaurant team member at Chick-fil-A 40 years ago and in 2016 was named its President and Chief Operating Officer. He was cited “for his visionary leadership in business and fidelity to Orthodoxy and youth.”

“While Greek Americans are used to success in the restaurant business, Tim Tassopoulos has redefined what it means to be successful as he shepherds one of the largest and most innovative restaurant powerhouses in the world,” Larigakis said.

Tassopoulos embarked on a career at Chick-fil-A because the cultural ethos of the restaurant chain closely resembled his own Hellenic heritage. He was a business consultant to Chick-fil-A in the early 1980s and was instrumental in evolving the business from a mall operation to free-standing restaurants. A native of Atlanta, Georgia, his grandparents were born in Greece and came to the United States in the 1900s.

Tassopoulos currently serves as Chairman of the Board of Trustees at Oglethorpe University in Atlanta, where he

graduated in 1981. He continues to be passionate about youth and education and is a Board Member of Hellenic College and Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology. He also sits on the Advisory Board for the Atlanta Area Council for the Boy Scouts of America and is an active Board Member of the Boys and Girls Club of Metro Atlanta and the Board of Orthodox Christian Fellowship.

Larigakis summed up the significance of the honors by stating, “We honor four distinguished Greek Americans whose achievements not only inspire us but remind us that being Greek American is also about being part of something bigger than yourself. We honor them not only for their achievements, but for their contributions to the rich tapestry of the Hellenic heritage.”

## MIDAMERICA TO PRODUCE OPERA-ORATORIO ON NICHOLAS GAGE’S MEMOIR “ELENI”

By NEO Magazine on March 11, 2018



Impresario Peter Tiboris, a member of Leadership 100, announced today that he has commissioned acclaimed composer Christopher Theofanidis and poet and librettist J. D. McClatchy, a 2003 finalist for the Pulitzer Prize, to create an opera-oratorio based on the international bestseller “Eleni”, about a woman’s sacrifice to save her children during the Greek Civil War.

The opera-oratorio will premiere at Carnegie Hall on March 25, 2021, the 200th anniversary of the revolution that freed Greece from 400 years of Turkish occupation. “I was deeply moved by Nicholas Gage’s memoir that demonstrates so powerfully that Greeks have struggled and sacrificed throughout their history

in defense of freedom,” said Tiboris, the grandson of Greek immigrants who settled in Sheboygan, WI, where he grew up. “Eleni’s heroic story has always been especially poignant to me because of my Greek roots.”

The opera-oratorio will be based on the memoir “Eleni” by Nicholas Gage, also a member of Leadership 100, which has been translated into more than 20 languages, made into a motion picture, and acclaimed by critics as “a devoted and brilliant achievement.”

The book tells the story of Gage’s mother, Eleni Gatzoyiannis, who engineered the escape of her eight-year-old son and three daughters from their mountain hamlet during the Greek Civil War in 1948, after she learned that the Communist guerrillas who occupied the village were planning to collect all the children and send them behind the Iron Curtain. In retribution for her defiance, she was imprisoned, tortured and then executed by a firing squad, her body left unburied at the bottom of a ravine. She was 41 years old.

“Eleni” tells how her son Nicholas joined his father in America and grew up to become a top New York Times investigative reporter, honing his skills with one goal in mind—to return to Greece, track down the men most responsible for his mother’s death and avenge her murder.

“The new commission is envisioned to be a 90-minute opera-oratorio for four to five world-class soloists, large orchestra, large chorus, children’s chorus and narrator, who will be Gage in the premier presentation,” said Tiboris, the general director and founder of MidAmerica Productions and MidAm International in New York. Tiboris will conduct the world premiere with his Manhattan Philharmonic, which he founded in 1990.

After the New York premier, the Pan-European Philharmonia of Warsaw will present the European premier in Athens, again conducted by Tiboris, who has been its music director since 2008.

The composer, Christopher Theofanidis, has been twice nominated for a Grammy for best composition, first in 2007 for “The Here and Now,” based on the poetry of the 13th century Sufi mystic Rumi, and in 2017, for “Bassoon Concerto.” He has written widely for the stage, including a ballet for the American Ballet Theatre and operas for the Houston Grand Opera and the San Francisco Opera.

A former faculty member of Julliard and the Peabody Conservatory of Johns Hopkins University, he is currently a

professor at Yale University and a composer-in-residence of the Aspen Music Festival.

Like Tiboris, he feels a special bond to “Eleni”. “My father lived in Crete during World War II and the Greek Civil War and saw up close how the Greek people suffered,” recalls Theofanidis, a native of Dallas, Texas. His mother was American born.

J.D. “Sandy” McClatchy is a prize-winning poet and literary critic as well as a noted librettist. He has written 16 opera libretti, including William Schumann’s “A Question of Taste,” Ned Rorem’s “Our Town,” Lowell Liebermann’s “Miss Lonelyhearts,” Elliot Goldenthal and Julie Taymor’s “Grendel,” and Lorin Maazel’s “1984”. In 2013, his adaptation of Stephen King’s “Dolores Claiborne” was performed at the San Francisco Opera.

McClatchy served for 27 years as editor of the Yale Review before resigning in June 2017. He has published six collections of poetry, the fifth of which, *Hazmat*, was a finalist for the 2003 Pulitzer Prize. He has also served as president of the American Academy of Art and Letters.

McClatchy previously served as Chancellor of the Academy of American Poets from 1996 until 2003. A native of Bryn Mawr, Pennsylvania, McClatchy was educated at Georgetown and Yale, from which he received his Ph.D. He has taught at Princeton, Columbia, UCLA, Johns Hopkins and Yale.

Music Director Peter Tiboris has presented 1,300 concerts at classical music venues around the world, including 560 at Carnegie Hall and Lincoln Center, through the company he founded in 1983, MidAmerica Productions. In 2004, he founded a summer music festival on the Greek island of Syros, the Festival of the Aegean, whose concerts, operas and performances have been recognized as among the best offered anywhere in Europe. He is a graduate of the University of Wisconsin and University of Illinois. Over the past 34 years, MidAmerica Productions, which he founded, is now the foremost independent producer of concerts in the history of Carnegie Hall.

In 2012, MidAm International, Inc. was formed to support MidAmerica’s growing presence in Europe. Since then, it has produced concerts in Vienna, Salzburg, Florence, Verona, Venice, Syros, and Athens with concerts slated in 2019 for Paris and Macao/Beijing/Hong Kong, as well as Vienna/Salzburg; Florence/Verona/Venice; Prague/Berlin; and Syros, Greece which will be the location for the 15th Annual International Festival of the Aegean.



## JULIE AND NICK SAKELLARIADIS RECEIVE MEDAL OF ST. PAUL



*Archbishop Demetrios bestows Medal of St. Paul upon Julie and Nick Sakellariadis.*

**H**is Eminence Archbishop Demetrios bestowed the Medal of St. Paul, the highest honor given by the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America, upon Julie and Nick Sakellariadis, who for more than three decades have quietly and effectively offered support to the Archdiocese along with Annunciation Church in New York City and many other Orthodox institutions. They are both longtime members of Leadership 100.

The ceremony took place on October 1, 2017 at the celebration of the 125th Anniversary of Annunciation Church, which served the earliest Greek Community in New York in the 19th Century. The Very Rev. Fr. Chrysostomos Gilbert, Pastor, presided.

Remarks were offered by George S. Tsandikos, Chairman of Leadership 100 and President of the Archdiocesan Council, who stated: "We honor Julie and Nick as exemplars of true Christian philanthropy and for their love of humankind. We thank them, and we thank Annunciation for reminding us of our history and for inspiring us to continue to serve the Church in America." Other speakers included Maria Logus, President of the National Philoptochos Society, Peter Vlachos, a member of the Leadership 100 Board of Trustees and a longtime ardent supporter of Annunciation Church and a friend of the Sakellariadis couple, and Paulette Poulos, Executive Director of Leadership 100.

## NIKITAS AND MARIKA DRAKOTOS HONORED BY RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE NEW YORK GREEK DIVISION



*(L to R) Michael N. Bapis, Nikitas and Marika Drakotos, Archbishop Demetrios and Dr. Ruth Browne.*

**N**ikitas and Marika Drakotos, co-founders and associates of M & N Management Corp and members of Leadership 100 were honored by the Greek Division of Ronald McDonald House New York at the 22nd Annual Christmas Celebration at The New York Athletic Club in Manhattan on Tuesday, December 12.

The couple were main supporters of the Greek Division in its early days. Michael N. Bapis, Chairman of the Greek Division noted that Marika was a good friend of the late Niki Sideris, Founder and first Chairman of the Greek Division, and she had hosted a celebration at her home when the foundations were laid for its creation almost 40 years ago.

"This honor belongs to my wife Marika," said Nikitas Drakotos. Upon receiving the award, he thanked the more than 350 volunteers, friends and sponsors of the Greek Division who joined forces this year to help the children who fight cancer and hosted them with their families at Ronald McDonald House. During the Christmas Celebration, the Drakotos family continued their tradition of support and offered the Greek Division a \$50,000 donation.

His Eminence Archbishop Demetrios, Geron of America delivered the Invocation, assisted by Archdeacon Panteleimon Papadopoulos, while the Greek Minister of Tourism, Helena Kountouras thanked the Omogeneia and especially the Drakotos couple and the Greek Division. She stated that "it is very important to help, especially children who are our future."

The Christmas Dinner along with the Walk-a-Thon of Love held every May are the two main events organized by the Greek Division of Ronald McDonald House New York, which was founded 39 years ago by Niki Sideris, with the support of the then President, Vivian Harris.

The event was also attended by Consul General of Greece in New York, Dr. Konstantinos Koutras, his wife, Popita, and Consul Lana Zochiou, as well as the Executive Director of Leadership100, Paulette Poulos.

The organizers of the event announced that the sisters of Metropolitan Philotheos of Meloa of Blessed Memory, Elli Karamitsou and Maro Manesis, presented a check for \$5,000 bequeathed to the Greek Division by the Metropolitan, who had been an ardent supporter and had offered spiritual guidance to the Ronald McDonald House.

In his welcome remarks, Bapis, who also was the Master of Ceremonies, stressed that with the support of the Greek Community, the Greek Division is a "lifeline" for the families coming from Greece, Cyprus and the US for the treatment of their children. Special thanks were expressed to the members of the organizing committee and especially to Spiridoula Katechis, who coordinates the work of the Greek Division.

Ronald McDonald House President Dr. Ruth Browne, thanked the Greek Community for their long-standing support, and noted the renovation of the institution's facilities that have made it the world's largest such facility and the new services that it can now provide.

## DR. NICHOLAS ROMAS HONORED BY NEW ROCHELLE AHEPA CHAPTER

AHEPA's James Plevritis-Joseph C. Keane Evzone Chapter of New Rochelle, New York honored Dr. Nicholas Romas as the chapter's Man of the Year with its Lifetime Achievement Award at its 15th Annual Initiation and Luncheon at the Westchester Country Club in Rye, New York on December 2, 2017. The award highlighted Dr. Romas' dedication to his profession, service to humanity and guidance and care for his fellow AHEPANS. Dr. Romas is a longtime member of Leadership 100.

The program began with a rendition of the National Anthems of



*Left to right, Supreme Governor, Tom Dushas, Supreme President, Carl Hollister, Event Chairman, James Zafiros, Honoree, Dr. Nicholas Romas, his wife Serene, Chapter Executive Officers, President, Joe Keane and Chairman of the Board of Trustees, Zachary Marantis.*

the United States and Greece and the introduction of the Chapter's degree team, led by Captain of the Guard, Brother Costa Papademetriou, and the introduction of the 2017 inductees. Supreme Secretary, Jimmy Kokotas, addressed the new members and the District Lodge. Governor Ted Stamas led in the pinning of the new members with the AHEPA Insignia.

The initiation was followed by the luncheon and award presentation. More than 200 AHEPANS, family members, and guests attended. They included eight chapter presidents, the entire Empire State District Lodge, Supreme Governor, Tom Dushas and Supreme Secretary Jimmy Kokotas, both members of Leadership 100, Supreme Trustee Elias Tsekerides and Key Note Speaker, Supreme President, Carl Hollister who represents AHEPA's membership in Leadership 100.

Supreme President Hollister noted that AHEPA affects the daily lives of thousands of Greek-Americans and Phil-Hellenes through its many programs and scholarships in the United States and abroad and pointed out that in 2022 AHEPA will be celebrating its 100th Anniversary. He congratulated the chapter for its visionary selection of the honoree, Dr. Nicholas Romas, as their Man of the Year.

Harry Wilson, a family member and a member of Leadership 100, introduced Dr. Romas, detailing the honoree's background. Dr. Romas is currently Professor of Urology at Columbia University Medical Center and was recognized by US News and World Report as one of Americas top Urological Physicians. He served as a Major in the United States Air Force. His family includes his wife Serene, a member of Leadership 100, three daughters, Stavra, Eva and Pamela and ten grandchildren. Dr. Romas received a standing ovation from the exceptionally large crowd attending.

## HELLENIC MEDICAL SOCIETY HONORS DR. GEORGE KOFINAS



*Dr. George Kofinas, right, with Distinguished Physician Award and other honorees. Photo by Costas Bej.*

The Hellenic Medical Society of New York honored Dr. George D. Kofinas, Director of the Fertility Institute at New York Presbyterian Brooklyn Methodist Hospital with the Distinguished Physician Award at their 81st Annual Scholarship Gala on Saturday, Dec. 2 at the JW Marriott Essex House in New York City. Both Dr. George Kofinas and his wife, Dr. Miranda Kofinas, are members of Leadership 100.

The other honorees included Dr. Florentia Christodoulidou, Internal Medicine, Mt. Sinai Hospital of Queens, and Dr. Katherine E. Fleming, PhD, Provost, NYU.

Dr. Kofinas was also the keynote speaker at the Hellenic Medical Scientific Symposium & Scholarship Awards at Lenox Hill Hospital Einhorn Auditorium on Friday, Dec. 1. He spoke on the role of genetics in reproductive and regenerative medicine.

Dr. Kofinas, Founder and Medical Director of the Kofinas Fertility Group, is Chief of Reproductive Endocrinology and Infertility at New York Presbyterian Brooklyn Methodist, considered among the best in the world. He has also been listed among New York Magazine's Best Doctors for the last two decades. As the leader of Kofinas Fertility Group and a distinguished authority on fertility medicine, Dr. Kofinas has used his depth of knowledge and sharp intuition to help thousands of couples start families of their own.

## LEADERSHIP 100 MEMBERS CREATE HELLENIC HEARTS

Hellenic Hearts, a non-profit organization, was created and co-founded by Leadership 100 members John Aivazoglou and Nick Karalis, along with Kostas Mikropoulos and Tim Vlassopoulos, with the intent of supporting Hellenes from the Greater Philadelphia area in extreme financial distress. Its inception was on February 17th,



*John Aivazoglou and Nick Karalis.*

2016, at John's 50th birthday party when in lieu of gifts, donations were collected in the amount of \$20,000. The momentum continued into the next event, the Annual Golf Invitational and Dinner, which raised more than \$85,000. Other Leadership 100 members currently serving on the Board of Directors include Michael Bapis, also a member of the Leadership 100 Board of Trustees, Dimitri Halakos, and James Karalis. Peter J. Pappas, of Blessed Memory, who was a long-time member of the Leadership 100 Executive Committee and Board of Trustees, also served on the Hellenic Hearts Board.

One of the primary purposes of the organization is to respond to catastrophic emergencies including but not limited to death, medical necessities, and financial shortcomings within 48 hours. The organization has already provided financial assistance in many emergencies, such as support of a struggling



*Class of 2017.*

family after a fire destroyed their home and all their possessions but one. Miraculously, only a single icon of Jesus Christ survived that devastating fire. It also aided a woman fighting breast cancer pay for an expensive experimental treatment after her insurance company refused to pay. She is doing well.

Hellenic Hearts also created the Educational Guidance Program, directed by Louie Karapanagiotides. Along with his

numerous volunteer advisors, Karapanagiotides manages college preparation symposiums and community service events for deserving Greek American students. Twelve students were chosen as the Class of 2017 and were provided free SAT tutoring through Princeton Review. As a result of the prep course, the students increased their scores 110-185 points. The program participation also requires the students to engage in community service events scheduled by the advisors. In the Spring of 2018 the organization will begin accepting applications for fifteen, \$1,000 need-based scholarships. Naming opportunities are available for endowed scholarships.

The main fundraising event, Hellenic Hearts Golf Invitational, which included the annual dinner, will take place June 4, 2018 at the Rolling Green Country Club in Springfield, PA. The club recently hosted the U.S. Women's Amateur Golf Tournament (2016).

Since its founding, Hellenic Hearts has envisioned spreading to every major city in the nation, to serve as a safety net for Hellenes in need. The organization will assist anyone who wishes to establish a Hellenic Hearts Chapter in their area. For more information, go to [HellenicHearts.org](http://HellenicHearts.org) or [MargaretAntzoulatos@HellenicHearts.org](mailto:MargaretAntzoulatos@HellenicHearts.org).

## LEADERSHIP 100 MEMBER LEADS J.P. MORGAN'S PRIVATE BANK TEAM IN NEW JERSEY

**A**lma DeMetropolis, who joined Leadership 100 in 2017, capped her 25-year career at JPMorgan Chase, by returning to her native New Jersey in November of 2016 as Managing Director and a Senior Investment Specialist for the Tri-State Region of the J.P. Morgan Private Bank. She became President of the New Jersey Market Leadership team and Market Manager for the New Jersey Private Bank.

Currently, she specializes in advising clients on a broad range of wealth matters and managing investment portfolios for U.S. Ultra-High Net Worth individuals, families, endowments and



*Alma DeMetropolis, Managing Director, Senior Investment Specialist and Market Manager for J.P. Morgan Private Bank in New Jersey.*  
- (AARON HOUSTON)

foundations. DeMetropolis joined J.P. Morgan in 1992 and worked 7 years in Europe and Latin America.

DeMetropolis began her career as an analyst before spending four years in London, Madrid, Paris and Zurich, helping the firm to prepare for the coming euro. Upon returning to the United States, DeMetropolis joined the private bank asset management division, predominantly working for international clients. Fluent in Spanish and Greek, she spent four years working with global families in Argentina, Chile, Mexico and Venezuela.

JP Morgan consolidated her office in Summit, 10 minutes from her home in New Providence, with 30 additional team members from its Morristown location and some 40 people came with her from their office in New York City. "New Jersey, for us, is a real growth market," she said.

DeMetropolis graduated from Cornell University in 1991 with a bachelor's degree in human development and family studies. She had planned to go to medical school. However, she had minored in accounting, and, in need of supporting herself worked for the Federal Deposit Insurance Corp., closing branches during the savings and loan crisis to reopen them under FDIC protection.

Learning of an opening with what was then J.P. Morgan & Co, she joined the company, which she says was innovative in focusing on technology as well as finance. She soon became an expert on a broad range of wealth matters and managing investment portfolios.

## ILLINOIS GOVERNOR APPOINTS ANASTASIA PALIVOS TO COMMERCE COMMISSION



Anastasia Palivos

Illinois Governor Bruce Rauner announced the appointment of attorney Anastasia Palivos to a five-year term as a Commissioner of the Illinois Commerce Commission on Jan. 23, 2018. She is the daughter of Leadership 100 members Peter and Vicky Palivos and participates in Leadership 100 activities.

Palivos is the first Greek-American woman appointed to the Illinois Commerce Commission, and at age 28, she becomes the youngest-ever Commissioner in the history of Illinois.

She was a legal and policy advisor at the Illinois Commerce Commission and worked as an attorney for a private health services development strategy company. She graduated magna cum laude from DePaul University where she received a bachelor's degree in political science and from DePaul University College of Law with honors.

In supporting the nomination, the Chairman of the Illinois Commerce Commission, Brien J. Sheahan, stated that Palivos' legal background and previous experience working at the Illinois Commerce Commission has prepared her for a new role as Commissioner.

"I am honored by this appointment and am grateful to Governor Rauner for his commitment to investing in the next

generation of leaders in government," Palivos said. "Public service is important to me, and I am humbled by the opportunity to provide public service to the citizens of our State."

Palivos acknowledged her family's history of public service. Her mother is a philanthropist and her father a Greek-American national leader and attorney. "I am so grateful for the values my parents instilled in me from a young age," she said. She also expressed her love for the Greek community, stating, "One of my goals as a commissioner will be to continue efforts to increase the role and responsibility of Greek-Americans in government."

Palivos is a founding member of the Hippocratic Cancer Research Foundation, which is involved in cancer research through the Northwestern University Medical Center. She is a member of the Greek Orthodox Church, and has supported International Orthodox Christian Charities, the American Cancer Society and the American Diabetes Society.

The Illinois Commerce Commission is a quasi-judicial body that regulates public utilities, including electric, natural gas, telecommunications, water and sewer. It also regulates all interstate commerce, commercial motor carriers, and railroad infrastructure in the state of Illinois.

## PAULETTE POULOS HONORED AT BROOKLYN GREEK AMERICAN HERITAGE CELEBRATION

By Revekka Papadopoulos



(L to R) Brooklyn Borough President Eric L. Adams, Honoree Paulette Poulos, the Very Rev. Eugene Pappas and Zoe Koutsoupakis.

Leadership 100 Executive Director Paulette Poulos was the keynote speaker at the annual Greek -American Heritage Celebration held in the Courtroom at Brooklyn Borough Hall on March 19, 2018. She was also presented with the Hellenic Heritage Award.

The event, organized by Brooklyn Borough President, Eric L. Adams in collaboration with the Hellenic Community of Brooklyn, commemorated the 197th anniversary of the Greek War for Independence, as well as the rich contributions of Greek Americans in the Borough of Brooklyn and the City of New York. Eight individuals who have made a difference within the community in education, faith and youth programs were honored.

The other honorees included Ula Dikeakos, Teddy Dikeakos, James Ladis, John Makrinos, Valerie Markou, Helen Pavlides, Maria Tsoukaris and Sylvia Vellios.

Among those present were Consul General of Greece in New York, Konstantinos Koutras, Consul Lana Zochiou, Deputy Permanent Representative of Cyprus to the UN, Ambassador Menelaos Menelaou, Rhode Island State Senator Leonidas Raptakis and Andrew Gounardes, Counsel to the Brooklyn Borough President.

Panagiotis Kouroumplis, Minister of

Maritime Affairs and Insular Policy of the Hellenic Republic, was also in attendance.

Brooklyn Borough President Adams congratulated and thanked the honorees for their services to Brooklyn and recognized the role of the Greek Community -among many others- in the progress of the borough. "47 percent of the people of the Borough of Brooklyn speak a language other than English at home; this is the United Nations of America," he noted.

In her keynote address, Poulos referred to the ideals of the Greek Revolution and "the values of Hellenism that have penetrated the institutions of the United States and the lives of all Americans, even in the 21st Century".

"I became fully aware of the significance of what it means to be a true Hellene in my long association with Archbishop Iakovos of Blessed Memory who is remembered as a great American leader as well as a leader of his Church and community because of his understanding and devotion to Hellenism," she said. "Along with the Archbishop and the untiring love and guidance I received from my parents Rebecca and Charles, who raised me in Brooklyn, I was instilled together with my sister Carol and my brother Peter with those values of Hellenism and the importance of faith and integrity", she added.

The Very Rev. Eugene Pappas, presiding priest of Three Hierarchs Church in Brooklyn, offered the invocation.

Following the presentation, the dance troops from D.G.K School of Holy Cross, A. Fantis School of SS Constantine and Helen Church and the Hellenic Classical Charter School performed in the Brooklyn Borough Hall Rotunda.



Paulette Poulos addresses Brooklyn Greek American Heritage Celebration gathering at Brooklyn Borough Hall.

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