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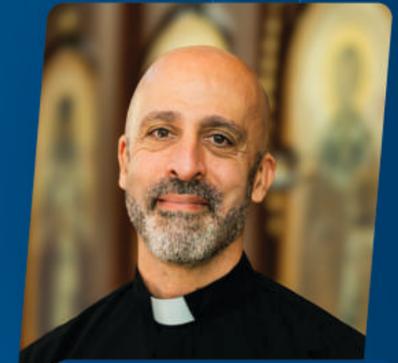
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## 33<sup>rd</sup> Annual Leadership 100 Conference

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Winter 2024



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### PROGRAM

#### Thursday, February 29

9:00 am - 4:00 pm  
8:45 am – 9:45 am  
9:45 am – 10:15 am  
10:15 am – 11:00 am  
  
11:15 am – 12:30 pm  
12:45 pm - 1:45 pm  
2:00 pm - 3:30 pm  
  
5:45 pm - 6:30 pm  
7:00 pm - 10:00 pm

Registration/Hospitality  
Opening Breakfast  
*Video Presentation: Leadership 100's 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary*  
Forum Speakers: *Deacon Marek Simon*  
*Maria Tsarnas and Chris Kontomaris (OCF)*  
Forum Speaker: *Gen. Andrew Poppas*  
Luncheon  
*Forum Speakers: Drs. Theodoros Teknos*  
*and Leonidas Platanius*  
New Members / First Timers Orientation  
Welcome Reception

Registration Foyer  
Ritz Carlton Ballroom  
  
Ritz Carlton Ballroom  
  
Vanderbilt Ballroom  
Ritz Carlton Ballroom  
  
Estuary  
Center Court  
*Back up: Ritz Carlton Ballroom*

#### Friday, March 1

9:00 am - 5:00 pm  
8:30 am – 9:30 am  
9:45 am - 10:45 am  
  
10:00 am – 2:00 pm  
11:00 am - 1:00 pm  
1:00 pm - 2:00 pm  
2:00 pm - 3:30 pm  
4:00 pm – 5:30 pm  
  
7:00 pm - 11:00 pm  
11:00 pm

Registration/Hospitality  
Breakfast  
Lecture  
*His Eminence Archbishop Elpidophoros*  
Children's Program  
General Assembly  
Luncheon  
*Forum Speaker: Col. Matthew Bogdanos*  
Young Professionals private dialogue with  
Archbishop Elpidophoros Young Professionals Only  
Hellenic Glendi  
Buses Depart  
Young Professionals After Hours Event

Registration Foyer  
Ritz Carlton Ballroom  
Vanderbilt Ballroom  
  
TBD  
Vanderbilt Ballroom  
Ritz Carlton Ballroom  
  
Vanderbilt Ballroom  
  
Ritz Carlton Ballroom  
TBD

#### Saturday, March 2

7:45 am – 8:45 am  
8:30 am - 1:00 pm  
9:00 am - 1:00 pm  
9:30 am – 11:00 am  
11:00 am - 12:30 pm  
1:00 pm - 2:00 pm  
5:45 pm - 6:30 pm  
6:00 pm - 11:00 pm  
6:00 pm - 7:00 pm  
7:00 pm - 11:00 pm  
11:15 pm – 1:15 am

13<sup>th</sup> Annual Walk/Run  
Golf Tournament  
Tennis Tournament  
Brunch  
*Forum Speaker: Matina Kolokotronis*  
Golf/Tennis Awards Luncheon Players Only  
Obelisk and Icon Photo Presentation  
Children's Program  
Grand Banquet Reception  
Grand Banquet (Black Tie)  
After Hours Social

TBD  
Tiburon Golf Course  
Tennis Courts at Tiburon  
Ritz Carlton Ballroom  
  
TBD  
Plaza I  
Port Royal  
Ritz Carlton Ballroom Foyer  
Ritz Carlton Ballroom  
The Plaza Ballroom

#### Sunday, March 3

8:15 am  
8:30 am  
9:30 am

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## MESSAGE FROM OUR CHAIRMAN



Dear Members,

The 33rd Annual Leadership 100 Conference, which will take place February 29-March 3, 2024, at The Ritz-Carlton, Naples in Naples, Florida, will commemorate the 40th Anniversary of the Archbishop Iakovos Leadership 100 Fund.

We anticipate the celebration with great excitement. In preparation we have arranged for the exhibit titled **Leadership 100, 1984 to 2024, 40 Years of Philanthropic Service** at the National Hellenic Museum in Chicago, as part of the exhibit **Legacy, Renewal & Unity: Celebrating 100 Years of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America**, which Leadership 100 funded, and a video produced at the exhibit to be shared with all attendees at our Conference. The exhibit will be on display at the Museum until May 2024 thanks to our esteemed member, John P. Calamos, Sr., Chairman of the Museum.

The number 40 has great significance in our faith. Noah and his family remained on the Ark for 40 days and 40 nights (Genesis 7:11-24), Moses went up to Mount Sinai to meet the Lord for 40 days and 40 nights (Exodus 24:18 and 34:28). Jesus wandered in the wilderness for 40 days and 40 nights (Matthew 4:1-11). The number is associated with testing and hardship that must be endured to become more spiritually aware.

So it has been for Leadership 100 and its members, meeting the many challenges over decades but growing in faith and becoming even more aware of its mission. So it has been for our Church in America

and the faithful through the challenges of leadership.

His Eminence Archbishop Elpidophoros will address this reality in a lecture in acknowledgement of our 40th Anniversary on Friday, March 1.

Speakers include Deacon Marek Simon, Executive Director, and Maria Tsarnas and Chris Kontomaris, of the Orthodox Christian Fellowship (OCF), General Andrew Poppas, Commanding General, US Army Forces Command, and Drs. Theodoros Teknos, President and Scientific Director at the UH Seidman Cancer Center and Professor at Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine, Cleveland, and Leonidas Plataniyas, Director of the Robert H. Lurie Comprehensive Cancer Center and Professor at Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine, Chicago, on Thursday, February 29; Colonel Matthew Bogdanos, Chief, Antiquities Trafficking Unit New York District Attorney's Office, on Friday, March 1; and Matina Kolokotronis, Chief Operating Officer, Sacramento Kings, on Saturday, March 2.

Other events include the Welcome Reception and New Member/First Timers Orientation on Thursday, February 29, our General Assembly, Young Professionals' Private Dialogue with Archbishop Elpidophoros and the Hellenic Glendi on Friday, March 1, the Annual Walk/Run and Golf and Tennis Tournaments and Awards on Saturday morning, March 2, the Obelisk and Icon Photo Presentation, Children's Program, and Grand Banquet on Saturday evening, March 2, and the Hierarchical Divine Liturgy at St. Katherine's Church in Naples, Florida on Sunday, March 3.

The past year has been challenging for all of us. We have increased membership, contributions, and grants, but we were confronted with a demanding situation with the temporary decline in our portfolio below the inviolate amount, due to general economic conditions. The situation, however, improved toward the end of 2023

and we were able to meet all our grant commitments for 2023, totaling \$4.9 million.

We want to thank His Eminence Archbishop Elpidophoros for his patience and understanding of our delay in supporting the Archdiocese National Ministries.

As of December 31, 2023, our portfolio was \$95.7 million, and total assets at \$111.7 million. Since its inception in 1984, Leadership 100 has distributed \$74.9 million in grants.

We welcomed 71 new members in 2023, including 19 young professionals. Total membership stands at 1,301 with 762 fulfilled.

I am confident that we will meet these financial challenges as we celebrate our 40th Anniversary in 2024. We are blessed to have a dedicated and capable Executive Director, Paulette, her staff, and committed members, especially those who serve as our Officers and on our Executive Committee, Board of Trustees, and all other committees.

In that regard, I am most pleased to welcome Michael N. Bapis, who was elected Vice Chairman, succeeding James Pantelidis of Blessed Memory, who left a great and unforgettable legacy to Leadership 100, the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese, and the Greek American Community. I am also pleased to welcome Stella Pantelidis, his beloved wife, Dimitra Manis, and Doretta Mistras to our Board of Trustees, along with our Legal Counsel, Emanuel Cotronakis, to our Executive Committee.

I wish you and your family a Happy, Healthy and Prosperous New Year and look forward to greeting you in Naples, Florida.

With warmest regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jim H. Logothetis".

**Demetrios G. Logothetis**  
Chairman



## **General Andrew P. Poppas, Commanding General, U.S. Army Forces Command, to address Forum on Thursday, February 29**

General Andrew Poppas, who became the 24th commander of United States Army Forces Command, Fort Liberty (formerly Fort Bragg, NC), on July 8, 2022, will address the Forum on Thursday, February 29.

As commander of the U.S. Army's largest organization, he commands 216,000 active-component soldiers and 190,000 members of the U.S. Army Reserve, while also providing training and readiness oversight to the Army National Guard. In total, the Forces Command team includes more than 740,000 soldiers and 13,000 civilians.

A native of Wisconsin, General Poppas graduated from the United States Military Academy at West Point and was commissioned in 1988. He spent his early years serving within the 3rd Infantry Regiment at Fort Myer, VA; the 82nd Airborne Division at Fort Bragg, NC; as a foreign area officer in Thessaloniki, Greece; and on the Joint Staff in Washington, D.C.

In 2005, he returned to the 82nd Airborne Division and Fort Liberty (formerly Fort Bragg), where he commanded 3rd Battalion, 505th Parachute Infantry Regiment and later 5th Squadron, 73rd Cavalry Regiment, which he deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. He then served in the 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault) at Fort Campbell, KY, as its 1st Brigade Combat Team Commander and later as the division's Deputy Commanding General (Operations). In both these roles, he deployed to Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

General Poppas then returned to Washington, D.C. where he served as Deputy Director for Regional Operations and Force Management on the Joint Staff, and Director of Force Management in the Headquarters, Department of the Army G-3/5/7. In 2017, he assumed command of the 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault) and again deployed with the division to Afghanistan.

Prior to assuming command of Forces Command, General Poppas served more than three years as a senior leader on the Joint Staff, first as Director for Operations, and later as Director of the Joint Staff. In this role, he assisted the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff as advisor to the President and Secretary of Defense, coordinated and directed Joint Staff activities in support of the Chairman, and served as the Staff Inspector General.

In addition to his Bachelor of Science degree in National Security Affairs from the United States Military Academy, General Poppas holds a Master of Science degree in Occupational Education from Kansas State University. He is also a graduate of the Defense Language Institute, the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College, and a fellowship at Harvard University.

General Poppas and his wife of 22 years, Beth, have three teenage children.



## **Matina Kolokotronis, Chief Operating Officer of the Sacramento Kings, to Address Saturday Forum on March 2**

Entering her 27th season with the NBA, Matina Kolokotronis, who serves as the Chief Operating Officer (COO) of the Sacramento Kings, will address the Saturday Forum on March 2. Bringing decades of experience in sports and government law, community affairs and contract negotiations, Kolokotronis' leadership has been integral to the development of the award-winning Golden 1 Center as well as its adjacent, \$500 million mixed-use development project, Downtown Commons.

Golden 1 Center is recognized as the greenest and most technologically advanced arena in the world and is the first professional sports venue in the world to achieve LEED Platinum certification. Together, Golden 1 Center and Downtown Commons represent a \$1 billion investment in downtown Sacramento, CA – a great source of pride for the community and driver of significant economic growth in the region.

Prior to her appointment as COO, Kolokotronis was the President of Business Operations. Kolokotronis is the only female in the NBA to hold both COO and President of Business Operations titles.

Before being named President of Business Operations, Kolokotronis served as legal consultant for the Kings business and basketball operations teams, negotiating player and staff contracts. During that time, Kolokotronis was an Adjunct Professor of Law at McGeorge Law School,

University of the Pacific, where she taught Sports Law. Prior to that, she served for six years as director of the Sacramento Kings Foundation, overseeing strategic development and fundraising activities. Before joining the Kings, Kolokotronis was an associate with Miller, Owen and Trost and practiced contract and sports law where her clients included the Kings and various NBA players.

Kolokotronis' leadership extends beyond the Kings organization and into the community, where she is an advocate for numerous women's advancement groups and non-profits. She is a mentor at SheShares, a Sacramento-based organization dedicated to supporting young female professionals working and creating careers in California. She also serves on the California State Protocol Foundation board, as appointed by Governor Gavin Newsom, and is the board chair of the Greater Sacramento Economic Council.

Kolokotronis is a graduate of Loyola University Chicago and received her law degree from McGeorge Law School, University of the Pacific. A Chicago native, she was raised in the Greek Orthodox faith and is an active member of the Greek Orthodox community. She and her husband, Sotiris, are long-time Sacramento residents, and the parents of three children – Constantine, Marisa, and Nicholas.



## Colonel Matthew Bogdanos to Address Forum on Friday, March 1

Colonel Matthew Bogdanos, Chief, Antiquities Trafficking Unit, New York District Attorney's Office, will address the Forum on Friday, March 1. Bogdanos has served as Assistant District Attorney since 1988. He is an author, boxer, and a retired colonel

in the United States Marine Corps. Following the September 11, 2001 attacks, Bogdanos deployed to Afghanistan where he was awarded a Bronze Star for actions against Al-Qaeda and the Taliban. In 2003, while on active duty in the Marine Corps, he led an investigation into the looting of Iraq's National Museum, and was subsequently awarded the National Humanities Medal for his efforts. Returning to the District Attorney's Office in 2010, he created and still heads the Antiquities Trafficking Unit, "the only one of its kind in the world." He had previously gained national attention for the prosecution of Sean Combs, who was acquitted of weapons and bribery charges in a 2001 trial stemming from a 1999 nightclub shootout.

Bogdanos attended Don Bosco Preparatory High School in New Jersey and later Bucknell University in Pennsylvania. He holds a Bachelor's degree in classical studies from Bucknell and a degree in law from Columbia University Law School. He also has a Master's degree in Classical Studies from Columbia University and another Master's in Strategic Studies from the United States Army War College.

Bogdanos is one of a set of twins born and raised in New York to a Greek father, Konstantine, and a French mother, Claire. He is one of four children. Growing up he waited tables in his parents' Greek restaurant, Deno's Place, in lower Manhattan.

Bogdanos enlisted in the United States Marine Corps Reserve in January 1977, while still a freshman. In 1988, he resigned from active duty to join the Manhattan District Attorney's Office. Following the September 11, 2001 attacks, Bogdanos returned to full-time active duty.

In 1996, Bogdanos led a counter-narcotics action on the Mexico–United States border. He was active during Operation Desert Storm and served in South Korea, Lithuania, Guyana, Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan and Kosovo. In 2001, he was part of a law enforcement, counter-terrorism team deployed to Afghanistan, where he was awarded a Bronze Star for actions against Al-Qaeda for, according to the Bronze Star citation, "seizing unexpected opportunities and relying on his personal courage often at great personal risk."

In March 2003, he was promoted to colonel and deployed to Iraq as head of his team. During his stint in Iraq, the Iraq Museum in Baghdad was sacked and thousands of valuable antiquities were stolen. For over five years Bogdanos led a team to recover the artifacts. Up to 2006, approximately 10,000 artifacts were recovered through his efforts. Antiquities recovered include the Warka Vase and The Mask of Warka. Bogdanos co-wrote a memoir with William Patrick, *Thieves of Baghdad: One Marine's Passion for Ancient Civilizations and the Journey to Recover the World's Greatest Stolen Treasures*. The book chronicles his efforts to recover the missing Iraqi artifacts. In November 2005, he was awarded a National Humanities Medal from President George W. Bush for his efforts to recover the artifacts. He has also received the 2004 Public Service Award from the Hellenic Lawyers of America, the 2006 Distinguished Leadership Award from the Washington DC Historical Society, and a 2007 Proclamation from the City of New York, among other awards.

Deployed to Afghanistan in 2009 with NATO counter-insurgency forces, he was released back into the Marine Reserves in September 2010, and returned to the District Attorney's Office.

When Cyrus Vance, Jr. became District Attorney in 2010, he authorized Bogdanos to prosecute antiquities trafficking, but with no additional resources assigned. For the next six years, he and Special Agent Brenton Easter, a federal agent with Homeland Security Investigations, worked dozens of cases, including one of the largest seizures of stolen antiquities in U.S. history, more than 2,600 idols valued at more than \$143 million and seized from renowned New York dealer Subhash Kapoor who is on trial in India and awaiting extradition to New York.

By 2017, Bogdanos and Easter were making so many antiquities trafficking cases that Bogdanos was sleeping in his office. When supervisors alerted District Attorney Vance, he approved the creation of the first-of-its-kind Antiquities Trafficking Unit consisting of prosecutors, federal agents, New York City detectives, and specialized analysts. Since then, the Unit has grown to 16 personnel. Since 2010, Bogdanos and his team have convicted a dozen traffickers, seized more than 4,000 antiquities valued at more than \$200 million, and repatriated more than 2,000 antiquities to almost two dozen countries. Among the seizures was a golden first-century-B.C. Egyptian coffin that the Metropolitan Museum of Art had acquired for \$4 million and was made famous when Kim Kardashian posed for a photo next to it at the 2018 Met Gala.

As a Senior Trial Counsel in the District Attorney's Office, Bogdanos still prosecutes homicides, what he describes as being "connected to the worst moment in people's lives."

Bogdanos is also a former middleweight boxer with almost 30 amateur fights and is still boxing, with a record of 10-2 since his 40th birthday. Along with another Assistant District Attorney, fellow U.S. Marine officer Al Peterson, he co-founded a Charity Boxing Foundation called Battle of the Barristers that has raised more than \$1 million for wounded veterans and children at risk.

## Drs. Theodoros N. Teknos and Leonidas Plataniias to address Forum on Thursday, February 29



Theodoros (Ted) N. Teknos, MD, is President & Scientific Director for the University Hospitals Seidman Cancer Center at University Hospitals Cleveland Medical Center and Deputy Director of the Case Comprehensive Cancer Center. Dr. Teknos has also been appointed the Jane and Lee Seidman Chair in Cancer Innovation and he holds the title of Professor at Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine. He is board certified in Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery. In November 2020 he was bestowed with the Distinguished Physician designation in recognition of exceptional service that personifies UH's mission: To Heal. To Teach. To Discover.

In his role as President & Scientific Director, Dr. Teknos leads the development of strategic, business and marketing plans for UH Seidman, including cancer-related palliative care, integrative care, and interface with UH Hospice care. He oversees all inpatient and ambulatory cancer care delivered at facilities across the UH system. Dr. Teknos provides leadership of UH Seidman's academic components and the Clinical Trials Unit and directs UH Seidman's involvement in the Case Comprehensive Cancer Center.

Dr. Teknos is a renowned clinician and academic authority in head and neck cancers, and he continues to perform surgery, lead clinical trials, and conduct research at University Hospitals. Dr. Teknos has been published in over

200 peer-reviewed journals and publications, and he is a frequent presenter at major scientific meetings, both nationally and internationally. He is active in numerous professional societies, including the American Society of Clinical Oncology, the International Academy of Oral Oncology, the American Association for Cancer Research, and the American College of Surgeons. He serves on the Board of Directors of the National Comprehensive Cancer Network (NCCN).

Dr. Teknos came to University Hospitals in October 2017 from The Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center, where he served in several leadership roles since 2008. He served as Professor and Chair, Department of Otolaryngology – Head and Neck Surgery. Prior to his position at Ohio State, he was Division Chief, Head & Neck Oncology Division, Department of Otolaryngology, at the University of Michigan Health System in Ann Arbor. From 2007 to 2014, Dr. Teknos co-chaired a Task Force on Recurrent & Metastatic Disease for the National Cancer Institute's Head & Neck Cancer Steering Committee.

Dr. Teknos earned his medical degree from Harvard Medical School. He completed his otolaryngology residency at Massachusetts Eye & Ear Infirmary/Harvard Combined Program, Boston, and a fellowship in head and neck oncology, skull base and microvascular reconstruction at Vanderbilt University Medical Center in Nashville.

Dr. Teknos is a first generation Greek American, born in Detroit, Michigan. His parents, Nicholas and Penelope, emigrated to the United States in 1955 and 1964, respectively. Nicholas was a welder at General Motors and his mother was "Detroit's Greek School Teacher." His family spoke Greek exclusively and Dr. Teknos learned English upon starting elementary school. He has a younger brother, Athanasios, who is an engineer in the Special Vehicles Unit (SVU) at Ford Motor Company. Dr. Teknos is married (Kari) and has six children (ages 26-11 years).

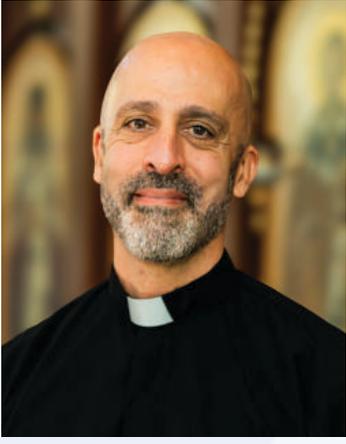


Leonidas Platanius, MD, PhD, is Director of the Robert H. Lurie Comprehensive Cancer Center of Northwestern University in Chicago, Associate Vice President for Cancer Programs, Northwestern University, and a founding member of National Comprehensive Cancer Centers Network (NCCN). He is the Jesse, Sara, Andrew, Abigail, Benjamin and Elizabeth Lurie Professor of Oncology and Professor of Medicine and Biochemistry and Molecular Genetics. Since Dr. Platanius became director in 2014, the Lurie Cancer Center (LCC) has experienced dramatic growth, with doubling of its NCI funding and the recruitment of over 160 new faculty members. Under his leadership, LCC received the highest rating in its history, an overall exceptional and a near- perfect score on the last CCSG renewal.

Dr. Platanius was born and raised in Athens, Greece. He earned his medical degree from the University of Patras Medical School, in Patras, Greece. He subsequently moved to the US and began his research career at the National Institutes of Health in Bethesda, Maryland, as a Fogarty research fellow studying the immune mechanisms of bone marrow failure syndromes. He subsequently moved to New York City where he completed his residency in Internal Medicine and eventually to Chicago where he completed his fellowship in Hematology-Oncology at the University of Chicago. He joined Northwestern in 2002, initially as

Deputy Director and eventually as Director of the Lurie Cancer Center in 2014. Prior to joining Northwestern, he was Professor and Chief of the Division of Hematology Oncology at the University of Illinois at Chicago.

Dr. Platanius is board certified in Internal Medicine and Medical Oncology, with clinical expertise in leukemia. Dr. Platanius' research work focuses on cytokine signaling pathways in malignant cells, with translational applications in leukemia and brain tumors. He has published more than 370 papers and his research has been continuously funded by the NCI for over 30 years. In addition to being the principal investigator of the largest institutional grant for cancer (CCSG) at Northwestern, he is currently the principal investigator of 4 NIH R01 grants. He has made significant contributions in the interferon and cytokine signaling field for 3 decades. His early work on interferon signaling, along with the work of others, led to discoveries that helped define the modern cancer immunotherapy field and resulted in clinical applications for the treatment of malignancies. He has been recognized with numerous awards, including the Seymour and Vivian Milstein Award for outstanding contributions in cytokine research. Dr. Platanius previously served as President of the International Cytokine and Interferon Society and he was an elected member of the Association of American Cancer Institutes (AACI) Board of Directors from 2018 to 2021. He serves as Editor for several oncology and immunology journals and has been a chair or member of several study sections and site visit teams for the NIH, including more recently the NCI Subcommittee A for Cancer Centers. He has also served as chair or member of several grant panels for the US Department of Defense and the Department of Veterans Affairs. He is an elected member of the Association of American Physicians (AAP) and currently serves as chair of several external advisory boards for NCI designated cancer centers across the country.



## **Dn. Marek Simon, OCF Executive Director to Address Opening Forum on Thursday, February 29**

Deacon Marek Simon, Executive Director of the Orthodox Christian Fellowship (OCF), will address the Opening Forum on Thursday, February 29, accompanied by OCF staff, Maria Tsarnas and Chris Kontomaris.

Dn. Marek earned a Master of Divinity from St. Vladimir Orthodox Theological Seminary and a Bachelor of Science degree in Pharmacy from Butler University. He has more than 20 years of experience in youth and young adult ministry. He previously served at Antiochian Village Camp from 2002-2019, mentoring and supervising summer camp staff, developing programming, and overseeing the advancement efforts of the camp.

Dn. Marek transitioned to this role with OCF in 2019, recognizing a strong desire and opportunity to strengthen the Church's ministry to college students. He believes that every college student should have the opportunity to be part of a faithful campus community where they are known and loved- keeping students more richly connected to Christ.

# Archbishop Elpidophoros Nameday Gala raises over \$400,000 for Archdiocesan Summer Camp Scholarships



*His Eminence Archbishop Elpidophoros at Nameday Gala.*

On Sunday, November 5, at Capitale in New York City more than 500 attendees joined in the revival by Archbishop Elpidophoros of the Archbishop's Nameday Gala, the historic Archdiocesan tradition that once brought people from every corner of the Archdiocese together during the tenure of the late Archbishop Iakovos. The Gala, following its original model, sought to raise funds for a worthy cause within the Archdiocese.

In its renewed form, the Archbishop's Nameday Gala supported the newly established Youth Summer Camp Scholarship Fund. Archbishop Elpidophoros, in establishing the Fund, demonstrates his commitment to ensuring that every child within the Archdiocese, regardless of their financial circumstances, can take part in the Archdiocesan and Metropolis summer camps. This includes the summer camping program, Ionian Village, in Greece.

The evening, in which Anthonla Katsimatidis served as mistress of ceremonies, featured inspiring addresses from various distinguished speakers, including Gala Co-Chairs Stephanie Litsakis Clark and James Polos, Eva Konstantakos, the Archdiocesan Director of Youth and

Young Adult Ministries, Alexander Kuvshinoff, former Program Director of Ionian Village, and the Chancellor of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese, Archimandrite Nektarios Papazafiroopoulos.

Archbishop Elpidophoros stated in his remarks, "The camps are very active places, but our young people find the inner rest that the Lord spoke of to His Disciples. That spiritual ανάπαυσις restores the balance to one's walk with

Christ. All of this is made possible by the Archdiocesan Youth Summer Camp Scholarship Fund, providing the children of the Archdiocese with equal access to the diverse programs throughout the Archdiocese, especially Ionian Village, which can be a challenge for many families. Your generosity will give these campers that life-changing opportunity to go away, for a little while, with the Lord and His ministers."

Following the Archbishop's inspiring words, a video presentation emphasized the crucial role that each individual, parish, and organization can play in transforming the lives of numerous young people across our Archdiocese. The video, narrated by the Protopresbyter Fr. Alexander Karloutsos and produced by MG Productions, fervently appealed to all the faithful.

During the culminating segment of the evening, attendees united to contribute generously to the new Scholarship Fund. The paddle raise was initiated by Vice-Chair of the Archdiocesan Council, John Catsimatidis, who graciously donated \$25,000 and encouraged others to support this noble cause. By the end of the night, total contributions to the Scholarship Fund, including ticket sales and sponsorships, exceeded \$400,000.



## *Michael N. Bapis Elected Vice Chairman*

Michael N. Bapis, Managing Director, Private Wealth Advisor and Head of Sports and Entertainment with Vios Advisors at Rockefeller Capital Management, was elected Vice Chairman of Leadership 100 by the Board of Trustees at their meeting on November 3, 2023, succeeding James Pantelidis of Blessed Memory, according to Chairman Demetrios G. Logothetis. Bapis has been a member of the Executive Committee since February of 2022 and of the Board of Trustees for fourteen years. He has served as Chairman of the Audit Committee, and currently serves as a member of both the Audit and Grant Committees.

“Leadership 100 is very pleased to have Michael Bapis as our next Vice Chairman. He represents a new generation of leadership and brings exceptional professional experience, as well as a long history in a variety of roles with our organization. I am personally delighted to have him working beside me,” said Logothetis.

Bapis has over 20 years of wealth management and private banking experience and collectively oversees approximately \$1.3 billion in assets under management with his firm. In his role as a Private Wealth Advisor and Head of Sports and Entertainment at Rockefeller, he assists clients and families, institutions and professional athletes and entertainers in achieving their financial goals and objectives by providing

knowledgeable insight, tactical wealth management investment strategies and highly personalized client service.

As Chairman of The Ronald McDonald House of New York Greek Division, Bapis led successful fundraising efforts in support of the organization. He was named as the 2019 Honoree for the annual Tuesday’s Children Plandome Benefit, an award that recognizes a renowned individual in the community for their passion for volunteerism.

Bapis is a member of HANAC, The Hellenic Initiative, Hellenic Hearts, and Archangel Michael Church. He serves on the Board of Trustees for the American College of Greece and The Hellenic College- Holy Cross School of Theology, as well on the Investment Committee of the Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew Foundation.

Bapis earned both his B.A. degree and his MBA from The University of Utah in 1996 and 2004. He had a decorated undergraduate career as a key member of the Division I golf team. In addition, he played basketball overseas at the American College of Greece from 1995-1996. He currently resides in Manhasset with his wife, Eleni, and two daughters, Maria, 18 and Georgia, 15.

# Emanuel Cotronakis Elected to Executive Committee Dimitra Manis, Doretta Mistras & Stella Pantelidis Elected to Board of Trustees



Emanuel J. Cotronakis

Emanuel J. Cotronakis was elected to the Executive Committee of Leadership 100 at the meeting of the Board of Trustees November 3, 2023, while Dimitra Manis, Doretta Mistras and Stella Pantelidis were elected to the Board of Trustees.

Cotronakis has served as Legal Counsel since 2012 when he was elected to the Board of Trustees. He and his wife, Elaine, joined Leadership 100 in 2008. Cotronakis is Executive Vice President and General Counsel of LRP Media Group, an innovative media giant specializing in education administration, education law and federal employment. Prior professional experiences include serving as President of HRM Asia Pte., in Singapore where he acquired, grew and sold a multi-platform media and events company helping to build, connect and celebrate the professional HR community in Asia-Pacific; serving as CEO and Managing Director of Palm Beach Securities LLC as well as Executive Vice President of Jacobs Investments, Inc. where he oversaw the private equity and portfolio company investments and operations of an ultra-high-net-worth family office. Additionally, Cotronakis was a partner and International Team leader with Baker & Hostetler LLP.

Cotronakis received his J.D. degree from Georgetown University Law Center in 1998 and his B.A. in Economics from Case Western Reserve University in 1992. While in law school, he served as White House Legal Intern and as Legal Intern in the Office of the Treasurer of the United States.

Cotronakis, an Archon of the Ecumenical Patriarchate, is currently Chairman of the Metropolis of Atlanta Endowment Fund and Chairman of Saint Mark Greek Orthodox Church Endowment Fund, where Emanuel and Elaine make their spiritual home. Emanuel and Elaine K. Cotronakis reside in Juno Beach, Florida, where Elaine serves on the Town Council. They are the parents of Zachary, newly appointed Executive Director of the American Hellenic Institute, and Lucas who is a student and basketball manager with Seton Hall University.



Dimitra Manis

Dimitra is Executive Vice President, Chief Purpose Officer of S&P Global. She oversees People, Marketing, Corporate Responsibility, DEI, and Communications. She serves as a board member at S&P Dow Jones Indices LLC, S&P Global Foundation, and the British American Business Inc. where she also serves on the Nominating and

Compensation Committee.

A bold, inspirational leader, Dimitra is known for leading award-winning teams through transformations. She is a trusted advisor to CEOs, executive teams, and boards of directors on business, compensation, organizational change, diversity, talent strategies, M&A, and crisis management.

Dimitra is renowned for leading a “People First” experience that continues to make a lasting impact on people, customers, and local communities. During the COVID-19 pandemic, Dimitra co-led the S&P Global COVID-19 Steering Committee and informed the CEO and Board of Directors on critical business continuity decisions. Building on extensive experience leading business transformations, Dimitra acts as executive sponsor for strategic initiatives that drive business growth or build foundational capabilities. She was a member of the steering committee for S&P Global’s merger with IHS Markit and is leading integration for People, Marketing, Corporate Responsibility, DEI, and Communications.

Before joining S&P Global, Dimitra had a breadth of experience as a People leader. She has led teams across industries, including Consumer Goods [Revlon, The Estée Lauder Companies, Nike], Financial Services [AXA Group, ANZ Banking Group], Data, Information and Technology [Thomson Reuters, OpenLink], Entertainment [Village Roadshow], and Communications [Nortel Networks].

A native Australian, Dimitra has lived and worked in many countries across North America, Europe, and Asia. She holds a Bachelor’s degree in business from Monash University, Australia, and a postgraduate diploma from Deakin University, Australia. She has taught as an Adjunct Professor at New York University’s Stern School of Business, USA, Cornell University, USA, Mountbatten Institute/St Mary’s College, United Kingdom and Monash University, Australia.



*Doretta Mistras*

Doretta Mistras is a Managing Director in the Investment Banking division of Citigroup, based in New York, and has responsibilities for the firm's Healthcare Merger & Acquisition ("M&A") activities. She has almost 20 years of healthcare investment banking experience, advising companies on a variety of strategic matters. Doretta has established herself as one of the leading healthcare M&A advisors, having advised on \$250+ billion of M&A for some of the industry's largest and most important Healthcare clientele, including several Fortune 100 companies.

Prior to joining Citigroup, she was one of the youngest Managing Directors at Goldman Sachs in the Healthcare Group also focusing on M&A. While at Goldman Sachs, she was asked by the division's leadership to serve as the Healthcare group's Chief of Staff for 12 months. Doretta is head of the University of Pennsylvania undergraduate and MBA recruiting efforts for the Investment Banking Division and also serves on Citigroup's Professional Women's Network.

Doretta is a mentor to young professionals, especially in the Greek American community. She serves on the National Hellenic Society Board, The Hellenic Initiative New Leader team and is an ambassador for the Hippocratic Cancer Research Foundation.

Doretta earned a dual degree from the University of Pennsylvania's Wharton School in Economics, and BA in Spanish and International Studies from Penn's College of Arts and Sciences.



*Stella Pantelidis*

Stella Pantelidis received her Bachelor's of Business Administration from Baruch College in 1983 with a concentration in marketing and management. She worked for 20 years in management training and human resources. After leaving the workforce in 2000 to raise her 3 children, she was voted onto the Board of the Archdiocesan Cathedral Philoptochos in 2009, where she is still a board member. She served on the executive committee for many years as President, Vice-president, Recording Secretary and chair of the social services department.

Stella has been involved in fundraising, chairing galas, increasing membership, and reviewing and approving individual cases in need of financial assistance. During her presidency of the Cathedral Philoptochos, she was appointed to the Board of the National Ladies Philoptochos Society, where she most recently held the position of 3rd Vice President. She was also one of the chairs of social services for 10 years and chaired one of the Philoptochos events at the 2022 Clergy Laity Congress. In 2022, she was also appointed by His Eminence Archbishop Elpidophoros to co-chair the Journal for the 2022 Clergy Laity Conference.

In 2018, Stella was appointed by the former Archbishop Demetrios to join the Board of Trustees of the Archdiocesan Cathedral of the Holy Trinity. In 2019 she was appointed President of the Cathedral, in which capacity she assisted the Board and the Dean in overseeing all operations. She was instrumental in forming committees to undertake 2 huge projects; the restoration of the Cathedral and the complete renovation of the Chiotes Hall. The Hall has become one of the premier event venues of the upper east side and generates income to help with the costs of operating the Cathedral. In 2022, Stella was honored and blessed to receive the Medal of St. Paul the Apostle by His Eminence Archbishop Elpidophoros.

Stella is a member of Leadership 100 and the Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew Foundation, as well as the Archdiocesan Council and the District Council.

## National Leadership 100 Sunday Observed for Fifteenth Year



*Father Dimitrios Antokas, Presiding Priest of Church of Saint George, Bethesda, Maryland, welcomes St. George Leadership 100 members (l-r) Steve Georgilakis, Adrienne & Peter Barris, Denise & Paul Skoutelas, Harry Nick, Susan & Angelo Magafan, and John Sitalides, member of the Leadership 100 Executive Committee, on National Leadership 100 Sunday.*

His Eminence Archbishop Elpidophoros of America issued an Encyclical on behalf of the Holy Eparchial Synod designating October 22, 2023, the Sunday prior to the Feast Day of Saint Iakovos on October 23, as the fifteenth observance of National Leadership 100 Sunday. The celebration is held on the Name Day of Archbishop Iakovos of Blessed Memory, or a Sunday in proximity to it, in his honor as the Founder of Leadership 100.

Parish priests throughout the nation read the Encyclical at the Divine Liturgy and distributed materials on the support provided by Leadership 100 for the National Ministries of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America, as well as for ministries in every Metropolis.

Demetrios G. Logothetis, Chairman of Leadership 100, stated:

“The annual observance of National Leadership 100 Sunday in parishes across the nation is a testimony to the commitment of Leadership 100, which will celebrate its 40th anniversary in 2024, and to the vitality of our Church in America. We continue our unwavering support for the National Ministries of our Archdiocese, true to the legacy of Archbishop Iakovos.”

Today, Leadership 100 counts 1,301 members from a broad spectrum of Greek Orthodox leaders, men and women of all ages from every field of endeavor. Since its founding, Leadership 100 has distributed \$75 million in grants to support the National Ministries of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America, Metropolis Ministries, and humanitarian needs in the nation and around the world.

## George Marcus Receives Nicholas J. Bouras Award for Extraordinary Archon Stewardship



*George Marcus Receives Nicholas J. Bouras Award for Extraordinary Archon Stewardship from Metropolitan Gerasimos of San Francisco and Archon National Commander, Dr. Anthony J. Limberakis.*

On Friday, Oct. 20, 2023, the Nicholas J. Bouras Award for Extraordinary Archon Stewardship was bestowed upon George M. Marcus, Archon Exarchos, for his outstanding service to the Orthodox Church as an Archon of the Ecumenical Patriarchate of Constantinople. The Award was presented by His Eminence Metropolitan Gerasimos of San Francisco and Dr. Anthony J. Limberakis, National Commander of the Archons of the Ecumenical Patriarchate, Order of Saint Andrew the Apostle, at the Bouras Award Dinner during the Order's annual Archon Weekend at the New York Hilton Hotel in New York City.

In a written statement, His All-Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew said: “As Archon Exarchos of the Holy, Great Church of Christ, Archon George has shown himself to be genuinely worthy of that title, which historically was given only to individuals with proven leadership abilities who were trusted to exercise authority by the Patriarch. Anything we can write concerning this particular Archon’s achievements and leadership will inevitably fall short. His stewardship has been especially evident through his actions, which have left an indelible mark on our Church and communities. Aside from the self-sacrifice required to serve our fellow humanity, he has passed on his expertise and example through his various acts of charity and philanthropy.”

In his own written statement, His Eminence Archbishop Elpidophoros remarked that Archon George Marcus was an “honoree of such distinction that it nearly defies elucidation. Archon George is well known throughout the Archdiocese and the American Nation from coast to coast. His philanthropy, stewardship, initiatives, commitments to Hellenism,

Ecumenism, and his devotion to the Mother Church of Constantinople are extraordinary to an ultimate degree. His success in business is legendary and his dedication to civic affairs and the good health of the body politic of the United States is worthy of every admiration. Beyond these involvements, his devotion to his Church and its good health, well-being, and success within our culture and society is indefatigable.”

Dr. Anthony J. Limberakis, National Commander of the Order, stated: “It was particularly fitting that His Eminence Metropolitan Gerasimos was present, representing His Eminence Archbishop Elpidophoros of America, Exarch of the Ecumenical Patriarchate. For His Eminence is Metropolitan of San Francisco, where Archon George M. Marcus’ devotion to God and His Church has had such an impact upon the life of the Church and the community. Virtually everywhere the Greek Orthodox Church in America is, there is Archon George Marcus, but this is nowhere more fully and profoundly true than in the Metropolis of San Francisco, where Archon George is involved in an extraordinary range of foundations, organizations, and institutions in the Church and Greek community.”

Marcus’ wide range of commitments to God’s Church and the Hellenic community includes memberships on the Board of Directors at the Modern Greek Studies Foundation, the Patriarch Athenagoras Orthodox Institute, the Greek Orthodox Metropolis of San Francisco, International Orthodox Christian Charities, and Elios Society of Northern California. He is a longtime member with his wife, Judy, of Leadership 100, where he has served on the Executive Committee and Board of Trustees.

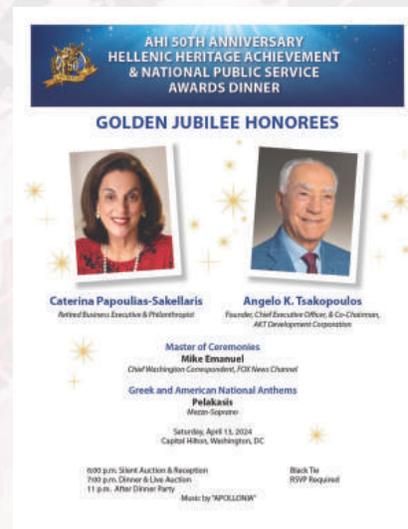
Marcus also founded and serves as the Chairman of the National Hellenic Society, which brings together distinguished Greek Americans on a national level to preserve their heritage.

Born George Mathew Moutsanas in 1941 in Limni, a town on the island of Euboea in Greece, he emigrated to the United States in 1945. He graduated as George M. Marcus from San Francisco State University with a B.A. degree in Economics, was honored as Alumnus of the Millennium in 1999 and received an honorary doctorate in 2011. He made his mark in business, founding G.M. Marcus & Company that evolved into Marcus & Millichap Company, where he still serves as Chairman.

George M. Marcus was invested as an Archon on February 24, 1991, and conferred with the offikion Exarchos. He is a fulfilled Founder of the Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew Foundation.

The National Council of the Order of Saint Andrew unanimously voted in 2010 to establish the Nicholas J. Bouras Award. The Award is presented annually to an individual who has demonstrated extraordinary and incomparable stewardship to the Order, empowering Archons to vigorously pursue securing religious freedom for the Mother Church of Constantinople. The Award is named after the late National Vice Commander Nicholas J. Bouras, Archon Depoutatos, who demonstrated remarkable leadership as a faithful son of the Ecumenical Patriarchate and exemplary steward of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America.

## American Hellenic Institute Marks 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary



The American Hellenic Institute will mark the 50th Anniversary of its founding in 1974 with the AH 50th Anniversary Gala Weekend, April 12-13, 2024, including the AH 50th Anniversary Annual Hellenic Achievement and National Public Service Awards Dinner and “Mario Frangoulis in Concert” at 8 P.M. on April 12 at the Warner Theatre in Washington, D.C. The video trailer, “The American Hellenic Institute: 50 Years of Service,” has been released.

“We wish everyone a happy New Year, and it will be a special one for AHI,” AHI President Nick Larigakis said. “To commemorate the beginning of our 50th anniversary, we are pleased to share a short video that captures the essence of AHI’s history with our audience. The video is a teaser for a more in-depth one to be released later this year.”

The clip features highlights from AHI’s half century of advocating for the rule of law to the highest powers of U.S. government and the advocates with whom the Institute worked to effect change in Washington.

The AHI Annual Gala Dinner will acknowledge as Golden Jubilee Honorees, two prominent members of Leadership 100, Caterina Papoulias-Sakellaris, Retired Business Executive and Philanthropist, and Angelo K. Tsakopoulos, Founder, Chief Executive Officer, and Co-Chairman, AKT Development Corporation.

“Although we are extremely proud to reach our golden anniversary and what that means for all those, past and present, who gave selflessly to the Institute, we also realize the anniversary of our founding is a bittersweet one,” President Larigakis said. “And we will not stop advocating for the interests of the United States in Greece, Cyprus, Southeast Europe, the Eastern Mediterranean, and within the Greek American community.”

The American Hellenic Institute is a member of Leadership 100. Demetrios G. Logothetis, Chairman, conveyed his congratulations to AHI, stating, “We are extremely proud of the excellent advocacy that the American Hellenic Institute has provided for half a century on behalf of the Greek American Community and the United States in Greece, Cyprus and the Eastern Mediterranean. They have been tireless champions of our most significant concerns and interests.”

## The American Hellenic Institute Names Cotronakis as Executive Director



Zachary Cotronakis

The American Hellenic Institute (AHI) announced the appointment of Zachary A. Cotronakis as its Executive Director, on October 5, 2023. AHI is a member of Leadership 100.

“It is the beginning of a new era at the American Hellenic Institute,” AHI President Nick Larigakis said. “We are thrilled to have brought Zac on board. We are very excited for what the future holds, both for AHI and the Greek American community. I am confident Zac will be a tremendous asset to our mission and the community.”

Cotronakis was most recently an Associate at Manatos & Manatos, a leading lobbying firm in Washington, D.C. During his tenure, he worked to support many efforts that benefitted the Greek American community as well as the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America.

“I am excited to join the American Hellenic Institute and help advance our community’s efforts in Washington,” Cotronakis said. “We are eager to carry forward the meaningful legacy that AHI has built over the last five decades, and we look forward to an ever-strengthening relationship between the United States, Greece, and Cyprus.”

Cotronakis works very closely with the National Hellenic Society, an association of Greek American leaders that works to perpetuate and preserve Hellenic culture in the United States. He serves as National Chairman of the National Hellenic Society’s Young Professionals Network, carefully designed to connect the next generation of Greek Americans with jobs, internships, and mentors across all professional fields. In this capacity, he is an active participant in NHS Board Meetings.

Cotronakis is a graduate of The George Washington University, where he earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in economics and history.

Cotronakis is a second-generation American. He is the son of Emanuel and Elaine Cotronakis, both members of Leadership 100. Emanuel serves as Legal Counsel and on the Executive Committee. Zac’s paternal grandparents immigrated to the United States from Chania, Crete, and his maternal grandparents immigrated to the United States from Karlovasi, Samos. He is a native of Cleveland, Ohio.

## John Catsimatidis promotes Son to President of Red Apple Group



*John Catsimatidis and son, John Catsimatidis, Jr.*

John Catsimatidis promoted his 30-year-old son, John Catsimatidis, Jr. to President and Chief Operating Officer of the Red Apple Group, whose business spans media, real estate, fossil fuels, and the Gristedes and D'Agostino's grocery chains in New York City.

John Jr. was previously Chief Investment Officer at the Manhattan-based company and has worked for the family business for the past 12 years. He began at Red Apple while he was still an undergraduate at New York University's Stern School of Business.

Catsimatidis, who will remain as Chief Executive and Chairman, launched the company 56 years ago with his first Red Apple supermarket on the Upper West Side. He is a noted philanthropist, and Vice Chairman of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America. He serves on the Executive Committee of Leadership 100, of which he and his wife, Margo, John Jr., and daughter, Andrea, are all fulfilled members.

The elder Catsimatidis ran for New York City mayor in 2013, hosts "The Cats Roundtable" radio show Sundays on WABC 770, the AM station he bought in 2019. He also hosts "Cats & Cosby" during the week.

Red Apple Group, which has 7,000 employees, owns the grocery chains, United Refining Company in western Pennsylvania, gas stations, an oil distribution network and has a residential real estate division.

The elder Catsimatidis is handing over more responsibility to his son as Red Apple looks to push into nuclear energy. "The future of energy in this country is not going to be windmills and solar cells. The next generation of energy will be small modular reactors that power our submarines and aircraft carriers," he told the New York Post. Red Apple Group owns hundreds of gas stations and convenience stores.

Red Apple, which owns five rental properties in Brooklyn, is expanding its real estate reach to Florida, where it's building a condominium tower in St. Petersburg that will be "the tallest building on the west coast of Florida."

## Manatos & Manatos Celebrates 40 Years

Many of Washington, DC's most influential individuals, from both political parties and over decades, joined Greek American leaders from across the country in celebrating the 40th anniversary of Manatos & Manatos. US policymakers from the White House, State Department, Defense Department, US Congress, and US Courts, as well as thought leaders from the media, universities and thinktanks gathered at the spectacular new Limani restaurant on December 13, 2023.



*(L-R) Mike Manatos, Speaker Emerita Nancy Pelosi, Archbishop Elpidophoros, and Andy Manatos*

His Eminence Archbishop Elpidophoros of America and Speaker Emerita Nancy Pelosi offered remarks about the extraordinary service of the Manatos family to their country, community, and church. This celebration also marked the more than 85 years of the Manatos family working in or with the federal government.

Mike N. Manatos arrived in Washington, DC in 1936 from Rock Springs, Wyoming. He worked on Capitol Hill in senior positions for 25 years and then became the first Greek American to work in the White House as President John Kennedy's – and then President Lyndon Johnson's – liaison for the US Senate. His son, Andy Manatos, worked on Capitol Hill in senior positions for 10 years and then served as Assistant Secretary of Commerce in President Jimmy Carter's Administration. Mike N. and Andy started *Manatos & Manatos* in 1983. Andy's son Mike A. Manatos joined the firm in 1990. Andy's other son, Tom Manatos, worked for Leader/Speaker Nancy Pelosi for 10 years and is now Block's Head of Federal Affairs.

Archbishop Elpidophoros noted:

"For forty years as an organization, and for more than forty more as a force for good in Washington, DC, this family has

served our country and most certainly the interests of our Diaspora. The founders of Manatos and Manatos, Andy and his father Mike N. Manatos, who was a legendary figure in service to our nation here in the Capital City, brought about a uniquely Greek presence within the American halls of power. The namesake, Mike A. Manatos, is now the third generation to carry on the family tradition of excellence in the age-old and truly Hellenic art of the πόλις.

All of us have benefited from our association with this remarkable family. Their passionate advocacy for Hellenism – for Cyprus, for Greece, for the Ecumenical Patriarchate, and for our Sacred Archdiocese of America – is well known throughout the land. Their forty-year sojourn is filled with



*Manatos Family with Archbishop Elpidophoros*

historic wins and stories of their championing our every cause.

As Archbishop, I feel delighted to express on behalf of the entirety of the Omogeneia, our highest esteem and gratitude for the service they have brought to the community. May their success and accomplishments be even greater in the next forty years, and in the generations to come."

Speaker Emerita Pelosi added:

"On so many occasions I have said that the Manatos family is the all-American family. When it comes to patriotism, when it comes to values, when it comes to family, they are so remarkable."

Andy and Tina Manatos and Mike A. and Laura Evans Manatos are longtime members of Leadership 100. Mike has served on the Executive Committee since 2016. Andy and Mike have been devoted Churchmen and prominent leaders in the Greek American Community. Among their many leadership roles, Andy is Founder and President of The Washington OXI Day Foundation and Mike serves as Executive Director.

## Gerry A. Ranglas Appointed Archon Regional Commander for Southern California



*Gerry A. Ranglas*

With the blessings of His Eminence Archbishop Elpidophoros of America and in consultation with His Eminence Metropolitan Gerasimos of San Francisco, Dr. Anthony J. Limberakis, National Commander of the Archons of the Ecumenical Patriarchate, has appointed Gerry A. Ranglas Regional Commander for the Southern California region, Metropolis of San Francisco, joining Regional Commanders Theodore D.

Konopisos and the Hon. Steven G. Counelis.

"I couldn't be more pleased and honored to make this appointment," said Dr. Limberakis. "I had the privilege of getting to know Archon Ranglas and his dynamic wife Jeannie, who currently serves as President of the Metropolis of San Francisco Philoptochos and as Second Vice-President of the National Philoptochos, on pilgrimages we took together to deepen our knowledge of and love for our Holy Orthodox Faith and Ecumenical Patriarchate. Archon Gerry and Jeannie are an amazing team, serving God's Holy Church and the Hellenic Community wholeheartedly and with an inspiring commitment to passing on the traditions of our Forefathers and Foremothers to our children, grandchildren, and generations to come."

Ranglas remarked: "This is an immense honor and a solemn commitment. I am profoundly grateful to His Eminence Archbishop Elpidophoros, His Eminence Metropolitan Gerasimos and National Commander Dr. Limberakis for their confidence in me. In this new role as Regional Commander in Southern California, I look forward to the opportunity to expand my service to our Mother Church of Constantinople in the days ahead."

Gerry and Jeannie Ranglas are Founders of the Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew Foundation and Dominion Donors to the Saint Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church and National Shrine at the World Trade Center (Dominion Donors contribute between \$1 and \$2 million). They stated: "We view the Saint Nicholas National Shrine as a beacon of faith, hope, and love for the Orthodox faith in America." In addition, Gerry and Jeannie are members of Leadership 100 and benefactors of the Metropolis of San Francisco. Gerry is a member of the Board of Trustees of Leadership 100. They are the lead donors of the Gerry and Jeannie Ranglas Ancient Greek History Chair at the University of California, San Diego. Jeannie was mentioned as one of the "Extraordinary Greek People" in Archon Andrew E. Manatos' book of that name.

Gerry Ranglas was invested as an Archon on March 10, 2002, and conferred with the offikion Depoutatos.

## Archdiocesan Cathedral Philoptochos Society Honors Christopher and Mary Stratakis

The Archdiocesan Cathedral Philoptochos Society honored Christopher and Mary Stratakis at their annual Chrysanthemum Ball for their contributions and years of dedicated service to the Church and the community. Both are longtime and prominent members of Leadership 100.

The Chrysanthemum, one of the gala events of the year, was held on November 17, 2023, at Guastavino's at 409 East 59th Street in New York City.

The event began with the invocation by Archbishop Elpidophoros, assisted by the Dean of the Cathedral, Fr. Chrysostomos Gilbert and continued with welcoming remarks by Philoptochos President Madelene Lambiris who thanked everyone for coming and for their support throughout the years with annual contributions over \$100,000 to support various programs to help those in need. Lambiris thanked the Honorary Ball Chairs John Stratakis and Dr. Corina Gerontis, the Ball Chairs Catherine Moutoussis and Rallou Zervoudakis, and acknowledged the Philoptochos "Board of Directors for all their hard work and devotion to our organization and a special thanks to Fr. Chrysostomos for his support leading up to our event."

The honorees were then presented with a gift on behalf of the Archdiocesan Cathedral Philoptochos Society and then shared their remarks. Christopher Stratakis said, "The accolades and the things we hear tonight, my wife and I, do not belong to us, they belong to our forebears, to those who came to this country many years ago and what did they do, first they were bereft of skills and basic human comforts but what they accomplished has been the other piece on which today's miracle we call Hellenic presence in America has been founded, that is what our forebears accomplished. To them, the faceless heroes, belong the encomiums and honors... Above everything else, I would like to thank all of you for your presence tonight, you honored my wife and me by being here tonight."

Mary, familiarly known as "Maro" Stratakis, who was elected to the Executive Board as the First Vice President for the term 2007-2009, also thanked everyone for their presence, noting that the Philoptochos "deserves all our help and support." She continued: "I have served the Philoptochos for 30 years and I can tell you that the ladies that serve on that Board are dedicated and very serious about their responsibility to you, the supporters, and to the people in need. Thank you, ladies, for the special recognition for Chris and myself."

Archbishop Elpidophoros in his remarks said: "Our honorees, Archon Notarios Christopher and beloved 'Maro' Stratakis, are



*Left to right: Eftihia Pylarinou Piper, husband and wife honorees Christopher Stratakis and Mary Stratakis, Ambassador Evangelos Sekeris, and his wife Maria Kazana Sekeris. (Photo by Eleni Sakellis)*

renowned within the Omogeneia and the greater New York Society. Their interests range from education to opera, from the minutiae of admiralty law to philanthropy. The course of their lives is truly miraculous to behold."

"I would like to make careful mention of the international character of their dedication and devotion to their faith and heritage as well," His Eminence said. "They have never forgotten their

hometown of Greece, and they have never forgotten the interests of the Ecumenical Patriarchate. Whether on a local, regional, national or a truly ecumenical level, Chris and Maro bring their passion and energy to the pursuit of 'the beautiful and the good.'"

Among those present were His Eminence Archbishop Demetrios formerly of America, Permanent Representative of Greece to the United Nations Ambassador Evangelos Sekeris and his wife Maria Kazana, Consul General of Greece in New York Dinos Konstantinou, Consulate General of Greece in New York Department of Economic and Commercial Affairs Head Nikolaos Thomopoulos, Greek Public Diplomacy Office Head Mary Vaxevanidou, Archdiocesan Cathedral Board of Trustees President Stella Pantelidis, John Catsimatidis and his wife Margo, and AHEPA Chairman of the Board of Trustees Nicholas Karacostas.

Christopher and Mary Stratakis have been married for over fifty-five years and have three children and three grandchildren. Christopher Stratakis was invested as Archon on March 8, 1998, and conferred with the offikion Notarios.

Christopher was the longtime legal advisor of the Archons of the Ecumenical Patriarchate and is currently an emeritus member of the National Council Executive Committee. He served as president of the parish council at Transfiguration of Christ Church in Corona, New York, and was also the fundraising co-chairman for the Hellenic Cultural and Educational Center of St. Nicholas Church in Flushing, New York.

Stratakis served as the Advisory Board Chairman of the Center for Byzantine and Modern Greek Studies at Queens College. He is a member of the Board of Governors (emeritus) of Drexel University, where he and his wife endowed the Christopher and Mary Stratakis Chair in Corporate Governance and Accountability at Drexel's LeBow College of Business. He has received the St. Paul's Award and Layman's Award from the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of North and South America; the Medal of Merit for Greek Diaspora from the Hellenic Government; the Ellis Island Medal of Honor; and numerous other awards. He is also a member of the Holy Sepulchre of the Patriarchate of Jerusalem.

## Paulette Poulos Receives 2023 Phidippides Award for Passionate Advocacy of Hellenism



*(L to R) Stelios Taketzis, Paulette Poulos, Fr. Eugene Pappas, and His Eminence Archbishop Elpidophoros.*

On November 9th, 2023, GAEPIS and its media outlet Cosmos FM, New York, 91.5 Hellenic Public Radio honored Paulette Poulos with the 2023 Phidippides Award for passionate advocacy of Hellenism.

“Currently serving as the Executive Director of the Archbishop Iakovos Leadership 100 Fund, Paulette received this recognition with great pride. AXIA!” said Stelios Taketzis, Chairman of the GAEPIS Board of Directors. He also expressed gratitude to His Eminence Archbishop Elpidophoros of America, all attendees, the board, and the organizing team for their collective efforts in ensuring the success of the event.

His Eminence Archbishop Elpidophoros addressed the event, stating: “This evening’s celebration of our beloved Paulette Poulos with the Phidippides Award for Passionate Advocacy of Hellenism and Orthodoxy seems to me the most natural, if not consequential, awarding of this special prize in its history. I think I can safely say – everyone knows Paulette! And not only because of her stewardship of Leadership 100 for the last two decades as Executive Director. Paulette has been a fixture of solid gold in the life of the Omogeneia since before Leadership 100 even came into existence.

She had dedicated her entire life to the service of the Church and to the preservation and magnification of our shared Hellenic ideals and legacy. Her labors at Leadership 100 speak for themselves.

“She is most worthy of the honor you bestow upon her tonight, and every praiseworthy word that is spoken this evening.

“She is a treasure of the Greek American community and of our Sacred Archdiocese as a whole.

Paulette,

“We love you. We respect you. And tonight, we honor you for all that you have accomplished and achieved for the sake of others.

“May the Lord always bless you with health, strength, vigor, and His every good and perfect gift.

ΑΞΙΑ!”

In accepting the honor, Paulette Poulos addressed the gathering. She included in her remarks:

“It is with great humility that I accept the 28th Phidippides Award from Hellenic Public Radio Cosmos FM, the voice of our common Hellenic Heritage in the Tri-State area and beyond. Cosmos FM stands as a sentinel for Hellenism in America, advancing the mission of the Greek American Educational Information System, providing informative bilingual programming which advances our Greek culture, issues and concerns in America, Greece, Cyprus, and the Hellenic Diaspora since 1987.

I would like to thank our beloved Chairman Stelios Taketzis, the Officers, and the Board, along with all your producers, directors, and staff. Leadership 100 has always had a special connection with Cosmos FM through our members. I must also recognize one of your prominent producers, who has been an inspiration to me personally, and the whole Greek American Community, the Very Rev. Eugene N. Pappas, along with your energetic and supportive Director of Operations, Ioanna Giannopoulos, who I affectionately refer to as the Guardian Angel of Cosmos FM.

I was privileged to have served a great cause and a great man, Archbishop Iakovos of Blessed Memory, who set the course for our Church and Community not only in America but throughout the world. He was a visionary and a man of great faith and courage, and in his service, I learned the depth and breadth of leadership.

None of this would have been possible without the untiring love and guidance I received from my beloved parents, Rebecca and Charles, who instilled in me together with my sister, Carol, and my brother, Peter, faith, ideals, and the importance of integrity. I lost my beloved parents and beloved sister, but their example still shines in my life.

As the Executive Director of the Archbishop Iakovos Leadership 100 Fund, I strive to carry on the legacy of my mentor who so successfully led our Church and Community into a new era. I am deeply indebted to our beloved Spiritual Leader, His Eminence Archbishop Elpidophoros, who has picked up the torch and is leading our Church forward in the path of Orthodoxy and Hellenism.

We have witnessed firsthand Archbishop Elpidophoros' paternal love and commitment to Greece, Cyprus and the omogeneia here in America.

We are blessed to have the Honorable Konstantinos Konstantinou as our Consul General here in New York, who works closely with our beloved Archbishop for the advancement of Greek causes which benefit, not only our homeland of Greece, but our Church at large.

I am deeply indebted to the Leadership 100 family, especially to our current Chairman, Demetrios Logothetis and to our past Chairman, Argyris Vassiliou, whom we call RJ, and who is the Gala Chairman this evening.

In closing, I thank you all for acknowledging my journey and giving me strength to continue to serve with renewed purpose, mindful of the responsibility we all share to be true to our Faith and Hellenic Heritage."

Special acknowledgments were extended to Michael Stratis for his exceptional job as the Master of Ceremonies, Costas Tsurakis for a tremendous rendition of the National Anthems, Areti Giovanou for a captivating piano performance, Alex Agisilaou for master level videography, and Karolos Orfanos and Nikolas Kambouroglou for their invaluable stage support.

Also acknowledged were Ioanna Antzoulis-Giannopoulos, the Director of Operations, along with the dedicated office personnel, Kiki Lazaraki, Viky Tsavalia, and Anna E. Eliopoulos, who worked tirelessly to guarantee the event's success. It is important to recognize that Hellenic Public Radio Cosmos FM owes its existence to the steadfast support of its members and donors.

## Ronald McDonald House New York's Greek Division Honors Michael Psyllos, Jim Ziozis

**By Eleni Sakellis,**  
The National Herald



*Left to right: Consul of Greece in New York Dimitris Papageorgiou, Vasiliki Rentas-Sakkas, honoree Demetrios (Jim) Ziozis, His Grace Bishop Athenagoras of Nazianzos, honoree Michael Psyllos, Spiros Maliagros, Dr. Ruth C. Browne, and Spiridoula Katechis.  
Photo by Eleni Sakellis.*

The Ronald McDonald House New York (RMH-NY) Greek Division held their 28th Annual Christmas Dinner on December 12, 2023, at the New York Athletic Club. The event honored Michael Psyllos, President & CEO of Alma Bank, and Demetrios (Jim) Ziozis, President & CEO of Linon Home Décor Products, Inc., both prominent members of Leadership 100.

Greek Division Vice Chair Vasiliki Rentas-Sakkas gave the welcoming remarks and served as MC for the event, thanking everyone for attending and introducing His Grace Bishop Athenagoras of Nazianzos to give the invocation. Bishop Athenagoras also conveyed the blessings of His Eminence Archbishop Elpidophoros of America and congratulated the evening's honorees.

"The Greek Division is a vital lifeline for families from Greece, Cyprus, and Greek Americans traveling to New York City to find critical medical treatments for their children. During these 45 years, over 10,000 Greek, Cypriot, and Greek American children have found a safe haven at Ronald McDonald House New York," Rentas-Sakkas said.

Dr. Ruth C. Browne, SD, RMH-NY President & CEO, then shared her remarks, noting that "this is one of the best events of the year."

"On behalf of the Board of Directors, thank you for the support you have given to Ronald McDonald House tonight, we're especially grateful for

the leadership of this event, particularly for all of the Greek Division which has worked tirelessly to get us to our 28th Annual Christmas Dinner,” Dr. Browne said and thanked Greek Division Chairman Spiros Maliagros and the honorees, Michael Psyllos and Demetrios (Jim) Ziozis.

“Whether it’s partnering with us to organize uplifting events like the walk-a-thon and all the Philoptochos [societies], Greek schools, dance groups, churches, and Greek associations, we are so grateful that you have selected Ronald McDonald House New York as your charity of choice.”

Dr. Browne then presented the first Niki Sideris Legacy Award to Spiros Maliagros and his wife Markella for launching the Niki Sideris Legacy Program by being the inaugural members, committing a \$60,000 donation. “I especially want to thank all of the committee members, Spiridoula Katechis who does so much to make this night happen, and all of you because it is my privilege to announce today that this is the highest grossing Greek Division Christmas Dinner in our history,” Spiros Maliagros said. “It’s a testament to the mission we have, it’s a testament to the impact of our honorees, and it’s a testament to all of you. Thank you from the bottom of my heart for your support.”

Maliagros then introduced the honorees, noting that he has served on the Parish Council of Archangel Michael Greek Orthodox Church in Port Washington for many years with both Psyllos and Ziozis, “I’m thankful that they are my neighbors and I’m very lucky that they’re my friends.”

Psyllos said: “I’m honored to be here with you tonight. December is a very special time of the year here in New York City, it’s a time for family, friends, and giving back and there’s no place I would rather be than with all of you, so many amazing people who make a difference in the lives of others...I’m humbled and thankful to be recognized this evening, it’s a great honor for me, my wife Demetra and our children Peter and Christiana.”

Ziozis said: “From the bottom of my heart, I thank you all for caring so much about the mission of Ronald McDonald House and for the outstanding support received this evening... I am truly humbled and honored to be here tonight as we share the commitment to the children and the families and helping them navigate their complex medical crises and providing really a home away from home that is warm and comforting in times of uncertainty. I’m thankful for the gifts bestowed upon me by God and my parents, I’m grateful for my family... my wife Bessie and our sons John and Lazarus.”

He noted that “the honors belong to the brave and heroic families who are going through the most difficult times of their

life... they’re the real heroes and the real honorees.”

The Greek Division committee members of longstanding were also called to the stage to be acknowledged for their many years of support.

The Greek Division was founded by the late Niki Sideris in 1979. The house supports families from Greece and Cyprus as well as Greek American families staying in New York City while fighting cancer.

## Hellenic Bar Association Foundation Honors Arlene Siavelis Kehl with the 2023 Service Award



Arlene Siavelis Kehl

On Saturday, November 18, 2023, the Hellenic Bar Association Foundation honored Arlene Siavelis Kehl with the 2023 Service Award. The award was conferred at the Foundation’s 73rd Annual Scholarship Ball on Saturday, November 18, 2023, at The Westin O’Hare in Rosemont, Illinois. Arlene and Dr. Kenneth Kehl are members of Leadership 100.

Upon the re-appointment by His Eminence Archbishop Elpidophoros of America, Arlene Siavelis Kehl now serves as National President of the Greek Orthodox Ladies Philoptochos Society, Inc. for a second term from 2022-2024.

In 1994, Arlene was appointed by His Eminence Archbishop Iakovos of North and South America of Blessed Memory to the National Philoptochos Board. Then she was reappointed to the National Philoptochos Board by His Eminence Archbishop Spyridon, former Archbishop of America.

From 2002 to 2016, upon the appointment to the Executive Board by His Eminence Archbishop Demetrios Geron of America, now Retired, Arlene served for two years as Secretary, four years as Second Vice President, and eight years as First Vice President. Throughout the years, Arlene has served on many committees furthering the mission of Philoptochos.

As President, Arlene sees a bright future to lead Philoptochos to new heights. Her fervent hope is that love, grace, and truth will guide her and her Philoptochos sisters as they endeavor to make a significant difference in the lives of individuals and families in need and the less fortunate among us. One Philoptochos sister who is always supportive and by her side is her sister Katherine G. Siavelis who is also on the National Philoptochos Board.

A lifelong Chicagoan, Arlene resides in Winnetka, Illinois, with her husband, Dr. Kenneth A. Kehl.

## Hellenic Bar Association Foundation Honors Perry Siatis as Lawyer of the Year



Perry Siatis

On Saturday, November 18, 2023, the Hellenic Bar Association Foundation honored Perry Siatis with its prestigious 2023 Lawyer of the Year Award. The award was conferred at the Foundation's 73rd Annual Scholarship Ball on Saturday, November 18, 2023, at The Westin O'Hare in Rosemont, Illinois. Perry is an esteemed member of Leadership 100,

Siatis is an Archon of the Ecumenical Patriarchate and Founder of the Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew Foundation.

Siatis is a supporter of St. Basil's Academy in Garrison, New York; a member of the National Hellenic Society, where he serves on the Advisory Committee; a member of the Panhellenic Scholarship Foundation, where he sponsors an annual scholarship; and a supporter of the National Hellenic Museum. He also dedicates significant time and resources to the Greek Orthodox Metropolis of Chicago, including as Co-Chair of the Stewardship Task Force of the Metropolis, and as legal advisor to the St. Iakovos Retreat Center Board of Directors.

Pericles C. Siatis, Esq. was invested as an Archon on October 20, 2019, and conferred with the offikion Hieromnimon.

Along with his tireless labors on behalf of the Greek Orthodox Church and the Omogeneia, Siatis is Executive Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary of AbbVie, which discovers and

delivers innovative medicines and solutions that enhance people's lives. At Abbvie, he is a champion of diversity and inclusion. He has spearheaded AbbVie Legal engagements with Historically Black Colleges and Universities and the National Association of Minority & Women Owned Law Firms. He is also the executive sponsor of the ABILITY Employee Resource Group, which supports and advocates for employees with disabilities and employees who are caregivers of people with disabilities.

## Anita Kartalopoulos Named Woman of the Week by Axia Women



Anita Kartalopoulos

Anita Kartalopoulos was named Woman of the Week, in the summer of 2023, by Axia Women, a network by, for and about Orthodox Women in the service of Christ. She was nominated for her work as Vice President at the National level of Philoptochos. Anita is a member of

Leadership 100, with her husband, Dr. Stamatios Kartalopoulos.

Axia asked her to describe the path she took to becoming an Executive Officer of National Philoptochos:

"My path to Philoptochos began in Toledo, Ohio, when I was still a child because my Grandmother was one of the founding members of the chapter there. She would take me along to meetings, and I would watch what they were doing. Those are my earliest memories of Philoptochos. I don't think I'm unusual: I think everybody gets their start at the local level. It turned out to be a path that I found interesting and attractive: strong women meeting needs and doing for others.

"I joined the National Board in 1998, 25 years ago. It was an honor to be appointed and to have that opportunity to serve; it gave me a unique opportunity to get to know like-minded people from all over the United States, which is another of the great strengths of the Philoptochos."

Axia asked her about the kinds of projects that she has been involved in:

"What we're able to do today is to help in even more places, do even more things, and do them at a higher level than ever before. But we have never abandoned the areas where we helped from the very beginning, at the parish level, in a service-type fashion. We've never jettisoned any of that. We continue to do

all of that, but we've added a lot more. We really try to meet society's needs wherever they happen to exist.

"International Orthodox Christian Charities (IOCC) has been a great partner for 30 years. Working with them in collaboration with the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese (GOA) allows us to make the greatest possible impact in a truly transparent fashion.

"We do an entire panoply of projects large and small. There is something for everyone to do who wants to be a member. You will find a place where you can make a difference for people, and you can have the satisfaction of knowing that both you and your work are appreciated and wanted. I mean, that's really what we're there for, isn't it? To fulfill our Christian mandate to meet the needs of those around us. So that when the Lord asks us when we close our eyes, 'What did you do? Did you feed the hungry? Did you visit the prisoner? Did you clothe the naked?' We really want to give everyone the opportunity and the place where they can do all these things and answer to Our Lord: 'Yes, I did.'"

## His All-Holiness Confers Special Honor Upon Archon Commander Dr. Limberakis



*Elevation of Dr. Anthony J. Limberakis by His All Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew, with his wife, Maria and Protopresbyter Alexander M. Karloutsos looking on.*

On Sunday, September 3, 2023, at the Holy Church of Saint Nicholas the Wonderworker of Myra, the Metropolitan Church in Pyrgos, Greece, His All Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew elevated Dr. Anthony J. Limberakis, National Commander of the Archons of the Ecumenical Patriarchate, to the offikion Archon Megas (Grand) Aktouarios. In his patriarchal letter to Dr. Limberakis, His All-Holiness explained

that this honor was bestowed in view of the National Commander's "twenty-five years of service and devotion to the Great Church of Christ."

His All-Holiness, addressing Dr. Limberakis as "esteemed Grand Archon," conveyed to him his "Paternal and Patriarchal joy and pride" at Dr. Limberakis' quarter-century of service, "leading the Order of Saint Andrew, Archons of the Ecumenical Patriarchate, to ever greater effectiveness, action, and support for the Mother Church of Constantinople."

His All-Holiness noted that Dr. Limberakis has "followed in the footsteps of your beloved father, Protopresbyter of the Ecumenical Throne John Limberakis, and your father-in-law, National Commander of the Order of Saint Andrew the Apostle, Dr. Anthony G.B. Borden - both of blessed memory." Dr. Borden served as National Commander of the Archons of Ecumenical Patriarchate from 1976 to 1989.

"From these spiritual giants," the Ecumenical Patriarch continued in his patriarchal letter to Dr. Limberakis, "you learned a deep and abiding love for the Mother Church, and together with your beloved spouse, Maria, you have not only served humanity as physicians of great skill and compassion, but you have served the Church with a filial love and devotion worthy of the finest humanity can offer." His All-Holiness then presented Dr. Maria with a Patriarchal Holy Water Ecclesiastical vessel.

His Eminence Archbishop Elpidophoros of America remarked, "The elevation of National Commander, Dr. Anthony J. Limberakis, to Grand Archon Aktouarios by the Ecumenical Patriarch today in Pyrgos tis Elias is an occasion of pride and joy for the entire Church in America. Grand Archon Limberakis' twenty-five-year stewardship of the Order of St. Andrew has manifested many and diverse blessings for the Mother Church of Constantinople and the Sacred Archdiocese of America. ΑΕΙΟΣ!"

Dr. Limberakis and his wife, Maria, are longtime members of Leadership 100.

## Seventeen Members of Leadership 100 Invested as Archons of the Ecumenical Patriarchate



*His Eminence Archbishop Elpidophoros of America with National Council members and the Archon Class of 2023. (Photo by J. Mindala)*

His Eminence Archbishop Elpidophoros of America, accompanied by His Eminence Metropolitan Gerasimos of San Francisco and His Eminence Metropolitan Apostolos of New Jersey, presided at the Investiture of seventeen members of Leadership 100 as part of the new class of thirty-nine new Archons of the Ecumenical Patriarchate from throughout the United States, following the Divine Liturgy at the Archdiocesan Cathedral of the Holy Trinity on Sunday, October 22, 2023. Like their distinguished brethren among the Archons of the Ecumenical Patriarchate, the new Archons have dedicated themselves to the protection and defense of the Mother Church of Constantinople.

The National Commander of the Order of Saint Andrew the Apostle, Dr. Anthony J. Limberakis, said: "It is with great joy that we welcome the Archon Class of 2023. These dedicated Orthodox Christians have demonstrated exemplary Christian Stewardship in offering their time, talent, and treasure over the years to the One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church. They will be recognized from here on with the ancient and illustrious Byzantine offikion of Archon. To the Archon Class of 2023, we offer our heartfelt congratulations. In addition, we extend our deep appreciation to the Committee to Recommend New Archons chaired by Archon Constantine G. Caras, Esq. who administered the selection process in a most systematic, comprehensive, and diligent manner."

During the solemn Archon Investiture service, His Eminence Archbishop Elpidophoros of America, with His Eminence Metropolitan Gerasimos and His Eminence Metropolitan Apostolos, presented each Archon with the Cross of St. Andrew, along with the official Patriarchal Certificate specifying the Offikion designated by His All-Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew for each Archon.

Archons who are members of Leadership 100 invested:

**Louis George Apostol, Esq.**, Nomophylax, Northfield, IL, Attorney

**John Michael Athas, MD**, Orphanotrophos, New York, NY, Physician, Diagnostic Radiology

**Robert Peter Badavas**, Chartoularios, Boston, MA, Senior Corporate Executive

**Michael Dimitri Bousis**, Depoutatos, Niles, IL, Food Retail Industry, Owner, Greek Soccer Team, Owner

**Michael Damian Camarinos, Esq.**, Dikaiophylax, Tenafly, NJ, Attorney

**Christos Frank Chrisafides**, Depoutatos, Manchester, NH, Senior Corporate Executive

**Spiro Ioannis Dongaris**, Maistor, Tenafly, NJ, Environmental Engineer

**George Panagiotis Liakeas, MD**, Aktouarios, New York, NY, Physician

**Antonis Mistras**, Orphanotrophos, Wilmington, DE, Investments Manager

**Michael P. Neamonitakis**, Maistor, Brooklyn, NY, Real Estate Investor

**Chris G. Pallis**, Laosynaktis, Seattle, WA, Real Estate Developer

**Peter John Pantan, MD**, Chartoularios, Chicago, IL, Surgeon

**Nicholas James Pappas, Esq.**, Nomophylax, Westfield, NJ, Attorney

**Anthony John Payiavlas**, Referendarios, Warren, OH, Food Service Industry, Owner

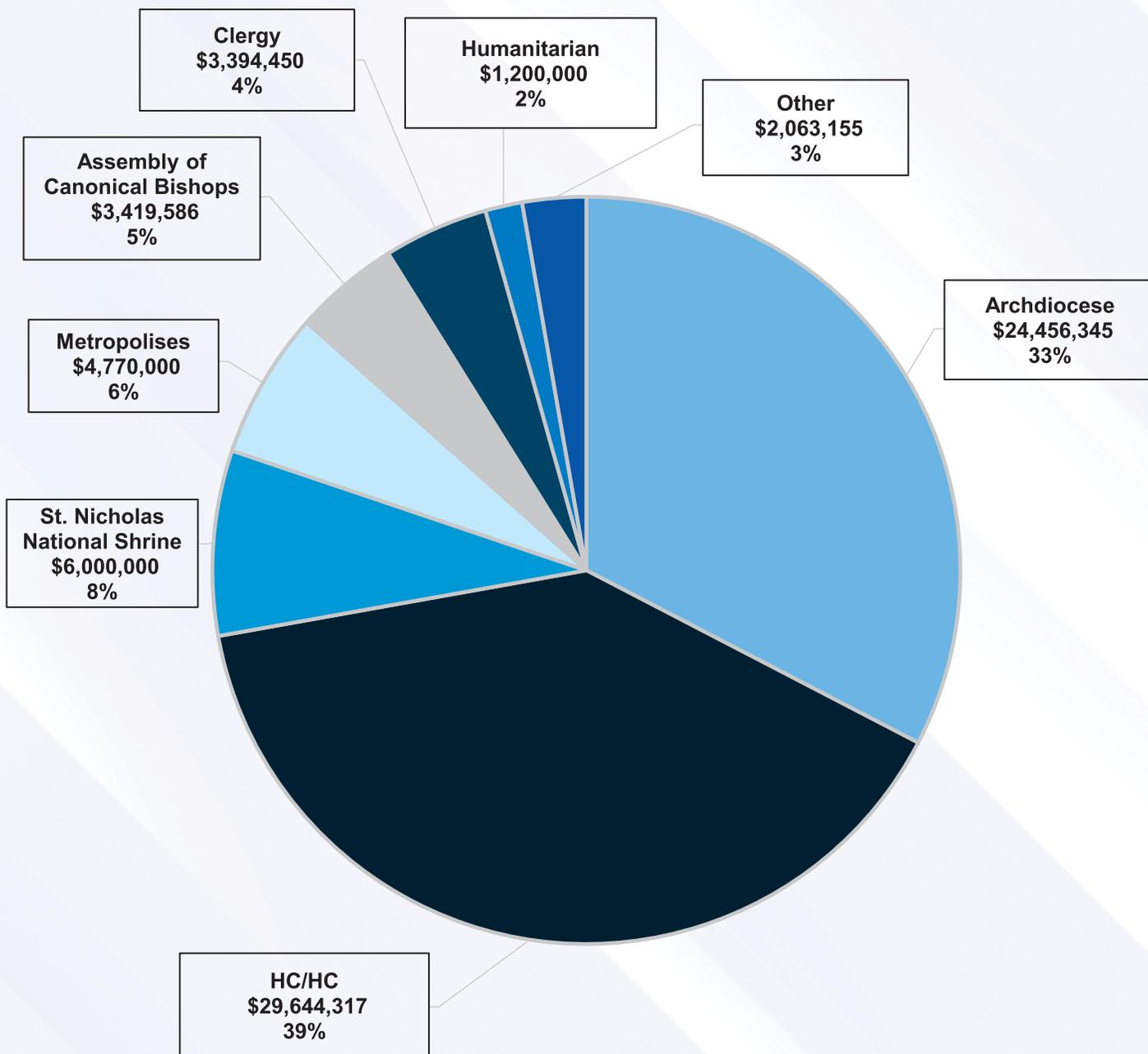
**Phillip J. Philliou, Esq.**, Eftaxias, Tenafly, NJ, Attorney, Executive, Technology Industry

**Samuel William Spanos**, Hieromnemon, Aliquippa, PA, Wealth Advisor

**Kevin M. Wilcox**, Chartophylax, Little Rock, AR, Financial Services



# GRANTS



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ARCHBISHOP IAKOVOS LEADERSHIP 100 FUND  
1989 - 2023 GRANTS

**Hellenic College / Holy Cross School of Theology** **\$ 29,644,317**

* Hellenic College / Holy Cross Scholarship Program	25,903,617
Archbishop Iakovos Library Fund	1,000,000
Hellenic College / Holy Cross Technology Infrastructure	1,000,000
Hellenic College / Holy Cross (various grants)	733,600
Hellenic College - Office of Vocation and Ministry	406,600
Holy Cross - Certificate in Youth/Young Adult Leadership	250,500
Hellenic College Inc. - Real Estate Advisory Services	250,000
Hellenic College/Holy Cross - Master of Theological Studies (MTS) Online	100,000

**Greek Orthodox Archdiocese** **\$ 24,456,345**

Inter-Orthodox, Ecumenical & Interfaith Relations	2,464,700
Internet Ministry and Information Technologies	2,397,200
Marriage and Family	2,095,590
Stewardship, Outreach & Evangelism / Home Missions	1,929,280
Archdiocese Administration, Management, and Leadership Training	1,878,386
Communications	1,426,559
Youth and Young Adult Ministries	1,411,730
Ionian Village	1,402,821
The Ecumenical Patriarchate	1,232,050
Archdiocese Committee for Small Parishes - The Small Parish Program	1,160,000
St. Michael's Home - Expansion Project	1,000,000
Greek Orthodox Telecommunications	970,190
Religious Education	787,498
2022 Clergy Laity Congress / Archdiocese Centennial	715,000
Parish Development and Stewardship	658,241
Digital Typikon Liturgical and Library Project	600,000
Greek Education	586,700
Department of Registry	575,000
Archives	400,000
Archdiocesan Cathedral of Holy Trinity - Security and Digital Transformation	174,000
Music, Arts & Culture	140,000
Direct Archdiocesan District - Addictions Ministry	131,500
Youth Safety Compliance	130,000
200th Anniversary of the Greek Revolution	100,000
St. Basil Academy (Archpastorate of Archbishop Michael)	69,300
St. Photios National Shrine	20,600

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

**Metropolis Ministries** **\$ 4,770,000**

Metropolis Youth Camps	3,330,000
Metropolis Ministries Outreach	540,000
Metropolis of Atlanta - Family Life Ministry	300,000
Metropolis of Boston - Emerging Leaders Ministry	200,000
Metropolis of San Francisco - Family Wellness Center	200,000
Metropolis of San Francisco - Young Adult League (YAL) Conferences	125,000
Metropolis of Chicago - Young Adult League (YAL) Conference	75,000

**Assembly of Canonical Orthodox Bishops of the United States of America** \$ 3,419,586

International Orthodox Christian Charities (IOCC)	989,362
Orthodox Christian Mission Center (OCMC)	862,842
Orthodox Christian Network (OCN)	450,000
Orthodox Christian Fellowship (OCF)	429,000
Orthodox Christian Prison Ministry (OCPM)	228,382
IOCC - Attica Fires Relief Fund	200,000
IOCC - Hurricane Katrina Relief	100,000
IOCC - US Emergency Response Fund (Hurricanes Harvey, Irma, and Maria)	100,000
Orthodox Youth Ministries Agency - Connect Conference for Orthodox Young Adults	60,000

**Clergy** \$ 3,394,450

Archdiocese Clergy Pension	1,000,000
Retired Clergy Pensions	946,200
Elimination of Student Loans of Active Priests	885,000
Archdiocesan Presbyters Council - Clergy Retreats, Wellness, and Continuing Education	359,000
National Presvyteres Retreats and Workshops	125,000
Presbyters Council Benevolent Fund	79,250

**Humanitarian Assistance** \$ 1,200,000

September 11 Relief Fund	400,000
Greek Earthquake and Greek Fire Relief Funds	400,000
Hurricane Relief Funds (Hurricanes Sandy and Dorian)	200,000
Primary Health Care in Southern Albania	100,000
Greek Orthodox Archdiocese Earthquake Relief Fund - Turkey and Syria	100,000

**Other Grants** \$ 2,063,155

Various Ministries	371,500
Fordham University - Orthodox Christian Studies Center	333,000
Institute on Religion and World Affairs of Boston University - Orthodox Christianity in American Public Life	260,040
Project Mexico	228,735
Video Documentaries	219,680
National Forum of Greek Orthodox Church Musicians	208,000
Patriarch Athenagoras Orthodox Institute	157,200
Ancient Faith Radio	110,000
AGES Initiative	100,000
Sophia Inc. NJ Nonprofit Corporation - Sophia Animated Series "Learning Orthodoxy Can be Fun"	75,000

**\*\* Total** \$74,947,853

\*\* Not included in the above figures are individual gifts, exceeding \$3 million, from Leadership 100 members to various ministries and humanitarian causes.

## Department of Stewardship, Outreach & Evangelism

### Home Mission Parish Grant

Leadership 100 has funded the Home Mission Parishes Program since 1999. In 2023, \$61,200 was granted for the purpose of establishing new Greek Orthodox parishes and to help support small Greek Orthodox parishes which are striving to become self-supporting parishes of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America. On the recommendation of the local hierarchy, the Home Mission Parish Program provides a monthly supplement to salary for full-time clergy assigned to parishes designated by the local hierarchy as mission parishes.

Over the 3-5 year period in which a parish receives this grant, it is expected that the parish will show improvement in membership and attendance, growth in participation in various parish programs, and will become a proactive presence in their larger community, according to Fr. Jim Kordaris, Director of the Department of Stewardship, Outreach & Evangelism.

Fr. Kordaris reports that the Home Mission Parish Program is on schedule with monthly payments that will run through February of 2024. There is a plan that will be implemented shortly in the Denver Metropolis to assist a group of Texas parishes and the priests that serve them. This will be in coordination with the Chancellor, Fr. Lou Christopoulos and Bishop Constantine of Sassima.

The plan is for applying the Denver allocation of the Home Mission Parish Grant to support the outreach and stewardship development of six small parishes in Central to Northwest Texas. The resources will be used to assist these communities to continue to grow with the vision of maintaining and strengthening our Orthodox Christian witness and guiding these parishes to a more sustainable ministry of worship and service.

The following parishes would be eligible to receive support for outreach, evangelism, and stewardship initiatives toward continued growth:

St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church – Waco, TX

St. Stephen Orthodox Mission – Stephenville, TX

Holy Cross Greek Orthodox Church – Wichita Falls, TX

Assumption Greek Orthodox Church – San Angelo, TX

St. Andrew Greek Orthodox Church – Lubbock, TX

St. John the Baptist Greek Orthodox Church – Amarillo, TX

These are communities of various sizes, but all with 60 or fewer households. Fr. Daniel Wright serves the Waco parish. Fr. Peter

DeFonce is based in Lubbock and has recently begun to serve the Amarillo parish on a part-time basis. Fr. Nektarios Morrow has a lay vocation based in Stephenville, but is serving the mission in Stephenville and the parishes in Wichita Falls and San Angelo on a part-time basis. All these communities are experiencing growth and have significant potential to sustain this growth.

In coordination with Bishop Constantine of Sassima, and Chancellor Fr. Lou Christopoulos, the resources go to the Metropolis of Denver and will be managed based on formal requests. Fr. Theodore Dorrance, Denver Director of Parish Health and Church Growth and Fr. Nektarios Morrow will coordinate a Zoom meeting of the other clergy and the parish council presidents of these communities. The purpose of the meeting will be to discuss the focus of the grant resources. Current proposed uses of the resources are the following:

For over two years, Fr. Nektarios Morrow has led an online Zoom catechism class that includes attendees from Fort Worth to Wichita Falls, to San Angelo. The mission in Stephenville, which was begun in December 2020, has grown to 20 households with 30-40 regularly attending services. The mission is preparing for 4 Holy Baptisms and an additional 5 Holy Chrismations in the next month. The parish in Wichita Falls has seen its stewardship grow from \$17,000 in 2020 to almost \$80,000 in 2022. Fr. Peter DeFonce is implementing some of the same plans in connecting the parishes in Lubbock and Amarillo, and he is preparing to receive catechumens in both communities in the coming month. The parish in San Angelo now has a stable budget and has a growing number of catechumens preparing to be received into the community.

The funds allocated to the New York District will be allocated in consultation with Chancellors of the NY District and Archdiocese. We will focus initially on supporting the Spanish Language ministry located in Corona, New York, hoping to develop resources that would benefit the entire GOA.

Reports from other parishes include St. Elias the Prophet Greek Orthodox Church in Dubuque, IA where the Home Mission Parish grant ensured that uninterrupted worship as a church family was maintained while they worked towards the purchase, renovation, and eventual relocation to a new church home; Sts. Constantine and Helen Greek Orthodox Church in Vallejo, CA, where nine new families were welcomed and 10 catechumens were received, including couples with young children and others who are expecting. Several ministries have been restarted and overdue repairs and maintenance to an aging facility were completed, as in Christ the Savior Greek Orthodox Church in Bluff City, TN where compensation and all other expenses were fully covered, allowing expansion of ministries, and in Christ the Saviour Church in Spring Hill, FL, where the number of parishioners is increasing and the original building space has been favorably appraised allowing for a new church hall and educational center.

## Ionian Village OPEN IV Funded for \$500,000 Over Two Years



The purpose of the Open IV grant is to expand the use of the Ionian Village Campgrounds throughout the year. Ionian Village bursts with excitement during the months of June, July, and August, then goes dormant during the other months. His Eminence Archbishop Elpidophoros shared his distinct desire to OPEN IV during the entire calendar year. However, necessary adjustments were needed to our facility to benefit families, even those with young children, young adults, and older, mature, and faithful Orthodox Christians, according to Marina Floratos, Director of Ionian Village.

In the spring of 2023, renovations of one of the three-bathroom buildings on the property were completed. This remodel included replacing the floor and wall tiles, equipping the space with larger showers that include updated fixtures, installing new toilet fixtures and new shower and toilet stall doors, along with new sinks, soap dispensers, paper towel dispensers and mirrors. Additionally, new laundry machines were purchased for the operations team in Greece to work more efficiently.

Plans for renovating the remaining two-bathroom buildings will be completed by the end of winter 2024. The campus is also in need of the laundry facility to be renovated, including installing tile flooring, and purchasing larger, more efficient washing machines for the Summer Staff to use. These projects can be considered following the completion of the bathroom renovations.

The updates to the laundry facility allow the operations team at camp to more efficiently operate by having access to commercial grade washing machines. The new fixtures to the bathroom building replaced all the original fixtures from 1970 while the new tiles and doors will alleviate mold growth throughout the year and brought much needed updates to the communal spaces.

These changes allow the camp to prepare to become inhabitable outside of the summer months, and for audiences outside of the current participant profile. Other groups and adults can be better accommodated with the changes being made.

The grant monies were used to meet the objectives set forth by providing year-round access optimization to the camp's facilities, as well as providing necessary safety updates, including bringing the camp up to code. The upgrades made to enhance the facility's functionality meet the objectives specified in the grant application. The implementation of OPEN IV, and its success, will be measured by the programs initiated because of the improvements made to the camp site.

The estimated cost of the 2 bathroom building renovations is approximately \$55,000 per building. Use of the remaining funds of \$200,000 from the second grant will fund the two-bathroom renovations with additional renovations based on an evaluation of the next highest need for improvements at the camp.

Upon start of the programs in the summer, all the participants that passed through the camp in 2023, including the staff, clergy, and campers were made aware that the beautiful updates to the camp, both for safety and function, were generously provided by Leadership 100. The updates were also featured in the digital newsletter to Ionian Village alumni and supporters, by including a segment about the work done throughout the last year, thanks to the generosity of Leadership 100.

## Department of Youth Safety Funded \$40,000 for Youth Safety Awareness

The purpose of the Leadership 100 grant for Youth Safety Awareness grant was to create awareness of the necessity to safeguard Youth and Young Adult Ministries primarily through screening (background checks) and training, according to Rhea Ballas, Director of the Department of Youth Safety.

On September 1, 2022, the department moved to a new provider, Sterling Volunteers. Their parent company, Sterling, and its subsidiaries have completed over 110 million screenings worldwide during the past twelve months. Since March of 2023, 4,000 additional Youth Workers have been added to the platform for a total of 9,655 during the past year.

Awareness of Youth Safety has greatly increased during recent Clergy-Laity meetings. It has given both clergy and laity an opportunity to meet the Youth Safety representative and ask questions. The traveling display, which was purchased with Leadership 100 grant funds for the 2022 Archdiocesan Clergy-Laity, was the basis of the display at: 1. The Archdiocesan District Clergy-Laity (April 1, Archangels Church, Stamford, CT) 2. Metropolis of San Francisco Clergy-Laity (April 24-25, Saint Nicholas Ranch & Retreat Center, Dunlap, CA) 3. Metropolis of Denver Clergy-Laity (May 11- 13, Assumption Cathedral, Denver, CO) 4. Metropolis of New Jersey Clergy-Laity (May 14, The Venetian, Garfield, NJ) and 5. Metropolis of Atlanta Clergy-Laity (June 21-25, Saint Nicholas Cathedral, Tarpon Springs, FL).

Grant monies have been used to attend the Archdiocesan District and Metropolis Clergy- Laity Conferences since the March report.

During the Fall of 2023 and early 2024, Grant monies will be used for:

1. A new training video for Year Two of Youth Safety Training.
2. Attending the remaining Metropolis Clergy-Laity Conferences with the traveling display. Presentations will be given at conferences when permitted. (Four Metropolis Clergy- Laities will be held: Boston, Chicago, Detroit, and Pittsburgh.)
3. A Youth Safety Awareness mailing to parishes, containing a Youth Safety poster, a Suicide Prevention poster, and other materials.
4. Preparations for the July 2024 Archdiocesan Clergy-Laity Assembly.

The Leadership 100 logo and seal are prominently displayed on promotional materials, including brochures, posters, Constant Contact emails and the traveling display. The Youth Safety traveling display, which was the basis of the 2022 Youth Safety booth at the Archdiocese Clergy-Laity Congress will be updated for the 2024 Clergy-Laity Congress. Since its inception, Youth Safety in the Archdiocese has been supported by Leadership 100.

## Department of Greek Education Launches Virtual Learning and Publishes Two Children's Books

Leadership 100 funded the Department of Greek Education \$170,000, with an initial installment in 2021, to implement Virtual Activities for Promoting Greek Heritage to Greek Orthodox Communities (VAGHGOC), to include the production of high-quality education material for promoting and understanding Greek and Byzantine heritage and to design and operate a Virtual Greek Language School for all parishioners.

The main purpose for both actions is to give the opportunity to all members of the Greek American communities to learn the Greek language and to understand the importance of Greek culture through Byzantine and Greek History, according to Dr. Anastasios Koularmanis, Director of Greek Education.

The premise is that immersion is the best way to teach children a foreign language, since the more children hear a language throughout the day the better. The department decided to create a children's book written in Greek.

With the support of the Leadership 100 grant, two children's books were published. The first book was entitled "The Great Mystery," a book about Hagia Sophia in Greek and English. The project was completed in July 2021 and has been made available to those who requested it. The department has created a pdf of the book which is available online for those who wish to download a copy of the book. The second children's book is entitled "The Time Capsule." This story captures the 100-year history of GOARCH. The book became available in the Spring of 2023.

Thus far the grant monies were used to complete one aspect of the grant. The Haghia Sophia book has been completed in both print and digital formats. The creation of the Time Capsule book has been completed and is currently available for distribution.

Currently the curriculum and material needed for the virtual language program are completed. The project activities are projected to be completed by June 30, 2024.

## Young Adult Summer Internship Implemented in 2023

The purpose of the Young Adult Internship Program, funded by a Leadership 100 grant of \$120,000 is to engage college aged young adults with the Church and the Archdiocese from a professional approach. The project aims to employ interns in Archdiocesan departments/ministries that will assist in strengthening their professional skills, while generating interest in working for the Church. Interns will be assigned to departments based on their field of study in the undergraduate program. This project will not only help prepare these interns for the workforce but will provide an opportunity to witness the work of the Archdiocese and gain future Lay Leaders for generations to come, according to Paul Politis, Project Manager.

The fall 2022 session program deployed in September and hired 2 interns. One intern was hired by the Office of the General Counsel and the second intern was hired by the Department of Inter-Orthodox, Ecumenical, and Interfaith Relations. Archdiocesan Department Directors were notified about the internship program and made a formal request to Human Resources for their need to hire an intern. Human Resources generated and posted the details for internship opportunities on employment and universities' websites to obtain internship candidates.

The candidates were interviewed, selected and trained, to ensure the program's success. Once hired, they were managed by the Department Director and assisted on department projects and various tasks. The interns also worked on a collective project in which they interviewed Department Directors they did not work with, in order to understand their mission, and how the departments collaborated. The interns then presented their project to Human Resources.

In January 2023, the Spring 2023 session of the program was launched. As stated previously, Department Directors made a formal request for their need to hire an intern. The Archives

Department, the Office of the Legal Counsel, and the Finance Department made formal requests and submitted the internship position details to Human Resources. Again, the internship opportunities were then posted on employment and universities' websites. Three interns were hired by the end of March 2023 and were employed at the Archdiocese until May 2023. The interns worked with each Department on various tasks, but worked together on a collective project educating, recommending, and suggesting healthy tips to the Archdiocesan staff on Health & Wellness. The interns provided a presentation on their work experience, what they learned, and which goals were accomplished.

The objectives of the program are to interest interns in the work of the Church, while utilizing the skills that they are acquiring in their field of study. Engagement in the work of the Church through additional opportunities for internships during their academic study years and/or pursuing employment opportunities with the Church would be successful outcomes of the grant.

The grant monies will provide funding for the following:

- Work Stipend
- Housing Assistance
- Travel Expenses

The plan is to continue this program based on the needs of the Department Directors and interest from students with the goal of increasing the size of the cohort to expand the effectiveness of the program and the teambuilding aspects.

## Digital Asset Management Implemented in 2023

The purpose of the Digital Asset Management Grant was to acquire the technology necessary to properly begin to archive photos, videos, and other assets with proper metadata so that the stored content would all end up searchable, useable, and ultimately, tell the story of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America.

The program will have 4 stages of implementation, according to Paul Politis, Project Manager.

Stage 1: The IT department led the process of interviewing and suggesting the final product that met the needs of both the Leadership 100 grant of \$35,000 in 2022 and the long-term needs of the Archdiocese.

Stage 2: The Communications Department participated in vendor review & selection, which began implementation in April 2023.

Stage 3: Once His Eminence Archbishop Elpidophoros' content is uploaded and a new system is in place for new content, as it is created it will move to the Panagos Archive and the content that is currently in the Archives.

Stage 4: An Archdiocese-wide rollout was scheduled to take place for Summer 2023 with September 1, 2023- Ecclesiastical New Year, for full production.

The quantifiable deliverables which will measure the success of the grant will be the completion of the implementation of the Digital Asset Management System and having all Archdiocese digital assets catalogued and easily accessible.

Grant monies were used to procure the software for a 3-year License. The Archdiocese had completed requirements of the gathering process and executed the contract with the vendor, Canto as the preferred solution.

# NEW AND FULFILLED MEMBERS

Follow up list from Spring 2023

## New Members

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Eleni Irene Kokolakis	New York, NY	Joseph and Anna Kokolakis
Paige Kokolakis	New York, NY	Joseph and Anna Kokolakis
Vana Koutsomitris	New York, NY	George Pantelidis and Paulette Poulos
Michael J.K. Kratsios	Washington, DC	Mike A. Manatos
Evangelia Kalivas and Bob Krieger	New York, NY	Drs. John Athas and Monica Tadros
Konstantina Manis	New York, NY	Peter and Dimitra Manis
Stefani Manis	New York, NY	Peter and Dimitra Manis
Constantine and Sophia Nikitiades	New York, NY	Markos and Maria Marinakis
Simos and Elisa Simeonidis	New York, NY	Paulette Poulos
George and Almerinda Sitaras	New York, NY	George Pantelidis
Demetrios and Ourania Skuludis	Manhasset, NY	Michael N. Bapis, Athanasios Tsiplakos and Stefanos Vouvoudakis
Dr. John and Deana Thomas	New York, NY	Drs. John Athas and Monica Tadros and Paulette Poulos
George Tsakonas	Jericho, NY	Stephen and Maria Seremitis
Lianna Tsakonas	Jericho, NY	Stephen and Maria Seremitis

### METROPOLIS OF DENVER

Peter (Alexia and Sophia) Anadranistakis	Tucson, AZ	Timothy J. Joannides
Christopher and Anastacia Kamberis	Kansas City, MO	John Aivazoglou, Michael Bapis and Dr. Gregory Papadeas

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Spiro Frangiskakis  
David and Konstantini Grubb  
Trifon and Irene Houvardas  
Peter and Joanna Kapralos  
John Joseph Kokolakis  
Bobby, Eleni and Kassandra Kostopoulos  
Dr. Theodore and Filitsa Vlahos

West Palm Beach, FL  
Long Boat Key, FL  
Tampa, FL  
Palm Harbor, FL  
Dunedin, FL  
Clearwater, FL  
Safety Harbor, FL

George A. Bavelis  
Charles and Connie Cotros  
Markos and Sevasti Lagos  
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Joseph and Anna Kokolakis  
Nickolas Anagnostopoulos  
Demetrios G. Logothetis

**METROPOLIS OF PITTSBURGH**

Anna Tzagournis  
Madeline Tzagournis  
Mia Tzagournis

Columbus, OH  
Columbus, OH  
Columbus, OH

Jack and Lisa Tzagournis  
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**METROPOLIS OF SAN FRANCISCO**

Clyde Emil Ellis  
Cleo Patra Rumpakis

Phoenix, AZ  
Portland, OR

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Michael and Lauren Camarinos  
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Anthony and Christine Djinis  
Dimitrios and Fani Kolovos  
  
Euthimios and Marianthi Koukoumis  
Kyriakos Mourkakos

Alpine, NJ  
Watchung, NJ  
Potomac, MD  
Wilmington, DE

Holmdel, NJ  
Alpine, NJ

Justin K. Bozonelis  
Kassandra L. Romas  
John Sitalides  
Dimitrios and  
Stavroula Panagiotopoulos  
Peter and Elizabeth Pantelidis  
Anastasi Pardalis

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North Barrington, IL

+Nickas J. Yiannias

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Andrea J. Catsimatidis	New York, NY
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Despina C. Kartson	Bronxville, NY
Arthur and Pauline Semetis	Irvington, NY
Martha Vassiliou	Astoria, NY

### METROPOLIS OF DETROIT

Eleftherios "El" and Paraskevi "Voula" Maggos	Leo, IN
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### METROPOLIS OF PITTSBURGH

His Eminence Metropolitan Savas	Pittsburgh, PA
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### METROPOLIS OF SAN FRANCISCO

Dean N. and Nicole Camaras	Newport Beach, CA
Cleo Patra Rumpakis	Portland, OR

### METROPOLIS OF NEW JERSEY

Charles Best	Potomac, MD
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Dr. Dimitrios and Elizabeth Lambrou	Manasquan, NJ

### METROPOLIS OF CHICAGO

John G. and Debra P. Prodromos	Deerfield, IL
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## In Memoriam

Nick Andriotis – 9/2/2023  
Astoria, NY

Peter Chiopelas – 9/19/2023  
Beechhurst, NY

Ceres Chriss – 5/2/2022 \*  
Towson, MD

Kay B. Coin – 10/25/2023  
Rock Island, IL

Stanley H. Coin – 10/7/2023  
Rock Island, IL

John G. Dallas – 10/31/2023  
Norwell, MA

Mary S. Deoudes – 6/12/2022 \*  
Bethesda, MD

Kathy A. Joannides – 5/13/2023  
Cheyenne, WY

Antonia Kourepinos – 12/30/2023  
Garden City, NY

Frank L. Kuchuris – 12/8/2023  
Lincolnwood, IL

Patricia C. Kuchuris – 8/12/2023  
Lincolnwood, IL

Emanuel N. Logothetis – 7/22/2023  
Atlantis, FL

Helen Logothetis – 11/10/2022  
Atlantis, FL

Angelina “Koula” Lorant – 11/24/2023  
Birmingham, AL

George G. Makris – 7/22/2023  
Alpine, NJ

James Pantelidis – 4/13/2023  
New York, NY

John G. Pappajohn – 4/22/2023  
Des Moines, IA

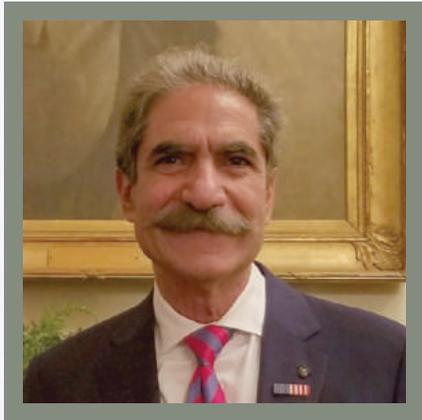
Lila Prounis – 12/19/2023  
New York, NY

George M. Psaros – 6/12/2023  
Weirton, WV

Alexandra Theophanous Reilly – 4/27/2023  
Eastchester, NY

Haralambos Tzanetatos – 5/17/2023  
Panama City, Panama

*\*We just learned of their passing and wanted to acknowledge our members.*



*James Pantelidis,  
Leadership 100 Vice Chairman*

James Pantelidis, the Vice Chairman of the Archbishop Iakovos Leadership 100 Fund and prominent business leader, philanthropist, and dedicated Churchman, passed away on April 13, 2023, in New York City. He was 69 years old. A member of Leadership 100, together with his wife, Stella, since 2004, he served on the Board of Trustees since 2009, was a member of the Audit Committee for many years and was elected Vice Chairman in 2022.

Leadership 100 Chairman Demetrios G. Logothetis commented: “Jim was a most dedicated Christian whose love for his Church and family were evident throughout his lifetime. I was truly blessed to have Jim as my Vice Chairman. His deep Faith, courage, motivation and will to ‘never give up’ are positive values for us to follow in our own lives. He will be greatly missed by all, and we pray his beloved soul will find eternal rest in God’s Kingdom.”

James Pantelidis served as Principal and Chief Financial Officer of Pan-Brothers Associates, Inc., a 52-year-old family-owned Real Estate Management and Development Company.

He was responsible for the development and implementation of accounting and auditing

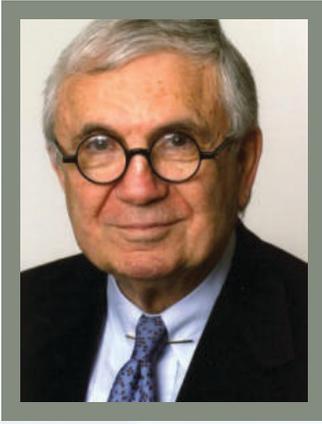
controls for a real estate portfolio consisting of 6,000 residential and commercial units. He had an extensive background in financial planning, development of internal controls, accounting systems, budgets, and federal and state tax matters.

Pantelidis was a member of The American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, New York State Society of Certified Public Accountants, New York Association of Realty Managers, Federation of New York Housing Co-operatives, and Council of New York Co-operatives.

He held a BBA in Accounting from Baruch College. He served on

the Board of Trustees at the Archdiocesan Cathedral of the Holy Trinity and sat on its Audit and Financing Committees. He served on the Board of Cosmos FM, Hellenic Public Radio for 32 years.

He is survived by his wife, Stella, daughters, Carli and Mariana, son, Nicholas, along with brothers Peter (Elizabeth) and George (Stephanie), sister, Markella Venekas (Pericles), and nieces and nephews.



## *Prominent Business Leader and Philanthropist, John Pappajohn, Passes at 94*

Prominent business leader and philanthropist John Pappajohn, a former member of the Leadership 100 Board of Trustees and a longtime member of the Investment Committee,

passed away at 94 on April 22, 2023, at his vacation home in Naples, Florida.

Demetrios G. Logothetis, Chairman, conveyed the condolences of Leadership 100 to John's daughter, Ann Vassiliou, son-in-law, Argyris "RJ" Vassiliou, Chairman Emeritus of Leadership 100, and grandchildren Nicholas and Alexandra, all of whom are Leadership 100 members.

"John was a voice of wisdom who guided Leadership 100 over the decades, especially with regard to our investments through his long service on the Investment Committee. He was an extraordinary business leader and philanthropist who inspired generations in business, the arts, health services and higher education," according to Logothetis.

Pappajohn was an Archon of the Ecumenical Patriarchate, Order of Saint Andrew, a Founder of the Faith Endowment, a member of The Hellenic Initiative Board, and a contributor to the St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church and National Shrine. He was a member of St. George Church in Des Moines, Iowa and St. Katherine Church in Naples, Florida.

Born in Greece in 1928, Pappajohn immigrated to the United States with his mother at the age of nine months and grew up in the Greek community in Mason City, Iowa. He graduated from the University of Iowa in 1952, earning his Bachelor of Science (BSc) degree from the then-College of Business Administration, taking six years to do so because he alternated going to college with his two brothers—two would work while the other attended classes.

He returned to Mason City after graduating from the University of Iowa and sold insurance, then started Guardsman Life Insurance Company in Des Moines in

1962. He sold the company in 1969 for \$100,000 and used that money to start his own venture capital fund, Equity Dynamics. Pappajohn was involved in more than 100 startups, 50+ IPOs, and served as a director in more than 40 public companies.

Pappajohn credited the beginning of his love of art to an art appreciation class he took as a senior at Iowa. His beloved wife, Mary, who passed away on March 27, 2022, shared this passion and after marrying in 1961, the two began their art collection with a purchase made while on their honeymoon. Throughout their lives, both John and Mary served on the boards of notable art museums. They had a special relationship with the Des Moines Art Center, which they worked with to establish the 4.4-acre John and Mary Pappajohn Sculpture Park in Des Moines, which features many pieces from their collection.

He and his wife, Mary, felt a debt to his alma mater and repaid the university many times over for his educational experience, including a \$4 million gift in 1992 to build the John Pappajohn Business Building for the College of Business.

The Pappajohns provided more than \$100 million in support to philanthropic causes around the world, with a particular fondness for higher education and the arts. He stated in the 1992 issue of *Business at Iowa* magazine, "I've always felt life has been generous, and my philosophy has been to give back much of what I received. The logical place for me was where I got my education."

A 1995 recipient of the Horatio Alger Award, he received an Honorary Doctorate from the University of Iowa in 2010. He received the University of Iowa Distinguished Alumni Service Award in 1991 and the Hancher-Finkbine Alumni Medallion in 2004. Other awards and honors include the Iowa Business Leader of the Year, Beta Gamma Sigma Entrepreneur of the Year, Iowa Region of the National Conference of Christians and Jews Brotherhood Award, Hellenic Heritage Achievement Award, Meredith Willson Heritage Award, Central Iowa Business Hall of Achievement, Iowa Hall of Fame, and Ellis Island Medal of Honor.

## 10-Year Memorial Service for Nicholas J. Bouras



*His Eminence Archbishop Elpidophoros of America  
Officiates at Memorial Service for Nicholas J. Bouras*

A ten-year memorial service was held at Saint Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church and National Shrine in New York City for the renowned and beloved Archon National Vice Commander Nicholas J. Bouras of Blessed Memory following the Divine Liturgy on Sunday, January 7, 2024. Presiding at the service was His Eminence Archbishop Elpidophoros of America. Joining His Eminence for the service was Rev. Protopresbyter of the Ecumenical Throne Alexander Karloutsos, Dean of Saint Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church & National Shrine Rev. Protopresbyter Andreas Vithoulkas, Rev. Protopresbyter Peter Delvzisis of Holy Trinity Church in Westfield, NJ, Rev. Fr. Samuel Davis of St. Simon of Cyrene Orthodox Mission in New Brunswick, NJ, and Archdeacon Dionysios Papiris.

Bouras passed away on December 22, 2013. A longtime member of the Board of Trustees of Leadership 100, Bouras is acknowledged for his commitment and philanthropy as an Honorary Board Member in perpetuity.

His Eminence stated that Bouras “is among the leading benefactors in the history of this Archdiocese. But always – and I repeat, always – without fanfare. His generous heart was turned to good in silent and humble adoration, and the gifts that he bestowed were given to glorify God – never himself.”

This generosity has continued. His Eminence added: “If you need proof, consider the fact that the Foundation in their name, has continued to bless and bestow upon the Church a continuous stream of beneficence. This continued charity is a reminder to us all of the power of the Resurrection – that life and living, and even giving, goes beyond death.”

Hon. B. Theodore Bozonelis, National Vice Commander of the Archons of the Ecumenical Patriarchate and trustee of the Nicholas J. and Anna K. Bouras Foundation offered remarks on how meaningful it was to hold the 10-year Memorial for Bouras and his wife, Anna, at the Saint Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church and National Shrine.

He stated that Bouras reviewed the plans for the Shrine and was the first to make a substantial donation for its construction. Judge Bozonelis commented that William Crane as President and he as trustee of the Bouras Foundation also had the honor in memory of Archon Bouras to lay the first cornerstone for the Shrine.

He concluded his remarks by repeating the memorial tribute given by His All-Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew, who described Bouras’s humility and philanthropy in this way: “He was righteous in his ways, generous in his heart, faithful in his soul, and noble in his spirit.”

Dr. Anthony J. Limberakis, National Commander of the Archons of the Ecumenical Patriarchate, remarked: “Not a day goes by that I do not think of Archon Nick Bouras and the extraordinarily generous and selfless service he rendered to God’s Holy Church, our Ecumenical Patriarchate, and the Archons. Through the Bouras Foundation, he continues to perform an indispensable diakonia for the Archons of the Ecumenical Patriarchate and the Church at large. Even in death, he still works to secure that the life-giving spiritual treasures of our Ecumenical Patriarchate will continue to enlighten the world.”

The late National Vice Commander Nicholas J. Bouras, Archon Depoutatos, demonstrated remarkable leadership as a faithful son of the Ecumenical Patriarchate and exemplary steward of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America. Churchman, World War II hero, devoted husband of his beloved late wife Anna, philanthropist, sincere Christian, Archon par excellence and industrialist are terms that have all described the life of Nicholas J. Bouras.

In light of the extraordinary leadership of Bouras, the National Council of the Archons of the Ecumenical Patriarchate unanimously voted in 2010 to establish the Nicholas J. Bouras Award, which is presented annually to an individual who, like Archon Bouras himself, has demonstrated extraordinary and incomparable stewardship to the Order, empowering Archons vigorously to pursue securing religious freedom for the Mother Church of Constantinople.

The service concluded with a vasilopita cutting.

After the service, the Nicholas J. and Anna K. Bouras Foundation hosted a reception at Skinos Mediterranean Cuisine in lower Manhattan, across the street from the Saint Nicholas Shrine.



## *George Michael Psaros*

George Michael Psaros, 83, of Weirton, WV, a beloved husband, father, grandfather, and a true pillar of strength within our community, passed away peacefully, at the Weirton Medical Center, on Monday, June 12, 2023, leaving behind a legacy of love, dedication, and unwavering support for his family and friends. With his wife, Mary Ann, he was a member of Leadership 100, and the father of prominent member, Michael Psaros.

Born to Greek immigrant parents from Asia Minor, Michael and Maria Kallos Psaros, George embraced his heritage and carried its values throughout his life. He was a humble and quiet man, known for his warm heart, gentle nature, genuine kindness, and respect towards others. George's love for his family knew no bounds, and he was a devoted husband, father, and grandfather who always placed their needs above his own.

A 1957 graduate of Weir High School, George returned from serving with the United States Army as a First Lieutenant in the Intelligence Corps in Germany and eagerly made his way back to his hometown.

On July 11, 1965, George married the love of his life, Mary Ann Loufakis, and together they shared a beautiful marriage for 58 years. Their love and commitment were blessed with the gift of two sons and five cherished grandchildren. George's role as a husband, father, and grandfather was one he embraced with profound love and dedication, creating lasting memories and imparting invaluable life lessons to each generation.

George's professional journey was marked by unwavering dedication and a strong work ethic. For 37 years, he worked at Weirton Steel, where he played a vital role in saving the mill after a devastating fire. His

exceptional skills as an electrical engineer and his tireless efforts enabled him to rebuild the mill within an astonishing six months, securing the future of Weirton Steel and preserving countless jobs.

After his retirement as Vice President of Operations, George was appointed commissioner of Steel Futures by the Governor of West Virginia.

Faith was an integral part of George's life, and he found solace and spiritual nourishment at All Saints Greek Orthodox Church. He actively participated in the church's community, offering his support, wisdom, and kindness to those in need. George was also a proud member of the AHEPA Lodge, embodying the principles of the organization and cherishing his Greek heritage.

George's commitment to lifelong learning was evident in his pursuit of education. He obtained an undergraduate degree in electrical engineering from West Virginia University, followed by a master's degree in management and an MBA from Franciscan University in Steubenville. His thirst for knowledge and dedication to self-improvement exemplified his character and set an inspiring example for others to follow.

Throughout his career, George demonstrated respect and fairness in his interactions with his fellow workers, both in management and the union. His ability to bridge gaps and foster a sense of unity was admired by all who knew him. George's legacy will continue to inspire future generations to strive for harmony and cooperation in their professional and personal relationships.

George will be deeply missed by his beloved wife, Mary Ann, his sons, Michael (Robin), and Harry (Michelle); his cherished grandchildren, Alexandra (Robert) Goldberg, Leo, Gus, Marina, and Maximos Psaros; his brother, Perry (Carol) Psaros; his sister, Pearl (Nick) Tranto; and his sister-in-law, Kathy Dematatis.



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