

## Clinton, Christie Head Peterson Foundation 2014 Fiscal Summit

By Constantinos E. Scaros

President Bill Clinton and current NJ Governor and possible 2016 presidential candidate Chris Christie headlined an impressive array of participants at the 2014 Fiscal Summit of the Peter G. Peterson Foundation, named after its Chairman and Founder, a Greek-American who served as Secretary of Commerce under President Richard Nixon.

Peterson is also Chairman of the Peterson Institute for International Economics, a leading international think tank with a highly-esteemed Board of Directors, not least of which Andreas Dracopoulos, who has collaborated with the Institute in funding numerous lectures featuring the world's top political and economic thinkers, in the name of the Stavros Niarchos Foundation, of which he is co-President.

Other prominent attendees

at the Summit, held on May 14 in Washington, DC included Former Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan, Senator Murray (D-WA), Representatives Nancy Pelosi (D-CA), Rob Portman (R-OH), and Peter Roskam (R-IL), and veteran news anchors Gwen Ifill (PBS) and Bob Schieffer (CBS).

### DEBT NOT TOP PROBLEM

Dr. Greenspan, appointed Federal Reserve Chairman by Ronald Reagan and reappointed by the three ensuing presidents, George H.W. Bush, Bill Clinton, and George W. Bush (Greenspan retired in 2006), was long considered a hero that heralded tremendous economic growth during the Reagan and Clinton Administrations, and left a strong enough economy to rebound from the multilayered devastation of 9/11. But Greenspan's star began to tarnish following the Great Recession of 2008, which Americans increasingly attributed to supply-side economics and mass deregulations that led to questionable banking and finance practices.

Interviewed by Politico's Chief Economic Correspondent Ben White, Greenspan said he sees some upward momentum regarding the economy, but it may just be a false start – his skepticism based on the “structurally difficult” problems. The federal debt? No, that's a “symptom” of the problem, Greenspan said. The main culprit is institutions like Fannie Mae, Freddy Mac, and the auto industry, which the government has dubbed “too big to fail,” and so saving them is inherently factored into the equation. That the “politically safe” choice is to bail out rather than not, Greenspan explained, is “fundamentally different from the way it was years

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## On Cyprus, Biden Pushes Unification, Energy



US Vice President Joe Biden, right, shakes hands with Cypriot President Nicos Anastasiades before their meeting at the Presidential Palace in the Cypriot capital Nicosia on Thursday, May 22.

AP PHOTO/PETROS KARADJIAS

### VP is Most Senior Official to Visit Cyprus since LBJ

TNH Staff

**LARNACA, CYPRUS** – U.S. Vice President Joe Biden, visiting Cyprus, said the island nation has a real chance at reunification 40 years after it was unlawfully invaded by Turkey and could be a source of stability in a troubled region.

Biden, the most senior American official to visit Cyprus since his predecessor Lyndon Johnson in 1962, voiced strong support for a new round of talks to reunify the island, which was divided along ethnic lines in 1974 when Turkey attacked after a coup by supporters of union with Greece.

“This island can, and should be the bedrock of stability and opportunity for Europe and for the eastern Mediterranean,” Biden told reporters.

Numerous rounds of negotiations over four decades have failed to work out an envisioned federation acceptable to internationally recognized Greek Cypriots and minority Turkish

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## Lois: Damn Good Advice for Greeks

By Aris Papadopoulos

TNH Staff Writer

**NEW YORK** – George Lois, the legendary Greek-American ad man, was in Greece to promote the Greek edition of his latest book *Damn Good Advice*, which was published by Key Books, and was reviewed by TNH (“From my Bookshelf”) in the Sept. 14, 2013 edition.

The Greek title is *Exo apo ta Dontia*, meaning, “straight talk,” and includes new stories and advice geared to Greek audi-

ences.

An ardent Greek virtually from the moment of his birth in the Bronx on June 26, 1931 and a passionate conversationalist, Lois invited TNH to his hotel room for a wide-ranging discussion that only ended because his young publisher politely announced that it was time to leave for an appointment.

He still has so much to say beyond his 10 highly-successful books, and when he speaks to a fellow Greek his words and body language strongly convey

his Greekness and the experience of growing up in a tough Irish neighborhood notwithstanding.

Lois liked bothering Greek-Americans who changed their name, so he was taken aback – likely for just half a second – when Aristotle Onassis asked what his family name was before it was changed. “Loi” he said. The Greek tycoon, who was impressed with the young genius, promised to find out the

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## Patriarch and Pope to Meet in Jerusalem

By Theodore Kalmoukos

**BOSTON, MA** – On May 23, the sacred journey of Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew and Pope Francis of Rome begins in the Holy City of Jerusalem. On May 25, the two leaders will meet at the Church of the Holy Sepulchre to commemorate a meeting in the Holy Land 50 years ago by their revered predecessors, Ecumenical Patriarch Athenagoras and Pope Paul VI.

The historic meeting in 1964 marked the beginning of a new era in relations between the Churches of Rome and Constantinople, and indirectly between Roman Catholicism and Orthodoxy as a whole. The significance of that event can only be fully appreciated placed against the background of a millennium branded with theological estrangement and mutual mistrust between the two great traditions of the Church. The apex of that meeting was the mutual lifting of the anathemas and the beginning of the Theological Dialogue.

The 1964 meeting in Jerusalem was the beginning of

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## Memory of Genocide in Pontos 1919

By Constantine S. Sirigos

TNH Staff Writer

**NEW YORK** – The genocide against the Greeks of Pontos was commemorated at the Greek Press and Communication Office on May 16, 95 years after its most harrowing events, with a program of cultural and scholarly presentations presented by the Consulate General of Greece in NY in coordination with The Pan-Pontian Federation of USA & Canada and the Press Office.

Emcee Felicia Theodoridis welcomed the guests, as did Nikos Papaconstantinou, Greece's Press counsellor. Fr. Ioannis Amarantidis of St. Nectarios of Brooklyn offered the invocation and greetings were read from Archbishop Demetrios, who was unable to attend.

Closing remarks were made by Gus Tsiflides, President of the Pan-Pontian Federation of USA & Canada, who declared that Pontian organizations will continue to strive to the recognition of the genocide, which they owe to their ancestors, and to Justice, because “denial is the last stage of genocide, thus it is also a crime.”

Theodoridis announced that all of the Federation's events this year will be dedicated to Sano Halo, “the grandmother of all Pontians,” who is the subject of her daughter Thea Halo's moving book about her life and the genocide.

Greek Consul Manos Koubarakis, representing the Consul General George Iliopoulos, thanked Halo for the book that has helped Americans and

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## Sts. Constantine and Helen in PA – 100 Years

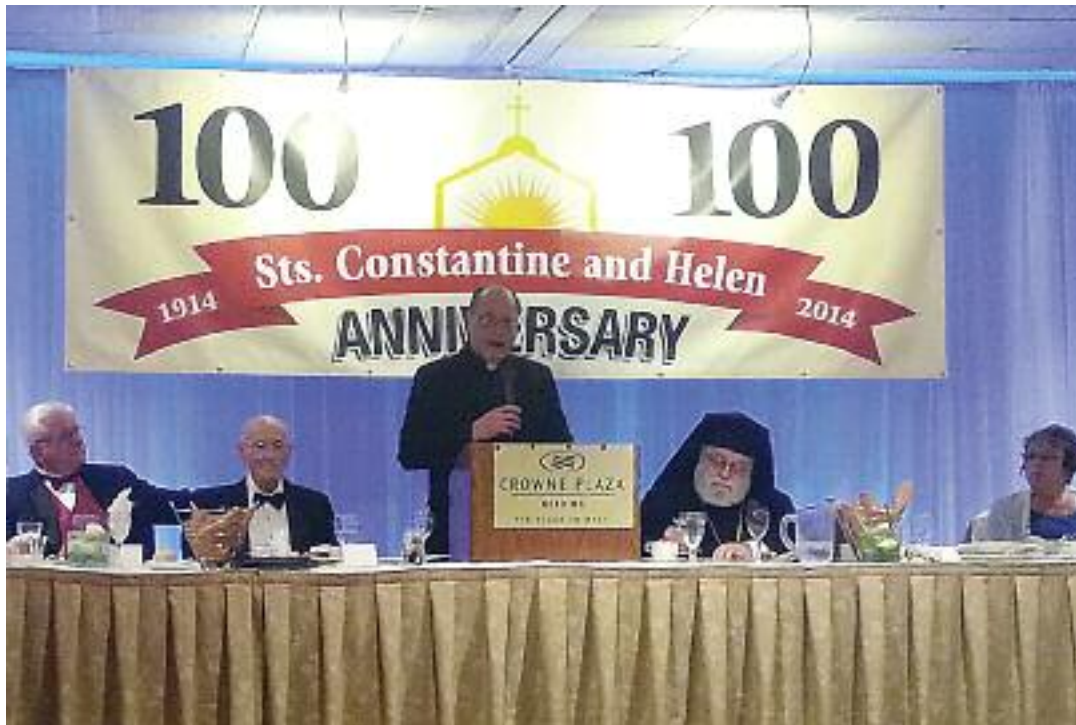
By Constantinos E. Scaros

**WYOMISSING, PA** – “We can do better,” advised Father Tom Pappalas, presiding priest of the Saints Constantine and Helen Greek Orthodox Church in Reading, PA – from the ballroom dais at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in nearby Wyomissing on May 18, in celebration of the parish's 100th anniversary.

A humble, down-to-earth, but scholarly clergyman, Father Pappalas reminded the capacity crowd – close to 400 attendees – that there are two doors through which the Devil enters. “Most of us know to keep the front door closed,” he said, “that's the door of lying, stealing, killing, etc. But it is the back door through which the Devil enters more easily – that's the door of complacency.” We must not be complacent, Pappalas advised – not as individual Christians, not as a community, and not as a Church.

His Eminence Metropolitan Savas of Pittsburgh, who gave

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Father Tom Pappalas, presiding priest at Sts. Constantine and Helen Greek Orthodox Church in Reading, PA, addressing the parishioners at the community's 100-year celebration banquet. Seated from L to R: Christopher Kraras, Gust Kraras, Metropolitan Savas, and Presbyter Anne Pappalas.

## Prof Arniotis: Animal Acts Impresario

By Steve Frangos

TNH Staff Writer

**CHICAGO**- The history of Greek promoters and entertainers who traveled the globe from the 1870s well into 1900s has yet to be even surveyed, let alone studied. We must quickly make the distinction between promoters and performers who appeared exclusively before Greek audiences and those who engaged any and all who sought public entertainment. Obviously, an even finer-grained study would investigate whether these same Greek entertainers working abroad were engaging diaspora communities, local audiences, or both.

Leonidas Arniotis provides a

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## Hellenic College/Holy Cross Grads

By Theodore Kalmoukos

**BOSTON, MA** – A ceremony was held on May 17 celebrating 26 students graduating from Hellenic College with a bachelor of arts degree, and from Holy Cross School of Theology, 32 graduates with a master of divinity degree, 5 with master of theological studies, 1 with a master of theology, and 1 with a certificate of studies. This year, for the first time, 7 students, including Archdeacon Panteleimon Papadopoulos, received a certificate in Byzantine music.

The Valedictorians from Hellenic College and Holy Cross, respectively, were Timothy Gabriel Cremeens and Christopher Kies.

Gerasimos of San Francisco, the only Metropolitan present at the ceremony, donated \$150,000 to assist the Theology students at Holy Cross from his Metropolis who are studying to become priests, in order not to endure the burden of loans



Dr. George Canellos was honored with a Doctorate of Humanities by Hellenic College/Holy Cross.

when they graduate.

National Philoptochos President Aphrodite Skeadas wrote a check for \$118,000 in support of the scholarship programs.

She spoke of the upcoming meeting of Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew with Pope Francis in Jerusalem on May 24 and 25.

Greetings were offered by Hellenic College/Holy Cross President Rev. Nicholas Triantafyllou, by Skeadas, by Consul General of Greece in Boston Ifigenia Kanara, and Board of Trustees Vice Chair Thomas Lelon.

Dr. George Canellos received an honorary doctorate in humanities Degree and also delivered the commencement address. A Boston native, Canellos graduated from Harvard College (A.B. cum laude) in 1956 and earned an MD from Columbia University's College of Physicians & Surgeons in 1960. After internship and residency at Massachusetts General Hospital, he served as a Clinical Associate at the National Cancer Institute from 1963-65. In 1966-67, he

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## Soul of the Parthenon In Mexico

By Georgia Boutzianis

**MEXICO CITY, MEXICO** – July 25 was an important date on the calendar of Greeks and Philhellenes who live in Mexico. That day we achieved a vision, to bring a unique monument from Greece to Mexico. For the first time, the National Museum of Architecture of the Palace of Fine Arts in Mexico opened the doors to Mexican citizens and visitors from other countries with one goal: to disseminate, transmit and share the Hellenic Culture. The exhibition “The Art and Architecture of the Parthenon.”

From July 25 to September 22, 81,000 people, 162,000 eyes would contemplate, in the heart of Mexico City, an unprecedented exhibition; our iconic and historical piece of architecture: the Parthenon.

Its influence on the visual aesthetic is printed in hundreds of buildings around the world and has stayed through time; the clearest examples can be seen at the White House; the Brandenburg Gate in Germany, the Bolshoi Theater in Russia, and many other buildings in countries like France, England,

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GREEKS AROUND THE US

Celebration of Hellenism in Orange County, CA

By Johanna Voutounou

LOS ANGELES, CA – Everyone who has grown up in a Greek-American community has fond memories of their town’s annual Greek Festival. Although far away from my own community in Bayside, Queens I still felt a stir of excitement as we boarded the shuttle bus that would take us from the Buena Park Mall Parking lot to St John’s Church located in Anaheim, CA.

This would be the first Greek Festival my two young daughters would attend. As we arrived and were greeted by the beautiful white domes of the cathedral, I was flooded with memories of my first Greek Festival. The familiar smell of souvlaki wafting through the air, the piercing sounds of the bouzouki beckoning visitors to join hands for the kalamatiano, vendors selling honey and olive oil from their grandmother’s village in Greece.

The Orange County (OC) Greek Fest held no surprises. At the center of the event that took place in the Church’s parking lot was a dance floor. The same 20 folk songs that I can remember from my youth were played being played on rotation by Greek folk band, the Olympians. I spoke to their lead vocalist Pete Begakis, who recalled meeting his band at a Greek Festival in 1976. All teenagers at the time, the band were dancing in a Greek Folk Dance Group named the Olympian Dancers, at which point they discovered they shared a mutual interest in Greek Folk music. They came together to form the Olympians and have been playing Greek Festivals and Greek-American community events ever since.

Olympians Bouzouki player Jim Karidakis points out his son who is about to take the stage with his Greek Dance Group, Levendia. The group is made up of 15 teenagers dressed in traditional costume. They perform a Cretan folk dance that got them 3rd place at the Greek Orthodox Folk Dance and Choral Festival held annually in San Francisco. Jim’s younger daughter sits at the foot of the stage next to my two daughters clapping enthusiastically as her brother kicks his leg in the air and the crowd yells out “Opa.”

The promise of loukoumades helps me peel my little ladies away from the dance floor as we head to the massive food court. If the heart of a Greek festival is the dance floor, then the food court is definitely the stomach! I meet George, a 75 year old man and patron of St. John’s parish. He volunteers at the festival every year. Dishing out plates of marinated lamb chops is the least he can do in support of the church that has provided a community for his family since he arrived in Los Angeles 50 years ago. He was



ABOVE: Anaheim is a long way from Bayside, but shows it can be every bit as Greek. LEFT: Saving room for loukoumades. Lots and lots of loukoumades! BOTTOM LEFT: For over 50 years, St. John the Baptist Church has served the Greek Orthodox community of Anaheim.

The sun is now setting over the blue and white festival tents but the party shows no signs of dying down. The dance floor is still full, Greek beer is flowing and the lines to purchase a slice of baklava are growing. A shot of Greek coffee perks me up and we head over to the vendors. I love admiring the tables of icons. I always pause to look for St John the Baptist, after whom I was named. I remember my grandmother buying me my first icon at a Greek festival, I purchase one for each of my girls. We continue down a line of stalls selling a variety of random goods. Sparkly bangles, belly dancing scarves, incense, nuts, sunglasses, pottery and t-shirts that allow the owner to proclaim how much they love being Greek.

Night has fallen on the Festival and the Church lights up. I am beckoned inside by the warm glow seeping out from the colorful stain glass windows. I light a candle and make an offering and then slip into a pew. I am taken aback by the silence in comparison to the vibrant noise of the festival outside. This was always my favorite part of a Greek Church Festival. I remember seeking solace inside the church after an overwhelming evening. Sitting silently inside this peaceful place of worship with my family by my side reminds me what it is all about. Greek Festivals are not about the food, or the music or the trinkets or the rides. They are about community, the spirit of family and the memories they create.

there when the Church first opened its doors. “The Church did not even have furniture the first time I came to a service. Before that they were conducting services from a tent.” I ask him about his first Greek Festival and he recalls sitting on the Church steps with his brothers eating souvlaki on a stick. “There were no rides like the ones they have now.” He points to the carnival rides in the festivals Zorba Kids Zone. “But everything else is pretty much

the same, he says as he hands me a plate full of lamb chops, Greek salad and feta fries. At the mention of the Kids Zone, my girls are off. They bolt over to the ticket both to purchase tickets to ride the rickety merry-go-round that looks like it has been jockeying children since I was young enough to ride. We reluctantly leave the area with pockets empty and arms full of stuffed toys, cotton candy and a goldfish we name Zorba!



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GOINGS ON...

■ **THRU NOV 1**  
TARPON SPRINGS, FL – Night in the Islands returns to the world-famous Sponge Docks of Tarpon Springs for 2014! Saturdays, 6-11PM, May 3, Jun. 7, Jul. 12, Aug. 2, Sept. 6, Oct. 4, and Nov. 1. A free event of Greek music, dancing, and dining! And we will offer an hour of free Greek dance lessons by the Levendia Dance Troupe from 6-7 PM. The festival is supported in part by a grant from the National Endowment for the Arts. Come join us for authentic island fun in the warm Florida sun and mark your calendar and make this a regular destination!

■ **MAY 9-24**  
ASTORIA – The Ophelia Theatre Group, founded by Greek-American Sarah Bennett, will present “Rockabye Hamlet,” a rock opera by Cliff Jones, directed by Pep Speed. This legendary reimagining of Hamlet has been revised and updated for the 21st Century. Filled with memorable rock grooves and a heart as big as its hair, Rockabye Hamlet is a cult and critical mega-hit not to be missed. The show is at 8PM on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays from May 9 to May 24 at the Broccoli Theater at 21-12 30th Road in Astoria. Admission is \$18. For tickets visit: opheliatheatre.com

■ **MAY 29**  
MANHATTAN – The Association of Greek American Professional Women (AGAPW) would like to invite you to: Meet the Author: A retrospective on award winning author Ioanna Karatzafieri. A short dance & musical performance piece inspired by Ioanna’s poetry, will be presented by performance artist Vassilea Terzaki. Participating artists and academics include: Nana Simopoulos, Carolyn Heilman, Terry Vakirtzoglou, Dimitra Nikolou, Natasha Katerinopoulos and Dr. Spyros Efthimiades. Thursday, May 29 6-8PM at Press and Communication Office Permanent Mission of Greece to the UN, 305 East 47th Street, 2nd Floor, in Manhattan. This is a complimentary event; a \$25 contribution to AGAPW’s tuition scholarship fund will be appreciated. For further information, please visit www.agapw.org or call at 917-405-6833.

■ **MAY 29 – JUNE 1**  
HEMPSTEAD, NY – The Cathedral of Saint Paul invites you to its Annual Greek Festival May 29 thru June 1. There will be a wide variety of Greek Foods, including a Cypriot Corner, a wine, cheese and mezedakia tent, souvlaki stand, and a giant taverna with an elaborate buffet and an incredible loukoumades Pastry Café featuring dozens of Greek desserts, ice cream, and much more! Continuous music from a Live Band, Atlantic Orchestra, and DJ George Marchellos, and special dance performances. Guided tours of magnificent Cathedral, rides, games, and the Saturday afternoon Celebrity Cooking Challenge and Contest, featuring renowned chef and restaurateur, Michael Psilakis. Giant Raffle featuring cars, vacations and dozens of other fabulous prizes. Free Shuttle Bus Service and Extra Parking. Hours: May 29, 6-10PM; May 30, 6-11PM; May 31, 2-11PM, June 1, 1-9PM. Rain or Shine - we have plenty of cover. Cathedral of St Paul, 110 Cathedral Ave; Hempstead, NY. 516-483-5700.

■ **MAY 31**  
CHICAGO, IL – The Pontian Society of Chicago and The Asia Minor and Pontos Hellenic Research Center present Dr. Andre Gerolymatos, Director of the Stavros Niarchos Foundation Centre for Hellenic Studies at Simon Fraser University in Vancouver in a lecture titled “Genocide or Massacre: the Politics of Death,” on Saturday, May 31 at 3PM at the Cultural Center of the Hellenic American Community of Greater Chicago, 5941 North Milwaukee Ave. in Chicago. Dr. Gerolymatos, a TNH columnist, was educated in Classics and Modern History at McGill University in Montreal. In 1996 he received the Hellenic Canadian Congress of BC Chair in Hellenic Studies at Simon Fraser University. In addition to his work in Greek Studies, he specializes in Military and Diplomatic History. He has written several books and articles including: Espionage and Treason in Classical Greece; Guerilla Warfare and Espionage in Greece 1940-1944; The Balkan Wars: Conquest, Revolution and Retribution from the Ottoman Era to the Twentieth Century and Beyond; Red

Acropolis, Black Terror: The Greek Civil War and the Origins of Soviet-American Rivalry 1944-1949; Castles Made of Sand: A Century of Anglo-American Espionage and Intervention in the Middle East. He has collaborated with several scholars on a study of Sovereignty and the Law of the Sea: Aegean Sea Issues After the Cold War. He was the co-editor of British Documents on Foreign Affairs, Part IV, Series F: Europe, 1946-1950.

■ **JUNE 6-7**  
BOISE, ID – Saints Constantine and Helen Greek Orthodox Church, located at 2618 W. Bannock St. in Boise, invites you to its Greek festival, Friday, Jun. 6 and Saturday, Jun. 7 from 11AM to 9PM. In addition to all the great food and drinks, there will be plenty of dancing! Live Entertainment All Day Saturday! Free Greek Dance Lessons with audience participation following each Dance Exposition Dance Director: Nikki Totorica and her dance troupe The Greek Mediterranean Dancers. Featuring the Greek Dances ..... Hasapiko - Comes from the union of butchers in Constantinople – it has become the best known Greek dance since the movie “Zorba the Greek.” Pentozali - Originally from Crete – the name comes from the Greek words “pente” and “zala” which means five steps. Cretan Syrtos - The syrtos and kalamatianos use the same dance steps, but the syrtos is in 4/4 time and the kalamatiano is in 7/8 time, organized in a slow (3 beat), quick (2 beat), quick (2 beat) rhythm. Kalamatianos - The name comes from a song about Kalamata – the first area to be liberated in the Greek Revolution of 1821. Maleviziotiko - originally from Crete, is a light and jumpy dance, and extremely cardiovascular. Karsilamas (couples dance) is a Greek folk dance found in the region of Macedonia. The term “karsilamas” comes from the Turkish word “karsilama” meaning “face to face greeting.” Zorba’s Dance - Epitomizes the Greek sentiment, no matter what happens, dance & enjoy life! Loved by young & old alike and memorialized by Anthony Quinn in the movie Zorba the Greek this ends the night with fun for everyone!

■ **JUNE 14**  
MANHATTAN – Come join the Greek-American Writers Association on Saturday, Jun. 14, 6-8PM at Cornelia Street Café, 29 Cornelia Street between Bleecker and West 4th Streets in Manhattan, for wine, fun, and the power of the spoken word. June. Moon. Poetry. What better time to visit literary, romantic Greenwich Village. Presenting three outstanding writers: Lili Bitá, dynamic poet, playwright and actress, author of The Thrust of the Blade; Basil Rouskas, inspired explorer of a two homeland identity, author of Blue Heron on Black River; and George Wallace, the Walt Whitman of Greek-American poets, Suffolk County’s first Poet Laureate, author of Eos, Abductor of Men. Penelope Karageorge hosts. \$8 admission includes a glass of wine, beer, or soft drink.

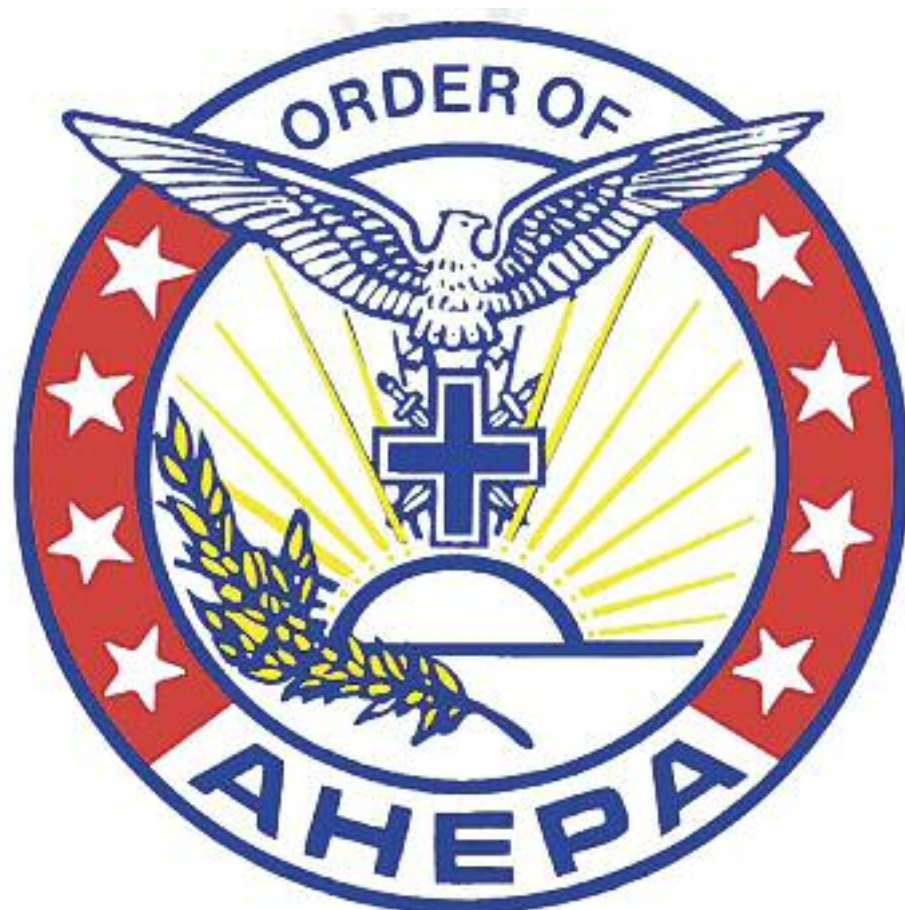
■ **JUNE 27-29**  
CINCINNATI, OH – Come join us this year as we celebrate our 40th annual Hellenic Festival! Where? St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church, 7000 Winston Road, in Cincinnati. When? Friday, Jun. 27 through Sunday, Jun. 29. For more information, updated details, and a countdown calendar to the big date, please visit our website: http://www.holytrinity.oh.goarc h.org/panegyri.

■ **JUNE 28**  
SEATTLE, WA – On Saturday, Jun. 28 – “Greeks on the Streets” a classic car club formed by the Juan de Fuca chapter of AHEPA will again participate in the Greenwood Car Show, the largest car show in Washington State. The club will be parked in front of Pete’s Egg Nest on Greenwood at North 77th Street in Seattle. Come by and see us. For more information about Seattle’s AHEPA chapter, please visit: www.greece.org/aepea/d22/seattle/vsbgway.html.

■ **NOTE TO OUR READERS**  
This calendar of events section is a complimentary service to the Greek American community. All parishes, organizations and institutions are encouraged to e-mail their information regarding the event 3-4 weeks ahead of time, and no later than Monday of the week before the event, to english.edition@thenationalherald.com

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Do you consider yourself more Greek, or more Orthodox? Please email your response to scaros@thenationalherald.com We may publish some responses as Letters to the Editor in a future issue.



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**APOSTOLIC PILGRIMAGE TO JERUSALEM**

THE BROTHERS OF GALILEE: PETER AND ANDREW IN THE HOLY LAND

The Meeting of Pope Francis and Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew  
in the Holy City of Jerusalem

**May 23-27, 2014**



LEFT: (L-R) Rudolph Giuliani, George Demos, Stephen Cherpelis, Helen Demos, and Chrysa Tsakopoulos Demos. The former Mayor of New York emphasized the difference one person can make.  
RIGHT: Rudy Giuliani and George Demos with Frosso Beys, who hosted a fundraiser for the Congressional candidate at her home.  
BOTTOM: (L-R) Stella Kokolis, Antonis H. Diamataris, Spiros Milonas, Rudy Giuliani, George Demos, Litsa Diamataris, Stephen Cherpelis and Eric Hatzimemos were among Demos' supporters.



## Giuliani Speaks at Demos Event

TNH Staff

**NEW YORK** – With the June 24 Republican primary just a few weeks away, the Congressional campaign of George Demos got a big boost when Rudolph Giuliani appeared as the guest speaker at a fundraiser on May 20.

The guests were welcomed by the candidate's wife, Chrysa Tsakopoulos Demos, who thanked everyone, including the sponsors, Frosso Beys, who hosted it in her Manhattan home, Helen Demos, Stephen Cherpelis, TNH Publisher Antonis H. Diamataris, Peter J. Pappas, Sr., Peter J. Pappas, Jr., and Dean J. Poll. Eric Hatzimemos was also thanked by

Demos for helping organize the event.

Demos spoke briefly about his commitment to public service rooted in his family's values and his experience as an SEC enforcement attorney and said how privileged he felt to receive the endorsement and support of Giuliani, whom he introduced.

The ebullient former mayor – who deftly deflected a later question about his own political plans – told the attendees how important it is for them to support Demos through donations and by encouraging people they know in the New York's 1st Congressional District to vote for Demos, whom he believes will make a difference

in gridlocked DC.

The man credited with turning New York City around emphasized the impact one man can make by citing Ronald Reagan and Barack Obama respectively as positive and negative examples. Giuliani believes Demos' message resonates in a district where incumbent Tim Bishop is far to the left of the electorate.

He said Demos was a man of strong conservative principles who is of a practical mind that can work with Democrats to move forward where there is common ground – as he proves daily in domestic life, married to a stalwart of the Democratic Party.



## AHI Honors Captain Tsakos at 10th Annual Athens Awards Dinner

By Anthe Mitrakos

**ATHENS** – The Washington, DC-based American Hellenic Insti-

tute (AHI) honored Captain Panagiotis N. Tsakos of Tsakos Shipping and Trading, with the Hel-

lenic Heritage Achievement Award at its 10th annual awards gala in Athens.

The historical and elaborate hotel Grande Bretagne hosted the honoree's family, distinguished guests, representatives, and friends of the AHI for a night of mingling, celebration, and fine dining. Present at the event among some 220 total attendees were Greek Minister of Culture and Sports Panos Panagiotopoulos, Greek Minister of Health Adonis Georgiadis, U.S. Ambassador to Greece David Pearce, and the honoree's son Nikolas, who accepted the award in his father's.

"This was a landmark dinner in that it represented the 10th anniversary dinner of AHI in Athens," said AHI President Nick Larigakis. "This year we were very pleased to honor Captain Tsakos, a visionary in Greek maritime tradition, someone world-renowned regarding what he has offered to commercial shipping," he added.

Vice President of Capital Link Olga Bomozi served as Emcee, while President of AHI Greece Il-

ias Malevitis and President of AHI Athens Chapter George Economou greeted honored guests. The annual awards dinner is part of an AHI delegation trip to Greece and Cyprus that culminates with the celebration.

"This year we were able to include Turkey in our trip, where we visited the Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew to highlight and learn more about the plight he faces regarding the lack of religious freedom," Larigakis said.

**ABOUT TSAKOS**

Born in Chios, Greece, Tsakos came from a long-established traditional seafaring family, graduated from the Livanos Marine Academy, and entered the shipping business on his own in the 1970s after having worked with major Greek ship owners. Tsakos has since then promoted the Hellenic civilization and culture through his involvement with several causes. He is a founding member of the Hellenic Marine Environment Protection Association and of the Maria Tsakos Foundation International Centre for Maritime Research and Tradition N.G.O., established after

the untimely death of his daughter, Maria. New York-listed Tsakos Energy Navigation provides international seaborne crude oil and petroleum product transportation services worldwide with a number of double-hull vessels, including product tankers, crude tankers, and liquefied natural gas carriers.

**ABOUT AHI**

AHI is a 501(c)(6) non-profit tax-exempt, independent public policy trade association founded

in 1974 following Turkey's invasion of Cyprus with the illegal use of American-supplied arms in violation of U.S. laws and agreements, according to the foundation's website. Among several activities led by the institute over the years are over 50 conferences on legislative policy regarding Greece and Cyprus, an educational trip to Cyprus, hosting annual Public Service Award dinners in the United States and Greece.



Nicholas Tsakos speaks about his father, Panagiotis Tsakos, who was honored by AHI with the Hellenic Heritage Achievement Award at its 10th annual awards gala in Athens.

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Dr. George Canellos receives the Honorary Doctor of Humanities Degree. Shown are in the photo Thomas Lelon, Fr. Nicholas Triantafyllou. Dr. George Canellos and Archbishop Demetrios.



From the graduation ceremony in Pappas Auditorium.

# Byzantine Center’s Ioannides Tells TNH about Tribute to Psomiades

By Constantine S. Sirigos  
TNH Staff Writer

NEW YORK – Dr. Christos Ioannides, Director of the Center for Byzantine and Modern Greek Studies of Queens College, and Effie Lekas, Assistant Director, told TNH that the 40th anniversary graduation ceremony and dinner on May 28 is dedicated to two glorious generations of alumni, but the memory, indeed the spirit of the late Harry Psomiades will permeate the celebratory gathering.

Psomiades is the proud Boston-born Pontian and Greek-American who undertook the establishment of the Center to honor his parents and his ancestry.

The Keynote speaker will be alumnus Nikos Christodoulides, the Director of the Diplomatic Office of the Republic of Cyprus. Costa Constantinides, the first Greek or Cypriot-American on the NYC Council, will also participate.

Lekas notes that the leader-



Dr. Christos Ioannides, Director of the Center for Byzantine and Modern Greek Studies and Effie Lekas, the Asst. Director, talks to TNH about the Center’s 40th anniversary.

ship of the community’s organizations are crowded with their alums, who breathed the spirit of Hellenism in their crucial undergraduate years.

Distinguished alumni presenting this year’s scholarships including pioneering Byzantinist Angela Hero, Elizabeth Constantinides, and Alice Scourby.

Ioannides said Psomiades “was a visionary. When he established the center, there was no complete program in Greek studies in America.” He created the Center as an intellectual umbrella, an interdisciplinary program that presented Hellenism in all its facets through the ages and constitutes a model for modern Greek studies in America.

Lekas said he left Columbia University, where he was a dean in the late 1960s because “he saw the stars were aligned, including the ‘back to your roots’ movement.

“He came to Queens College with its large Greek student population in the largest Greek community... 50,000 Hellenes have graduated...since the 1950s and 16,000 passed through the Center,” Lekas said.

The Center has four endowed chairs and one lecturer and it is working towards an MA in Byzantine Studies. Ioannides said another function of the Center is to keep alive Greek and Cypriot issues in the academic space where America’s leaders are shaped, and noted the importance of the Seminar on the Modern Greek State that Psomiades established with Dr. Adamantia Polis.

“Another thing we are proud of over 40 years is the number of families that were started by couples who met at the Center, and now they entrust us with their treasures, their children,” he added.

Deep appreciation was expressed for the Onassis Foundation (USA) whose substantial support through the years is critical to the Center. Ioannides also praised the Onassis Cultural Center in New York, led by the

Foundation’s Executive Director, Ambassador Loucas Tsillas, for the important role its many cultural events play in promoting Hellenic Culture and lifting the community’s spirit and the reputation of the homeland in the context of the Greek economic crisis.

Lekas added “Harry always said our mission is not only to create Greeks, but to make Philhellenes.”

Lekas and Dr. Ioannides thanked Dr. Evangelos Giziz, Queens College’s interim president, the Center’s the Advisory Board and its president Christos Stratakis, for their support.

Great care and attention has been lavished on preparations for a night that will include wonderful surprises.

“That night,” Lekas said, words will not be necessary. “The story will unfold and in the parade of participants...the wisdom and the brilliance and the vision of Harry Psomiades will reveal itself.”

# FBI’s George Venizelos Speaks at BC Hellenic Alumni Network Dinner

TNH Staff Writer

NEW YORK – The Boston College Hellenic Alumni Network, in cooperation with the school’s Law Enforcement Alumni Network hosted a reception featuring George Venizelos, the FBI’s Assistant Director in Charge – New York Field Office, last week at the Trattoria Il Mulino restaurant in Manhattan.

Drake Behrakis, who is an alumni and trustee of Boston College and spearheaded the creation of the Network, welcomed the guests, thanked the school and introduced Venizelos.

Venizelos, whose family has deep roots in Fordham University, good-naturedly invoked the rivalry between the great Jesuit schools, but he noted that his son is graduating this month from BC’s business school and expressed his thanks for the invitation.

He then spoke about his family, his upbringing in the New York area and his mother’s roots in Lowell, MA, and the path that took him to the FBI and his current position.

Venizelos emphasized both the sacrifices and the rewards – they are not financial however – working for the agency entails.

He touched upon the dramatic changes after 9/11 and newer challenges like cyber-crime.

Venizelos praised the high level of cooperation that now exists between and within levels of government, especially the Joint Terrorism Task Force (JTTF) – where the aim is not to investigate but to stop things before they happen.

Fighting political and commercial corruption and organized crime remain priorities, so he was pleased to announce the FBI is increasing its hiring.

Asked about what motivated him to create the network, Behrakis told TNH “There are a million organizations out there, different ways you can engage Greek-Americans, but I am fortunate enough through being a trustee,” to facilitate the process of getting Greek-American alumni together, “in a non-traditional way.”

Guests agreed that whether or not the traditional community organization reinvent themselves to attract more young professionals, groups like HAN have a bright future.

Bob Sherwood, a special advisor to its alumni association, spoke to the guests and enjoyed the gathering. He told TNH that such affinity groups are also a new trend within alumni associations.

Joseph Coutlis, class of 2009, who organized the event, told TNH he enjoyed working with FBI special agents to make it happen, and said “It is great that we have George Venizelos, an American Hellene, who is a great American and is proud of his Hellenic roots.”

The Boston College Hellenic Alumni Network held a reception in Midtown Manhattan featuring the FBI’s George Venizelos. (L-R) Joseph Coutlis, George Venizelos and Drake Behrakis.





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# 95th Anniversary of the Pontian Genocide Commemorated in New York

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the world understand what happened to the people of Pontos. The keynote address “Ottoman Genocide as a Demographic Policy” was delivered by distinguished Turkish-American scholar Dr. Taner Akcam, chair of Armenian Genocide Studies at Clark University. Akcam spoke of evidence in Turkish archives that all the Asia Minor genocides, whose victims included Greek, Armenian, and Assyrian Christians, and which were complemented by violence against Muslim Kurds, were all part of a deliberate and systematic policy of ethnic cleansing and Turkification of Asia Minor that began with the Ottoman state, continued with the Young Turks, and concluded by the forces of Kemal Ataturk. He demonstrated with mathematical clarity that given the documentation he found for a Turkish policy of thinning out

Asia Minor’s Christian population to 5-10 percent in the areas where they lived, the “final solution” for remaining millions was obviously their extermination via attacks and death marches. Dr. Constantine Hatzidimitriou, presented “Turkish responsibility for the destruction of Smyrna in 1992 – What do the American archives tell us?” He noted that Ataturk was present at Smyrna and was in full control of his forces when the city was burned and killings were rampant, and archival evidence that high American officials were cognizant of what was happening around Smyrna. He speculated that Washington was motivated by desire to curry favor with Ataturk in order to secure access to the oil of Mosul and Kirkuk. There was a musical presentation via video of “Tin Patrída m'exasa – I lost my homeland,” which begins: I lost my homeland; I cried



ABOVE: Turkish-American scholar Dr. Taner Akcam is at the podium. The event commemorating the genocide was enlivened by young people wearing traditional Pontian costumes. LEFT: Thea Halo, author of Not Even My name, speaks about the Pontian Genocide at Bowling Green, where the Greek flag was raised in its commemoration. The Pontian flag had also been raised for six years but on May 19 a Parks Department official would not permit it.



and felt pain, Dying of nostalgia, unable to forget. Stephanos Papadopoulos, 2014 recipient of the Jeannette Haien Ballard Writer’s Prize, read a number of poignant poems about the genocide from his collection titled “The Black Sea.” There was also a short introductory video of the upcoming documentary Preserving the Memory of the Anatolian Greek Genocide, by the Asia Minor and Pontos Hellenic Research Center and the event concluded with a reception and with traditional Pontian Cuisine prepared exclusively by the women’s associations. Theodoridou thanked the co-operating organizations, including the local Pontian Societies of “Komninoi” of New York and “Pontos” of Norwalk Connecticut and the Holy Institution of Panagia Soumela, where vespers and a wreath-laying this weekend also commemorated the genocide. A flag-raising ceremony took place at Bowling Green in Lower Manhattan on Pontian Genocide Commemoration Day, May 19, which happens to be Ataturk’s birthday.

# Clinton and Christie Headline Peterson Foundation’s 2014 Fiscal Summit

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ago.” Greenspan also discussed the importance of non-inflationary growth preceding any meaningful bubble, rather than a toxic one, and cited the dotcom bubble of the 1990s as one that – aside from those who benefitted directly – had very little positive impact on the economy as a whole. The type of bubble that will do more harm than good, then, according to Greenspan, is one preceded by long-term sustained if unspectacular non-inflationary growth. Stein concluded by asking Greenspan, literally and figuratively, the money question: should he have foreseen bursting of the housing bubble that triggered the 2008 recession? “What about all the bubbles I forecast that didn’t happen?” Greenspan responded, defending his overall record and calling the forecasting business a very “unthankful” one. **CHRISTIE COMEBACK?** Secretary Peterson (born Giorgos Petropoulos), almost 90 years old and still very stately and distinguished, praised Christie for being a straight talker, reaching across the political aisle, and resolving tough issues. Peterson then asked the governor if he would give him some of his charisma. Christie’s interviewee was Bob Schieffer, the long-serving host of Face the Nation, which currently enjoys the top ranking among the Sunday morning political shows. Christie began by complimenting Christie on the rare accomplishment of actually answering the questions he is asked. Widely viewed as the next rising Republican star after his resounding reelection victory in November, Christie has been hampered by Bridgegate – questions about any role he might

have had in his staff’s deciding to close George Washington Bridge lanes in September, causing thousands of motorists to suffer, as punishment to Fort Lee Mayor Mark Sokolich (a Democrat) for not endorsing Christie for reelection. But Schieffer began with a different point: that Christie’s state is now coming back down to earth after boundless success dubbed “the New Jersey miracle.” In typical straight talk, Christie began by proposing solutions to the problem, and then blamed the various economists – on his side and on the Democrats’ side, which essentially agreed on the projections – who missed the forecast widely. “All an economist has to say is ‘I missed it, I’m sorry, Governor, but we missed it.’ Yeah, I’m sure you are,” Christie said, “but I’m the one that has to fix your miss,” as the audience laughed. Christie also blamed governors going back ten years – including, true to his not hesitating to attack fellow Republicans, have had in his staff’s deciding to close George Washington Bridge lanes in September, causing thousands of motorists to suffer, as punishment to Fort Lee Mayor Mark Sokolich (a Democrat) for not endorsing Christie for reelection. But Schieffer began with a different point: that Christie’s state is now coming back down to earth after boundless success dubbed “the New Jersey miracle.” In typical straight talk, Christie began by proposing solutions to the problem, and then blamed the various economists – on his side and on the Democrats’ side, which essentially agreed on the projections – who missed the forecast widely. “All an economist has to say is ‘I missed it, I’m sorry, Governor, but we missed it.’ Yeah, I’m sure you are,” Christie said, “but I’m the one that has to fix your miss,” as the audience laughed. Christie also blamed governors going back ten years – including, true to his not hesitating to attack fellow Republicans,


have preferred it phased in over three years instead of all at once. But raising taxes would be counterproductive and would keep businesses away: “It’s like having a restaurant that’s not making money and saying ‘let’s raise our prices,’” he said. Why is there such political divisiveness in Congress, Schieffer asked: “It all starts with the president,” Christie responded. “He’s the president.” You can’t expect Congress to show leadership, “and that’s both parties. I have not seen objective evidence that this president” is willing to foster those relationships, with either party, “and it’s hard” to do. To the inevitable question: Bridgegate – will it affect Christie’s political future? “No, because I didn’t do anything,” the governor said. “I’m not the first chief executive whose staff members did something the person didn’t approve of, and got fired.” So, is he still thinking about running for president, and when will he decide? “Yes, and later,” Christie said. **CLINTONOMICS** Peterson praised Clinton, the Keynote Speaker, for maintaining an “optimal balance” between fiscal and economic leadership, and leaving America with a thriving economy, and shared prosperity and opportunity. Clinton began by telling Ifill that while income has barely budged since he left office (13 years ago), education and health care costs have gone up, and “people are having a tough time.” As for the recession, Clinton did not agree with George W. Bush’s budget policies or the SEC’s regulation policies, but Bush “did a good job once it happened, he got aggressive,” and he saved the worst from happening, as did President Obama. But how, Ifill asked, as Clinton suggested, can 1) the minimum wage be raised; and 2) immigration reform completed; while 3) the deficit is also reduced? He says legalizing illegals will allow them to earn more, pay taxes, and get a better education, all of which will help the economy. On tax reform, Clinton – borrowing a page from his trademark centrism – says “perfect is the enemy of good,” and Congress should just reform corporate tax and leave the rest alone. How? By repatriating the money earned overseas on the condition that it is deposited in an infrastructure bank, with a guaranteed rate of return. That, Clinton says, would incentivize corporations to bring the money back, and it would stimulate economic growth. “We’ve got to unlock this money,” Clinton said, “there’s a trillion dollars out there, bring it home and put



Comfortable-as-ever in front of a microphone, President Clinton was a natural as the Peterson Foundation’s 2014 Fiscal Summit Keynote Speaker.



How much will Bridgegate affect Chris Christie’s chances to run for president? “Not at all,” says the NJ Governor, “because I didn’t do anything wrong.”



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it to work.” Too much money is being made from finance (trading), Clinton says, and not enough from investment – which is why he is so eager to see the infrastructure bank established. **THE “B” WORD** Realizing that the upcoming presidential campaign – particularly if Clinton’s wife and former Secretary of State, Hillary Clinton, is part of it – will involve some criticism of four Americans, including the U.S. Ambassador to Libya, who died in Benghazi on September 11, 2012, on her watch. That’s just it, Clinton says, it wasn’t really her watch, because Secretaries

of State are not involved with the issues of securing embassies. **BUBBA AND THE BEAR** “Poooooor [former Ukrainian President Viktor] Yanukovich was the victim of a coup,” Clinton mocked Vladimir Putin, saying the Russian leader saw an “opportunity to stir things up. Putin wants to establish Russian greatness, not in the Cold War, but in 19th Century Empire terms.” Ifill crystallized the issue, reminding that Obama is often perceived as “too weak to act.” What would “Bubba” do? He said the world is much more complex nowadays. “There are few problems we can solve by

ourselves, and few problems that can be solved without our involvement,” and so it all depends on who’s with us. **HILLARYHEALTH** “Dr. Rove wants to know,” Ifill began sarcastically, “if Hillary Clinton is well enough to run for president,” referring to the former Bush Administration Senior Advisor Karl Rove’s recent comments to that effect, because of her December 2012 concussion. “Consistency is the hobgoblin of little minds,” Clinton responded, and said that if Hillary has brain damage, then he’s really in bad shape, because “she’s quicker than I am.”

Empty Gaze

His All Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew crowns the newly-ordained Metropolitan Cleopas of Sweden and All Scandinavia with the Bishop's mitre during the ordination ceremony at the Patriarchal Cathedral in Constantinople on the May 21st feast day of Saints Constantine and Helen.



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Sts. Constantine and Helen 100th Anniversary

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the main address, shared how pleasantly surprised – amazed, even – he was in getting to know the parish: “there are no factions! Everyone gets along with everyone else, praising each other,” he observed, in astonishment. He said he wished all parishes could be that way. Pappalas’ wife, Presbyteria Anne, sang both the English and Greek national anthems, and particularly interesting and moving was that the mostly American-born parishioners joined in the singing of the Star Spangled Banner, but then sang

even more loudly during Ode to Liberty (the Greek one). Gust Kraras, the 93 year-old Centennial Celebration Committee Chairman, wrote in the Banquet program that he gladly accepted the invitation to chair the Committee, and recalled that the first committee he chaired for the parish was in 1954, for the community’s 40th anniversary. An avid reader of TNH, Kraras said he would like to see more of the younger parishioners exposed to the newspaper as a connection to their Greek heritage. Kraras’ son, Christopher, was

the Centennial Committee co-Chair. The younger Kraras, who grew up in the community, preceded Father Pappalas, who arrived in 1985. “Priests usually come and go,” he said. “Either they are forced out, or they leave on their own.” But in Father Tom, they knew early on that they had a keeper – and in his 29th year, he is far and away the longest-serving priest in the parish’s history. Other speakers included PA State Senator Judith L. Schwank, Reading Mayor Vaughn Spencer, Philoptochos President Despina Denne, and

Parish Council President Artie Fecera. All of the speakers kept their comments brief, understanding full well the crowd’s desire to get up and dance. Once Metropolitan Savas, joined by Assistant Pastor Spyridon Papademetriou, delivered the Benediction, the band Neo Kyma began to play an array of Greek favorites – a wonderful array of songs suited for a variety of Greek dances: kalamatiano, syrto, tsamiko, hasapiko, hasaposerviko, and sousta. “I’ll be back for the 125th Anniversary Celebration,” Savas told the crowd.

Patriarch and Pope to Meet In Jerusalem this Weekend

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a long journey, which the succeeding generations were called to continue. Looking back at it 50 years later, both Churches can be grateful that a great deal has been achieved both in the “dialogue of love” (namely, the general exchanges and communications between their leaders and representatives) and in the “dialogue of truth,” which is the official theological dialogues and conversations. The spirit of fraternal love and mutual respect has replaced the old polemic and suspicion. Exchange visits of representatives of both sides were established. Also, the prelates of Constantinople and Rome exchanged visits. The imminent meeting of Bartholomew and Francis is expected to be a strong symbolic confirmation of the commitment and determination to continue the path inaugurated half a century ago. Their contemporary witness is in the same spirit of love and faithfulness to the truth of the Gospel, as was transmitted to us by the great Fathers of the Church. Moreover, the problems facing humanity throughout the world call for cooperative leadership between these leaders of the Christianity. Included in the Official Patriarchal Delegation are the following: Archbishop Demetrios of America; Metropolitans Gennadios of Italy, John of Pergamon, Iakovos of the Princes Islands, Emmanuel of France, and

Gennadios of Sassima; Archbishop Job of Telmessos; Very Revs. Bartholomew Samaras – the Chief Secretary, Maximos Vgenopoulos – the Grand Archdeacon, and Andreas Sofianopoulos – the Defterevon Deacon; Theodore Angelopoulos – the Grand Logothete, and Muhtar Kent. A group of about 60 Greek-Americans will be present in Jerusalem to witness the historic meeting. They are members of the Archdiocesan Council, the Leadership 100, and prominent businessmen. They are not part of the official Patriarchal dele-

The meeting between Patriarch Athenagoras and Pope Paul VI in 1964 paved the way for better relations between the Orthodox and Catholic Churches.

gation but as supporting group of the Ecumenical Patriarchate. Included in the group are: Mike Angeliadis, John Cachimaitides, John Calamos, Mika Ertegoun, Dr. Anthony Limperakis, Andrew Liveris, Andy Manatos, George Marcus, John Payiavlas, Mike Psaros, George Sakellaris, Den Spanos, Mike Spanos, Chris Spyropoulos, and Angelo Tsakopoulos. The meeting has generated huge media interest. More than one 1000 journalists are expected to cover the events.

Fr. Perikles Kallis Sets New Course for the Waterbury Parish in Connecticut

By Theodore Kalmoukos

WATERBURY CT – The historic parish of Holy Trinity in Waterbury, CT charts a new course with May 1 appointment of Rev. Perikles Kallis as its presiding priest. Kallis is a youthful clergyman, married, and with two sons, three years and three months old. He said that the transfer was not difficult for the boys, but rather easier because now they only are going to know Waterbury. “This is the

that we are here for them and that we care, try to make it easy to approach the priest.” His initial impressions about the parish are positive and enthusiastic. He told TNH that “I said on Sunday that I really can feel the warmth of the people by just looking at them. You can tell how excited and enthusiastic they are. We are excited to do the work of the Church.” His first priority is “to get to know everybody, to understand and to collect where we are at

involved with various activities and programs. We have the camp of Saint Paul in New York. Also to try to find and to approach the people who for various reasons have left the parish.” The message he brings to the parish as he said is “to try as much as I can to bring the gospel and the salvific message of the Church, especially through love, through the family. For me it is family. I just left Buffalo after three and one half

business to help in another capacity, to have a lawyer in the family. They taught to work as hard as possible every day. I never see people to work harder than my dad and uncles and my grandfather. I worked as a teenager for the company painting, contraction, but while I was in High School I began thinking about holy priesthood. I was blessed to get to know two very good priests Fr. Michael Varlamos and Fr. Demetri Tonias.” Kallis likes the Byzantine

chanting a lot. His favor hymn is the “Axion Estin.” He said “it is not only a way to pray, it is also a beautiful art.” He loves the holy priesthood. He said priesthood to him is “to serve the people” and if he was to start his life today he would become a priest also.” The turning point that convinced him he had the divine calling to become a priest was when he started asking himself existential questions. He said “I had started asking myself cer-

tain questions like where are we going when we die.” A happy person, Kallis said “I get my happiness from my boys. Presbyteria made me a very happy priest by giving us two beautiful boys. As I tell people all the time, Presbyteria makes so that when I am here and do my best to serve the people I don’t worry about the boys. I am perfectly at ease that the family has been taking care and she just she does an amazing job.”



Fr. Perikles Kallis dances along with children of the parish during the Greek Festival.

house and the area that they will be growing up and remembering.” He was transferred from the Annunciation parish in Buffalo New York where he served three and one half years. His appointment coincided with the parish’s four-day annual Greek Festival. Parish told TNH that “it worked out very well; it is the best opportunity to meet everybody. We got into town just about in time to get ready for the festival.” The parish is comprised by 269 families but many more live in the Greater Waterbury area. About the issue of the unchurched and how it is approached pastorally, Kallis said “what we did in Buffalo was to really focus on the children, on the youth and to try to have the ministries and the programs in place that would bring the youth in, but of course, bring the entire family in. When the children were dancing here the parents, and also the grandfathers and the grandmothers were present, they were excited. The whole family participated. In fact, we found Kallis dancing Greek dances along with small children of the parish. He said “for the kids I’ll get up there and dance, they have to get to know their priest and to know

and where we have to go. One thing that excites me is that we are four years from our centennial and we are going to think where we have been, see the things that were accomplished and have a sense where we want to go. “I will try to get the youth

years and it was so hard to leave because you are leaving a family. You leave the people with whom you sat at the hospital bed.” He revealed to TNH that “my family, who is the construction business wanted me to become a lawyer to work in the family

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**CORRECTION**  
In the May 17 edition it was reported that each winner of the Hellenic Entrepreneurship Award “receives up to 500,000 euro.” In fact each of the up to 5 winners gets to SHARE the total fund – which was 500,000 last year and is 700,000 euro this year.

# The Soul of the Parthenon: Hellenic Culture is Disseminated in Mexico

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Italy, Argentina, Ecuador and Spain. In Mexico, the Juarez Theater in Guanajuato (1872-1903, the Degollado Theater in Guadalajara, Jalisco (1856-1866), the Peace Theater, in San Luis Potosi (1889-1894), the Manuel Doblado Theater, in Leon, Guanajuato and the Chamber of Deputies (1910).

This exhibition would have not been possible without the special support of recognized Mexican and Greek institutions. The members who participated were: the National Museum of Architecture of the Palace of Fine arts of Mexico and the National Museum of the Cultures from Mexico. From Greece collaborated the New Museum of the Acropolis, the Office of Conservation of the Monuments of the Acropolis (YSMA), the Archaeological National Museum of Athens, the Museum of the City of Athens, the Foundation for the Investigation and the Technology in Greece (FORTH), and certainly, His Eminence, Archbishop Athenagoras, the Greek Orthodox Metropolitan of Mexico, Islands of the Caribbean, Colombia and Venezuela, and of the Hellenic Community in Mexico.

The exhibition was inaugurated the evening of July 24 by the Architect Dolores Martinez Orralde, Director of the National Museum of Architecture of Mexico; the Archimandrita Padre Damianos, in representation of His Eminence, Archbishop Athenagoras; the Greek Ambassador, Polyxeni Stefanidou and the Archeologist and Historian of Art, Master in Heritage Building Conservation, leader of the project, Alexandros Apostolakis, the curator.

Orralde made her speech in front of more than 700 people,



One magnificent structure hosts another: “Art and Architecture of the Parthenon” exhibited at the Palace of Fine Arts in Mexico City.

and exposed that the Parthenon is a Humanity s Cultural Heritage, and that it is the inheritance of a glorious era from the antiquity up to the modern movement. She added that more than a ruin, it is a monument that breathes. She ended her speech by saying that this archeological sample contributes, in adding value to the historical and the artistic heritage.

Then, the Archimandrita Padre Damianos, from the Orthodox Church in Mexico, said that Greece is the cradle of civilization; he also mentioned that Mexico is an enormous cultural center, with a wide history that has left indelible stamps in Latin American society." These two cultures meet in a very special way."

Soon afterwards, the Greek

Ambassador, Xenia Stefanidou expressed that throughout this exhibition, the Mexican public will have the opportunity to get close to the highest level of the classic art of the antiquity. She emphasized that for the first time in Mexico, a photographic sample of the most emblematic monument and the most famous ancient temple of Greek history, that remains as testimony of the political, military glory of architecture and arts of Athens, will be presented.

In a tour for the exhibition, the Hellenic Community Cultural Matters in charge, Alexandros Apostolakis, said that for the Greeks, the Parthenon is part of their identity and a symbol of the world heritage. So that is the reason Greek institutions work at its restoration and conservation. “This is the way



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to deliver the Greek culture to the world. We want to turn this exhibition into a symbol of hope for the Greeks, who are going through an economic crisis, and show to the world the level a society can achieve when its people reach a high spiritual level.”

On September 11, 1987 The Parthenon was declared Cultural Patrimony of the Humanity by the Organization of the United Nations for the Education, the Science and the Culture (UNESCO), and represents a chain of values, which turn it into the maximum expression of the Architecture and Art.

In opinion of the archeologist Apostolakis, "the exhibition shows the worldwide importance of the Parthenon as a marvel of the ancient world and its recognition as an invaluable

symbol of the architecture."

During the tour, he also mentioned that between 1801 and 1803, the English Ambassador in Turkey, Thomas Bruce, Count of Elgin, moved most of the sculptural work of the Parthenon to London, so nowadays it is part of the British Museum.

At the exposition converged aspects on Greek mythology related to the temple, the art of the architecture and information on the different stages of construction and conservation. People realized that the Parthenon is not only one of the most important monuments interpreted by painters and engravers, but also, it is a monument that has suffered many different interventions and acts of vandalism.

The exhibition resources offered by all the institutions and

organisers were brought together in an exceptional way to come to the comprehension of all kinds of public. There were 74 images, 4 videos, 2 sculptural reproductions in plaster, a model of the temple (scale 1:100), and several written explanatory documents.

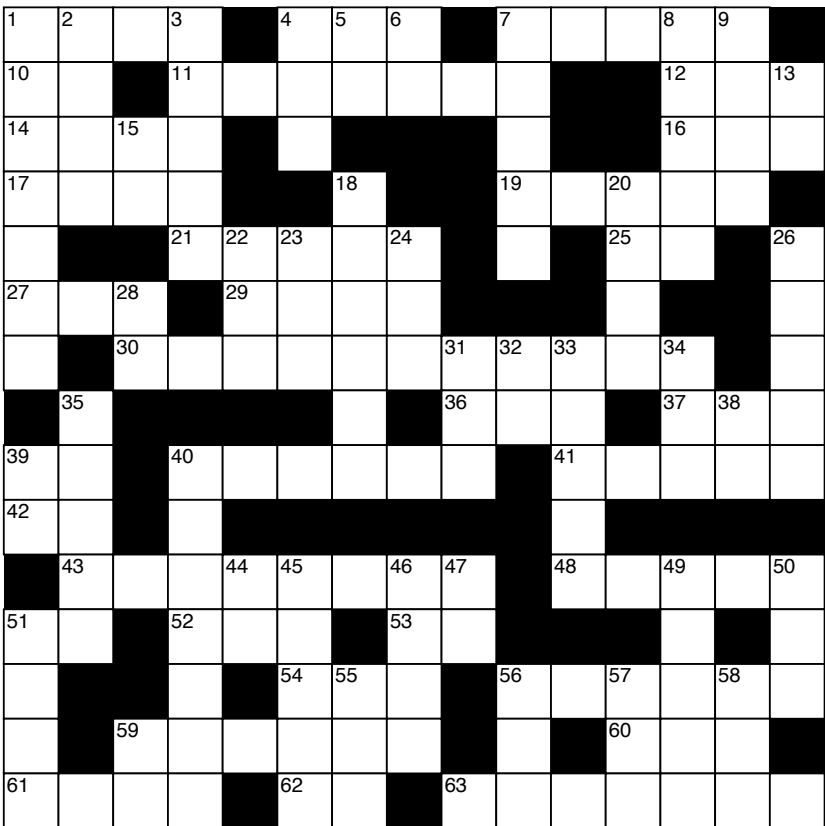
The exhibition assembled different elements of multimedia that allowed to the audience to visualize closely the elements of construction, art and design of the temple. The Technological Educational Institute of Crete has a unique technology laser for the restoration, which was applied for the first time in the Parthenon. Thanks to technology, we enjoyed and learned more about all the work that has been done to this archeological piece.

This exhibition brought us closer to the magnificence of this temple and allowed the new generations to discover the Parthenon as an inexhaustible source of study, and to understand the origins of architectural culture. Also, we could appreciate the effort that many different institutions in Greece carry out to safeguard the former residence of the goddess Athena, across the use of new technologies, as in some moment commented by the architect Martinez Orralde.

The twenty-two thousand tons of marble that showed the Parthenon 2500 years ago, are a symbol of wisdom, that also deserves to be restored in our memories. For this reason, we will continue working to fulfill our mission and vision to promote the Hellenic Culture, and thus, we will be capable of remembering our ancient and deep Greek roots.

For more about the exhibition, see: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aD1OXG3Y1Io>.

## THE HERALD SQUARE TNH's Crossword Challenge



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### ACROSS

- 1 Graven image
- 4 Flow's opposite
- 7 Father and son presidents
- 10 Cont./Ctry. (abbrev.)
- 11 The \_\_\_\_\_ Sisters
- 12 Motorists' org. (init.)
- 14 Pitcher Jim "Kitty" \_\_\_\_\_
- 16 They work with MDs (abbrev.)
- 17 Canadian Songwriter Rolla \_\_\_\_\_
- 19 Morning talk show host Philbin \_\_\_\_\_
- 21 Professional wrestler Spiros \_\_\_\_\_
- 25 \_\_\_\_\_ of little faith
- 27 Hockey legend Bobby \_\_\_\_\_
- 29 American Research Bureau, Inc. (abbrev.)
- 30 Saint honored on July 27
- 36 U.S. intelligence agcy. (init.)
- 37 May contain groceries
- 39 Emancipation Proclamator (init.)
- 40 Type of whiskey
- 41 Greek suffix meaning something written or drawn
- 42 VHS speed (abbrev.)
- 43 Mr. Bogart
- 48 Ty and "Tex"
- 51 Prof's asst. (abbrev.)
- 52 Easy as \_\_\_\_\_
- 53 Strrd. in Desperately Seeking Susan (init.)
- 54 Gun org. (abbrev.)
- 56 Greek island dance
- 59 Director Kostas \_\_\_\_\_
- 60 Star of My Life in Ruins
- 61 Soap foam
- 62 Yield Pt. (abbrev.)
- 63 Orioles' Owner

### DOWN

- 1 Archbishop who marched with King
- 2 Not singular
- 3 Mr. Gravas, on Taxi
- 4 Asner and Sullivan
- 5 NY Yanks' "Bambino" (init.)
- 6 "Hallowed \_\_\_\_\_ Thy name..."
- 7 Greek prefix pertaining to stars
- 8 The Osmond Brothers' sister
- 9 Without
- 13 Fit \_\_\_\_\_ as fiddle
- 15 Battery size

- 18 A Kennedy
- 20 Greek fast food
- 22 Didn't walk
- 23 NYC Subway line (abbrev.)
- 24 Nada
- 26 Vivienne or Janet
- 28 Led Zeppelin Lead Sngr. (init.)
- 31 Europ. Clearing House (abbrev.)
- 32 Two, to Nero
- 33 Earvin Johnson's nickname
- 34 Lebron's Lge. (abbrev.)
- 35 First Greek letter
- 38 News org. (abbrev.)
- 39 E=MC2 genius (init.)
- 40 Pete of Wimbledon
- 44 Prvt. Investigator (abbrev.)
- 45 A Fonda
- 46 Epochs
- 47 QB Tittle
- 49 Greek "Santa"
- 50 Mrs. in Spain (abbrev.)
- 51 Seaver and Selleck
- 55 Hip-Hop
- 56 Apollo's domain
- 57 Univ. in Armidale, Australia (abbrev.)
- 58 "The way" in China?
- 59 Strrd. in A League of Their Own (init.)

### Solution to last week's puzzle

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TNH STAFF PHOTO

George Lois, AKA “The Guru of Advertising” and “The Master Communicator” signs copies of the Greek edition of his book Damn Good Advice during a recent trip to Greece.

## Lois: Damn Good Advice for Greeks

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name's roots, which his aides confirmed was Greek and tracked back to the 13th century.

Lois told TNH the story of the great “I’m going home...to Greece – where it all began” advertising campaign, which he said was prompted by the potentially- crippling travel advisory Ronald Reagan slapped on Greece “because he did not like Andreas Papandreou.”

When Muhammad Ali came under massive media attack for converting to Islam, Lois conceived the iconic Esquire magazine cover depicting the great boxer pierced by persecutory arrows, like St. Sebastian.

The imagination and passion of the Greek ad man to whom celebrities could not say “no” lifted numerous brands to prominence, including Esquire, MTV and ESPN.

When Lois was asked if there was ever a moment during his high octane life when he thought he might have been better off taking over the family florist, he recalled the day when his father shook him awake and told him he was late. “I am not coming to work today. I am starting college,” he told Haralamos Lois.

He told TNH how he saved his tips from flower deliveries all over New York’s five boroughs and opened a bank account at Atlantic Bank to pay for tuition at Pratt Institute.

He was going to become an artist.

Indeed, his 92 Esquire covers from 1962 to 1972 are now part of the permanent collection of the Museum of Modern Art.

He remained at Pratt for only one year, however. He left to

work for advertising pioneer Reba Sochis, and then he was drafted and sent to Korea. “Two wasted years. I don’t like war,” he told TNH.

When he returned to the states, he worked for CBS and in 1959 joined the advertising firm of Doyle Dane Bernbach. He then established Papert Koenig Lois with Fred Papert and Julian Koenig. In 1967 he left to create Lois, Holland, Callaway.

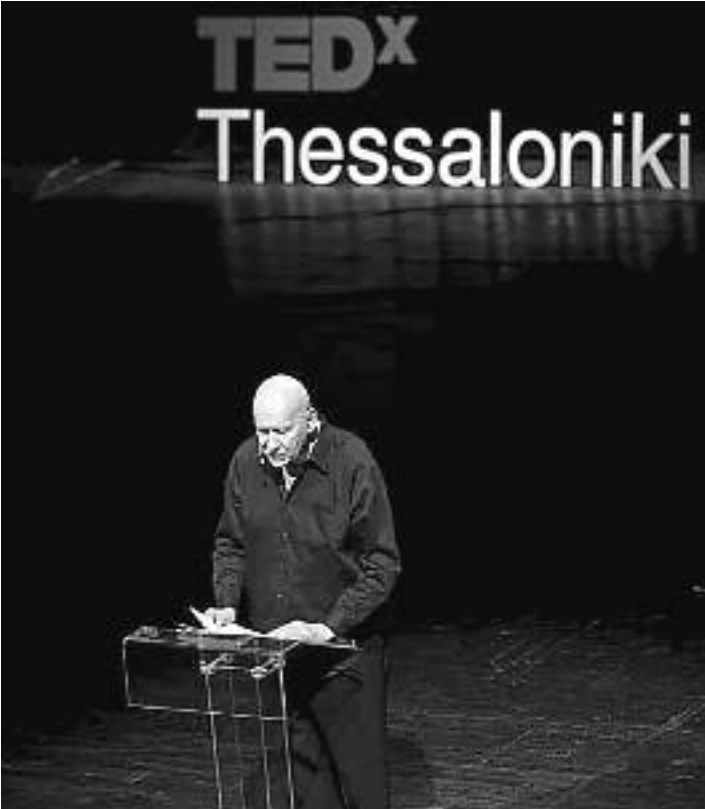
His last firm Lois/USA, produced many noteworthy campaigns through 1999.

Lois now works with his son Luke’s firm, Good Karma Cre-

ative.

Lois is the only person to have been inducted into the Art Directors Hall of Fame, the One Club Creative Hall of Fame and to receive lifetime achievement awards from the American Institute of Graphic Arts, Clio and the Society of Publication Designers. He was also the subject of the Master Series of the School of Visual Arts.

He summed up his personal and creative life to TNH: “The well-trodden path is not for me. I want to awaken and influence people, to open new paths, to strive for excellence.”



George Lois gives closing address at TEDx Thessaloniki to launch the Greek edition of Damn Good Advice.

ALL HISTORY

# Professor Leonidas Arniotis: a Greek-American Animal Acts Impresario

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fine example of an internationally-recognized promoter and performer who moved effortlessly back and forth across all categories and nearly all continents. I did not come to Arniotis, his fabled career and the extensive research done on this single man, in anything resembling a straightforward manner. What is instructive concerning how I found the promoter and entertainer known the world over as Professor Leonidas is in the fact that while tracking one Greek performer or promoter one is very often led to yet another.

In this case, I had been searching for information about Mary Arniotis for years. All I could find in newspaper accounts and among the recollections of old Greek strongmen was that Mary Arniotis was a notable strong woman who had appeared on the American vaudeville stage. My interest in this performer was especially keen, since she was billed as the “female Sandow.” Eugen Sandow (1867-1925), born Friedrich Wilhelm Müller, was a German pioneering bodybuilder known as the father of modern bodybuilding. More than that, Sandow was the first of the modern bodybuilders to appear on stages across the globe. So notable was Sandow he even performed in one of Thomas Edison’s first motion pictures. We also know, without a doubt, that Mary Arniotis first began performing on the German stage.

Then, out of nowhere, a reference to a Professor Leonidas Arniotis. Professor Arniotis with his troupe of trained cats and dogs was among the most internationally-famous vaudeville acts of the era. When the good Professor arrived in North America he did so fresh from his much acclaimed triumphant at both the Berlin Wintergarden and the Foles Begeris Theater in Paris. Now it may be a tad difficult for the modern individual to fully appreciate the impact Arniotis had on his audiences. Please recall this was the era when Buffalo Bill’s Wild West and Congress of Rough Riders was still a touring sensation. A time when local museums, modeled after P.T. Barnum’s New York museum, exhibited wax figures of notable political figures of the day such as King George of Greece. Or that in one town or another one the premier actors of the American stage such as a Drew or a Barrymore might be appearing in a Shakespearean drama. In 1897, Professor Arniotis frequently appeared in a small town or city when other popular entertainers and shows such as those I have listed above were also performing. The enduring popularity of Arniotis’ act all across America



ABOVE: The famous Strand Theater, in Chicago, where Greek-American impresario Professor Leonidas Arniotis featured his animal acts.

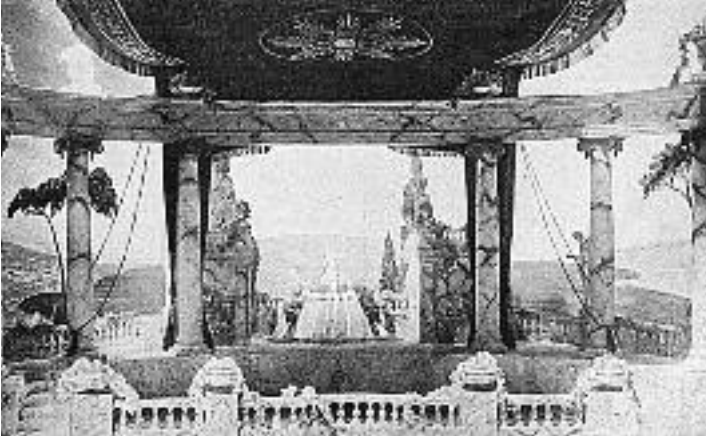


bespeaks of a much simpler time and place than the mass media of the Internet’s cyberspace now allows.

Arriving in New York City on March 22, 1897, aboard the SS La Champagne, the 34 year-old Arniotis took the American entertainment world by storm. Traveling from coast to coast and back again one newspaper account after another attests to the fact that Arniotis was so popular he was frequently ‘held over’ from his scheduled period of performance by public demand.

Some publicity never hurts. In the March 6, 1897, edition of the Scientific American Supplement was a full page lithograph illustration of Arniotis’ exhibition at the Berlin Wintergarden along with an extensive description. Here is but an excerpt:

“A comic scene which follows is a triumph in animal training. Cerberus is chained at the left side of the stage. Pippina takes her place on a chair at the right, and Mr. Arniotis is seated at a



well-covered table in the center, ready to eat his supper. He has nothing to drink, and, as there is no one to wait on him, he is obliged to go for it himself. After he has left the stage Cerberus slips his collar off, climbs up on the table and eats the entire meal. As he is swallowing the last mouthful a thought comes to him of the punishment that must follow, and he looks to his friend to help him out of his difficulty. Pippina is then taken by the collar and set on the table, where she remains looking sad, while Cerberus resumes his collar. Mr. Arniotis returns, is suspicious of the unhappy victim sitting among the empty dishes, and is about to punish her, when she climbs on her master and whispers in his ear that Cerberus is the real culprit. Pippina’s innocence is established, and the audience thanks the performers with a round of applause.” To actually see just a few moments of Arniotis’ act one need only go to on the Internet and look under “Hurdle jumping by trained dogs” to see an all-too-brief segment.

In November 1897, once Arniotis arrived in Chicago, he headlined his own circus composed of 22 different acts at then notable Strand Theater. As we learn from one announcement under the title, “Leonidas Winter Theater”: “Prof. Leonidas with his wonderful troupe of

trained cats and dogs which has been exhibited before all the crowned heads of Europe: Miss Mary Arniotis, the champion strong lady of the world, direct from the Folies Bergeries of Paris, will give some very comical and difficult acts. Wertz and Adair the wonderful acrobats and tumblers will also appear

in several new acts; Mme. Ellen Vetter, “the mysterious globe,” the only act of its kind in the world; M. Langslaw, will perform rifle shooting g on high wire, and Mr. Nicholas G. Props “The Grecian Heracles” in his many feats of difficult heavy weight lifting and several other good attractions. Popular prices, 10, 20 and 30 cents (Chicago Tribune November 12, 1897).”

The Strand is undoubtedly one of Chicago’s most fascinating nearly-forgotten theaters. Built in 1885 as the National Panorama at Wabash and Hubbard Court (later Panorama Place, 7th Street, and Balbo Drive) “[T]he building’s most striking initial feature was that it was almost circular, a 16-sided polygon, with a 135-foot diameter. It had a wrought iron frame and a dome roof topped in a cupola, 96 feet tall at its apex.” Given the circular stage the effect resulted in what modern writers have referred to as having an “IMAX-type visual settings.”

Yet another way we can assess how contemporary audiences responded to Leonidas is found in Helen M. Winslow’s, Concerning Cats: My Own and Others (Boston: Lothrop Publishing, 1900): “Another European trainer who has accomplished wonders...is a young Greek, Leonidas Arniotis, and he has accomplished the difficult feat of teaching dogs and cats to work together in harmony. His dog, Cerberus, is a great diver, and to this fact owes all his success as a showman. When Aniotis was a student in Paris, he took the dog out one day for a walk. He had already taught Cerberus several tricks for pastime, and on this occasion, as they stood on a bridge across the Seine, they saw a

man throw a cat into the river. A wink from the master, and the dog was in the water, struggling to get near the cat He was soon able to seize the cat by the nape of the neck, and swim back to his master, and deposit the poor half-dead creature at his feet. Then and there a deep affection sprang up between the two animals. (Who says cats are incapable of gratitude?)

The two became inseparable, and when the master put the dog through his tricks, the cat sat by and watched intently for a time; but after a while he joined in the exercises, and their performances, undertaken as a mere pastime for the master, were the nucleus of a now celebrated company. Mr. Arniotis now has five dogs and two cats, who not only live together in perfect peace, but whose performances are quite unique.

The cats ride on the dogs’ backs, and are not unseated when the latter jump over chairs or through hoops. One of their best tricks is done by a cat who climbs up a rope to a considerable height and jumps on a little platform, suspended from a parachute, on which he sails comfortably around the stage as if he enjoyed the experience (Boston: Lothrop Publishing, 1900).”

In time Leonidas Arniotis’ career as both a performer and as promoter in entertainment productions included notable ventures in Athens, England, and the United States. Greeks have long held influential positions as entertainment promoters and as world-class performers. We need to begin to not only locate these historical figures but to understand their enduring effect on world entertainment.

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## POETRY

### 1453, May 29: Black Tuesday

By Paul J. Kachoris

*Tattered remnants of ecclesiastical vestments,  
once sewn together with "Panagia's" Love.  
Helpless now -- Her children,  
suppliants in multitudes, huddled together.*

*Lost and desperate,  
clinging to their Mother's frock;  
terrified in this, their final hour.*

*Pleading for Her succor and salvation,  
for Her Divine protection:  
savage wolves clawing at Her Golden Dome,  
to devour Her;  
to extinguish Her, forever.*

*Alas!  
This time, they are doomed!  
No escape from the jaws of death.  
Impotent!*

*No longer can She offer Her Divine protection.  
Cloaking them, as She has, these last 1000 years;  
walking on Her ramparts together,  
repelling the infidels from Her walls.*

*Now, sundered open by Mehmet's sword.  
Crashing into Her Holy Temple.*

*Slaughtering all the innocents,  
clustered in pleading prostrations;  
crying souls extinguished by his hordes.  
Fodder for The Holy Altar.*

*Agia Sophia  
Dismembered limb by limb.  
Shedding Her tears through mosaic eyes:  
seeing Her children's blood run torrents  
onto the well-worn marble floors  
polished smooth by Her supplicants' prayers.*

*Crimson rivulets streaming into Her Polis  
chanting their priestly Liturgy:  
immortalizing: desecrations, defilements, and  
violations  
for all coming millennia to remember:  
How Black this Tuesday was!*

*Ending the thousand years of Her veneration,  
praying together upon Her Theodosian Walls,  
having repelled the Ottomans successfully.  
Now breached in abject capitulation,  
as Mehmet's steed prances upon Her Holy Altar,  
crushing the Sacrificial "Blood and Lamb" beneath  
his hoofs.  
Extinguishing for all Eternity:  
Constantinoupoli: the Polis of Her Heart.*

## GREEK AMERICAN STORIES

### Visitors

By Phylis (Kiki) Sembos  
Special to The National Herald

Only four of the regular five were at Dixon Cafeteria drinking coffee in their nonchalant way that lazy Sunday. Dimos had something on his mind. He sought, eagerly, for an opportunity to speak out. It was awkwardly done but he blurted out, “I had unexpected company last Tuesday afternoon.” John twisted around. “So did I! Wednesday afternoon – one that lasted to dinner time. You’ll never guess who...” George had no need to guess. He knew! “Yiannis and Areti?”

They nodded vigorously as all heads turned toward Kipreos who shrugged, “They’d never come to a bachelor’s apartment.”

“How did you guess, George?” asked John. George laughed, “How well did Peter know Paul? They were at my house Monday afternoon. When I came home from work – there they were – half a pound of French cookies on a plate. The other half was in Yiannis’ stomach. He finagled a way to stay for dinner. Not prepared for guests my wife fried omelets in a hurry – that was it!” George leaned back, stirring his coffee. “Let me tell you how he maneuvered it. He comes early – about four?” The confirmed the hour. “He brings a pound of French cookies, right?” They nodded, again. “That cost him one dollar and seventy five cents – his way of taking Areti ‘out for dinner’ and doesn’t cost him anything – but cookies. So...”

Dimos took it from there. “He said he hoped we enjoyed the ‘honor’ of their company. My wife, Penelope, naturally, served

coffee. Areti was quiet, nibbled a cookie, spoke very little. Yiannis ate half the cookies. Just when we thought the visit over Yiannis wanted to hear my daughter, Marianthi, play the piano. Then, he asked to see photos. That delighted my wife and she brought an album. I wanted to speak to her in private but no opportunity arose,” he sighed. “It didn’t look like they were leaving. Poor Penelope scrambled around to see what could be had on such short notice.”

John added his version of Yiannis and Areti’s surprise visit

The doors shut and the bus rumbled away from the distressed figure that stood at the curb, looking like a Cocker Spaniel who had lost his favorite bone.

on Wednesday and staying until dinner. “He should have, at least, called.” Kipreos, then, informed them that Yiannis had no telephone. They looked nonplussed, each nursing a disquieting reflection. “It’s an imposition!” Dimos exclaimed.

“What’s to prevent a repeat performance soon?” John wrinkled his brow. George’s expression became animated as he told them, “Don’t you think we should return that ‘honor’?”

They agreed, hopeful that the wily George will think up something that will prevent another unexpected visitation before it became a weekly habit. The moment grew tense as George tried to conjure up something feasible. Something

had to be thought of and soon. Then, an idea began to jell in George’s fertile brain. “EURIKA!” he announced, sounding like Archimedes. Well acquainted with that look of devilry they all unanimously approved before being apprised of the plan. “Tell us!” inquired Dimos. “When?” John asked. The group agreed with their fellow conspirator that they’d call their wives that very Sunday and visit, en masse, Yiannis and Areti, each armed with a pound of French cookies. Three couples and Kipreos approached the door; George noticed a twitch at the curtain indicating they were home. They stood before the door waiting but no one answered. Another loud knock. Again, no one. “Guess our little game didn’t work,” said John, glumly. George stood, resolute, pondering. Then, he went into action. Taking out a pencil he wrote on a piece of paper: we know what an honor it is to expect visitors and we only wished to return the honor you and Areti bestowed on us. Only, this time we wanted to take you and Areti out to a nice restaurant. However, this offer cannot be repeated. Sorry you weren’t home. As the group boarded the bus they noticed a portly figure, frantically waving his arms, running toward them. The doors shut and the bus rumbled away from the distressed figure that stood at the curb, looking like a Cocker Spaniel who had lost his favorite bone. Back at Dixon’s they unanimously agreed Yiannis wasn’t about to make impromptu visits, again, any time soon because if he did he knew he’d surely, find a reciprocating mob at his door. They had only to wait!

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DEATH NOTICES

■ ANTONOPOULOS, MARY ANN

PITTSBURGH, PA (From the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette, published on May 7) – Mary Ann Antonopoulos, age 75, of Waynesboro, passed away Monday, May 5, 2014. She was born on May 1, 1939, in Pittsburgh, PA to the late Albert Edward Randol and Anna Boczar Randol. She is survived by her husband, Paul Antonoplos, and by her siblings, Geri Kwiatkowski, and Elaine Griffiths; along with many nieces, nephews, cousins, and other extended family in the United States and Greece. A Funeral Service will be held at 11:00 a.m. Thursday, May 8, 2014, at Metamorphosis Soteris Greek Orthodox Church, with Father Peter Reginis officiating. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the church at Metamorphosis Soteris Greek Orthodox Church, 100 Perry Dr., Charlottesville, VA 22902. Friends may send condolences to the family at:

■ APOSTLE, KATHERINE E.

LITTLE ROCK, AR (From the Clarion Ledger, published on May 1) – Katherine Elchos Apostle, of Little Rock, AR, passed away in her home on Thursday, April 30, 2014 at the age of 90. She was born on July 21, 1923 in Birmingham, AL to George and Olympia Elchos, immigrants form Volos, Greece. The Elchos family later settled in Vicksburg, MS with their four children. In 1949 Katherine met and married Paul Nicholas Apostle and made their home for nearly 50 years in Jackson, MS where they raised four children and also raised three nephews, sons of Paul's sisters who lived in Metamorphosis, Greece. Together as a family, they opened and operated seven Paul's Restaurant/Paul's Lamp-lighter Restaurants in four states. During her years in Jackson, Katherine was an active member of the St. John the Divine and St. John the Theologian Greek Orthodox Church. She taught Sunday school and for many years was the president of the Ladies Philoptochos Society, a philanthropic organization. In 1999 Katherine and Paul moved and made a new home in Little Rock, AR. They were married for 50 years when Paul passed away. In Little Rock, Katherine attended the Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church. She was Yi-ayia, the Greek name for grandmother, to nine grandchildren and five great grandchildren. She will always be remembered for her culinary skills, especially for her delicious and plentiful Greek cooking and for her love of gardening. She is survived by her four children, Dena Parker and husband, Angelo; Nick Apostle and wife, Alice; Libbie Vaden and husband, Steve; and Georgia Apostle; three nephews, Jimmy Pappas and wife, Teresa; Billy Poulos, and Niko Apostle; grandchildren, Denise Mitchell, Alyssa Parker, Camille Hassell, Katy Hedglin, Nicholas Apostle, Katherine Irby, Diane Montgomery, Katerina and Demetri Pappas; great grandchildren, Crew and Knox Hassell, Jackson Apostle, Hattie and Rhett Hedglin; and a sister, Viola Tyrones of Alanta, GA. Funeral will be held at 2:00 p.m., Thursday, May 1, 2014 at Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church, 1100 Napa Valley in Little Rock, AR, with Reverend Dr. Nicholas Verdaris officiating. Interment will follow at Pinecrest Memorial Park. Arrangement by Roller-Chenal Funeral Home 13801 Chenal Parkway Little Rock, AR (501) 224-8300. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be sent to The Annunciation Scholarship Foundation, 1100 Napa Valley, Little Rock, AR 72211.

■ BAKIRTZIS, ANTONIA

JERSEY CITY, NJ (From the Star-Ledger, published on Apr. 29) – Antonia Bakirtzis (nee Kougelis), 86, passed away peacefully on Sunday, April 27, 2014, surrounded by her loving family. Visitation will be held at McLaughlin Funeral Home, 625 Pavonia Ave., Jersey City, N.J. 07306 on Wednesday, April 30, 2014, from 3 to 9 p.m., with Trisagion service offered at 7 p.m. Family and friends are invited to assemble at the funeral home on Thursday morning at 10 a.m., followed by a Divine Liturgy at 11 a.m. at Evangelismos Greek Orthodox Church. Interment will follow in Bay View Cemetery, Jersey City, N.J. Antonia was born in Antissa, Greece, and came to the United States in 1966, settling in Jersey City. From 1966 to 1986, she owned and operated two hot dog stands at the location of Saint Peter's University in Jersey City. Antonia was an active and generous member of her community, specifically for Saint Peter's, having developed a special fondness

for it during her many years of service there. She was also a longtime and faithful member of the Greek Orthodox Ladies Philoptochos Society of her church. In addition to her greatest passion, which was spending time with her cherished grandchildren, Antonia also loved to cook, bake and entertain for her family and friends. Antonia was predeceased by her beloved husband, Fotios Bakirtzis; devoted mother of Evangelos Bakirtzis, Angela Alburtus and Nicholas Bakirtzis; cherished grandmother of Nicole and Angelica Bakirtzis, Michael, Antonia and Jaclyn Alburtus, Frankie, Nicholas and Erika Bakirtzis; dear mother-in-law of Michael Alburtus, Janet and Stella Bakirtzis, and loving sister of the late Mary, Panogiota, and Vasiliki.

■ GOUSIOS, ARISTIDES

LAFAYETTE, CA (From the San Francisco Chronicle, published on Apr. 20) – After a short illness, Dr. Aristides G. Gousios of Lafayette, California passed away on Saturday April 12, 2014 surrounded by his wife of 60 years, his children and grandchildren. He immigrated to the United States with a scholarship, a Greek-English dictionary and a dream to become a doctor. He studied at Mt. Union College in Alliance, Ohio and later graduated from Case Western Reserve University Medical School, Cleveland, Ohio in 1955. Kaiser Hospital welcomed him where he practiced for twenty years as a Cardiologist and Emergency Room physician. As an associate clinical professor at UCSF he enjoyed teaching and had the opportunity to develop exercise and oxygen requirements for heart attack survivors, a very new field in the 1950's. He later developed his own full service private practice in Castro Valley. He loved Yosemite and Lake Tahoe and spent many happy summers in both locations. In 1980 he moved his family into the dream home he imagined and built and later renamed his private road, Nemea Lane, to honor his home in Greece. He is survived by his wife, Vasiliki, children Diana G. Lincoln (James), Eleni E. Gousios, George A. Gousios (Donia), Niki Watson (Simon) and Tom Gousios (Amy). His admiring grandchildren, Andrew Lincoln and Matthew Lincoln, Christopher, Athan and Nikko Gousios and Penelope and Anika Watson, will always miss him. His dear sisters, Dimitra, Dina and Melia, only recently preceded him in death. Brother Andreas Gousios (Barbara) survives him along with many nieces, nephews, cousins and friends nurtured in his professional career. An active member of the Greek Orthodox Cathedral of the Ascension in Oakland, he was also a founder of the Hellenic American Professional Society, a scholarship organization for Greek Youth. Family and friends are invited to attend a visitation at 6:p.m, with the Trisagion to follow, Monday, April 21, at 7:pm at the Greek Orthodox Cathedral of the Ascension. 4700 Lincoln ave, Oakland. Funeral Services Tuesday April 22, at 12:noon at the Cathedral, Burial to follow at Mountain View Cemetery, Oakland. May his memory be eternal. For further information please contact Harry W. Greer Funeral Director FDR745.

■ KONTOGIANNIS, ALEXANDROS

LITTLE EGG HARBOR, NJ (From the Asbury Park Press, published on May 11) – Alexandros Kontogiannis of Little Egg Harbor, NJ, 76 years of age passed away after an amazing fight on May 7, 2014, at Jersey Shore Medical Center. His strong will to live, and the love and support of his family and friends carried him through the past 5 months. Alexandros was born to Konstantinos and Eleni Kontogiannis on April 2, 1938 in Galata, Greece. He lived in Greece and met the love of his life, Evridiki Pogois, they were married on July 2, 1967. They moved to the United States for a better life where they had their children Eleni and Konstantinos. Alexandros was a go getter who was determined to provide the best possible life for his family. He accomplished this by owning and operating various establishments throughout New Jersey, until he finally settled himself and his family in the Tuckerton/Little Egg Harbor area. Here he opened the Dynasty Diner which continues to operate 30 years later because of his hard work and his perseverance. He was a parishioner of St. Barbara's Greek Orthodox Church, Toms River where he made many friends throughout the years. His faith in God, love for his family and friends and his absolute selflessness was apparent until his very final days. We will never forget his contagious smile, and the loyalty he had for those he loved. A hero to his family he was the beloved husband of Evridiki (nee Pogois), he was

the devoted father of Eleni Kontogiannis, Konstantinos Kontogiannis and his wife Chrissy, and he was the loving, amazing Papou to his three sunshines, Alexandros, Evridiki and Stavroula Kontogiannis. He is also survived by his siblings, family in laws, many nieces and nephews and countless friends and family here and in Greece. And of course his Dynasty Diner family! "Work hard, love your family, and live your life", were words of his we will always remember along with his beaming smile. Always in our hearts! Viewing hours will be held on Tuesday, May 13, 2014 from 4 to 9pm and Wednesday May 14 from 8:30 to 9:15am at Maxwell Funeral Home, 160 Mathistown Rd., Little Egg Harbor, NJ 08087. Additional viewing will also be on Wednesday, May 14 from 10:30am until the Funeral Service at 11:00am at St. Barbara's Greek Orthodox Church, Toms River, NJ. Entombment will follow at Ocean County Memorial Park, Waretown, NJ. To send condolences to the family please go to [www.maxwellfuneral-home.com](http://www.maxwellfuneral-home.com).

■ LIMBERIS, PETE

SALT LAKE CITY, UT (From the Salt Lake Tribune, published on May 1) – Pete Limberis, 83, passed away on Tuesday, April 29, 2014. He was born in Greece on July 2, 1931 to Lymberis and Yiannoula Limberopoulos. Pete was raised in Greece where he was a fisherman. He served in the Greek Navy. In 1959 Pete joined his family in Utah. After coming to the United States, he met, Mary Poulos. They were married in Salt Lake City on December 10, 1960. Mary passed away on April 8, 1984. He found love again and married Sophia Meintasis in Elko, Nevada on June 21, 1987. Pete was a member of the Greek Orthodox Church. He had a beautiful garden and loved working in it. His greatest treasure was his family. Pete is survived by his loving wife, Sophia; sons, Larry Limberis and Steve (Lorraine) Clark; daughters, Johanna (Danny) Lindsley, and Corina (Lyle) Dailey; grandchildren, Peter Williams, David (Brandi) Williams, Elliott (Victoria) Clark, and Mason Clark; great-grandchildren, Noah, Kaine, and Tayla Williams; brother, Tracy (Nota) and sister, Antonia Mannous; sister-in-law, Yvonne; and many family members still living in Greece. He was preceded in death by his wife, Mary and his parents. Funeral services will be held on Saturday, May 3, 2014 at 10 a.m. at the Greek Orthodox Church of the Transfiguration, 674 42nd St., Ogden. Friends may visit with family on Friday from 6 to 8 p.m. with a Trisagion service at 7:30 p.m. at Lindquist's Ogden Mortuary, 3408 Washington Blvd. Ogden, Utah.

■ PSAKIS, BESSIE

TROY, NY (From the Record, published on May 9) – Bessie Kansas Psakis, formerly of Lansingburgh, passed away on Monday, May 5, 2014 at Van Rensselaer Manor. She was born in Schenectady, to immigrants, Peter Kansas and Catherine Michos Kansas from Sparta (Koniditsa) Greece and wife of the late Steven G. Psakis. Bessie was predeceased by all six of her siblings, John, Margaret, Anastasia, Helen Ethel, Chris Kansas and a great granddaughter. In the 1920's, at a young age, Bessie worked in her family's business, Kansas Confectionary in Mont Pleasant. According to her father and siblings, she was the hardest worker of all the children. As a teenager, Bessie went to work full time to support her family, due to her father's untimely death. Her strong work ethic carried her throughout her life, retiring at age 80. She was a role model for many and adored by all who knew her. Bessie and her husband owned and operated the Capital Restaurant in Cohoes in the 1940's and The Fifth Avenue Diner in Lansingburgh in the 1950's. Following this, she was employed by the Lansingburgh School district, Marine Midland Bank (HSBC), Fatone's and the Puritan Restaurant all located in Troy. She was a member of the Ladies Philoptochos Society of St. Basil's Greek Orthodox Church in Troy and a member of the Order of Eastern Star and a volunteer at The Salvation Army until age 100. She was a member of St. Basil Greek Orthodox Church, Troy. Survivors include her devoted daughter, Patricia P. (Thomas) Ryan of West Sand Lake, her two beloved grandchildren Timothy T. (Joanne) Ryan of Guilderland, Allison (Nathaniel) Reichman of Delmar and four cherished great grandchildren. The family wishes to thank the doctors, nurses, aides and staff members on Floor B2 at Van Rensselaer Manor for their loving care, support and dedication to Bessie as well as her many loyal friends and visitors. Funeral services will be 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, May 10, 2014 at St. Basil Greek Orthodox Church, 909 River Street, Troy

with Fr. Emmanuel E. Mantzouris officiating. Burial will follow at Elmwood Hill Cemetery, Belle Avenue, Troy. Calling hours will be held on Saturday from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m. at church prior to services. To light a candle and offer words of condolences please visit [www.mcloughlinmason.com](http://www.mcloughlinmason.com).

■ SIDERIS, GEORGE J.

FORT LEE, NJ (From the New York Times, published on Apr. 26) – George John Sideris, 87, of Fort Lee, NJ passed away at his home with his family by his side on April 24th, 2014. George is survived by Mary (nee Skouras), his beloved wife of 60 years, and two children Diane and John. George was born in Athens Greece and raised in New York's Hell's Kitchen where he attended High School of Commerce. After serving in World War II as a US Army Staff Sergeant, George came home to earn a Bachelor of Science in Economics from NYU. George had an illustrious career in Finance till he retired as Chief Financial Officer for Long Island Lighting Company in 1992. Loving husband, devoted father, fiercely loyal friend, indomitable spirit and honest as day is long. George will be missed more than words can say but will be remembered for the love he had in his heart for everyone he met, his ever present smile and his determined optimism best captured in his favorite phrase "I'm in good shape for the shape that I'm in". A viewing will be held on Sunday, April 27th from 4pm-9pm at AK Macagnas Funeral home, 495 Anderson Avenue in Cliffside Park, NJ. The funeral will take place on Monday, April 28th at 11:30am at Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church in New Rochelle, NY. Burial, immediately following, at Mount Hope Cemetery in Hastings, NY.

■ THEODORE, HARRY G.

JAMAICA PLAIN, MA (From the Boston Globe, published on Apr. 29) – HEODORE, Harry G. Of Jamaica Plain. Beloved husband of 52 years to Maria (Plastourgos) Theodore and loving father of Dr. George H. Theodore and his wife Dr. Pauline (Pappas) Theodore of Squantum, MA and Atty. Michael H. Theodore and his wife Irene Theodore of Arlington MA and doting grandfather of Harry G. Theodore, Maria A. Theodore, Harry M. Theodore and Sam M. Theodore. He was also the loving uncle of Anthony and Chris Theodore of Patchogue, New York. He was predeceased by his brothers Michael G. Theodore, Reverend Constantine Theodore and Panos Theodore. He is also survived by many other close family members both here and in Greece. Throughout his life, he was a longtime employee of EG&G, a Professional Baseball Umpire, and an avid baseball enthusiast. He was also a lifelong member of the Annunciation Greek Orthodox Cathedral of New England in Boston. Funeral Services will be held at the New England Greek Annunciation Cathedral, Ruggles St. (corner of Parker St. at Wentworth Institution) Wednesday at 10 a.m. Relatives and friends invited. Visiting hours at the Mann & Rodgers Funeral Home, 44 Perkins St (corner of So. Huntington Ave) Jamaica Plain, Tuesday 4-7 p.m. Interment at Forest Hills Cemetery. Guest book at [mannandrodgers.com](http://mannandrodgers.com). Donations in memory of Harry may be sent to the Annunciation Greek Orthodox Cathedral of New England, 162 Goddard Avenue, Brookline, MA 02245.

■ YEANNAKOPOULOS, JAMES

SALEM, MA (From the Boston Globe, published on Apr. 21) – James (Jim) John Yeannakopoulos, age 87, died peacefully at North Shore Medical Center in Salem on Thursday morning, April 17, 2014. Jim was born in Salem, MA, the son of the late John and Eleni (Eliopoulos) Yeannakopoulos. He attended Boston University for a year before joining the Army. During his time in the service, he worked as a finance clerk in Germany with the 337th Finance and Disbursement Office. Following his discharge, he returned to Boston University and received his degree in Liberal Arts in 1949. Jim, a life-long learner, continued his education and received his Masters in Education from Boston University in 1956. He then continued on to Harvards Graduate School of Education where he received a Certificate of Advanced Study in Education Administration in 1962. Jim, a Fulbright Scholarship recipient in South America, enrolled in the doctoral program at Columbia University Teachers College. Jim began his teaching career in Fairhaven, MA at the Anthony School as a Social Studies teacher. A few years later, he began an international teaching career. He taught many grade levels in Kobe, Japan, and later moved on as a principal in several schools in France and Ger-

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many. Upon returning to the States, he spent time teaching in Brookline, MA at both the Edith C. Baker School and Driscoll School. He then went on to become the Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent of Schools within the Nyack Public Schools in Nyack, NY. Several years later, and until his retirement, he was the principal of the Alden Terrace School in Elmont, NY. After his retirement, Jim continued to remain active as an educator. He spent four years as Headmaster at Cathedral School in New York City, and as a social worker at the Hanac-Hellenic American Neighborhood Action Committee in Bronx, NY. In this role, he helped local residents obtain much needed services. Jim was the director of the Hellenic Cultural Center in Astoria, NY. He was very proud of his Greek heritage and was able to arrange lectures, art shows, and musical and theater events all dealing with Greek culture. Jim taught ESL classes at HANAC in Jackson Heights and served as headmaster at Three Hierarchs School in Brooklyn, NY. Jim lived every day to its fullest and was a friend to everybody. He had many friends and was very active in corresponding with

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them. He was the "family photographer" and was considered the family historian. He was a passionate fan of the opera and was a member of the Committee to Restore the Bell Tower at Saint Vasilios Greek Orthodox Church. Prior to his untimely death, Jim was making arrangements to travel to Greece with his brother and family members. Jim is survived by his sister Florence Gianakakis of Ipswich and his brother Theodore of Salem. He also leaves behind an extensive family including cousins, nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews and godchildren. He was devoted to his family and friends and will be greatly missed. He was predeceased by two brothers, Stavros and Anastash Ernie and two sisters, Efrosine and Julia. Mr. Yeannakopoulos funeral will be held from the Murphy Funeral Home, 85 Federal St., (corner of North St.) SALEM on Thursday, April 24th at 9:15 A.M. to be followed by Funeral Services at Saint Vasilios Church, 5 Paleologos Street, Peabody, MA at 10:00 A.M. Visiting hours will be at the Murphy Funeral Home, 85 Federal St, (corner of North St) SALEM on Wednesday from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend. Interment will be in Greenlawn Cemetery, Salem. For those who wish, memorial contributions may be made to Saint Vasilios Church, 5 Paleologos St, Peabody, MA 01960, for a scholarship which will be established in his name. For on line guest book or additional information please call 978-744-0497 or visit [www.MurphyFuneralHome.com](http://www.MurphyFuneralHome.com)

# First Round of Elections in Greece Set up a Showdown for This Sunday

By Andy Dabilis  
TNH Staff Writer

ATHENS – A first round of Greek municipal elections on May 18 showed mixed results with the ruling New Democracy of Prime Minister Antonis Samaras shut out in the critical Attica region that includes Athens, but faring better across the country against the major opposition Coalition of the Radical Left (SYRIZA).

That set up a series of second-round run-offs in races for mayors, governors and prefectures on May 25, when Greeks will also select their representatives for the European Parliament in races that show SYRIZA holding a lead.

Samaras is asking Greek voters to support his coalition government as it headed into the second round and was preaching what he called his party's ability to keep stability and an economic recovery from a crushing economic crisis and deep recession in its seventh year.

Samaras and his coalition partner the PASOK Socialists touted where they did well in other regions and asked for voters to support them, while the major opposition Coalition of the Radical Left (SYRIZA) said results showed it would walk away with some critical victories.

Samaras asked voters to show that "Greece has the stability it deserves" in the EU elections where polls show SYRIZA opened a lead. SYRIZA leader Alexis Tsipras said he believes the ruling parties will be so repudiated that it will force national elections before the government's term runs out in 2016.

SYRIZA was banking on its opposition to the harsh austerity measures the government imposed in return for 240 billion euros (\$330.7 billion) in two bailouts from the Troika of the European Union-International Monetary Fund-European Cen-



AP PHOTO/PETROS GIANNAKOURIS

**A laid-off Greek Finance Ministry cleaning lady looks out of the padlocked entrance of a ministry building in central Athens, on Thursday, May 22, 2014. Dozens of laid-off cleaners blocked the entrance to the building, demanding that the government respects a recent court decision to reinstate them in their jobs. The May 12 ruling found that 397 cleaners who made the complaint were wrongfully suspended from their jobs eight months ago, as part of a state sector staff reduction program.**

tral Bank (EU-IMF-ECB) beginning in 2010.

But some exit polls showing SYRIZA would have bigger margins in key races proved wrong, setting the stage for critical face-offs on May 25 for local offices.

Tsipras said he wanted the elections to be a referendum on the memorandum with the Troika and the big pay cuts, tax hikes, slashed pensions, and worker firings that came with the rescue packages and asked voters to reject the government's policies.

Samaras, trying to spin losses in the country's most important voter based, countered. "It is in Greeks' hands to either contribute to there being certainty that we will progress with steady steps or to let the country slide backwards," he said after results came in later.

His party performed poorly

in Greece's main municipalities (Athens, Piraeus and Thessaloniki) and its two biggest regions (Attica and Central Macedonia) but did better in nine of the 13 regions across the country going into the second round.

### NO EARLY NATIONAL ELECTIONS

The newspaper Kathimerini, citing unnamed sources, denied that Samaras considered suggesting snap elections after seeing New Democracy failing to get a candidate into the second round of voting in Athens Municipality for the first time in its history and seeing SYRIZA's Rena Dourou win the first round for the Attica Governor's race over a PASOK incumbent, Yiannis Sgouros.

PASOK leader Evangelos Venizelos claimed that SYRIZA's strategy of trying to turn local and European Parliament elec-

tions into a referendum on the government had failed.

He accused SYRIZA of making "narrow party political choices that failed on a national level" after the leftist party only managed to get two of its candidates for regional governorships into the second round of voting, although SYRIZA's aim is to win big at the EU level.

PASOK, which tied itself to the new center-left Elia-Olive Tree, alliance, got eight candidates it backed at a regional level making it into the second round. It also backed Thessaloniki Mayor Yiannis Boutaris and his Athens counterpart George Kaminis, an Independent

Kaminis surged late in the first round to eke out first place by a margin of 21.6-20 percent over SYRIZA's young candidate, Gavriil Sakellaris, setting up a showdown between them in the

final  
**THE BATTLE FOR BRUSSELS**  
Tsipras called on Greeks to turn the European Parliament elections into a mandate against the country's coalition government after the leftists made breakthrough in the City of Athens and region of Attica in the first round of voting in local elections.

"The European elections will be a referendum on the [EU-IMF] memorandum," he said, citing SYRIZA's achievements in the capital.

"There is no historical precedent for the governing party not making it into the second round of voting in the country's biggest region and biggest municipality," he said.

In the Athens' Mayor's race, Samaras' hand-picked candidate, Aris Spiliotopoulos, faltered after he lost votes to another New Democracy candidate and former Athens Mayor, Nikitas Kakkamanis, who challenged his own party after being rejected by Samaras as its candidate.

New Democracy has said that it will support Kaminis and Sgouros, which will make the challenge for Dourou and Sakellaris to win tougher, taking away some of their voter hopes.

SYRIZA will expect to increase Dourou's share of the vote as it won 30.6 percent of the ballots cast in the June 2012 elections in Attica but it remains to be seen if this can increase to above 50 percent.

SYRIZA expected to do better as it had targeted getting five candidates into the second round of voting for governorships but did so only in Attica and the Ionian Islands. The Leftists, however, have a 4.7 percent lead over New Democracy in the EU elections according to a poll by Kapa Research.

An overlooked factor was that 38.4 percent of Greeks didn't vote at all – 50 percent in Athens – showing the level of disenfranchisement from politics and anger over austerity and

the country's political parties.  
**THE FAR, FAR RIGHT**  
The candidate for the ultra-right Golden Dawn Party, its spokesman, Ilias Kasidiaris, who, along with its other 17 Members of Parliament faces charges of running a criminal gang, didn't make the run-off although garnering far more of the vote than expected, winning 16 percent.

Kasidiaris' colleague, Ilias Panagiotaros, also facing charges, gained 11 percent in the region of Attica, worrying government officials about the party's strong showing while law enforcement officials continue to press a case against its leaders.

In the regional vote, Golden Dawn gained around 450,000 votes – a little more than in the June 2012 national elections where it won 6.97 percent of the vote on the back of a platform that was opposed to austerity measures being imposed by the government on orders of international lenders, but was also anti-immigrant, anti-Semitic, anti-gay, anti-capitalist anti-politician and anti-Muslim.

Government spokesman Simos Kedikoglou said he couldn't understand why voters continued to back Golden Dawn after it was facing criminal charges although Samaras' "success story" of economic recovery hasn't made a dent in record unemployment and deep poverty, rallying causes for the extremists, who said the government had acquiesced to the Troika and Capitalist interests.

Kasidiaris said he knew why. "Greeks recognized that we have become their voice, the voice of truth, in the corrupt Parliament," he put it.

He predicted a "big victory" for the party in the May 25 European Parliament elections where it still has a chance to win seats in Europe, which fought against Nazis in World War II only to see a resurgence in recent years in supporters of its sentiments.

# In Historic Visit to Cyprus, Vice President Biden Emphasizes Unification

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Cypriots whose 1983 declaration of independence is recognized only by Turkey.

"I've traveled today because I believe that this time, can be different," Biden said. "Whether it will, depends on the people of this island."

He quashed speculation that he would either "impose or present" a peace deal during his visit, saying that an accord bringing "incredibly greater prosperity" and greater security can only come from Cypriots themselves.

Biden, who arrived from Bucharest, told journalists it was "long past time... that all Cypriots are reunited in a bizonal, bi-communal federation."

But he added that while he hoped to "help you get a solution," he had not come "to present or impose one."

He stressed that Washington recognizes only "one legitimate government" in Cyprus, that led by Anastasiades, adding that "my visit and meetings throughout the island will not change that."

He also eased Greek Cypriot

concerns his visit with Turkish Cypriot leader Dervis Eroglu in the breakaway north of the island would impart any official recognition, saying his contacts wouldn't change longstanding U.S. policy.

Biden also noted the role that Cyprus can play in regional energy security following the discovery of natural gas off the island's southern shore, close to a larger, Israeli gas field.

A Cyprus peace deal would have regional repercussions as it could help mend strained relations between key U.S. regional allies Turkey and Israel. Those countries fell out after Israeli commandos stormed a Turkish ship trying to break the Israeli blockade of the Gaza Strip in May 2010.

A reunified Cyprus could also act as a conduit to transport Cypriot and Israeli gas to Europe through Turkey via a pipeline, helping to reduce the continent's energy dependence on Russia, which has threatened to cut deliveries amid the Ukrainian crisis.

U.S. company Noble Energy is already involved in developing the island's sole proven gas



AP PHOTO/PETROS KARADJIAS

**US Vice President Joe Biden, center, is welcomed by Cyprus' Greek Orthodox Archbishop Chrysostomos II at the Archbishopric in divided capital Nicosia, Cyprus, on Thursday, May 22.**

field, along with Israeli partners Delek and Avner.

Biden's visit came after an invitation from President Nicos Anastasiades, who has realigned Cyprus' policies more in favor of the U.S. and Europe in contrast to his predecessor, Communist chief Demetris Christofias, and the U.S welcomed the drastic change in attitude.

Biden was also talking about of stronger sanctions against Russia over the ongoing crisis in Ukraine, but Cyprus relies on Russian tourists and bank deposits from wealthy Russians at a time the country is undergoing an economic and bank crisis and doesn't favor punishing Russia.

"We have to be resolute and united in the face of Russian intervention," Biden said. He added that he recognizes Cypriots have faced "tough economic challenges" and made "painful sacrifices" as a result of the bailout that crushed the country's banking sector, significantly shrunk the economy and dramatically increased unemployment.

(Material from the Associated Press was used in this report)

# How World War II was Won

By J. Maropoulakis Denney

The role of Greece in World War II has been much studied and discussed, mostly in terms of the heroic victory against the Fascist Italians in Albania (see The First Victory by George Blytas), as well as the resistance to the April 1941 invasion by the Nazis, and the heroic fight by Greek civilians and military, alongside the British forces, in the Battle of Crete (May 20-31, 1941). Quite a bit also has been written about the resistance, both on the mainland and in Crete, for the duration of the war, as well as on the many Nazi atrocities against Greek civilians during the period of Nazi occupation.

What has not been much discussed is the actual significance to the final outcome of WWII of the Greek war resistance from 1941 through 1945, other than the true stories of the valor and heroism shown by the Greek population during this period.

The Greek resistance was a major contributor to the success of the Allied D-Day invasion, June 6, 1944, at Normandy on the west coast of France. It may, in fact have been one of the decisive factors that enabled D-Day to succeed. If the Allied invasion at Normandy had been repulsed by the Nazis, the final outcome of WWII would have been different, and we would be living in an entirely different world today.

In this way, it is apparent that the Greek people played a much larger role in the success of the Allies in WWII, in three ways: 1) by achieving the first victory against the fascists in Albania, resulting in the necessity of a German invasion of Greece; 2) by the heroic resistance in Crete and the decimation of Hitler's Parachute divisions, which were never used again, and which delayed the invasion by Hitler of the Soviet Union, resulting in Hitler's defeat by the Soviets in the East; and 3) by engaging in a systematic and massive resistance on the mainland and on Crete, (albeit unknowingly) as part of an Allied deception plans, resulting in the Germans withholding of 9 out of 10 divisions away from Normandy and instead keep them near the Mediterranean coast of France. It also resulted as well in holding many more German troops in the Balkans instead of moving them westward to defend from the Allied invasion, or eastward to help stop the Soviet Red Army. The Nazis held these troops back to defend against an anticipated invasion of Greece through Crete and the Peloponnese, and in south France. This was all part of a massive Allied plan of deception, called ZEPPELIN.

Most members, perhaps all, of the Greek resistance did not realize that they were playing a role

in this massive plan of deception. Only a few key Allied leaders were privy to these plans, and for good reason: the more people who knew about it, the more likely it was to get out to the wrong people.

Allied deception plans were well organized and planned under the official designation "A" Force. They were detailed, thorough, and massive. Staged for the most part in Syria and North Africa, they included state of the art sound effects (tanks driving, and practicing, using huge speakers), dummy airplanes and tanks, dummy landing craft (all set up for the benefit of German aerial reconnaissance photos), false shipping movements and real shipping movements, the occasional planting of corpses with "secret" documents in their possession, continuous false radio broadcasts, and a complete false order of battle, including false armies, air wings, brigades, divisions, and officers.

They also included a huge network of agents and double agents to leak the word to the Nazis. ZEPPELIN, just one of these plans which were run overall by the British mastermind Dudley Clark, focused on the Mediterranean, and within ZEPPELIN there were two other deception plans: TURPITUDE, which was designed to persuade the Nazis that the Allies were going to invade the

Balkans, and VENDETTA, which was designed to threaten the Mediterranean coast of France.

One part of the TURPITUDE plan was an notional ground invasion of Greece by the Allies through Turkey and Thrace, but this never deceived the Germans because they knew beforehand that their secret Turkish allies, who were supposedly neutral, would not join the Allied cause in time to allow this imaginary invasion through their territory. The Nazis knew this information because the valet for the British Ambassador to Turkey was a German spy with the nom de guerre of "Cicero".

The remainder of the plans were very successful, resulting in the Nazis holding many more forces in and near the Balkans and Southern France than they needed to, which in turn allowed the Soviets to advance westward, and the D-Day invasion at Normandy to be successful.

On the ground in Greece, the TURPITUDE plan lead the Greek resistance forces, and their British SOE companions, to step up their attacks on the occupying Nazis in the belief that an allied invasion to free them was on its way. It is doubtful that the SOE personnel, or any Greek officers, were aware of the fact that TURPITUDE was a deception plan, and that in fact no Balkan invasion by the Allies was going to take place. That the

Greeks, especially in Crete, really believed that an Allied invasion was coming is beyond doubt when one reads the various histories of the resistance.

It is also beyond doubt that many Nazi reprisals against Greek civilians for resistance attacks would not have occurred had the Nazis withdrawn more forces from Crete and Greece; a terrible price for the Greeks to pay, but in this author's opinion the heroic Greeks would have willingly paid this price even if they had known that TURPITUDE was a deception plan. The Greek nature is to resist tyranny by all means, and no matter what the odds. If the plans had not been used or had failed, it is likely that Greece in the long run would have remained under the Nazi yoke, because D-Day would likely have failed, and the Soviets would have had their westward advance stymied by a reinforced Nazi Eastern front.

The cloak and dagger aspect of the deception plans cannot be overstated. Famous personalities such as Douglas Fairbanks Jr., Peter Fleming, and his brother Ian Fleming (later the author of the James Bond books), among many others, were all active in the deception plans. Agents, sub-agents and double and triple agents were indispensable in conveying the false information to the Germans and their agents. Many of these

were Greeks, including Greek women, operating out of North Africa and the Greek islands. In nearly all cases, these agents were not aware that the information that they were transferring to the enemy was false.

What is written here of the Allied deception plans and its various operations is barely scratching the surface. Even so, it becomes apparent that the heroic Greek efforts at resistance against the Nazi war machine played a major, probably decisive role in winning WWII, and that this Greek resistance effort was waged against German forces far in excess of what was necessary for the Germans to actually have positioned in the Balkans at the time. Stepping up resistance attacks against the Nazis was part and parcel of making the Germans believe that a Balkan invasion was imminent.

For the reader who desires a more detailed knowledge of these events, it is suggested that they obtain a copy of The Deceivers: Allied Military Deception in the Second World War, by Thaddeus Holt, 2007, Skyhorse Publishing, 1148 pp, from which much of the information contained in this article is taken.

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## Red Scare

An unacceptable, highly polarizing turn by Alexis Tsipras, the leader of SYRIZA, has us particularly worried.  
We are alarmed because such statements increase dangerously the polarization of Greek society between the left and right.  
It is a scene that coupled with the harsh economic reality can lead – God forbid – to a national tragedy.  
When Tsipras' speech invited his supporters at a campaign rally to vote in the Patras mayoral race for the candidate of the Communist Party, Constantine Peletidis – who gained the most votes with 25%, mind you – he declared "whatever the citizens voted last Sunday, now they are asked to choose between the clean face of the left and the dark face of the right, and their weapons of lies, plots, and blackmail against the Greek people."  
On the one hand, therefore, there is the "pure" left and on the other "dark face" of the right. These are the unacceptable rants of people having learned nothing of history.  
Only a fossilized faction, political dinosaurs, would continue to use such phraseology after the international virtually complete collapse of communism.  
Yet, in Greece – certainly not by accident – raving against the “darkness” of the right is still considered a sign of a “progressive” and even an “enlightened” mind.  
And so Greece is a member of the Eurozone, is a member of NATO, lives a capitalist life, but a good portion of the population continues to flee from reality and lives in the past.  
The worst is that the leader of this party, SYRIZA, that uses such unacceptable language is close to taking power.  
The point is that now, unlike the past where the left parties hammered away with such polarizing rhetoric without serious opposition, have found their strong rivals in the faces of Golden Dawn and in the right-shifting New Democracy Party of Antonis Samaras.  
That is why behavior like that of Mr. Tsipras is irresponsible.  
We need to pay close attention to this issue before it reaches more explosive proportions.

## The Greek Street’s Voice

It is said that the Greek problem – with a few minor exceptions – is political.  
It is also said ad nauseam that the exit from the crisis depends on the political situation in the country.  
If this is correct – and we believe it is – then the upcoming Euro elections will play a decisive role in Greece's future.  
What stands out about this election is the lack of awareness of what is at stake. As if there is no crisis.  
The bottom line is, the country is boiling.  
A friend summed up the situation as follows:  
"We the people, poor people, those who make and break governments, are enraged – enraged! We do not understand and are not concerned about what the politicians say about successes because for us nothing has changed. I have two unemployed children. That's why we will vote for political unknowns – afthartous. We will punish them – that's what interests us."  
Those words deserve our attention.

## Biden in Cyprus

Vice President Joe Biden is making a historic visit to the island nation of Cyprus.  
It is indeed monumental, for despite the long-outstanding issue of the invasion and occupation of almost 40% of Cyprus by Turkey, this is the first time that a visit to Cyprus by such a high-level American official is happening since then-VP Lyndon Johnson visited the island back in 1962.  
Let us hope that this time, things will turn out differently, i.e., favorably, for Cyprus.  
In fact, there are plenty of reasons to believe that an agreement can be reached this time. He said it in so many words: "I believe that this time can be different. Whether it will depends on the people of this island."  
And things are different this time, indeed: after four decades both parties are more realistic about what a final solution would be like.  
Also, Cyprus is "uniquely situated at a critical time in modern history," Biden said, to become a new energy conduit.  
Now that can be either positive or negative, but that's another story.  
At this time, we should hope for the best.

## Support our Troops

The overwhelming majority of Americans – liberal and conservative alike – believe in their hearts, or overtly wear on their sleeves (or t-shirts, or buttons, or bumper stickers), the message: “support our troops.”  
And General Douglas MacArthur in a 1951 speech to Congress famously said: “old soldiers never die, they just fade away.”  
Yet a growing scandal now permeating news reports reveals that the Veterans Administration (VA) has not, in fact, “supported the old soldiers,” the veterans, who have risked their lives for their country.  
Reports indicate that 40 veterans died awaiting treatment in a Phoenix VA hospital; a VA clinic falsified reports to purport that it saw enough patients per day to achieve the agency's goal; there was an outbreak of Legionnaires' disease at a Pittsburgh VA hospital, and treatment delays have gone on for decades.  
Particularly if the latter is true, it means that the VA has been neglectful under the watch of at least three presidents, in reverse order: Barack Obama, George W. Bush, and Bill Clinton – two Democrats, and one Republican.  
This, then, is not a partisan issue. It is not an opportunity to Obama-bash.  
But to the extent that the “buck” does indeed stop at the president's desk, Obama is responsible for about five years of that neglect.  
And though he doesn't deserve all of the blame for the problem, he can earn all of the credit, by fixing it.

### From our website...

*Readers respond to “Tourism in Greece is up, and so are the Flights” by TNH Staff:*

They say the highest form of flattery is to imitate. The State of Israel has recently begun a program of providing free airfare for young Jewish people from the U.S. to travel to Israel for the summer. What a great idea! Why doesn't Greece do the same?  
Can you imagine the long-lasting impact it would have on young Hellenes to be able to go home to the fatherland for the summer?  
Believe me, it made a difference for me.  
In 1967, my father dragged me kicking and screaming there.

I was a third-generation Hellene with absolutely no feeling for Hellas. I went, I saw, and I returned reborn. Since then, my family and I have returned over 10 times (to date). Someone in Greece needs to start thinking outside the box. Believe me, my father's return on his investment was beyond even his belief.  
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I, like many, am ecstatic that Greece's economy will get a boost from its tourism and that people will see the beauty that truly is Greece. I hope, however, one day the Ministry of Tourism and the Greek airlines will assist in lowering their airfare so more Greeks and Philhellenes from the Diaspora will be able to visit.  
To think a family of five may need to pay between nine and

ten thousand dollars just to get to Athens airport seems surreal, considering you can be treated like a king as part of an all-inclusive package in the Caribbean for that price.  
I think the Tourism Department should follow the example of some other countries and lower the airfares and create different tourism package zones in

different areas in Greece, thereby, getting the people to Greece and creating opportunities for them to spend additional money inside Greece.  
Please bring back the \$700 round-trip ticket from NYC to Athens! Hope to return to Greece soon....after I mortgage my house.  
Art Vrettas

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### COMMENTARY

## Looking for Ariadne’s Thread: Greece’s Public Service

**By Panagiotis Karkatsoulis, Alex Pattakos and Efi Stefopoulou**

[This article originally appeared in the April/May/June edition of the PA Times.]  
According to Greek mythology, a young Athenian, Theseus, volunteered to slay the Minotaur creature housed within the Cretan labyrinth. Worried he would be hurt and unable to find his way out, Ariadne, the daughter of King Minos, gave Theseus a ball of thread so he would be able to retrace his path out of the labyrinth. Today, we refer to “Ariadne's thread” as finding the common thread or solution to a complex problem.

Famously known as the birthplace of Western civilization and the “cradle of democracy,” Greece provides the setting for powerful and meaningful myths. It is against this backdrop that Greek public administration finds itself today. But, its public service workforce remains trapped within a labyrinth of its own making, with no Theseus to come to the rescue and no Ariadne to help guide the way out. Much like the Cretan labyrinth, there appear to be multiple ways of proceeding and no simple, straightforward solution. All available routes must be examined.

For several years, it has been fashionable for the media and others to paint Greece's public sector in the most negative light. We are sensitive to judgments cast by the outside world, but we also see potential for strengthening the Greek public service workforce on multiple levels—from individual initiative, to civil service reform, and even to political overhaul. Some of these routes require deliberate action; others will come naturally from the seeds of creative destruction.

When it comes to Greek public administration, governments from the 1980s onward resorted to the strategic option of systematically expanding the public sector through a rather peculiar definition that included both a narrow public sector and a wider public sector. The former included ministries, local governments and entities operating under public law, while the latter included entities supervised by the state but operating under private law.

Making use of the different employment contracts available under the private law, these “public” entities frequently served as hiring hubs for partisan clientele. In this way, many people entered the wider public sector under differentiated employment statuses; the total number almost doubled during the 1980s compared to the previous 30-year period when its size remained relatively stable. The population re-doubled once

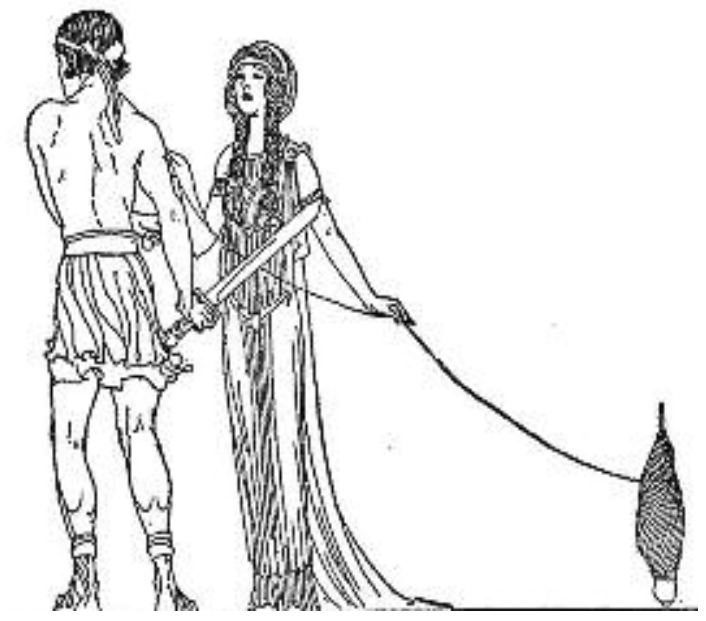
more in the subsequent 20-year period.  
Despite growth in both the narrow and wider public sectors, the overall size of the Greek public workforce—that is, civil servants as a percentage of the total workforce—remained near the average size of public sector employment of OECD countries. Likewise, Greece's payroll expenses for civil servants, expressed both as a percentage of the state budget and of GDP, did not exceed the OECD country average, even with the increase in public sector size.

### CRISIS IMPACT

It is not just a matter of the number and relative size of public sector positions. There is the human side, especially given the formidable challenges that have plagued Greece in recent years. The austerity policies laid out

character of the ministries, were stuck at the outset of their implementation. Some reforms were abandoned due to resource and political constraints. Others deemed useful or necessary, such as decentralization and program-based budgeting, remain pending for similar reasons. But, moral crusades, punitive policies, and quasi-reforms, such as the nominal restructuring or shuffling of ministerial units, always seem to be implemented, even at the risk of worsening, not helping, the situation.

Perceptions that civil servants were the cause of the crisis, austerity measures imposed disproportionately on the public sector workforce and announced but unimplemented reforms combined to break the bonds of trust between public administration and the Greek



in the memorandum between the Troika and the Greek Governments since 2010 have dramatically impacted human capital.

Without preparations for a minimum social safety net for laid off civil servants, social problems emerged, adding to or worsening financial and social problems that already existed. Many skilled executives rushed toward any alternative lifelines they could find, including pension schemes, as salaries were reduced almost in half. Those who remained in the public service found themselves demoralized by the ongoing public discourse that stigmatized civil servants as the root of all evil. Many lost their motivation and reduced their level of engagement. Those relatively new to the public sector became discouraged because of the limited possibilities for a fulfilling career path.

Unfinished reforms, such as performance assessment of agencies and persons, restructuring for better efficiency and enhancement of the strategic

political system. The pursuit of excellence in public service is difficult to achieve without trust, authentic collaboration, and innovation.

So, what are the options for strengthening the Greek public service workforce? The first and most direct route is to start from scratch. For meaningful human capital development to take hold and deliver results, there must be a compelling vision for the Greek state, its role in society and the economy, and the significance of those working for it. This vision should reflect and be deeply rooted in traditional Greek public administration principles and values, such as patriotism, honor, devotion to duty, and social solidarity.

Absent a complete overhaul, an alternative if less direct route is to leverage the human capital and talent that already exist. Our functional review of the Greek public service workforce found that many civil servants strongly support public sector reforms in meaningful ways. They believe that reform is the only path to building a more ef-

fective and efficient public administration and guaranteeing the public sector's sustainability.

This “inside-out” reform process must stem from the “core of meaning.” There is ample evidence to suggest that the search for meaning is a primary source of intrinsic motivation. Take, for instance, the unofficial networking and communication bridges built among civil servants to achieve results and overcome obstacles set by official regulations, statements, and bureaucratic hierarchies. Against overwhelming odds, Greek civil servants have set aside organizational and operational shortcomings by summoning knowledge, sensitivity, and appreciation for both citizens and entrepreneurs. They have demonstrated that unity and commitment can lead to administrative solidarity, interorganizational coordination, and more effective innovation management.

A meaning-focused reform/capacity-building process offers Greek civil servants the opportunity to better understand their role within the larger system. It increases and sustains their level of engagement, builds their resilience to change, fosters their state of health and well being, improves their performance and unleashes their creativity. The have much more potential than realized or reported in the press. When inspiration and leadership are cultivated, when coordination and support are guaranteed, and when even minimal incentives are provided, the Greek public service workforce can and will perform.

The Greek experience provides many lessons for civil servants in other countries, including the United States. Although they may not be facing the intense public scrutiny and criticism or dealing with an unsettling political, economic and social/cultural environment, strengthening the public service workforce comes down to the same leadership challenge: leading with and to the core of meaning. No matter how well intended, layering changes on any kind of social system a fundamental understanding of human motivation is futile. Meaning is the solution and the Ariadne's Thread that we have been looking for all along.

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### Observations By Antonis H. Diamataris

### Rain, What Rain?

The Financial Times recently published the results of an extensive investigation of the Euro crisis and revealed two key elements regarding Greece: that the country was tragically close to being expelled from the Eurozone, and that European officials handpicked one of Greece's prime ministers (with the cooperation, unfortunately, of shamelessly ambitious local politicians).  
Given the election picture from Sunday's first round, it seems thus far the above news has not registered with the voters.  
Instead, they act as if it were raining somewhere else. “Pera vrehi,” as the saying goes.  
That's because the media and the political class prefer to cast aside those inconvenient truths and act as if nothing happened.  
What is dominating public life in Greece is personal rather than national politics.  
But ignorance about what is happening is unacceptable for our time and detrimental

to the country.

And I find the majority's tight embrace of the Greek media by business interests not related to them to be a blow against democracy and a threat to the country's future.

An invisible hand – in the unforgettable words of Adam Smith – decides what the media should cover and how they should cover it. But this is a situation that resembles authoritarian regimes rather than a democratic country.

For example, Piraeus Bank recently “sank” 250 million euros into a 17 percent stake in the Marfin Investment Group of Andreas Vgenopoulos, which the New York Times recently called one of the most indebted companies in Greece.

The result was that the share of Piraeus, owned by the “ambitious” Michael Sallas, lost 11 percent value in one day.

But, in Athens it was presented as the latest “brilliant” success of the Sallas-Vgenopoulos duo!

### Giuliani Backs Demos

The fundraiser supporting the Congressional campaign of George Demos at the Frosso Beys' Manhattan apartment on Tuesday night was a warm and beautiful event.  
Demos is running in the First Congressional District in Eastern Long Island; the primary is June 24.

Rudy Giuliani, "America's Mayor," who counts several Greek-Americans among his friends, spoke with the air of a veteran politician who knows history will judge his mayoral tenure favorably, primarily due to his record as a crimefighter and the leadership he displayed in the aftermath of the 9/11 attacks.

Giuliani spoke with fervor about Demos and asked the select audience not only to vote for him and ask their relatives and friends to do so, but also to contribute financially to his candidacy.

Giuliani's support for Demos underscores his interest in our community.





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