

Leadership 100 Conference to Honor US Ambassador to UN John Negroponte and Famed Actress Melina Kanakaredes

John D. Negroponte, US Ambassador to the United Nations and well-known actress Melina Kanakaredes will be honored at the 13th Annual Leadership 100 Conference with the Leadership 100 Award for Excellence. Ms. Kanakaredes will also lead the Forum on Hellenism on Friday, February 20. The Conference is scheduled for February 19-22, 2004 at The Breakers in Palm Beach, Florida.

The Leadership 100 Award for Excellence was begun in 2003 as recognition of outstanding Greek Orthodox and Greek American leaders who have excelled in their voca-



Melina Kanakaredes

tion and who are committed to the advancement of Orthodoxy and Hellenism in their professions and in their lives. The Award is a commemorative honor that acknowledges the recipients' achievement and gift of leadership. The first awards were presented to US Senator Paul S. Sarbanes, CIA Director George J. Tenet, and the contemporary instrumentalist Yanni, at the

12th Annual Leadership 100 Conference in February 2003 in Amelia Island, Florida.

Ambassador Negroponte has served as United States Representative to the United Nations since September 18, 2001. Prior to this appointment he had been Executive Vice President for Global Markets of The McGraw-Hill Companies. A member of the Career Foreign Service from 1969 to 1997, Ambassador Negroponte worked in eight different Foreign Service assignments in Asia, Europe and Latin America, including Ambassador to the Philippines (1993-96), Ambassador to Mexico (1989-93) and Ambassador to Honduras (1981-1985). His distinguished career also includes important positions at the State Department and the White House as Deputy Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs (1987-89) and Assistant Secretary of State for Oceans and International Environmental and Scientific Affairs (1985-1987).

A graduate of Yale University, Ambassador Negroponte is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations and the American Academy of Diplomacy, as well as a former chairman of the French-American Foundation. He and his wife Diana have five children.

Star of television, film and theater, Melina Kanakaredes is most familiar to audiences for her portrayal as Dr. Sydney Hansen on the popular television series *Providence* and a recent performance in *Cabaret* on Broadway. Her film credits include *15 Minutes* with Robert De Niro, *Rounders*, *Dangerous Beauty*, and *The Long Kiss*



John D. Negroponte

Goodnight. In addition to her role in *Providence*, other television credits include a recurring role in *NYPD Blue*, and guest-starring roles on *The Practice* and *Oz*. She also starred in the drama series *New York New* and *Leaving L. A.* Ms. Kanakaredes received two Emmy nominations for her work on the daytime series *The Guiding Light*. In 2002 Ms. Kanakaredes was the spokesperson for Lee National Denim Day to promote Breast Cancer Awareness.

A second-generation Greek American, Ms. Kanakaredes was born and raised in Akron, Ohio and is the third daughter of an insurance salesman and homemaker. She attended Ohio State University to study music, dance and theater, later transferred to Point Park College in Pittsburgh, where she graduated magna cum laude with a Bachelor of Fine Arts in theater.

Ms. Kanakaredes lives with her husband Peter and their two children, in Los Angeles and still spends considerable time in her native Akron.

George & Margo Behrakis Host Chairpersons of L100 Conference

George and Margo Behrakis of Lowell, Massachusetts, will be the host chairpersons of the 13th Annual Leadership 100 Conference at The Breakers in Palm Beach, Florida. Both have been members of Leadership 100 since 1986.

Mr. Behrakis is the Chairman of Gainesborough Investments and the founder of two pharmaceutical companies - Dooner Laboratories and Muro Pharmaceutical, Inc. He has been active in the revitalization of the business community in his hometown of Lowell. He established a Chair in the Field of Targeted Pharmaceuticals and a Health Sciences Center at Northeastern University. He serves on the Board of Overseers of Tufts University Medical School, as well as on the Board of Trustees of the Museum of Fine Arts in Boston and the Board of Overseers of the Boston Symphony.

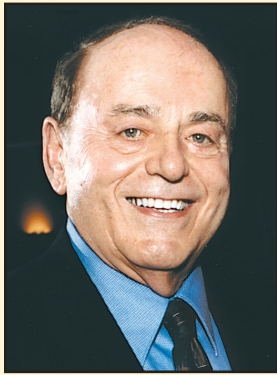


Margo & George Behrakis

Mr. Behrakis is a member of the Leadership 100 Executive Committee and the Board of Trustees. He serves on the Executive Committee of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America and is a past president of his church, Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church of Lowell, and a former vice chairman of Hellenic College / Holy Cross School of Theology.

George and Margo have four children, Drake Behrakis and Stephanie Liakos, both also members of Leadership 100, and Elena Frankel and Joanna Behrakis. They have six grandchildren.

Leadership 100 Celebrates 20 Years of Service



Our Leadership 100 13th Annual Conference at The Breakers in Palm Beach will mark a historic turning point. We will celebrate 20 years of service to advance Orthodoxy and Hellenism in America. We began as the endowment fund of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America in 1984 when Archbishop Iakovos inspired 100 donors to give \$100,000 each to expand the National Ministries of our Church. In time, we adopted the name, The Archbishop Iakovos "Leadership 100" Endowment Fund, Incorporated", a legally separate entity with the same spirit and the same goals.

Over those 20 years we have grown dramatically in membership and funding, with the dramatic increases coming from our Millennium membership drive from 2000 to 2003 under the able leadership of Membership Chairman Stephen G. Yeonas. Today we are approaching 700 members and have raised almost \$38 million, with 249 members fulfilled. Most significantly, we have distributed more than \$13.2 million in grants.

The magic ingredient for our success has been the extraordinary service of our Executive Director, Father Alex Karloutsos, who served two terms in that role, from 1986 to 1992, and, more recently, from 1999 to this year. Father Alex will be moving on from Leadership 100 to take on major assignments at the Archdiocese, including beginning a new endowment fund, working in public affairs at the highest level and overseeing the activities of the Archbishop as Exarch of the Ecumenical Patriarchate, including the ministry of the Archons of the Ecumenical Patriarchate.

But, as Archbishop Demetrios, told us at our Board meeting in Boston in October, Father Alex will be "changing rooms", and still be with Leadership 100 mentally, emotionally and psychologically.

Leadership 100 owes a great deal to this energetic and charismatic leader, who has taught us that service is at the core of leadership and that no amount of money can be substituted for spiritual commitment and growth.

The story of Leadership 100 has much to do as well with the early, insightful and wise leadership of my predecessors as chairman, Andrew A. Athens and George P. Kokalis and with George K. Chimples who served as co-chairman.

Of course, the real heroes of Leadership 100 are you, every man and woman who has joined, dedicated their time, talent and treasure and kept their commitment and enthusiasm. This has been the real drawing card for others, seeing this dynamic and inspiring family at work and play, with no other thought in mind than seeing our Church grow and advance in service to Our Lord. What an amazing spectacle that is!

In this issue of *The Leader*, we give you a foretaste of that amazing spectacle. This year we honor a consummate diplomat and a sparkling and talented actress, each in their own way carrying our Orthodox faith and Hellenic heritage into modern American society. United States Ambassador to the United Nations John D. Negroponte and Melina Kanakaredes will be on hand to receive our Leadership 100 Award for Excellence.

That picture alone speaks volumes about our contributions as a people of faith, family values, heritage and national pride.

We are especially proud this year to have two great Hellenic Americans, my friends and neighbors in Massachusetts, George and Margo Behrakis of Lowell, as our Host Chairpersons. They will add real class and grace to our events.

In addition, we will be offering programs for our youth from five to 18 and for young adults from 19 to 35. The Archdiocese Department of Youth and Young Adult Ministries is putting the program together.

I look forward to welcoming each of you to Palm Beach and to what will surely to be a memorable experience for all.

With love in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Arthur C. Anton". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Arthur C. Anton, Chairman

Leadership 100 Board of Trustees Meets at Hellenic College/Holy Cross, Acknowledges Father Alex's Service, Hears Report on School's Progress

The Leadership 100 Executive Committee and Board of Trustees met at Hellenic College/ Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology in Brookline, MA on October 17 and 18. Arthur C. Anton, Leadership 100 Chairman, opened the Board meeting with an acknowledgement of the service of Fr. Alex Karloutsos, who leaves his position as Executive Director, effective April 1, 2004.

Mr. Anton said Fr. Alex was responsible for building Leadership 100 into an exceptionally well-respected organization and said his talents are without parallel. He said that an effective transition would take place to develop the right leadership and staffing, adding that dramatic growth in numbers had to be accompanied by growth in depth and finding ways to increase resources.

Father Nicholas Triantafylou, President of Hellenic College / Holy Cross, thanked Leadership 100 for initiating the Leadership 100 Scholarship for Excellence Program. He spoke of graduates who benefited from the program now serving as priests and of nine graduates at the campus who have already been ordained as a result of the aid, a record. He said that scholarship students are carefully monitored financially and in terms of fulfilling service requirements.

In other reports, Mark Stavropoulos, Chairman of the Grant Committee, said \$2,330,400 was paid out in grants in 2003 and \$2,282,073 was committed for 2004. Peter Vlachos, Chairman of the Investment Committee, reported that the total endowment fund was up 8.6% for the year. Stephen Yeonas, Chairman of the Student Loan Committee, reported that \$350,000 has been paid toward the five-year commitment to pay clergy student loans. Peter Dion, Chairman of the Nominating Committee, reported on the proposed nominations for an additional term of the slate of Board members whose terms end in 2004. Mr. Anton reported on the interviews begun by the Transition Committee, which will proceed through December.

Fr. Alex Karloutsos



This year's Conference will be the last one with Father Alex Karloutsos serving as the Executive Director of Leadership 100. As announced earlier this year, Father Alex will be leaving Leadership 100 effective April 1, 2004 to accept a position at the Archdiocese. He has served as Executive Director over two periods, from 1986 to 1992, and from 1999 to present. A Transition Committee was appointed to make recommendations on a replacement to fill the Executive Director position. The Committee has been interviewing candidates and expects to make a recommendation to be voted on by the Executive Committee in time for the upcoming 13th Annual Conference.

Leadership 100 Conference Inaugurates Youth Program

For the first time in the history of the Leadership 100 Conference, a youth program has been added to the schedule. The Archdiocese Department of Youth and Young Adult Ministries will be leading sessions geared for HOPE/JOY (ages 5-11), GOYA (ages 12-18) and Young Adults (ages 19-35). All members are encouraged to bring their children and grandchildren to participate in the youth program and make the Leadership 100 Conference a family event.

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ARCHPASTORAL REFLECTIONS

December 25, 2003
The Nativity of Christ

...and the Logos became flesh and dwelt among us,
full of grace and truth (John 1:14).



My Beloved Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

We greet once again the arrival of the Feast of the Nativity of Christ with feelings of indescribable joy and deep awe. The birth of Jesus Christ was an event of universal proportions and ageless relevance. In considering the birth of Jesus, we ponder the infinite love of our Incarnate God the Word, who for us and for our salvation *became flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth* (John 1:14).

The Nativity of Christ, a beautiful and miraculous event, marked in a very real manner the visible and palpable entry of salvation into our world. As such, it radiated unto the heavens and the far corners of the earth, summoning both angels and shepherds in reverent adoration, alerting the Magi from afar, and inviting people in love, calling them from across the world to respond with devotion and faith.

By entering the world as an infant, our God made known to us, in a very intimate and tender way, the awesome lengths to which He would go in order to offer salvation as a triumph of love, as an everlasting communion with Him. Those who were blessed to witness firsthand the miracle of the birth of Christ, whose name is *Emmanuel [which means God with us]* (Matthew 1:23), were instilled with the insatiable yearning to respond to the love of God through faith, a faith that guided them to the place of His birth, that flooded them with feelings of joy, and that moved them to return to their places *glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen* (Luke 2:20).

Like those who witnessed the miracle of the Nativity, we too are recipients of God's love. Like the shepherds and the Magi, we too are invited by Christ during this special season to experience the same, living miracle of *grace and truth* witnessed in Bethlehem centuries ago. We too have been issued a grand invitation to respond to the love of God in faith, and through that faith to be brought together in communion with Him and with one another.

This is the essence of the miracle of the Incarnation: God is with us. *He became flesh and dwelt among us*. He is in our midst, offering to our homes and families His abiding love, just as He demonstrated this love to those who witnessed Him in Bethlehem. He is with us in every moment and aspect of our relationship with Him, in our hopes and in our doubts, in our accomplishments and in our struggles, in our joys and in our sorrows. Especially, He is with us as we grow in faith and offer testimony to others concerning His abundant love.

He is with us in our communities—communities of worship and ministry that serve Him who became one of us. He is with us in our parishes, which through the Holy Sacraments have incorporated each of us into Him and have made us members of His body, the very body that was born in Bethlehem. He is with us in our Church, which confesses and proclaims Him God Incarnate, *full of grace and truth*.

As we joyously celebrate the Feast of the Nativity of our Lord, God, and Savior Jesus Christ, it is my heartfelt prayer that our hearts may be centered continuously upon the magnificent love of God for us, and that we, in turn, may grow continuously in our love for Him and in our faith in His abiding presence.

May you have a blessed Christmas and a joyous New Year 2004, in the peace and love of God.

With paternal love in Christ,

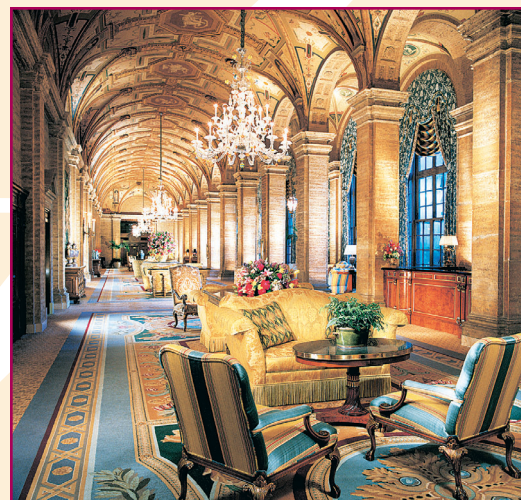
Archbishop Demetrios

† DEMETRIOS
Archbishop of America

13th Annual Leadership 100 Conference at THE BREAKERS in Palm Beach, Florida, February 19-22, 2004



Mediterranean-style Beach Club and Oceanfront Spa



The Breakers Lobby



The Breakers



Ponce de Leon Foyer



Golf Course



Outdoor Dining



Meeting Room

A luxurious and legendary hotel, The Breakers, resides on 140 acres of oceanfront property in the heart of Palm Beach, Florida. It is listed on the National Register of Historic Places, is a recipient of the prestigious AAA Five Diamond Award, and is a member of the Leading Hotels of the World. The Italian Renaissance-style resort hotel, which was founded in 1896, recently completed a ten-year, \$145 million revitalization and expansion.

The Breakers has 560 guest rooms, with 57 suites, and an elegant oceanfront conference center, including the Ponce de Leon Ballroom, award-winning dining, seven restaurants, and on-site boutiques. Recreational facilities include two 18-hole championship golf courses, 10 lighted tennis courts, three fitness centers, two beauty salons and a 20,000 square foot indoor/outdoor spa. The Mediterranean-style beach club features four heated pools, cabanas, a rooftop terrace, and a half-mile private beach. The resort offers scuba diving, deep-sea fishing, and other water sports, plus family and children's activities.

The Breakers is located seven miles from Palm Beach International Airport and 42 miles from Ft. Lauderdale International Airport. Transportation can be arranged in advance by contacting The Breakers.

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Desert Fathers Inspire Us

Fr. John Chryssavgis

Readers may be acquainted with the Desert Fathers and Mothers. These were men and women who tested their readiness to live and die for God in the harsh desert of Egypt. St. Anthony, the “father of monasticism” was one of them, inspiring numerous others to assume a lifestyle of extreme poverty and intense prayer during the fourth and fifth centuries. Fewer people, however, are familiar with what happened in later centuries as these monks and nuns migrated to Palestine, Sinai, and Asia Minor. In recent months, I have been privileged to study the letters of two such fathers, Barsanuphius and John, who lived in sixth-century Gaza, a city that is in the headlines for different reasons in recent years.

Palestine was always the center of numerous pilgrims visiting the holy sites. The Apostle Philip evangelized the Ethiopian on the road to Gaza (Acts 8.26). And St. Hilarion founded monasticism in that region in the early 300s. Then, in the early 500s, two men decided to live in total seclusion and complete silence. People would visit their huts for counsel and confession. However, they were unique in one way: their advice was always sought and received **in letters**. They never spoke to or saw anyone, always communicating through their attendants, to whom one would submit questions and receive responses in writing.

Barsanuphius became known as “the great old man,” while John was simply called “the other old man.” Some 850 letters (in Greek) survive from these elders, and so we have literally “a correspondence course” on the spiritual life. Barsanuphius came from Egypt; John joined him around the year 525. The letters themselves come from a variety of people and are wide-ranging in content. Questions are addressed by monks and laypersons, by married men and single men, by deacons and priests as well as bishops. We have no questions from women,

although many concern issues of marriage, family, and relationships. The topics touch on daily problems, such as illness and death, money, law and politics, property and social relations, even dreams and slavery.

These two monks are quite remarkable and refreshing. While their prayer is sometimes responsible for healings and miracles, they are for the most part simple and balanced in their words. They do not provide wisdom on request; nor do they attempt to solve every problem presented to them. Most of the time, they try to inspire rather than to impress. Their advice is practical: they encourage people to do their best, to avoid hurting others. They are always personal in their counsel; they never give general commands or make rigid corrections. Where the advice of the Desert Fathers may appear strict, sometimes resembling going through “the eye of a needle,” the advice of the two elders of Gaza is mild and moderate.

John answers practical questions: on fasting, prayer, and almsgiving; Barsanuphius responds to spiritual issues: on discernment, silence, and love. Yet, these two “old men” support one another’s ministry. They do not compete; they complement each other. Sometimes they advise people to seek the other’s opinion; other times, they offer a second opinion. Sometimes, they assume partial responsibility for sins confessed; other times, they simply pray for their disciples. The two elders also direct a nearby monastery, which became quite renowned in their time for its open spirit, welcoming numerous visitors (including women), and manifesting impressive outreach to the wider community with its workshops, guest-houses, and hospital.

The two saints are commemorated on February 6. In following issues, we shall read some of their letters to experience their humor and humility, their kindness and openness, their care and compassion.

The Green Patriarch is Leading the Way

By Alexander Zagoreos

“*Cosmic Grace, Humble Prayer, The Ecological Vision of the Green Patriarch Bartholomew I*” is an opportunity to read the important addresses and speeches of the Ecumenical Patriarch on the environment. His All Holiness has become the leading cleric, and a global leader, on environmental issues, following the lead of his predecessor, Ecumenical Patriarch Dimitrios I. In promoting a historical Orthodox Christian view of the Creation, His All Holiness shows us that when we harm the environment we are committing a sin against nature. The message of the book is clear and compelling, but delivered with warmth of spirit that contrasts with many secular environmentalists.

Father John Chryssavgis is the editor of this well organized book, and he has written a concise introduction that outlines the roots of Christian environmental responsibility, summarizing the Ecumenical Patriarch’s thoughts on the relationship of faith, human behavior, and the preservation of God’s creation. Father John writes in the introduction: *Perhaps no other church leader in history has emphasized ecumenical dialogue and communication as a primary intention of his tenure. Certainly, no other church leader in history has brought environmental issues to the foreground, indeed to the very center of personal and ecclesiastical attention.*

In the foreword to *Cosmic Grace*, John, Metropolitan of Pergamon poses the question: *What does the Church have to do with an issue such as the environmental crisis of our time?* He points out that the ... *ecological crisis is deeply rooted in theology, and is above all a spiritual problem. And therefore, ... should undergo a profound metanoia (or repentance) in order to undo the damage it has caused.* It is not inappropriate to note that some of the most environmentally ravaged lands and waters are in predominantly Orthodox post-Soviet bloc countries, and it is in these regions, visited by Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew, that he has

highlighted many of his thoughts on our ecological responsibilities.

And what are his views? His All Holiness was enthroned on November 2, 1991, and on November 5, 1991 he delivered a speech to the Inter-Orthodox Conference, called “Ecological Responsibility” and said, ... *the late Patriarch Demetrios expressed the deep anxiety of the whole of the Orthodox world and of every responsible thinking person concerning our environmental disaster so rapidly overtaking us, for which our thoughtless abuse of God’s material creation is entirely to blame.* This lays the groundwork for what is to follow in his speeches, but also establishes the continuity of the message of his predecessor. In May 1992, in a speech delivered during the official visit of HRH Prince Philip to the Phanar, the Ecumenical Patriarch suggests the adoption of September 1 as a day of prayer for the natural environment by all Christians, which had already been established in the Orthodox world by Patriarch Dimitrios on September 1, 1989. He went on to say, *We venerate the clothing of St. Nektarios, because the Saint used to wear it. Is it not much more fitting that we should also venerate the flowers and the plants? After all, they enshrine within themselves the energy of God.*

The book follows with speeches and addresses on the life of moderation, asceticism, consumption, fasting, conservation, science and technology, environmental justice and ethics, population, beauty and nature, and war and peace. In a speech in New York at a luncheon organized by Scenic Hudson to present His All Holiness it’s first Global Champion of the Environment Award he summarized his position saying: *God created heaven and earth as a harmonious totality; consequently, we also have to see creation as a harmonious and interdependent whole. For us at the Ecumenical Patriarchate, the term “ecumenical” is more than a name: it is a worldview and way of life. Let us love one another. With love, let us share with others everything we*

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The Leader Profile

Two Leadership 100 Members Elected Supreme President and Supreme Vice President of AHEPA

At its national convention held in Phoenix last August, the American Hellenic Educational Progressive Association (AHEPA) elected A. Jack Georgalas, of Seaford, Virginia, as the Supreme President for 2003-2004 and Franklin Manios of Warren, Ohio as the Supreme Vice President. Both are members of Leadership 100.

Jack Georgalas and his wife, Mary joined Leadership 100 in June 2000. He has served as parish council president of SS. Constantine and Helen Church in Seaford and is a member of the Archons of the Ecumenical Patriarchate-Order of St. Andrew the Apostle. A member of AHEPA for 45 years, Georgalas has held numerous positions at the chapter, district and national levels, including Chairman of the Board, Supreme Vice President and Chairman of the Cyprus Hellenic Affairs Committee. He is a member of the Woodrow Wilson Chapter No. 241, Newport News, Virginia.

Georgalas is the CEO of Tri-Cities Beverage Corp., and was a commissioned officer in the U.S. Marine Corps. He graduated from the University of Virginia with a bachelor's degree in Com-



A. Jack Georgalas is sworn in as Supreme President of AHEPA while newly elected Supreme Vice President Frank Manios, left background, looks on.

merce in 1952. He and Mary have four children, Suzanne, Venisse, Jack and Harry and seven grandchildren.

Frank and Mary Manios became members of Leadership 100 in February 2002. They attend the St. Demetrios Church in Warren. The Manioses have three children, Irene, Lee and Juanita. Mr. Manios is the President / Treasurer of Franklin Pharmacy and Healthcare Inc.

In addition to Georgalas and Manios being members of Leadership 100, the Order of AHEPA, itself has been a member of Leadership 100 since October of 2000. Also, the AHEPA Denver Chapter # 145 joined in December 2002.

Leadership 100 Members

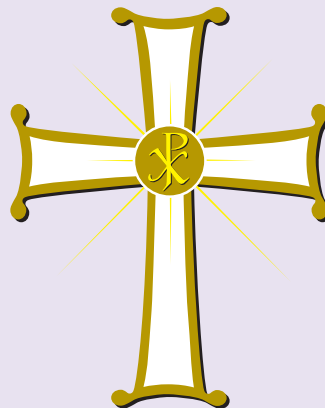
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Fulfilled

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Alkiviadis † and Carol Vassiliadis	San Diego, CA
John J. Veronis	New York, NY
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In Memoriam



GEORGE BAPIS
of New York, NY
died on October 16, 2003

GEORGE GLATIS
of Alexandria, VA
died on June 27, 2003

DEMETRIOS N. LASKARIS
of Wisconsin Dells, WI
died on November 27, 2003

MAXINE MATHRUSSE
of Los Altos, CA
died on October 27, 2003

CAROLE MITSAKOPOULOS
of Chicago, IL
died on August 27, 2003

Our thoughts and prayers go to the family and friends of our beloved members.

MAY THEIR MEMORY BE ETERNAL

The Green Patriarch...

know, and especially that which is useful in order to educate godly persons so that they may sanctify God's creation for the glory of His holy name.

The modern environmental movement in the U.S. started with preservationists John Muir (founder of the Sierra Club), President Theodore Roosevelt, Aldo Leopold, and conservationist Gifford Pinchot. Their pioneering work has

led to modern environmental organizations and "green" political movements around the world, many of which are very effective. However, there is a tendency for some of these groups to exaggerate the threats and underestimate the many successes achieved in the past because organizations seem to obtain more support by creating a sense of imminent environmental problems. Thus there is the danger that secular institutional

environmentalism does not properly recognize success, but rather exaggerates the problems, and ultimately divides people. The Ecumenical Patriarch, on the other hand is leading the Church in the spiritual awareness of the environment and its care, which will broaden the base of support, make us all better stewards of the planet, and unify us. The leading position of Bartholomew I and his recognition as the "Green Patri-

arch" deserves our support and our follow up by actions, not just words. A good starting point is to read this book.

Alexander Zagoreos has been a member of Leadership 100 since May 2000. He has been active for many years in environmental causes and serves on the Board of Directors of Scenic Hudson. He is Managing Director at Lazard Freres & Company in New York City.

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Stephen Yeonas takes the challenge to be the first Leadership 100 member to inaugurate the great slide as Father Alex awaits him.

Yeonas Park on Seminary Grounds Touches the Hearths of Children of all ages

Stephen G. and Thelma Yeonas, prominent members of Leadership 100, donated the funds to establish a Childrens Park on the beautiful Hellenic College/Holy Cross campus.

At a recent meeting of the Leadership 100 Board of Trustees in Boston, Father Nicholas Triantafilou challenged Mr. Yeonas to be the first of the Leadership 100 members to inaugurate the big slide on the campus, which he did to the joy of all on hand.

The park has brought joy and celebration to the many seminarians and their families who have committed themselves to serve the Church in America.

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