

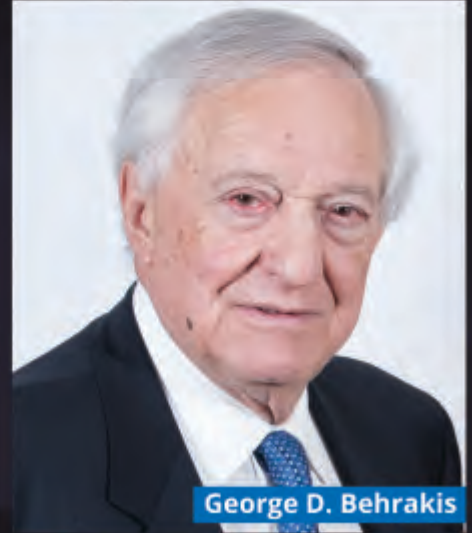
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SAVE HIS PEOPLE FROM  
THEIR SINS."

*(MATTHEW 1:21)*



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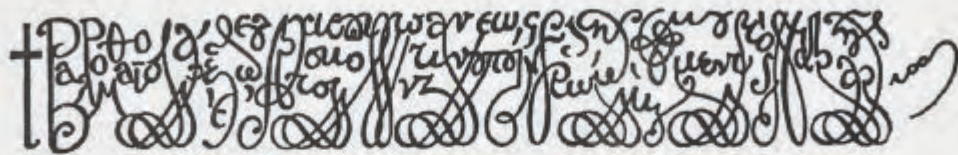
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To the esteemed Chairman and Executive Director of Leadership 100, Argyris Vassiliou and Paulette Poulos, as well as all the members of Leadership 100, our beloved in the Lord: Grace be unto you and peace from God.

It is with sentiments of heartfelt joy and gratitude that we received your kind wishes and your beautiful floral arrangement on the humble occasion of the twenty-seventh anniversary of our election and enthronement as Archbishop of Constantinople-New Rome and Ecumenical Patriarch. We greatly appreciate your thoughtful gesture and wholeheartedly thank you for the continued support you have shown over the years to our venerable Institution.

Extending to you and all of your loved ones our Patriarchal blessings and prayers for your spiritual prosperity, we beseech the Creator to bestow upon you His ineffable heavenly gifts, and we remain with much honor and love in the Lord.

At the Ecumenical Patriarchate, the 7th of November, 2018

Your fervent supplicant before God,

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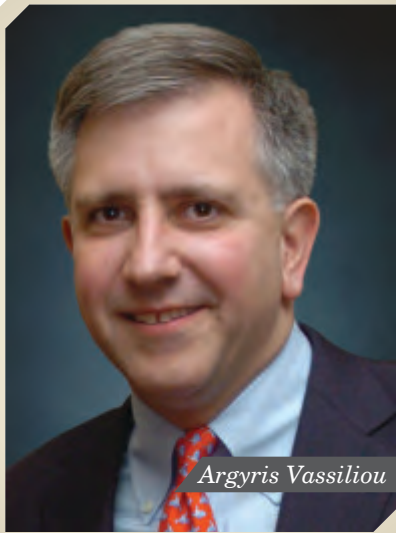
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Argyris Vassiliou

*Dear Friends,*

I am pleased to present the fall issue of *The Leader*, which addresses the celebration of the 35th Anniversary of the founding of Leadership 100 scheduled to take place at our 28th Annual Leadership 100 Conference February 21-24, 2019 at the Boca Raton Resort & Club in Boca Raton, Florida. Please read about our extraordinary program in the ensuing pages.

Leadership 100 was founded in 1984 by Archbishop Iakovos of Blessed Memory and a small group of dedicated lay leaders. Beginning with a modest membership it has grown to 1,088 members today. Over the last three and a half decades, more than \$51 million in grants has been disbursed to support the National Ministries and institutions of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America, as well as Metropolis Ministries, additional programs and projects that advance Orthodoxy and Hellenism, and humanitarian needs in the nation and around the world.

As we celebrate this anniversary, we look with pride to the impact of Leadership 100 over these three and a half decades. This is a remarkable

testimony to the leadership of the organization of which I am now proud to be a part.

In my association over the years and as Vice Chairman and now your Chairman, I can attest to the professionalism that characterizes all the work of Leadership 100. The Executive Committee and Board of Trustees take their fiduciary responsibility with great seriousness and our Founders and Chairmen Emeriti continue to play an indispensable role in providing the institutional memory that guides us in being true to purpose. Our committees function according to the highest standards, whether the Audit or Investment Committees or the Grant or Membership Committees, and our Executive Director, Paulette Poulos, and her staff keep everything running smoothly and efficiently.

Our challenge is to maintain integrity and the growth of our endowment to ensure that it can support the National Ministries of our Archdiocese, along with other causes that advance Orthodoxy and Hellenism. This requires targeting resources and talents on growing our membership, which leads to the growth of our endowment and increases the grants distributed in support of our Church. There is one more ingredient, to ensure that we recruit the best and the brightest, not only as members but as members of our Board, which will serve to determine the character and integrity of our organization.

We understand the legacy of Hellenism as integral to our Greek Orthodox Faith. Many of the programs we support are ministries

such as Greek Education, Byzantine Music, and Greek Liturgical texts. All ministries advance Orthodoxy and Hellenism through programs for children, youth, young adults and families. We recognize that our scholarship support of seminarians preparing for the priesthood at Holy Cross advances our Faith and Heritage through both Orthodoxy and Hellenism.

Leadership 100 lives and thrives as testimony to our forebears who took the revolutionary step for our community of devising a way to secure and protect significant resources for our Church and to advance Orthodoxy and Hellenism in America. They anticipated that our Church would face challenging times and that its needs would grow. They also anticipated that Orthodox Christian donors who advanced in their careers and businesses would need a vehicle for that support, which would meet the requirements of sound business, financial integrity and professional standards. By remembering why we are here and who we are, we can continue to play a transformational role in our Church, our Community and American Society.

I am honored to be a part of Leadership 100 and look forward to celebrating with you our 35th Anniversary.

*With warmest regards,*

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

**Argyris Vassiliou**  
Chairman



LEADERSHIP 100 ENDOWMENT FUND  
1989 - 2018 GRANTS

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

Hellenic College / Holy Cross Scholarship Program *	20,403,617
Archbishop Iakovos Library Fund	1,000,000
Hellenic College / Holy Cross Technology Infrastructure	1,000,000
Hellenic College / Holy Cross (various grants)	733,600
Hellenic College - Office of Vocation and Ministry	311,600

**Greek Orthodox Archdiocese** **\$ 15,191,887**

Archdiocese Administration, Management, and Leadership Training	1,888,386
Inter-Orthodox, Ecumenical & Interfaith Relations	1,844,700
Marriage and Family	1,795,490
Internet Ministry and Technology Infrastructure	1,561,700
Outreach & Evangelism / Home Missions	1,428,530
Youth, Young Adult, and Camping Ministries	1,361,993
Greek Orthodox Telecommunications	970,190
Communications and Radio Ministry	723,659
Parish Development and Stewardship	658,241
Religious Education	647,998
Digital Typikon Liturgical and Library Project	600,000
Department of Registry	575,000
Greek Education	416,700
Archives	400,000
St. Basil Academy (Archpastorate of Archbishop Michael)	69,300
Special Gift for the Restoration of Ionian Village	250,000

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

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

\* As of October 2018, 223 recipients of Leadership 100 scholarships are graduates that have been ordained, 43 seminarians are still in School and 72 recipients are working for the Church in some capacity.

**Metropolis Ministries** **\$ 3,490,000**

Metropolis Youth Camps	2,250,000
Metropolis Ministries Outreach	540,000
Metropolis of Atlanta - Family Life Ministry	300,000
Metropolis of Boston - Emerging Leaders Ministry	200,000
Metropolis of San Francisco - Family Wellness Center	200,000

**Clergy** **\$ 2,192,450**

Increased Retired Clergy Pensions	914,200
Eliminated Student Loans of Active Priests	885,000
Archdiocesan Presbyters Council - Clergy Retreats, Wellness, Continuing Education, and Publications	264,000
Presbyters Council Benevolent Fund	69,250
National Presvyteres Retreat	60,000

**International Orthodox Christian Charities (IOCC)** **\$ 1,389,362**

International Orthodox Christian Charities (IOCC)	989,362
Attica Fires Relief Fund	200,000
Hurricane Katrina Relief	100,000
US Emergency Response Fund (Hurricanes Harvey, Irma, and Maria)	100,000

**Special Gift to St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church and National Shrine at the World Trade Center** **\$ 1,000,000**

**Orthodox Christian Mission Center (OCMC)** **\$ 862,842**

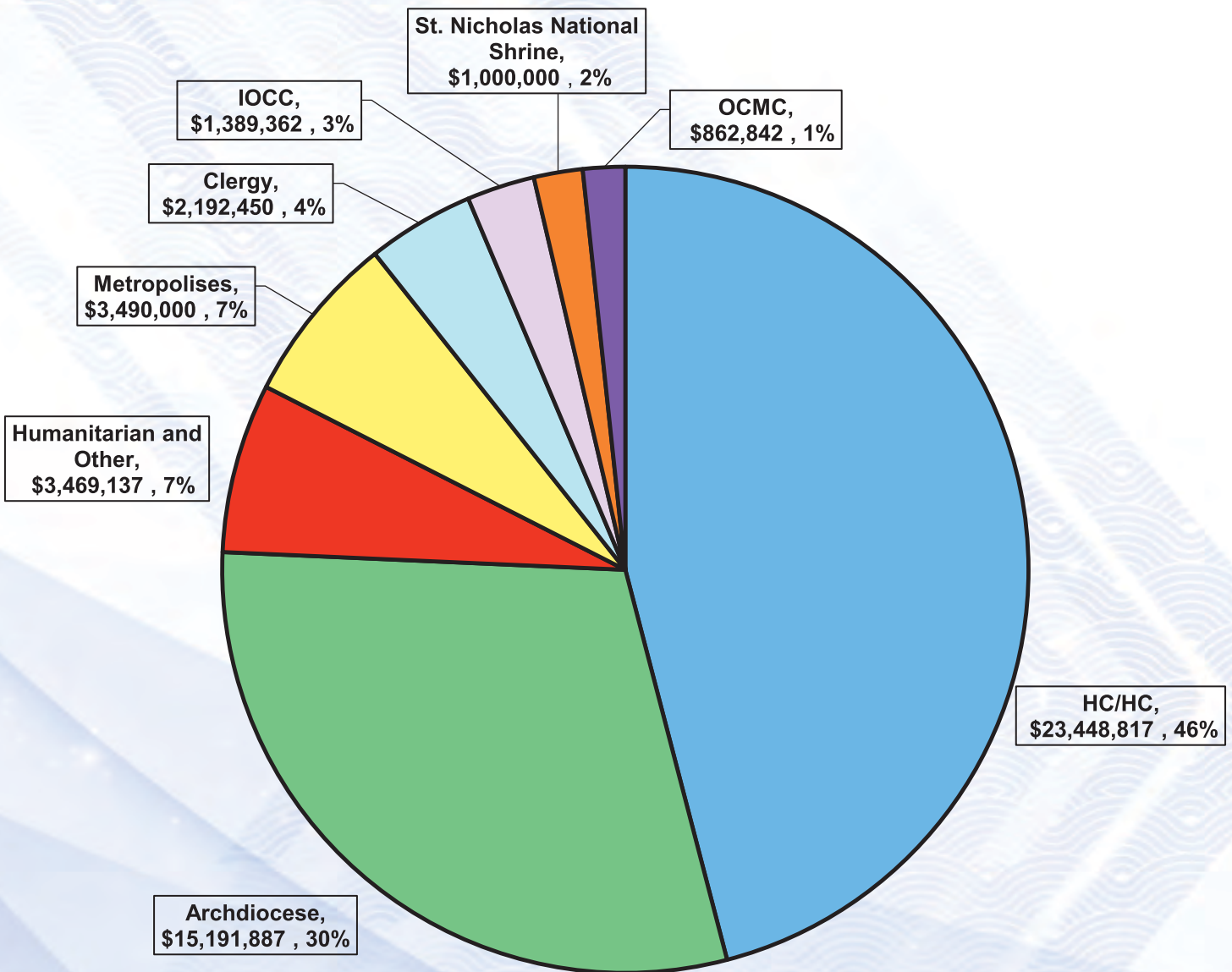
**Total** **\$ 51,044,495**

**Additional Gifts from Leadership 100 Members** **\$ 3,298,792**

**(individual donations from Leadership 100 members not included above)**

St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church and National Shrine at the World Trade Center	2,703,213
Greek Fire Relief Fund	200,029
September 11 Relief Fund	187,550
Leadership 100 Fitness Center at Hellenic College / Holy Cross	135,000
Attica Fires Relief Fund	52,050
Hurricane Katrina Relief Fund	20,950

*Leadership 100* GRANTS



**TOTAL GRANTS DISTRIBUTED SINCE INCEPTION: \$51,044,495.**



## Leadership 100 to Celebrate 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary At Annual Conference in Boca Raton, Florida



Leadership 100 will celebrate the 35th Anniversary of its founding at its 28th Annual Leadership 100 Conference, February 21-24, 2019, at the Boca Raton Resort & Club in Boca Raton, Florida. Featured speakers at the Celebration Conference include George Veras, the Sports Emmy-Award winning Chief Operating Officer of the Pro Football Hall of Fame and Founder and President of Veras Communications, Inc., Stellene Volandes, Editor in Chief of Town and Country Magazine, and our own Chairman Emeritus George D. Behrakis who will moderate a panel of renowned medical specialists on the subject of “Health and Wellness: Improving our Quality of Life”.

The Opening Forum on Thursday, February 21, will feature one of the most prominent ministries of our Archdiocese, The Center for Family Care, whose remarkable work will be presented by its Director, Rev. Fr. Alexander Goussetis and Coordinator for Seminarian and Clergy Couple Care, Presvytera Kerry Pappas. The

traditional Bible Study will be conducted by His Eminence Archbishop Demetrios, Geron of America. The Health and Wellness Panel will follow the afternoon Luncheon. The day will conclude with an extraordinary concert organized by Aphrodite Daniel, Director of SynPhonia Entertainment, Inc. that will feature renowned Greek singer, Giorgos Lianos.

The program on Friday, February 22, will include the General Assembly, the Lecture by His Eminence, a Luncheon and Business Forum addressed by George Veras. The Saturday, February 23 events will include a Brunch and Special Forum conducted by Stellene Volandes, Golf and Tennis Tournaments and Awards, and a Walk/Run event, culminating in the evening with a Black-Tie Grand Banquet at which the Archbishop Iakovos Leadership 100 Award for Excellence will be presented. The Hierarchical Divine Liturgy will be celebrated on Sunday, February 24 at Saint Mark Church in Boca Raton.

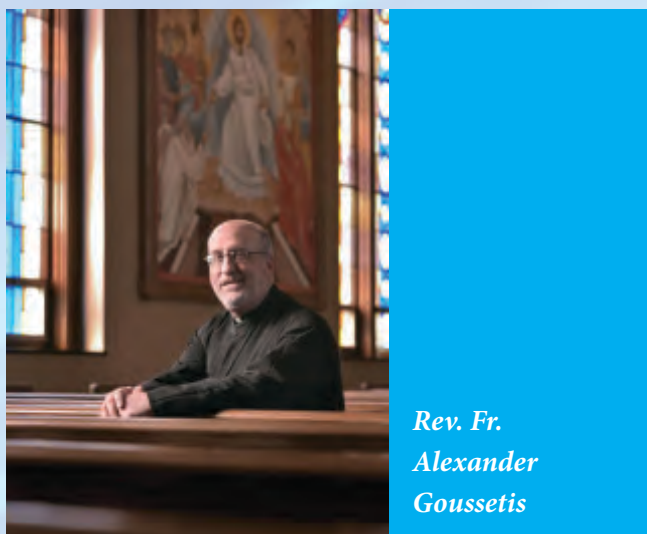
## OPENING FORUM

Thursday, February 21, 2019



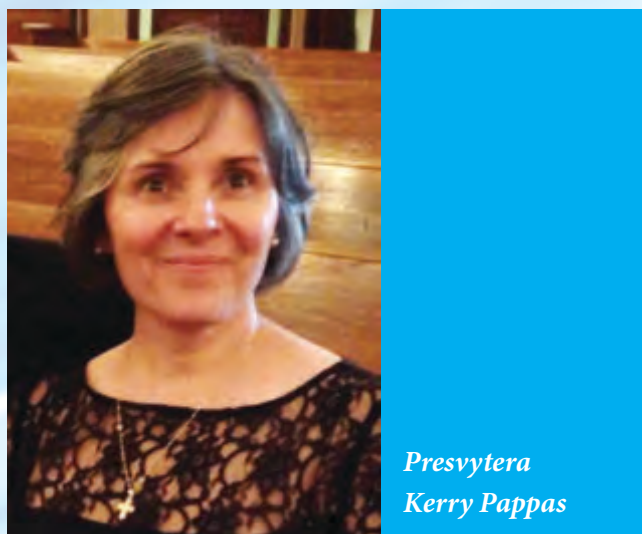
### The Center for Family Care

The Center for Family Care (CFC) of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America was founded in 2005. The ministry arose from a calling, in the words of His Eminence Archbishop Demetrios, “to affirm the importance of family as a blessed gift from God and to address the specific needs of families as they try to live in a very challenging culture and world.” In the ensuing 13 years the CFC has diligently worked to deliver a variety of multimedia resources and participate in numerous events throughout the Archdiocese, with most of those efforts funded by generous support from Leadership 100, for the spiritual formation of the Archdiocese’s faithful.



*Rev. Fr.  
Alexander  
Goussetis*

Rev. Alexander Goussetis serves as Director of the Center for Family Care of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese. He is a graduate of Drexel University (B.S. in Accounting), Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology (M.Div.), and Andover-Newton Theological School (D.Min. in Psychology and Pastoral Counseling). Prior to his appointment to the Center for Family Care, Fr. Alexander served more than twenty years as a parish priest, taught World Religion classes at the university level, and authored four books on Orthodox life and faith. His pastoral emphasis is making the Orthodox faith relevant for families in their everyday lives and encouraging participation in all facets of our Holy Tradition. He is the host of Family Matters, a podcast on Ancient Faith Radio. He is married to Presvytera Lisa, and they have three children – Julia, Nicholas, and Sophia.



*Presvytera  
Kerry Pappas*

Presvytera Kerry Pappas has been married to Fr. Harry Pappas for 37 years. They have three adult children and four grandchildren, with another on the way. Pres. Kerry is a graduate of Gettysburg College (BA), Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology (MA) and Adler Graduate School (MA). She is the Coordinator for Clergy and Seminary Couple Care, a ministry of the Center for Family Care of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America. She is a licensed marriage and family therapist and a trainer and facilitator for Prepare-Enrich, a pre-marital and marriage enrichment assessment and program.

## BUSINESS FORUM

Friday, February 22, 2019



### George Veras

Chief Operating Officer & Executive Producer  
Pro Football Hall of Fame



George Veras

George Veras is Chief Operating Officer & Executive Producer of the Pro Football Hall of Fame (PFHOF) and 10-time National Sports Emmy Award winner as writer, producer and director of national television live events and documentaries. He produced seven Olympics for CBS Sports and NBC Sports. Veras joined the PHFOF in 2009 after 15 years with CBS Sports and time as owner of Veras Communications Production Company, and as Manager and Executive Producer for the world-renowned musician Yanni, for whom he produced shows including “Live at the Acropolis”, “Live at the Taj Mahal” and “Live at the Forbidden City”.



Veras was named to his current position in December 2016 by Hall of Fame President & CEO David Baker. As Chief Operating Officer & Executive Producer, he oversees marketing, sponsorships, ticket sales, hospitality, guest services, social media, events, media, content and television. He is contributing the programming, media, and event support for the \$886M Johnson Controls Hall of Fame Village.

Veras has brought music concerts to the Hall of Fame, producing the Concert for Legends featuring Aerosmith, Tim McGraw, Kid Rock, Toby Keith and Maroon 5. He launched the HOF Channel OTT last February with 550 hours of programming, including 50 live stream productions in 2018. Veras recently signed and negotiated 13 hours of national television programming for HOFV/HOF on CBSSN and NFL Network. He led the



George Veras with USC Trojans and Pittsburgh Steelers Hall of Famer Lynn Swann.

social media campaign for the Hall to be voted the number one sports attraction in the nation. As COO, he aligned and supported departments that led to record growth.

Veras came to the Hall of Fame in 2009 as President of PFHOF Enterprises, the for-profit arm of the Pro Football Hall of Fame. He created the Hometown Hall of Famer program, celebrating the community’s support of the Gold Jackets, the US Army Award for Excellence and the Fan Vote, along with five one-hour television specials for NFL Network. He secured first time national sponsors Phillips Van Heusen, Allstate, Ford, Guinness, and the US Army, for \$20 million, with appearance fees for the Hall of Famers of \$4 million.



*George Veras, center, with, left to right, President Donald Trump, Kevin Shiplett, Vice President of Operations, Pro Football Hall of Fame, and David Baker, President and CEO of Pro Football Hall of Fame at the Hall.*

Veras' ties to football stem from his childhood relationship with his uncle, Dr. Jim Nicholas who famously operated on the New York Jets legend Joe Namath. Nicholas got the 11-year-old Veras a job as a ball boy with the Jets, and he was at the field when the Titans became the Jets and Namath first walked on the field in 1965.

Veras continued as a summer ball boy and athletic trainer for the Jets while in high school. He graduated from New York University with a Bachelor of Arts in Politics and a Master of Public Administration and completed course work for a Master of Business Administration. His first job



*George Veras with former President Bill Clinton at NFL Owner's meeting.*

was the Executive Director of the Institute of Sports Medicine and Athletic Trauma at Lenox Hill Hospital in New York, building the sports medicine foundation from a startup to a \$3 million budget and staff of 20 medical specialists in five years. During this time, he worked weekends as a writer and editorial editor for ABC Sports Television. (1980 Winter Olympics, College Football Scoreboard Show, Wide World of Sports).

Hired full-time in 1981 as an associate producer at CBS Sports, one year later Veras was named producer of *NFL Today*, the first ever pre-game show in NFL history. His other CBS assignments included: Senior Producer of 1992 and 1994 Winter Olympics; Producer for Boxing, NFL, NBA, MLB and NCAA Tournaments; Coordinating Producer of CBS Sports Saturday/Sunday anthology; and the Coordinating Producer for 1983-87 Pan American Games. While there, he was the recipient of eight Sports Emmy Awards.



*Ellis Island Gold Medalist George Veras with wife, Kimberly, center, flanked by father-in-law, Federal Magistrate James Gallas of Blessed Memory, left, and father, James Veras of Blessed Memory, both also Ellis Island Gold Medalists.*

Veras left CBS in 1994, and founded his production company, Veras Communications, Inc. (VCI), based on the success of the national PBS television special, "Yanni Live at the Acropolis." He managed and promoted Yanni worldwide, including "Live at the Taj Mahal" and "Live at the Forbidden City", which launched a 100-city, two-year tour "Tribute" grossing more than \$150 million.

VCI continued productions in sports television and primetime entertainment television for Discovery Channel, NBC Sports, History Channel and ESPN, where he produced the "30 for 30" series and "The Legend of Jimmy the Greek." For PBS, in addition to Yanni specials, he produced three one-hour specials on the "Greek Americans" as well as "Yanni's Visions of Greece." VCI was hired to market the hit movie "My Big Fat Greek Wedding."



*(Left to Right) top row, son Christopher, wife, Kimberly, son Gregory, son Dimitri, middle row, daughter-in-law Jennifer, bottom row, nephew Nicholas, son Alexander, and nephew Andrew.*

VCI has also produced and directed numerous other television music specials, including Doo Wop 50, 60's Pop Rock Reunion, Ray Charles Live (his final performance), Bach Choral Mass in B Minor, Swing Alive, Ballroom Fever, Ft. Lauderdale Christmas Pageant, Black Music Vocal Extravaganza, Pavlo Live, Sebastian Sidi, Marina at West Point, Chanukah: Celebration of Lights, 12 Girls Band Live from Shanghai, and Live Earth Shanghai. For six



*Kimberly and George Veras with Kimberly's mother, Katherine Gallas.*

VCI produced and directed the Ellis Island Award Show from 1999-2006. In 2007, for the Cleveland Rock and Roll Hall of Fame, VCI produced and directed the music performance/talk series The Craft, starring Elvis Costello, Aimee Mann, Paul Westerberg, Ben Gibbard and Patty Griffin.

years, Veras directed the classical music competition, Sphinx and the Ft Lauderdale Christmas Pageant. In 2003-2004 VCI was the national pledge producer for select PBS shows, including The American Tenors, Sissel, The Cantors, Mariachi, Body, Rhythm and Soul, Carole King and Chicago.

After 35 years in New York, he returned to his native Cleveland in 2005 to join the Cleveland Browns as Vice President of Marketing, Production and Broadcasting, creating web radio telecasts and weekly television programming, renovating the Stadium with a new audio and video ribbon board and increasing sales by 25% before joining the Pro Football Hall of Fame.

Veras is an Adjunct Professor of Sports Business at Case Western Reserve University, a judge for the National Sports Emmys, an Archon of the Ecumenical Patriarchate, Order of Saint Andrew, a member of St. Demetrios Greek Orthodox Church, Rocky River, Ohio and an Ellis Island Gold Medalist. Past associations include member of 1996 Athens Olympic Committee, Board membership for the Cleveland Pops Orchestra and Anatolia College, Thessaloniki. He has been honored three times as Man of the Year by the Greek-American community, in 1994 by the Hellenic Spirit Foundation, in 1999 by the Elios Society and in 2005 by the American Hellenic Institute.

Veras' wife, Kimberly (Gallas), has a B.A. of Journalism from The Ohio State University, worked for the New York Yankees in promotions and marketing, and currently is serving her second term on the City Council in Brecksville (OH). They are the parents of four sons, Dr. Dimitri Veras, Gregory, Alexander (Jennifer), Christopher, and granddaughter, Savannah Noel.

## SATURDAY FORUM

February 23, 2019



### Stellene Volandes

Editor-in-Chief, Town & Country



Stellene Volandes

Stellene Volandes became editor-in-chief of *Town & Country* magazine on March 8, 2016. Before her appointment, she had been style director at the magazine since March 2012, shaping the fashion and society features each month in a role that gave her a significant hand in developing the magazine's journalistic range and stable of contributors. Prior to being named style director, she served as jewelry & accessories director since April 2011.

Previously, Volandes was style editor for *Departures* magazine, where she assigned and edited all fashion and jewelry features, having held increasingly senior roles since 2003. Before entering the magazine world, she taught high school.

A graduate of Vassar College, where she was attracted to its strong theatre program, she subsequently earned a master's degree in English and Comparative Literature at Columbia University. Her book, *Jeweler: Masters, Mavericks, and Visionaries of Modern Design*, was published on September 20, 2016 by Rizzoli.



Stellene Volandes at Town & Country.

Volandes grew up in Bay Ridge, Brooklyn and went to high school at Poly Prep. While New York has been her home, she considers Los Angeles and Greece, where she goes every summer, as second homes. She currently resides on the Upper East Side of Manhattan, where she leads an active social life, and frequently attends the theatre on the West Side. Both, she says, give her sources for many of her *Town & Country* stories. She has been called "an all-knowing guide to the best of New York City."



*Stellene Volandes in her characteristic Town & Country office on the 33rd floor of the Hearst Tower in New York City.*

She travels widely for the magazine, representing it at sales events for merchandise, meeting readers and clients, many of whom she says have an attachment to Town & Country. In interviews, she has expressed her own intimate connection with the magazine and her feelings of responsibility to protect its legacy as it evolves. She has described the 170-year legacy of Town & Country as one of its greatest strengths and says it consists of good values, philanthropy, good taste and the rules of civility. But she acknowledges the importance of changing at the same time. “Real etiquette and elegance come from knowing what is appropriate for the time,” she has said.

Volandes credits various mentors at Town & Country, Vogue and Departures for preparing her for her current role and her instructors at Poly Prep and Vassar for teaching her how to create and develop stories. She believes that magazines will have a future if they have a clear point of view and points out that Town & Country is growing in readership.



*Stellene Volandes at Town & Country Jewelry Awards partnered with Saks Fifth Avenue.*

## Health and Wellness: Improving our Quality of Life Moderated by George D. Behrakis

Leadership 100 Chairman Emeritus George D. Behrakis will moderate a panel of renowned medical specialists on the subject of “Health and Wellness: Improving our Quality of Life”. The panel will include George Dangas, MD PhD, Professor of Medicine, Cardiology and Professor of Surgery at the Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai Medical Center in New York, and a leading authority in Interventional Cardiology; Harry T. Anastopoulos, MD, Gastroenterologist, Clinical Instructor of Medicine at Harvard Medical School, who is affiliated with its teaching hospital at Beth Israel, Deaconess Medical Center; and George J. Korkos, M.D. D.D.S. F.A.C.S., a leading Plastic Surgeon who is Associate Clinical Professor in Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery at the Medical College of Wisconsin in Milwaukee. Dr. Korkos has been honored by the school with the naming of the Department of Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery, wherein each successive Chairman is appointed to the perpetually endowed George J. Korkos, MD Professorship in Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery.

Behrakis, a prominent businessman and pioneer in the pharmaceutical industry and medical research, has devoted his life to philanthropy since his retirement in 1998. While he has supported many organizations and institutions over the decades, including the establishment of the George D. and Margo Behrakis Art of the Ancient World Wing at Boston’s Museum of Fine Arts, he has focused on the area of health and medicine, supporting the building of Northeastern University Health and Sciences Center at its College of Health Sciences, one of the most modern such facilities in the nation. His philanthropy has also included the George D. Behrakis Chair in the Field of Targeted Pharmaceuticals at Northeastern University; the George D. Behrakis Hellenic Fellowship in Respiratory Allergy at the Johns Hopkins Asthma & Allergy Center, and various programs at Tufts University, Medford;



George D. Behrakis

Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston and Saints Memorial Medical Center in Lowell.

He is a graduate of Lowell High School and Northeastern University, where he earned a degree in pharmaceuticals in 1957. His history in pharmaceuticals is legendary. Beginning his career in sales at Johnson & Johnson, he and his team created Tylenol. He went on to start his own company, Dooner Laboratories.

After selling it nine years later, he opened Muro Pharmaceuticals, which first worked on eye products and later moved on to asthma products. With Behrakis, as the head, Muro was highly successful and included the research and marketing of Volmax for asthma. He sold the company in 1996. He remained on the board for two additional years, retiring in 1998.

In recent years, Behrakis also provided funding and personal involvement along with Harvard University towards a national anti-smoking campaign in Greece, alongside the Hellenic Cancer Society and Panagiotis Behrakis, MD, a well-respected pulmonary physician there and Behrakis’ first cousin. “Smoke Free Greece” is credited with reducing smoking among Greece’s youth by 32 per cent by 2018. He had established the George D. Behrakis Research Lab in 2009, donated by the Behrakis Foundation to the Hellenic Cancer Society. It is a state-of-the-art laboratory for lung function testing. Equipped with high-end technology and operated by a team of experts in Respiratory Medicine, the Lab provides high quality and standardized services that follow the scientific and technological advances in the field of lung function as well as to contribute and support tobacco prevention through scientific and educational means, working with the Hellenic Cancer Society and the Institute of Public Health of The American College of Greece, sharing efforts under the “Smoke Free Greece” campaign.



## George Dangas, MD, PhD



With more than 25 years of medical experience, Dr. Dangas has worked in multiple roles for the Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai, including as a professor of vascular surgery since 2012, a professor of cardiology since 2010, and a director of cardiovascular innovation at the Mount Sinai Medical Center since 2010.

Prior to this appointment, he held the position of program director for the Interventional Cardiology Fellowship at New York-Presbyterian Hospital from 2004 to 2010, associate professor of medicine for the Division of Cardiovascular Disease at Columbia University Medical Center from 2004 to 2010, and the director of postgraduate training in the Division of Cardiology for the Center for Interventional Vascular Therapy at Columbia University Medical Center from 2004 to 2010. Additionally, Dr. Dangas served as an attending staff member for Cardiology and Cardiovascular Interventions at the New York-Presbyterian Hospital from 2004 to 2010 as well as

the Cardiac Cath Lab for the New Milford Hospital of the Western Connecticut Health Network from 2005 to 2008.

Dr. Dangas previously held the roles of clinical associate professor of medicine at the NYU School of Medicine from 2002 to 2004, the associate program director for the Section of Interventional Cardiology and Endovascular Therapy and attending staff for the Section of Interventional Cardiology and Endovascular Therapy with the Lenox Hill Heart and Vascular Institute in New York from 2000 to 2004. A former interventional cardiologist and endovascular specialist for the Washington Hospital Center from 1998 to 1999, he also served as a resident in internal medicine at Miriam Hospital for Brown University from 1992 to 1994. Dr. Dangas began his career as a medical intern at Miriam Hospital for Brown University from 1991 to 1992. He completed his Fellowship in Cardiovascular Disease and Interventional Cardiology at the Mount Sinai Hospital in New York, from 1994 to 1998.

Dr. Dangas pursued an education at Athens College, earning a Baccalaureate Magna Cum Laude degree in 1983. He went on to obtain a Doctor of Medicine in 1989, which he received Summa Cum Laude from the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens. He continued his studies in 1990 at the Naval School of Hyperbaric Medicine with the Hellenic Navy, obtaining a degree in Hyperbaric Medicine. Dr. Dangas concluded his academic efforts at National and Kapodistrian University of Athens, graduating with a Doctor of Science in 1999.

Certified by the Educational Commission for Foreign Medical Graduate in 1991, Dr. Dangas is licensed to practice medicine in New York, Connecticut, District of Columbia and Athens Prefecture, Greece. He was

recognized as a diplomate of the American Board of Internal Medicine in 1994, the Hellenic Board of Cardiology in 1997, the American Board of Cardiovascular Diseases in 1997, the American Board of Interventional Cardiology in 1999, and European Cardiologist in 2002. Furthermore, Dr. Dangas is a diplomate in Endovascular Medicine by the American Board of Vascular Medicine in 2005, a diplomate in Vascular Medicine by the American Board of Vascular Medicine in 2006, a diplomate of the American Board of Cardiovascular Diseases in 2007 and 2017, and a diplomate of the American Board of Interventional Cardiology in 2009.

In addition to his primary roles, Dr. Dangas has been affiliated with a number of professional organizations. From 1989 to 1990, he was enlisted as a Medical Officer with the Medical Service of the Hellenic Navy and the Cardiology Service at the Naval Hospital of Athens. A trustee of the Holy Trinity Cathedral from 2007 to 2010, he also worked as the chair for the Department of Cardiology at the Onassis Heart Center from 2009 to 2010. Dr. Dangas has served as the course director in cardiology at the Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai, chair of the Quality Assurance Committee at Mount Sinai Heart Hospital from 2011 to 2013, and an extraordinary professor of cardiology at the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens since 2015.

Dr. Dangas has found much success in the world of publishing as well, having written numerous academic pieces and edited several professional journals. Recognized as the guest editor for such medical journals as *Stroke*, *EuroIntervention*, *JACC: Basic to Translational Science*, and *JACC: Cardiovascular Interventions*, he served as an editorial board member for the *Journal of*

*American College of Cardiology Interventions*, *Catheterization and Cardiovascular Interventions*, *Journal of Invasive Cardiology*, and *Current Drug Targets: Cardiovascular and Hematological Disorders*. Presently serving as the associate editor for the *Journal of the American College of Cardiology* since 2014 as well as chair of the editorial board for the *Interventional Fellows/Cardiologists Institute Website of the Society for Cardiovascular Angiography and Interventions* since 2006, Dr. Dangas has also recently worked as editor for the second edition of *Interventional Cardiology Principles & Practice* in 2017 and editor-in-chief for the *Cardiovascular World News Interventions* from 2012 to 2016.

An editorial consultant and manuscript reviewer for various journals, Dr. Dangas has held the position of editor for *Interventional Cardiology Clinics: Interventional Pharmacology* in 2013, *Interventional Cardiology Principles & Practice* in 2010, *Handbook of Chronic Total Occlusions* in 2008, and the *Transcatheter Cardiovascular Therapeutics Syllabus* from 2002 to 2004. He was also co-editor for *Transcatheter Cardiovascular Therapeutics Manual of Interventional Trials* from 1998 to 2004, and “*Contemporary Concepts in Cardiology: Pathophysiology and Clinical Management*” in 1999. Dr. Dangas has also contributed over 500 articles to professional journals as well as 25 chapters to books within his field.

An honorary member of the Medical Students’ Scientific Association in Athens since 1989, Dr. Dangas is involved as director of academic affairs and education at the Cardiovascular Research Foundation, a member of the Hellenic Cardiological Society, chair of the advisory board for the World Hellenic Biomedical Association, and a member of the Audit and Compliance Committee for the American College of Cardiology. He has also served in

various capacities for the American College of Cardiology, on the Program Committee for the Annual Scientific Sessions from 2005 to 2017, the Executive Director Search Committee in 2016, on the Board of Trustees from 2012 to 2016, chair of the Interventional Scientific Council from 2010 to 2013, and program chairman for the Summit Conference from 2009 to 2011. Additionally, Dr. Dangas worked for the American College of Cardiology on the Program Executive Committee from 2004 to 2005, as well as founding co-chair for the Interventional Scientific Council from 2007 to 2010.

Having been on the board of trustees for the Hellenic Medical Society of New York (HMSNY) from 2000 to 2014, Dr. Dangas has maintained several memberships, including as treasurer of the Federation of Hellenic Medical Societies of North America from 2002 to 2010, chair of the Global Hellenic Medical & Biosciences Network from 2006 to 2009, president of the HMSNY from 2005 to 2009, and on the board of trustees for the Society for Cardiovascular Angiography & Interventions in 2005. Associated with the International Society of Endovascular Specialists and the International Andreas Gruentzig Society in 2000, he has also been the director of clinical pharmacology and endovascular thrombosis for the Cardiovascular Research Foundation from 1998 to 1999.

In light of his exceptional undertakings, Dr. Dangas has accrued several accolades and honors throughout his career. He has been honored as Best Doctor by Castle Connolly Medical Ltd. since 2012, among America's Top Doctors since 2012, and among the Top Doctors by New York Media LLC since 2012. He has been a fellow of the American Society of Angiology since 2006, the Society for Vascular Medicine & Biology since 2006, the Society for

Cardiovascular Angiography and Interventions since 2003, the American College of Physicians since 2000, the American College of Cardiology since 1999, the European Society of Cardiology since 1999, and the American College of Chest Physicians since 1999. Honored as a Super Doctor in Interventional Cardiology by the New York Times in 2017, Dr. Dangas received the Distinguished Teacher Award from the American College of Cardiology in 2017, an Inaugural Career Achievement Award from the Hellenic College of Cardiology in 2015, the Simon Dack Award for Outstanding Scholarship & Reviews from the American College of Cardiology in 2012, and the EVEREST Award from the Leadership Awards Program in 2000.

Dr. Dangas was presented with the Konstantinos Kriezis Postgraduate Scholarship from the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens from 1991 to 1995, the Outstanding House Staff Teaching Award from Brown University in 1993, and the Diagnostic Radiology Prize from the Miriam Hospital for Brown University in 1992. He received the Ioannis Papadakis Graduate Scholarship from the same academic institution from 1984 to 1989, as well as the Natural Sciences Award from Athens College in 1983. He was also recognized as a fellow of the ATVB Council at the American Heart Association, Inc. in 1999, and the Alexander Onassis Fellow of the Alexander S. Onassis Public Benefit Foundation from 1996 to 1997. In addition to these marks, Dr. Dangas was selected for inclusion in the second edition of Who's Who in Medicine and Healthcare in 1999. In recognition of outstanding contributions to his profession and the Marquis Who's Who community, Dr. Dangas has been featured on the Albert Nelson Marquis Lifetime Achievement website.



## Harry T. Anastopoulos, MD



*Dr. Harry T. Anastopoulos*

- General Gastroenterology
- Hepatology
- Colorectal Cancer Screening
- Colon Polyps
- Inflammatory Bowel Disease
- Gastroesophageal Reflux Disease (GERD)
- Celiac Disease
- Pancreatic Diseases
- Ulcerative Colitis

Dr. Anastopoulos is primarily located in Boston, MA, with other offices in Boston, MA and Wellesley Hills, MA. He has 35 years of experience. Dr. Anastopoulos is also affiliated with Beth Israel Hospital-Needham, Mount Auburn Hospital, New England Baptist Hospital and Brigham And Women's Outpatient Pharmacy.

Dr. Anastopoulos has received 4 awards: Patients' Choice Award (2012, 2014, 2018). Patients' Choice recognition reflects the difference a physician has made in the lives of his/her patients; Castle Connolly Regional Top Doctors. Castle Connolly reviews and screens the credentials of tens of thousands of physicians who are nominated by their peers annually, via a nationwide online process, before selecting those physicians who are regionally or nationally among the very best in their medical specialties; On-Time Doctor Award (2014, 2015, 2016, 2018). Vitals On-Time + Promptness Award recognizes doctors with consistent high ratings for timeliness of appointments; Compassionate Doctor Recognition (2012, 2016, 2018). Compassionate Doctor certification is granted to physicians who treat their patients with the utmost kindness. The honor is granted based on a physician's overall and bedside manner; and Best of Boston Gastroenterology (2017 and 2018).

Dr. Anastopoulos specializes in gastroenterology. He is a Clinical Instructor of Medicine at Harvard Medical School and is affiliated with its teaching hospital, Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center, in Boston, Massachusetts.

A graduate of Boston University School of Medicine, Dr. Anastopoulos completed a residency in internal medicine and a fellowship in gastroenterology at the New England Deaconess Hospital, which merged with Beth Israel Hospital in 1996.

Dr. Anastopoulos is board certified in internal medicine and gastroenterology by the American Board of Internal Medicine and the American Board of Internal Medicine (Gastroenterology). His clinical interests include:

## George Korkos, MD, F.A.C.S.



*Dr. George J. Korkos*

George J. Korkos, M.D., F.A.C.S., was born and raised in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, where he has been practicing plastic and reconstructive surgery, hand and cosmetic surgery for over 50 years.

His undergraduate study was at Marquette University, having graduated from Marquette University School of Dentistry, with a D.D.S. in 1955 and from the Marquette University School of Medicine (now the Medical College of Wisconsin) with an M.D. degree in 1959. Following this, he undertook plastic and reconstructive surgery at St. Louis

School of Medicine, having completed his formal education in 1965. He is board certified in plastic and reconstructive surgery. He was President of Plastic Surgery Associates, which is the largest plastic surgery clinic in Wisconsin.

Dr. Korkos is on the teaching faculty of the Medical College of Wisconsin as an Associate Clinical Professor, where he teaches plastic surgery.

In 1991, Dr. Korkos spearheaded a project in which a marvelous statue of Hippocrates was commemorated and stands proudly at the entrance of the medical college as a constant reminder to all students and faculty that Hippocrates was the “Father of Modern-Day Medicine.” It stands 13-feet tall and weighs in excess of five tons. In 1992, he received the very first distinguished service award granted to an alumnus of the Medical College of Wisconsin in recognition of dedicated service to his profession, his Alma Mater and The Alumni Association.

He has been Chairman from the outset of the Walter Zeit Fellows of the Medical College of Wisconsin, which, under his leadership, has raised \$18 million in 18 years, monies which are used to further research and educate students, as well as providing medical care for the community. He was honored for his teaching at the Medical School and served the school by naming the Chair of Plastic Surgery as George Korkos Professorship of the Department of Plastic Surgery.

He is a member of many medical organizations, including the American Medical Association, American Association of Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery, American Association of Maxillofacial Surgeons, American

Association for Surgery of the Hand, and the American Society of Aesthetic Surgery. He has held committee and officer positions at national levels and has presented papers in plastic surgery authoring articles in the field.

Dr. Korkos is also active in the business world serving the Boards of such public companies as Brinks Transportation in New York, Heritage Bank of Wisconsin, M & I Bank Investment Trust in Milwaukee and Thunderbird Bank Investment Trust in Phoenix along with the Milwaukee Professional Sports Services, parent of the Milwaukee Bucks.

In 1969 he and three friends formulated a public company and brought a national basketball franchise to Milwaukee. They personally signed Kareem Abdul Jabbar and Oscar Robertson to their contracts, bringing a World Championship to Milwaukee in 1971. The Milwaukee Bucks were the first professional team to have a public offering. Dr. Korkos was a minority stockholder in the Golden Gate Warriors of the NBA in the Bay area of California.

Dr. Korkos was the founder and chairman of Responsif, a skin care company.

Through Telly Savalas' friendship as his neighbor in Palm Springs and Godfather to Telly and Julie's son, Christian, a group developed the Telly Savalas Golf and Tennis Hellenic Classic. Its objective is to bring Hellenes together socially in the Hellenic spirit with faith, friends, family, sports and charity. The Classic has raised monies over the years and all profits are donated to Hellenic and Orthodox organizations, Theological School Endowment, and local churches and orphanages. Dr. Korkos served as President

of the Classic, succeeding Telly Savalas as Chairman of the Board. Later, he teamed up with George Marcus, George Stamas, and George Behrakis, the four Georges, to establish The National Hellenic Society, a society that establishes Hellenism in the United States to preserve documents and disseminate Hellenism through various programs. It has developed into one of the premier Greek American organizations. Dr. Korkos was also awarded the Ellis Island Award and the HANAC Award of New York.

Dr. Korkos is a member of the Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. He is an Archon of the Ecumenical Patriarchate, a member of Leadership 100, and has served on the Archdiocesan Council of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese and its Executive Committee. He currently serves on the Metropolis Council of the Metropolis of Chicago and its Development Committee. He also served on the Executive Committee of the National Hellenic Museum in Chicago.

Dr. Korkos was married to the former Penelope Gialamas of Blessed Memory and they have three children: Dr. James Korkos, an Anesthesiologist in Walnut Creek, California, who is now the Medical Director of United Health Insurance of America. He is married to the former Christine Daskalos. They have two daughters, Alexa and Nicole. Dr. Thomas Korkos is a plastic surgeon married to Dr. Christine Goutanis-Korkos, a dentist. They have three children, Demetra, Maria and George. Daughter Kathy is an attorney married to Dr. Charles Theofilos, a Neurosurgeon. They reside in Palm Beach Gardens, Florida and have three sons, Stefan, Nicholas and James.

## *Executive Committee and Board of Trustees Meet, Membership Event Held*



*His Eminence Archbishop Demetrios Addresses Executive Committee.*

The Leadership 100 Executive Committee and Board of Trustees met on Thursday, November 8th and Friday, November 9th, 2018, respectively, at The Princeton Club of New York, presided over for the first time by Argyris Vassiliou as Chairman. On Thursday evening, A Membership Event was held at the Metropolitan Club at which 70 members and potential members gathered.

Vassiliou reported to both the Executive Committee and Board that

Leadership 100 continues to grow in membership and financial assets, as well as in recognition in our community and society. To date, membership stands at 1,088, with 643 members fulfilled, and has raised \$1,401,000 in membership contributions (cash basis) this year, as of September 30, 2018. The investment portfolio has a value of \$89,963,570, also as of September 30, 2018, with total assets at \$102,252,000. Grants distributed since the founding of Leadership 100 in 1984 reached \$51,044,495, with

\$2,986,163 distributed for 2018. Further, he reported that the 28th Annual Conference in February of 2019 will mark the 35th Anniversary of Leadership 100.

Vassiliou welcomed newly-elected members of both the Executive Committee and Board of Trustees, whom he called all exceptional and highly skilled members: James Pantelidis, Direct Archdiocesan District, on the Executive Committee and Lazaros (Louis) Kircos, Metropolis of Detroit, and John G.



*John and Marisa Payiavlas with grandson John.*



*George Pantelidis with daughter, Calliope, and George Soterakis, Board member.*



*Ted Zampetis addresses Membership Event.*



*Chairman Argyris Vassiliou, daughter, Alexandra, and wife, Ann.*

Manos, Metropolis of Chicago, on the Board of Trustees.

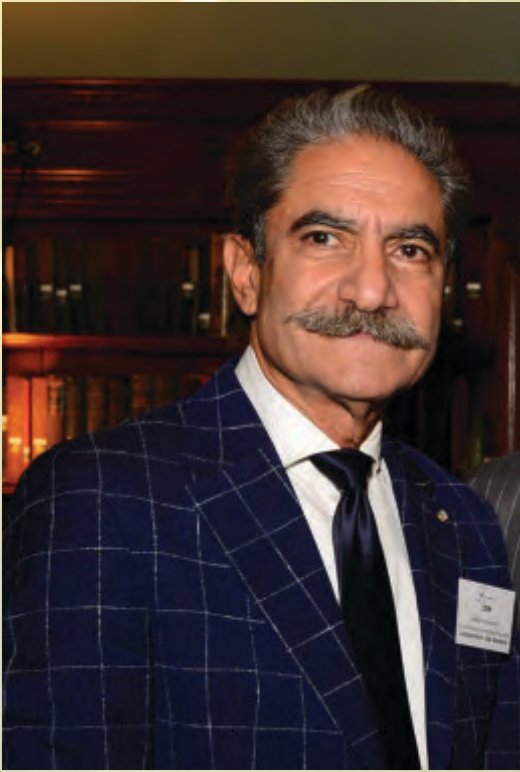
Reports were submitted by the Treasurer, Thomas G. Jordan, the Executive Director, Paulette Poulos, the Chairman of the Membership Committee, Ted Zampetis, the Chairman of the Investment Committee, Peter Vlachos, the Chairman of the Audit Committee, Jim Logothetis, the Chairman of the

Grant Committee, John Sitilides, and the Chairman of the Event Planning Committee, Mike Manatos.

Vassiliou expressed gratitude to His Eminence Archbishop Demetrios for his spiritual leadership and guidance. Next year, he said, when we celebrate the 35th Anniversary of Leadership 100, “we will acknowledge the valuable support of His Eminence for 20 of those years.”

The Membership Event was attended by new and potential members of Leadership 100, along with Board and regular members. Some 6 new members joined. New members for 2018 totaled 30 as of November 30, 2018. The event was addressed by Vassilou, Chairman Emeritus John Payiavlas, Treasurer Thomas G. Jordan, Membership Chairman Ted Zampetis and Executive Director Paulette Poulos.





## *James Pantelidis, CPA*

James Pantelidis, member of the Leadership 100 Board of Trustees, serves as Principal and Chief Financial Officer of Pan-Brothers Associates, Inc., a 35-year-old family-owned Real Estate Management and Development Company.

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

Prior to his current position, Pantelidis served as a Partner of Pantelidis, Cavalcante & Co.,

Certified Public Accountants in New York. Responsibilities included development of budgetary controls, forecasts and the placement of institutional and non-institutional financing. He was the tax partner for all 1031 tax exchanges pertaining to real estate transactions. His portfolio of clients consisted of developers, residential and commercial co-operatives and condominiums.

In January 1994, Pantelidis was elected to the Board of Directors of Olympian Bank in New York. As a Director, he chaired the Audit Committee, Loan Committee and was a member of the Executive Committee.

Prior to his position as Partner of Pantelidis, Cavalcante & Co., Pantelidis was Chief Financial Officer of Delphi Commodities, Inc. He was responsible for capital and financial compliance with all New York and Chicago Exchanges. He designed and implemented daily clearing and settlement systems for commodity futures and options with membership

exchanges. He was active in all audits by the CFTC and membership exchanges. He was a founding charter member of the Amex Commodities Exchange, September 1978, presently known as the NY Commodities Futures Exchange and served on their Audit Committee from 1978 to 1980.

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

He holds a BBA in Accounting from Baruch College. Mr. Pantelidis is married with three children and resides in Manhattan.

Pantelidis is an Archon of the Ecumenical Patriarchate, Order of Saint Andrew. He served four terms as a member of the Board of Trustees of The Archdiocesan Cathedral of the Holy Trinity. He is a member of the Leadership 100 Board of Trustees and the Audit Committee.



## *Lazaros Kircos, CPA*

Upon reflection, he then decided to work "full time" in a business he jointly owned with his brother since 1981- Sophia's Bakery, a wholesale bakery that produces pocket pita, Greek flat bread and pita chips for major food retailers and restaurants in the Midwest. This choice allowed him to devote more time to volunteer activities of the Church.

Kircos began his service to the Church as a 23-year-old,

currently serving on the parish council of St. George Greek Orthodox Church in Southgate, Michigan. He was elected President of the Parish Council at the age of 28 and has served almost continuously since that time as an officer or committee chair. His father, Angelo, has served there as a chanter since 1970. He also served as President of the Deaconess Senior Citizens Housing Corp for 22 years of the last 30 years, a position he continues to hold. Deaconess is a low-income HUD subsidized housing project sponsored by St. George Church.

Kircos is also a member of two other churches, Assumption Church in St. Clair Shores, Michigan and SS. Constantine & Helen Church in Westland, Michigan, where he

currently serves on the Parish Council and as Chairman of two of its committees.

Kircos has been a member of the Metropolis Council of the Metropolis of Detroit since 2002 and is Secretary/Treasurer of its Missions and Scholarship Endowment Fund. He was recently appointed and serves as Chairman of the Finance Committee of the Archdiocesan Council. He is also a member of AHEPA Chapter 374.

An Archon Orphanotrofos of the Ecumenical Patriarchate, Order of Saint Andrew, he has been appointed Archon Regional Commander for the Archons of the Metropolis of Detroit joining fellow Regional Commander Archon Mark D. Stavropoulos, also of the Metropolis of Detroit, Stavropoulos is a long-time member of Leadership 100 who served as Secretary, member of the Executive Committee and Board of Trustees.

Kircos and his wife, Paula, have two children, twins David and Catherine who are now attending universities. They have lived in Grosse Pointe Michigan since their marriage in 1986 where Kircos has served as a member of the city foundation for more than 10 years.

Lazaros Kircos, a member of Leadership 100, was born in Florina, Greece. He emigrated to Michigan with his family as a two-year old. He grew up in the Detroit area and graduated from the University of Michigan with a BBA. He became a CPA while working for the then named Coopers & Lybrand and left to join NYSE traded Handleman Company. There he rose through the financial ranks to become Chief Financial Officer at age 34, and then President of a major division overseeing multinational operations. In an attempted turnaround situation, he served as CEO of Toronto based Quality Dino Entertainment, a NASDAQ traded company before a brief stint as the President of an internet-based company in 2000-01.

## John G. Manos



John G. Manos, a member of Leadership 100, was born in Rethymno, Crete, Greece. He emigrated to the United States with his family in 1967, and grew up in Chicago, Illinois. He is a banker and a registered architect with professional experience in the development of commercial and residential multi-family projects.

In 1984, he obtained a Bachelor of Architecture degree from the University of Illinois, and having practiced architecture for many years, he moved on to the construction industry, launching a design- build company with his spouse, Elena, in Nashville, Tennessee, where he lived for 8 years from 1986 to 1994.

He returned to Chicago in 1994 and became involved in the area of

commercial Real Estate Lending, which ultimately shaped his career, leading to his current position as President of Bank Financial, Illinois' largest Thrift (from 1998 to present), specializing in commercial real estate loans in several states nationwide.

In addition, his family's commercial real estate property and management enterprises led to the launch of a retail grocery store chain with his partners in 1996, specializing in the importing of Cretan-Greek products.

He is a member and board member of several civic and philanthropic groups. He speaks on Commercial Real Estate Finance in several industry-related affairs across the country.

An active member in the Greek-American Community and proud of his Hellenic roots, Manos has served as a volunteer and held leadership roles in several Greek American organizations. Most recently he served as President of the Pancretan Association of America (PAA) - one of the largest non-profit Greek-American organizations.

Manos also served on the Parish Council of St. Demetrios Greek Orthodox Church (from 1996 to 2000). He has been President and Chairman of the United Hellenic Voters of America (UHVA) a non-partisan civic organization, from 1995 to the present. He has been a member of AHEPA since 1996. He is a member of Bloomingdale Planning and Zoning Board and belongs to several notable local and professional

organizations in the areas of real estate (NICAR, ICSC, NAR), banking (IBA, MBA) and ALA.

Widely recognized as a philanthropist, a distinguished business leader and a youth advocate, Manos has assisted several Greek American youths in obtaining jobs in city and state level positions. He founded the PAA mentorship program which assists youth to get into Universities and gain access to internships and eventually jobs. His efforts helped deliver four containers of medical aid to Crete and mainland Greece in their time of need during his terms as PAA President.

During his visit in March of 2013, the Ecumenical Patriarch bestowed upon Manos the honor of Archon Eutaxias. He is currently the Regional Commander for the Metropolis of Chicago. The Archbishop of Crete recognized him for his contributions to the people of the island in 2013. The UHVA inducted him into the "Greek-American Hall of Fame" in 2010 and honored him as "Businessman of the Year" in 2008. He was recognized by the Mayor of Chicago, Richard M. Daley, and the City Council with a Resolution of Outstanding Citizen Award in 2007. He has been recognized and has received the prestigious "Ellis Island Medal of Honor" for his contributions and has been placed in the United States Congressional Record.

John currently lives in Bloomingdale, Illinois, with his spouse Elena. They have 3 children, Patricia, George, and Eleni.

# Archons Honor Father Alex and Presbytera Xanthi Karloutsos with Athenagoras Human Rights Award



*The 2018 Athenagoras Human Rights Award is bestowed upon Father Alexander and Presbytera Xanthi Karloutsos by Archbishop Demetrios Geron of America, Metropolitan Emmanuel of France, Patriarchal Representative, and National Commander Anthony J. Limberakis, M.D.  
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Father Alex's brother James Karloutsos spoke movingly about their early life and said of his brother: "His accomplishments have been molded by his faith, love, and strong faith in God. That lifelong faith strengthened his commitment and devotion to better the lives of all who seek him out."

His Eminence Metropolitan Emmanuel of France, the Personal Representative of His All-Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew, affirmed: "They have never let us down, Father Alex and Presbytera Xanthi, not even once." He praised "their spiritual care for every person they have encountered over their decades of service in ministry, from the least, to their parish, to the greatest, in the halls of secular power."

The Archons of the Ecumenical Patriarchate, Order of Saint Andrew, of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America honored Father Alexander and Presbytera Xanthi Karloutsos with the Athenagoras Human Rights Award, before 1,300 attendees at their October 27, 2018 annual banquet at the New York Hilton Midtown, the largest gathering at the event in half a century. Father Alex previously served as the Executive Director of Leadership 100, (1986 to 1992 and 1999 to 2004).

The master of ceremonies was Fox News Chief Congressional and Senior Political Correspondent, Archon Mike Emanuel. "Being in Washington over the past seventeen years," said Emanuel, "I've heard Presidents from both parties mention Father Alex – a recognition of his talent. And three Archbishops have depended heavily on him over the decades....His focus and determination are legendary."

In a video message recorded for this event, His All-Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew addressed the Order, saying: "You have rightly chosen to recognize and honor the unwavering dedication and selfless service they have demonstrated the last five decades to Orthodoxy in the United States and throughout the entire world...Father Alex and Presbytera Xanthi have deeply impacted and enriched many souls around the globe in search of spiritual refuge and guidance."

Archon National Commander Anthony J. Limberakis, M.D., noted the Athenagoras Human Rights Award not only recognizes the impact that an individual or organization has had on the respect for human dignity and religious freedom in our world, but it also bears the name of a great Ecumenical Patriarch, and one who was as well, a great Archbishop of our Holy Archdiocese of America.

In his response to receiving the Award with his wife, Presbyteria Xanthi, Father Alex replied, “Although we are not the worthiest recipients of this Award, we are immensely aware and humbled by its worth. For us, Patriarch Athenagoras was a visionary for our Church in America and the Ecumenical Patriarchate. The infrastructure of our Archdiocese, which is the bedrock of all that we enjoy, was bequeathed to us by this prophetic Prelate.

Even our political ties to the Oval Office began when then Archbishop Athenagoras was called in November 1948 to lead the Sacred See of Saint Andrew as part of the Truman Doctrine and Marshall Plan to keep the First Throne of Orthodoxy from being trapped behind the Iron Curtain and falling into the communist hands of Stalin’s Soviet Union.”

“Together, my wife Xanthi and I have worked and served in the holy priesthood for over 48 years, Father Alex noted. While I was processing with Popes and Patriarchs, my unseen co-worker was sorting suitcases at airports; while I was in receiving lines with Presidents and First Ladies at the White House, Presbyteria Xanthi was arranging chairs at the State Department; when I celebrate the Divine Liturgy and enjoy the first seat in our Church, my co-disciple takes the last pew to ensure proper discipline in the Narthex and Nave; while I’m the maître de superstar at our Hamptons Greek Festival, my privileged Presbyteria is peeling onions, washing pans and baking baklava.”

“In her comments to the assembled guests, Presbyteria Xanthi expressed her gratitude for the recognition they received, adding “as grand as this evening is, it is even more humbling, because whatever we have achieved together, we did because it was what we truly believed,” noting that she and Father Alex have been given unique opportunities to serve the Church they love so much. Each act of service has been special because of our love for our Ecumenical Patriarchate, and especially His All-Holiness. Receiving this honor is really special.”

His Eminence Archbishop Demetrios, Geron of America, Exarch of the Ecumenical Patriarchate, noted that several of the speakers “spoke about joy,” and that “joy is something that characterizes” the Karloutsos family, even amid great hardships. A “genuine Christian,” he said, is “filled with the joy of Christ no matter what happens,” and Father Alex and his family epitomize this. Archbishop Demetrios added: “Thanks to his tremendous ability and good cooperation with a number of very able people, we were able to have a dramatic increase in the number of members of Leadership 100.”

Archbishop Demetrios also praised Father Alex for facilitating access to Presidents Clinton, Bush, Obama, and Trump. The Archbishop detailed more of Father Alex’s accomplishments and then noted: “Here is Presbyteria Xanthippe, doing superhuman work, taking care of the family and giving to Father Alexander the possibility to move through different levels and kinds of activity. It’s one thing to deal with the Archons, it’s another thing to deal with political authorities, and it’s another thing to deal with extraordinary events like a unique, Holy and Great Synod in Crete.” He also recounted Father Alex’s tireless efforts to rebuild and restore St. Nicholas Church, destroyed in the September 11, 2001 attacks in New York, and make it a beacon of Orthodoxy in New York City and America as a whole.

In addition, the National Commander also expressed his thanks to the generous benefactors of the banquet including the five underwriters, the late Archon Nicholas J. Bouras represented by Archon B. Theodore Bozonelis, Archon John A. Catsimatidis, Archon William P. Doucas, Archon Dean Poll, and Archon Michael G. Psaros, as well as those who contributed to sponsoring this year’s banquet.

“We are pleased to announce we have raised \$1.4 million, which will be used exclusively and prudently for the worldwide ministries of the Ecumenical Patriarch,” he said. “We do anticipate establishing the St. Andrew Endowment Fund for our Mother Church of Constantinople with the blessings of the Exarch and the Metropolitan.”

# George E. Safiol Honored with The Nicholas J. Bouras Award



*His Eminence Archbishop Demetrios, Geron of America and Dr. Anthony Limberakis, National Commander of the Order of Saint Andrew the Apostle present George E. Safiol with the Nicholas J. Bouras Award.*

George E. Safiol, Archon Archiophylax, was honored with The Nicholas J. Bouras Award for Extraordinary Archon Stewardship for his outstanding service to the Orthodox Church as an Archon of the Ecumenical Patriarchate of Constantinople. The Award was presented to Safiol on October 26 by His Eminence Archbishop Demetrios, Geron of America and National Commander Dr. Limberakis, in a ceremony at the New York Athletic Club, as part of the Order of Saint Andrew the Apostle's annual three-day assembly.

Safiol is a long-time member of Leadership 100, having served on the Executive Committee, as Treasurer and Chairman of the Audit Committee and Hellenic College/Holy Cross Leadership 100 Scholarship Committee. He currently serves on the Board of Trustees, of which he has been a member for 21 years.

At the ceremony, Dr. Limberakis praised Safiol's "tremendous stewardship of time, talent and resources in support of the Mother Church of Constantinople, the

Orthodox Christian Church throughout the United States, and to the mission of the Order of Saint Andrew in which all children of God should be granted religious freedom as a fundamental, inalienable human right."

"I am personally honored, humbled and happy to receive this Award, particularly considering for whom the Award has been established, Nicholas J. Bouras," Safiol said in an interview after the ceremony, adding that he treasured his long friendship with Mr. Bouras, noting they served together on three boards, the Archdiocesan Council Executive Committee, the Archon Council and the Leadership 100 Board. Humorously, he added, "he treated me like a kid brother even though I was only ten years younger."

Safiol was instrumental in launching Leadership 100's \$10 million Hellenic College Holy Cross School of Theology (Million Dollar a Year) Sponsorship Program, which was initiated to provide scholarships to seminarians and address the shortage of priests in America. To date, \$18 million has been provided to the school and has resulted in more than 200 ordained priests. An Archon since 1997, Safiol has served nearly 20 years on the National Council, including service as chairman of the Audit Committee and the Nicholas J. Bouras Award for Extraordinary Archon Stewardship.

A noted business leader and philanthropist, Safiol graduated from New York University's College of Engineering in 1954 and was a First Lieutenant in the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, where he served with distinction. He began his career at ITT in 1957, where he was mentored by Harold Geneen, legendary CEO of the company. He rose to become vice president and general manager of ITT's U.S. Telecommunications Business. He subsequently joined General Instrument Corporation, a

Fortune 500 Company, and rose to become Senior Vice President. Subsequently he joined American Biltrite Inc., a \$200-million company, serving as President, Chief Executive Officer, and Director. In 1984, Safiol rejoined General Instrument Corporation, and quickly rose to become the company's President, COO, and Director, positions he held until his retirement in 1991.

Safiol has been a significant benefactor to the College of Engineering at New York University and has received its Distinguished Alumni Award. He endowed the George E. Safiol Prize for Meritocracy in honor of Harold Geneen, which is awarded each year to an outstanding student, and has also endowed two seminars in Leadership and Integrity to be conducted annually. He served on the Dean's Advisory Council.

Safiol also served on the Board of Advisors of the University of Mississippi, was a guest lecturer at Massachusetts Institute of Technology and the Sloan School of Management and has been a director of seven industrial/electronic companies. He also received the coveted Ellis Island Medal of Honor Award.

Safiol was married to Demetra Karambelas Safiol, of Blessed Memory, for sixty years. They have three married children, Olympia, Peter, and Christina, and eight grandchildren. The Safiol Family Foundation has donated generously to the Orthodox Church and institutions of higher education and medicine. The Bouras Award, established in 2010, honors Nicholas J. Bouras, who served as National Vice Commander of the Archons and is known for his remarkable leadership as a faithful son of the Ecumenical Patriarchate and exemplary steward of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America. Bouras died in 2013.

## 12 Leadership 100 Members Among 27 Archons Invested with Office

Each year the Archon Offikion is conferred upon a select group by the Ecumenical Patriarch, as represented by his Exarch the Archbishop of America at the Archdiocesan Cathedral of the Holy Trinity.

On Sunday morning, October 27, 2018 Archbishop Demetrios presided at the Divine Liturgy and the ceremony of investiture of 27 new Archons of the Ecumenical Patriarchate, Order of St. Andrew the Apostle. He was joined by Metropolitans Alexios of Atlanta, Evangelos of New Jersey, and Emmanuel of France, representing the Ecumenical Patriarchate.

The 12 members of Leadership 100 among those invested were:

**Robert Andrew Buhler**  
Referendarios  
Lake Forest, IL

**Matthew Mirones**  
Aktouarios  
Staten Island, NY

**Emanuel James Cotronakis, Esq.**  
Dikaiophylax  
Juno Beach, FL

**George Frank Pappas, Esq.**  
Nomophylax  
Washington, DC

**Fotios John Frangakis**  
Skevophylax  
Hermitage, PA

**Steve John Paragioudakis, MD**  
Ostiarios  
Ocean, NJ

**Phillip Menelaos Kafarakis**  
Depoutatos  
Arlington, VA

**Michael Peter Psyllos, Esq.**  
Kastrinsios  
Manhasset, NY

**George Emanuel Loucas, Esq.**  
Referendarios  
Novelty, OH

**Sarantos Theodore Vallas**  
Eftaxias  
Brooklyn, NY

**Angelo Nicholas Mallas**  
Hartoularios  
Glen Cove, NY

**Steve Elias Zeis**  
Skevophylax  
Asheville, NC

# Archons Class of 2018



*Robert Andrew Buhler*



*Emanuel James Cotronakis, Esq.*



*Fotios John Frangakis*



*Phillip Menelaos Kafarakis*



*George Emanuel Loucas, Esq.*



*Angelo Nicholas Mallas*



*Matthew Mirones*



*George Frank Pappas, Esq.*



*Steve John Paragioudakis, MD*



*Michael Peter Psyslos, Esq.*



*Sarantos Theodore Vallas*



*Steve Elias Zeis*



# NATIONAL LEADERSHIP 100 SUNDAY OBSERVED FOR TENTH YEAR



*Leadership 100 members (L to R) Dr. Peter J. Panton, Constance Andrews, Marion Gouvis and Louis Malevitis with Very Rev. Timothy G. Bakakos at Assumption Church, Chicago, IL on National Leadership 100 Sunday.*



*Leadership 100 member Gus Perdikakis addresses congregation while Fr. Mark Emroll, parish priest, looks on, at Holy Trinity-St. Nicholas Church, Cincinnati, OH on National Leadership 100 Sunday. Leadership 100 members, Drs. Lew Assaley and Sotiris Pagdadis sponsored the coffee hour.*

National Leadership 100 Sunday was observed across the country for the tenth year on October 21, 2018. The celebration is held on the Sunday closest to the Feast of Saint Iakovos on October 23, in honor of the Founder of Leadership 100, Archbishop Iakovos of Blessed Memory.

“National Leadership 100 Sunday continues to demonstrate the essential role of Leadership 100 in our Church and Community consistently providing support for our Archdiocese for the last 35 years,” said Argyris Vassiliou, Chairman of Leadership 100. Theodore K. Zampetis, a member of the Executive Committee and Chairman of the National Membership Committee served as National Leadership 100 Sunday Chairman for the seventh consecutive year.

Parish Priests throughout the nation read the Encyclical

issued by His Eminence Archbishop Demetrios, Geron of America on behalf of the Holy Eparchial Synod at the Divine Liturgy. Members of Leadership 100 held programs to develop awareness of the support provided by Leadership 100 for the National Ministries of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America and for all the Metropolises.

Today, Leadership 100 counts 1,088 members from a broad spectrum of Greek Orthodox leaders, men and women of all ages from every field of endeavor. Over the last three and a half decades, \$51,044,495 in grants has been disbursed to support the National Ministries and institutions of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America, as well as Metropolis Ministries, other programs and projects that advance Orthodoxy and Hellenism, and humanitarian needs in the nation and around the world.

## Leadership 100 Provides \$250,000 For Victims of Greek Fires



Leadership 100 Chairman Argyris Vassiliou announced on September 7, 2018 that the \$200,000 approved by the Executive Committee of Leadership 100, along with an additional \$50,000 raised from members, is being used by International Orthodox Christian Charities (IOCC) for housing assistance and the relocation of victims of devastating fires in Greece. IOCC is the humanitarian relief and development agency of the Assembly of Orthodox Bishops.

IOCC has been addressing the needs of the victims of the fires in cooperation with Apostoli, the humanitarian organization of the Archdiocese of Athens. Priority for housing assistance is being given to unemployed and low-

income families who are permanent residents of the affected areas in Eastern Attica. More than 1,000 homes and other buildings were damaged and destroyed.

Vassiliou said, “The Leadership 100 gift (which was approved on August 2, 2018 in response to the appeal made by His Eminence Archbishop Demetrios) is already having an impact on the housing crisis suffered by so many of our Hellenes in Eastern Attica. IOCC/Apostoli has been effective by working with the affected municipalities. Our individual Leadership 100 members have responded with great generosity, as they have always done in past humanitarian crises.”

# ARCHBISHOP DEMETRIOS HONORED AT CHRYSANTHEMUM BALL



(L to R) James Gianakis, Fr. John Vlahos, Archbishop Demetrios, Dr. Miranda Kofinas, Lillian Johnson and Carol Contos.

The Archdiocesan Cathedral Philoptochos Society honored His Eminence Archbishop Demetrios, Geron of America at their Annual Chrysanthemum Ball on November 16, 2018, at the Metropolitan Club in New York City.

Following the invocation by His Eminence, the evening's co-chairs Carol Contos and Lillian Johnson welcomed the participants. The Dean of the Holy Trinity Archdiocesan Cathedral, Fr. John Vlahos, in his greeting spoke warmly about Archbishop Demetrios, noting his long service to the Church, his 51 years as a Bishop, "the longest service of any Bishop in the Orthodox Church." He said that even though the Archbishop is known around the world as a highly respected theologian and scholar, we know him as a pastor, as a leader, a father and a shepherd. "He brought to us the love and the living presence of Christ," he continued, "and for this pastoral care for the past 19 years we honor you today."

The President of the Archdiocesan Cathedral Philoptochos Society, Dr. Miranda Kofinas spoke about the contributions of many individuals who make the Annual Chrysanthemum Ball a reality, and thanked Mrs. Mary Jaharis, the Honorary Chair and Grand Benefactor of the event. She also outlined the many philanthropic causes supported by the Archdiocesan Cathedral Philoptochos, "which is part of the army of women," a term for the National Philoptochos and all its chapters she attributed to Archbishop Demetrios. She further said that the Cathedral Philoptochos chose this milestone of the 65th Anniversary of the Chrysanthemum Ball to honor "our beloved

Archbishop... for his extraordinary leadership, pastoral care, scholarly teachings and humanitarian offerings and enlightenment to the citizens of this country."

George Tsandikos, the Vice President of the Archdiocesan Council introduced Archbishop Demetrios and said the ministry of the Archbishop "demonstrated the healing power of Christ's truth and compassion, his message was one of unity and genuine relationships." Tsandikos added that the Archbishop "is as tireless and humble as he is distinguished... and has faithfully led this Church forward for the last 19 years and we thank God for his exemplary leadership and his pastoral love."

Following the presentation of the honor, His Eminence Archbishop Demetrios offered deep thanks to Mary Jaharis, the Cathedral Philoptochos and many of the people who have dedicated talent and wealth to the work of the Church and philanthropy. He said "the Philoptochos is an army of twenty-five thousand women who continuously offer love and care to their fellow human beings in need."

"I am deeply indebted to Philoptochos and to the *Omogeneia*, and I am also proud and boasting in the Lord only because we are blessed by God to have wonderful and loving people." The Archbishop said the work of Philoptochos can be traced back even to the first Christian century, as St. Paul in his letter to the Romans (Rom. 16: 1-16) lists a long line of women who had dedicated their lives to good deeds. His Eminence went on and said that similarly, the historian of the future will list and account the names of the women of Philoptochos and their contribution to the life of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America and American society, "because of one very important element they offer, and that is love in Christ."

Present at the event, among the many distinguished guests and supporters, were the Consul General of Greece in New York Dr. Konstantinos Koutras, the Permanent Representative of Greece to the U.N. Ambassador Maria Theofili, His Grace Bishop Apostolos of Medeia, the Rev. Dr. Robert Stephanopoulos, Dean Emeritus of the Cathedral; Consul Lana Zochiou, the President of the National Philoptochos Maria Logus, the President of the Direct Archdiocesan District Philoptochos Jennifer Constantin and the President of the Board of Trustees of the Archdiocesan Cathedral of the Holy Trinity James Gianakis.

## New Members

<u>Metropolis</u>	<u>City, State</u>	<u>Sponsor(s)</u>
<b>Direct Archdiocesan District</b>		
Anonymous	Brooklyn, NY	Stephen Cherpelis
Antony C. and Nathalie Contomichalos	New York, NY	Mike and Libby Angeliades
Nick Scandalios	New York, NY	Fr. Alexander Karloutsos and John Catsimatidis
<b>Holy Metropolis of Boston</b>		
Leonard C. and Janis LB Banos	Andover, MA	Arthur C. Anton Sr. and Thomas L. Demakes
Stephen and Michele Bebis	Weston, MA	George E. Safiol
<b>Metropolis of Atlanta</b>		
His Eminence Metropolitan Alexios	Atlanta, GA	Steve and Frosene Zeis
<b>Metropolis of Pittsburgh</b>		
Theodore and Theodora Pappas	Avon, OH	Ted and Demetra Argeroplos
<b>Metropolis of New Jersey</b>		
Andonios and Vasiliki Mistras	Wilmington, DE	Constantine G. and Dr. Maria Caras
George Z. and Linda S. Moratis	Fairfax Station, VA	Emanuel J. and Elaine Cotronakis and Perry Siatis
<b>Metropolis of Chicago</b>		
Vardaros Family	Quincy, IL	Dr. Stilianos Efstratiadis
<b>International</b>		
Andreas and Lina Patsis	Athens, Greece	Libby Angeliades and Maria Allwin

## Fulfilled Members

<b>Direct Archdiocesan District</b>		
Alexander S. Onassis Public Benefit Foundation (USA) Inc.	New York, NY	
Michael N. and Eleni K. Bapis	Manhasset, NY	
Peter G. Chiopelas	Beechhurst, NY	
Peter and Barbara Ferentinos	Smithtown, NY	
Paul P. and Denise P. Skoutelas	Washington, DC	
John C. Tsunis	Islandia, NY	
<b>Metropolis of Boston</b>		
Anatolia College	Boston, MA	
Drs. Nicolaos and Ourania Madias	Newton, MA	
<b>Metropolis of Atlanta</b>		
Fotios J. and Joyce Frangakis	Naples, FL	
<b>International</b>		
The American College of Greece	Athens, Greece	

## In Memoriam

Alexander G. Anagnos – 10/23/2018  
Fort Lee, NJ

Bess Bilidas – 2/4/2018  
Oakton, VA

Anastasia H. Cantonis – 8/24/2014  
Tarpon Springs, FL

Dr. Peter G. Economou – 10/28/2018  
Seven Hills, OH

Constantine “Gus” Giviskos – 6/17/2018  
New York, NY

Maritza Kakoyianis – 2/19/2018  
New York, NY

Dr. Anthony A. Mastor – 7/16/2018  
Los Angeles, CA

James P. Patten – 11/20/2018  
Davenport, IA

Dr. Costas A. Sarantopoulos – 8/20/2018  
Grand Junction, CO

Alexander G. Spanos – 10/9/2018  
Stockton, CA

Faye Spanos – 8/7/2018  
Stockton, CA

Penelope Vlahos – 5/17/2014  
LaGrange Park, IL

Theodore D. Vlahos – 11/5/2018  
LaGrange Park, IL

## Faye Spanos



Faye and Alex Spanos

and treasure to its mission over three decades.

"Faye was the epitome of grace and generosity. She illumined a room when she entered with her inner beauty, her giving heart, and her genuine kindness," stated His Eminence Metropolitan Gerasimos of San Francisco.

Faye Spanos peacefully passed away at age 92 on August 7, 2018. She was remembered for her grace, compassion, humility, and kindness. Her devotion to her family and her deep faith in God guided her throughout her life. She was a blessing to all who knew and loved her. She was married to Alex G. Spanos for 70 years. Together they were among the original members of Leadership 100 and contributed their time

"There are many things I will miss about Faye, but most especially her vision and commitment to the Church. Living her faith was a priority and it shone through in all her good works."

Beloved wife, mother to four children, grandmother to 15 grandchildren, and great grandmother to 12, Faye lavishly nurtured them all with love, attention, and support. Faye married the love of her life, Alex, in 1948. As their family grew and their business prospered, Faye shared their good fortune first with their large extended families and then with their community. Faye's generosity and kindness matched her husband's, and together they became benefactors and philanthropists for the Church and greater community.

Faye Spanos' Greek name "Fotini" derives from the Greek word for light. Throughout her life Faye was the light and rock for Alex and for her family. She brought balance, encouragement, faith, support and love to her family. Faye's legacy to her large family and to those who knew and loved her was her multitude of kindnesses and her fathomless compassion.

## Alex Spanos

Alex Gus Spanos, the legendary Greek American businessman and philanthropist, founder of A.G. Spanos Companies and owner of the Los Angeles Chargers NFL Franchise, passed away surrounded by his loved ones on Tuesday, October 9, 2018, just two months after the passing of his beloved wife Faye on August 7 at 92. He was 95. Both were original members of Leadership 100 who served with distinction over three decades.

Archon Depoutatos of the Ecumenical Patriarchate, former Vice President of the Archdiocesan Council of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America, Spanos was a great benefactor of the Archdiocese and the Ecumenical Patriarchate and faithful steward of the Church. In 2000, he was the recipient of the Archons' Athenagoras Human Rights Award. He also served as Chairman of Faith: An Endowment for Orthodoxy and Hellenism.

"Alex Spanos was an extraordinary man, an exemplary father to his children, grandchildren and great grandchildren; and devoted husband to his wife Faye of blessed memory. He was very dedicated to his Orthodox Christian faith and his Hellenic roots. His life and work have always been a stellar example of Christian Greek-Orthodox stewardship, stewardship to many philanthropic works, stewardship for the Church, our Archdiocese here in America and our Ecumenical Patriarchate. He is an example for all," said His Eminence Archbishop Demetrios.

Born in Stockton, CA in 1923 to Greek immigrant parents, Spanos worked in his father's bakery from a young age. He served in the Army Air Force in World War II as a tail gunner and studied at the University of the Pacific in Stockton. He married his wife Faye in 1948 and the couple raised four children- Dean, Dea, Alexis, and Michael.

Spanos founded the A.G. Spanos Companies in 1960. In 1984, he bought 60 percent of the then-San Diego Chargers, fulfilling one of his life-long goals. Since 1993, Spanos' son Dean has handled the daily operations for the NFL franchise, which is valued at \$995 million, according to Forbes. He was equally passionate about the franchise's impact off the field, implementing many Chargers' community outreach programs that exist to this day. The Chargers Community Foundation – which he created and funded – still supports numerous critical causes, individuals in need and organizations supporting the community.

Aside from being a celebrated businessman and generous philanthropist, Alex's greatest joy and source of pride was his family. His beloved wife Faye, his four children, his 15 grandchildren and his 12 great-grandchildren always came first. Throughout Alex's life, Faye, his wife of nearly 70 years, was his rock and inspiration. It was Faye's unconditional love and support that gave him the strength and peace of mind to take risks and pursue his goals unfettered. Together they contributed generously to worthy causes and charities. Hospitals, universities, scholarship funds, youth programs, sports programs, churches, schools – all were recipients of their incredible generosity.

Spanos contributed millions to schools, hospitals, and charities and received the Medal of the Commander of the Order of Honor from Greek President Karolos Papoulias in 2018. He published his autobiography, *Sharing the Wealth: My Story*, in 2002.

Through it all, Alex never forgot his roots and took immense pride in both his Hellenic heritage and Greek Orthodox faith. It was through that faith he learned compassion and empathy. Whenever he was called upon to help, he always delivered. Passionate about education, helping the underprivileged and enabling those with a dream to better their lives, he took pride in setting an example for others to follow.



Alex Spanos

## Alexander Anagnos



Alexander Anagnos

Alexander George Anagnos, of Fort Lee, New Jersey and Halcott Center, New York, a longtime member of Leadership 100 who had served on its Board of Trustees and Investment Committee, passed away at his home on October 23, 2018.

Anagnos was born on July 3, 1926 in Leominster, Massachusetts and was raised in New York City. He was married to the late Zografia "Jo" for 60 years.

He is survived by his children, George (Melanie), Maria Pierce (Bob), and Steven (Vicky) and his beloved grandchildren, Alexandra, Steven, Johnny, Michael, Tommy, Christine, Alexander and Arianna. He is predeceased by his parents, George and Marigoula.

Anagnos was a graduate of New York University and New York University Business School and Executive Director of American Securities, LP before his retirement. His lifelong commitment and love for the Greek Orthodox Church led to many roles, including President of the Parish Council of Saint Spyridon Greek Orthodox Church and President of the Saint Spyridon School Board in Washington Heights in

New York City, Treasurer of the Archdiocesan Council of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America, an Archon of the Ecumenical Patriarchate and a member of the Board of Directors of St. Michael's Home. He was a treasured member of the Halcott Center Community, where he spent his summers for 90 years with his parents, children, grandchildren and many other relatives and friends. He also enjoyed his many family trips to Greece visiting relatives, and especially enjoyed being in Deskati, where his parents were born. He loved to travel with family and friends, and thoroughly enjoyed road trips to Chicago, Maine, Florida and around the United States.

Anagnos is remembered as a loyal friend who had diverse interests. He was an avid reader and collector of books; he particularly liked visiting The Strand Bookstore in New York City. For over fifty years he played pinochle virtually every week with his childhood friends from Inwood; and, he, with other Greek friends, started an Investment Club that also lasted for years. He loved playing backgammon and would do so for hours with relatives. But his greatest joy was being a Papou and spending as much time as possible with his grandchildren. He will be remembered by all for his kind, loving and generous spirit.

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## Dr. Anthony A. Mastor

Dr. Anthony A. and Sophie Mastor receive the Obelisk as Fulfilled Members of Leadership 100 from His Eminence Metropolitan Savas of Pittsburgh at the 27th Annual Leadership 100 Conference in February of 2018. A prominent Los Angeles, California economist and businessman, Dr. Mastor passed away July 16, 2018.



## COSMOS FM HONORS MICHAEL PSAROS

By Revekka Papadopoulos



(L to R) Fr. Elias Villis, Michael Psaros, Ioanna Giannopoulou, Director of Operations, Cosmos FM, and Kostas Angeloudis, GAEPIS Inc. Chairman.

Hellenic Public Radio - "Cosmos FM 91.5" honored Michael G. Psaros, a member of the Leadership 100 Board of Trustees and co-founder of KPS Capital Partners, LP, with its 2018 Phidippides Award at their 22nd Annual Gala held on Saturday, November 3rd at the Terrace on the Park in Flushing, New York.

In his acceptance speech, Psaros thanked the Board of Directors of the Greek American Educational Public Information System (GAEPIS), the station's parent organization for this recognition, saying that "Cosmos FM has been a part of my family since 1989."

"This honor belongs to my parents, George and Mary Ann and Robin, my wife of almost 25 years. My parents are the reason I have dedicated a life of service to serve our Church, Hellenism, and the Omogenia." He thanked his wife "for allowing our family to devote the time and resources to serve our Church and the many Hellenic causes we are committed to, often at great sacrifice to our family."

He went on saying that "this honor is uniquely special because my family and I share the values and value system that is promoted and advocated by Cosmos FM everyday on this radio" and encouraged everyone to support the

"only daily bilingual non commercial public radio that serves the issues of the Hellenic Community", promising that he will make every year "a very meaningful matching gift to challenge the listeners to give more".

Stating that "we are going to build St. Nicholas Church", Psaros noted that he along with Elaine Allen, the newly appointed treasurer of the Archdiocesan Council, are two of the incorporators of the new entity, "The Friends of St. Nicholas", which will oversee the fundraising efforts.

Demetrios Papacostas of Bloomberg LP emceed the event while Stelios Taketzis, Cosmos FM Volunteer / Producer, welcomed the over 200 attendees. Among them were Consul General of Greece, Dr. Konstantinos Koutras, Consul Lana Zochiou, Maria Theofili and Kornelios Korneliou, Ambassadors of Greece and Cyprus to the UN, respectively, and Paulette Poulos, Executive Director of Leadership 100.

George Stamas, Senior Partner - Gibson Dunn & Crutcher LLP, and Hellenic Initiative President, spoke about the honoree as did Kostas Angeloudis, chairman of GAEPIS. Very Reverend Archimandrite Eugene Pappas of the Three Hierarchs Church in Brooklyn along with Fr. Elias Villis of Our Savior Church in Rye, offered the opening and closing prayers.



## MICHAEL JOHNSON HONORED WITH 2018 JAHARIS SERVICE AWARD



*Michael Johnson receives the 2018 Jaharis Service Award from Jaharis Family Foundation Executive Director Peggy Nicholson.*

The previous recipients of this prestigious award were John Payiavlas (2016), Chairman Emeritus and Chairman of the Nominating Committee of Leadership 100, and Peter Vlachos (2017), a member of the Leadership 100 Board of Trustees and Chairman of the Investment Committee.

Michael S. Johnson was drafted during the Korean War and served from September 1950 to December 1952. He completed basic infantry training at Fort Dix in New Jersey and was then assigned to Fort Belvoir in Virginia, where he taught photogrammetry and interpretation of aerial photographs.

Michael Johnson, a member of the Leadership 100 Board of Trustees, was honored with the 2018 *Jaharis Service Award* by the Washington Oxi Day Foundation at a ceremony at the National World War II Memorial in Washington, DC on October 25, 2018. This award is presented each year during the celebration of #OXIcourage in Washington, DC. It celebrates the life and legacy of Michael Jaharis, a Founder of Leadership 100, by recognizing an individual for their dedicated service to the country during the Korean War and for their many contributions, in the spirit of Michael Jaharis, to the Greek-American community, to the United States and to the world. The award was presented to Johnson by the Executive Director of the Jaharis Family Foundation, Peggy Sotirhos Nicholson.

In June 1951, Johnson was transferred to the Armed Forces Special Weapons Project (AFSWP), headquartered at the Pentagon. Working together with the Atomic Energy Commission (AEC), he was involved with a program at the Nevada test site that consisted of detonating 15 atomic bombs, carrying from 1 to 31 kilotons, to obtain the first ever measurements of the heat and blast effects. Johnson offered advice (as a non-commissioned officer) and witnessed the detonation of all 15 bombs, one of which was the size of the bombs dropped at Hiroshima and Nagasaki.

Johnson was born in Maryville, Missouri in 1926. His father emigrated to America at age 14 in 1903. Johnson graduated from The Ohio State University in 1949 with a



*Washington Oxi Day Foundation President and Founder Andy Manatos with Johnson.*

BA and MSc in Geology. He enjoyed a successful career in the oil and gas business, highlighted by his participation in the discovery of the Parshall Oil Field in North Dakota, one of the largest oil fields in North America. In 2008, he was awarded the prestigious “Outstanding Explorer” Award by the American Association of Petroleum Geologists. His exploration efforts over the past 57 years include over 10 oil discoveries spanning the entire Rocky Mountain Region, as well as projects in Greece, Italy, Guatemala, Panama and Canada.

For the past 60 years, Johnson has been an active supporter of Hellenism and Orthodoxy in the U.S. He is a member of FAITH, serves on the Board of Trustees for Leadership 100 and served for over 20 years on the Archdiocesan Council (where he first met Michael Jaharis). He has been a member of the Order of Saint Andrew since 1980 and is a major financial supporter of the Archdiocese, among several other causes. Johnson presently lives in Denver, Colorado with his wife, Katherine, of 59 years. They have two children, Alicia and Mark, and two grandchildren.

## THE AUTHENTIC ATHENS MARATHON



On November 11th, 2018, Lee Ann and George Anderson, members of Leadership 100, completed The Authentic Athens Marathon. The couple power-walked the 26.2-mile course originally run by Pheidippides to announce the victory of the Battle of Marathon to the Athenians. Lee Ann and George were part of a group of friends that participated in the Marathon to support and raise funds for the Benaki Museum in Athens.





## 28<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL LEADERSHIP 100 CONFERENCE

The Boca Raton Resort Club  
February 21-24, 2019

### PROGRAM

#### Thursday February 21:

9:00 am - 4:00 pm	Registration/Hospitality	Camino Foyer
8:45 am - 9:45 am	Opening Breakfast:	Great Hall South
9:45 am - 10:45 am	<i>Forum Speakers: Fr. Alexander Goussietis and Presvytera Kerry Pappas</i>	Great Hall South
11:00 am - 12:30 pm	Bible Study	Great Hall North
12:30 pm - 1:30 pm	Luncheon	Great Hall South
1:30 pm - 3:30 pm	<i>Health Forum: Moderator, George D. Behrakis</i>	Great Hall South
4:15 pm - 5:00 pm	New Members / First Timers Orientation	Madrid Room
5:00 pm - 5:30 pm	Champagne Reception	Camino Hall
5:30 pm - 7:00 pm	Concert	Great Hall North
7:00 pm - 10:00 pm	Welcome Reception	Garden Pool
		Back up: Great Hall South

#### Friday February 22:

9:00 am - 5:00 pm	Registration/Hospitality	Camino Foyer
8:30 am - 9:15 am	Breakfast	Great Hall South
9:30 am - 10:30 am	Lecture: Archbishop Demetrios	Great Hall North
10:30 am - 1:00 pm	General Assembly	Great Hall North
1:00 pm - 2:00 pm	Luncheon	Great Hall South
2:00 pm - 3:00 pm	<i>Forum Speaker: George Veras</i>	Great Hall South
3:00 pm - 3:45 pm	Partners Breakout session	Madrid Room
6:15 pm - 7:00 pm	Partners/Young Professionals Reception	Camino Hall
7:00 pm - 11:00 pm	Hellenic Glendi	Great Hall North & South

#### Saturday February 23:

7:45 am - 8:45 am	8 <sup>th</sup> Annual Walk/Run	TBD
8:00 am - 1:00 pm	Golf Tournament	Golf Course
9:00 am - 1:00 pm	Tennis Tournament	Tennis Courts
9:00 am - 12:00 pm	Brunch	Great Hall South
10:45 am - 12:00 pm	<i>Forum Speaker: Stellene Volandes</i>	Great Hall South
10:00 am - 2:00 pm	Kids Program	Madrid Room/Marina
1:00 pm - 2:00 pm	Golf/Tennis Awards Luncheon - <b>Players Only</b>	Golf Course Club House
5:45 pm - 6:30 pm	Obelisk and Icon Photo Presentation	Madrid Room
6:00 pm - 7:00 pm	Grand Banquet Reception	Camino Garden, Hall & Foyers
7:00 pm - 11:00 pm	Grand Banquet (Black Tie)	Great Hall North & South
11:00 pm - 1 am	After Hours Social	Camino Hall

#### Sunday February 24:

8:30 am	Transportation to Church	West Lawn Walkway
8:45 am	Orthros	St. Mark's Church
9:45 am - 1:00 pm	Hierarchical Divine Liturgy	2100 NW 51 Street Boca Raton, FL 561-994-4822



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