

# THE LEADER



*The Leaders of Leadership 100 gather at 26<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference. Left to Right standing Chairman Emeritus Charles H. Cotros, Chairman Emeritus George D. Bebrakis, Current Chairman George S. Tsandikos, Chairman Emeritus Constantine G. Caras and Founder Peter M. Dion. Left to Right seated, Chairman Emeritus Stephen G. Yeonas, Founder and Chairman Emeritus Arthur C. Anton and Chairman Emeritus John A. Payiaulas.*

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## CHRISTOS ANESTI!



George S. Tsandikos

As you and your families enjoy the blessings of this Paschal season, I am mindful of the many milestones of Leadership 100, now in the 33rd year since our founding.

The 26th Annual Leadership 100 Conference was a resounding success with 500 members and guests attending. His Eminence Archbishop Demetrios and I conferred the Archbishop Iakovos Award for Excellence upon Dr. Anthony S. Papadimitriou, President of the Onassis Foundation, James S. Chanos, the pioneering investment manager, Jonathan Jackson, the Emmy Award-winning actor, musician and author, and Gus Kalaris, founder and owner of Constantine Wines, Inc.

A special Archbishop Iakovos Founders Award was presented to Chairman Emeritus Stephen G. Yeonas, for his contributions both as National Membership Chairman and as Chairman of Leadership 100.

In addition to the speakers above, Archbishop Demetrios delivered the

traditional and inspirational Bible Study and Lecture to packed audiences and the dynamic Director of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese Department of Youth & Young Adult and Camping Ministries, Steven Christoforou, gave an inspiring talk at the Opening Forum.

The Conference capped a highly successful period in recruiting new members, which brought our total membership to 1,034, with 597 fulfilled members. Our annual contributions also significantly increased to \$2.7 million, bringing the total of inviolate contributions to \$77.4 million and total assets to \$93.2 million.

The Executive Committee, meeting at the Conference, approved new grants for 2017 of \$1,167,120 and prior commitments of \$1,471,400, for a total of \$2,638,520 in grants to be distributed in 2017. Total grants to date since the founding of Leadership 100 in 1984 now total \$48,119,282. Over the same period, additional gifts from Leadership 100 members totaled \$2,773,137.

For all these achievements, I am most grateful for the guidance and inspiration of His Eminence Archbishop Demetrios, together with the support and dedication of our Hierarchs, our Founders and Chairmen Emeriti, the Executive Committee, Board of Trustees, fellow Officers, Committee Chairmen and our outstanding and committed Executive Director, Paulette Poulos. We are indebted to them for growing the mission of Leadership 100.

These dedicated leaders have insured that Leadership 100 fulfills its stated purpose of supporting the National Ministries of the Greek Orthodox

Archdiocese of America while advancing Orthodoxy and Hellenism.

In this issue of *The Leader*, Leadership 100 pays special tribute to our Founder and Chairman Emeritus Arthur C. Anton and Founder Peter M. Dion, along with our other Chairmen Emeriti, John A. Payiavlas, George D. Behrakis, Stephen G. Yeonas, Constantine G. Caras and Charles H. Cotros. They have remained tireless in their efforts to build our organization as one of the primary charitable entities in our Community and in our Nation. They are pictured on the cover.

Inspired by Archbishop Iakovos, these extraordinary individuals have created a strong foundation along with five of our Founders of Blessed Memory, Andrew A. Athens, Tom Athens, George K. Chimples, Michael Jaharis and George P. Kokalis. Andrew A. Athens, George K. Chimples and George P. Kokalis also served as Chairmen.

As Leadership 100 moves forward toward ever greater goals in the coming years, let us together acknowledge the contributions of these Churchmen who form a significant part of our Hellenic Heritage.

May God bestow blessings upon each and every one of you and your families as together we look to our Resurrected Lord for hope, renewal and eternal life.

*With warm regards,*

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "George S. Tsandikos".

**George S. Tsandikos**  
Chairman

## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE APPROVES \$2.6 MILLION IN GRANTS

The Executive Committee, meeting on Wednesday, February 8, 2017, prior to the program at the 26th Annual Leadership 100 Conference at the Eau Palm Beach Resort & Spa in Manalapan, Florida, approved new grants for 2017 of \$1,167,120 and prior commitments of \$1,471,400, for a total of \$2,638,520 in grants to be distributed in 2017, according to George S. Tsandikos, Chairman.

Total grants to date since the founding of Leadership 100 in 1984 now total \$48,119,282. Over the same period, additional gifts from Leadership 100 members totaled \$2,773,137.

The new grants included:

- The Department of Youth and Young Adult Ministries - \$270,000 for the Metropolis Camping Ministries program.
- The National Finance Committee - \$144,300 for the continuation of the Orthodox Software Initiative to create and distribute a parish-based software management system that facilitates more consistent and accurate reporting, financial tracking, and communication at the Archdiocese and Metropolis levels.
- The Department of Greek Education - \$106,300 to produce a new Greek-language textbook on “Greek History, Monuments and Culture,” whose contents will include the “global-reach accomplishments and contributions of Greek ancestors, the self-sacrifice of the Greek people for freedom, and indomitable Greek spirit against oppression, the preservation of the Greek language, religion and culture against all odds and over centuries, and the Greek civilizations, museums and monuments waiting to be discovered.”
- The Department of Inter-Orthodox, Ecumenical and Interfaith Relations - \$100,000, \$90,000 for the organization of the Religious Freedom and the First Amendment conference, including the production of a video that highlights the importance of religious liberty for all people, and \$10,000 to publish two volumes of the Faith Matters Series related to the Holy and Great Council, for distribution to every parish of the Archdiocese, as well as Orthodox seminaries and ecumenical religious leaders.
- Greek Orthodox Telecommunications (GO Telecom) - \$90,690 to produce the “Speaking to God” 26-episode video series highlighting prayers composed by His Eminence Archbishop Demetrios of America in his book, “Speaking to God.” The videos will each be about three minutes in length, and distributed via the Archdiocese website, all social media, and on DVDs sent free of charge to all Sunday Schools throughout the Archdiocese.
- The Department of Youth and Young Adult Ministries - \$62,000 to produce an “Introduction to Orthodox Christianity” 20-episode video series introducing youth, young adults and catechumens to the basics of the Orthodox Christian Church. No such video series currently exists specifically targeting these demographics.
- The Department of Stewardship, Outreach and Evangelism - \$61,200 for the Home Mission Parish Grant, to provide monthly supplemental support for the compensation of full-time clergy assigned to seven (7) mission parishes, until the parishes become self-sufficient.
- The Center for Family Care - \$47,000 for the Personhood and Sexuality Education Planning project (to be implemented in coordination with the Departments of Religious Education and Youth & Young Adult Ministries), to organize events, conduct research and provide Orthodox Christian responses in ministering to families and young children dealing with sexual identity issues.
- The Department of Youth and Young Adult Ministries - \$45,000, a second grant to continue Youth Protection Administration, to help provide minimum youth protection training and screening for all youth workers across the Archdiocese, not just for camps and retreats under current mandates.
- The Department of Youth and Young Adult Ministries - \$37,700, a second grant to expand and strengthen the Summer Leadership Institute of the Orthodox Christian Fellowship (OCF) Campus Ministry.
- The Department of Religious Education - \$15,930, working with the American Bible Society to distribute free Military Bibles to military personnel and Youth Bibles to Sunday School and Metropolis Camp students.
- Center for Family Care - \$12,000 for the Clergy and Seminarian Couple Care to fund up to five clergy couples in greatest distress to attend the “Kairos” therapy program at the Pastoral Institute in Columbus, GA.
- The Department of Youth and Young Adult Ministries - \$15,000 to fund the third season of the “Be the Bee” retreats (or BeeTreats) which offer youth retreats and programs for parents, youth workers, and young adults in at least eight cities across the United States.

- Metropolis of Atlanta, Family Life Ministry - \$100,000 to strengthen individuals, families and church families through creation of adaptable programs, blogs and educational materials as a means of fostering connection within home and parishes.

- Ecumenical Patriarchate - \$50,000 for the Fourth International Conference on Pastoral Care in Rhodes, Greece.

The prior grant commitments included:

- Hellenic College / Holy Cross Scholarship Program - \$1,000,000 annually (through 2018).

- Department of Inter-Orthodox, Ecumenical and Interfaith Relations' "Ministry Development and Enhancement Project"- \$215,000, to include Assembly of Canonical Orthodox Bishops (\$150,000), The Holy and Great Council (\$10,000), Orthodox-

Catholic Theological Dialogue & Consultation (\$45,000) and Ancient Eastern Orthodox Churches meetings (\$10,000).

- Small Parish Program - \$155,000.

- Archdiocese Presbyters Council- \$45,000 for National Clergy Retreat.

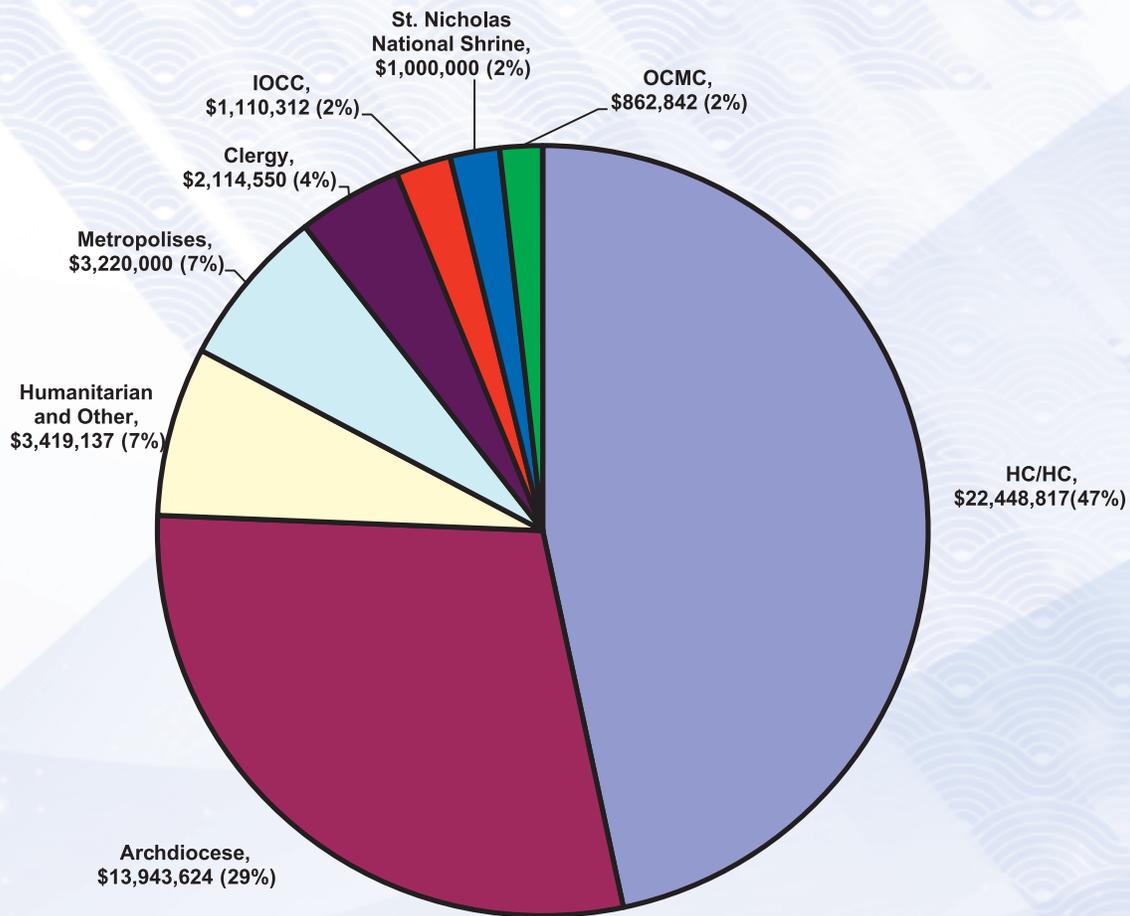
- Orthodox Christian Mission Center (OCMC) - \$36,000, for second year of "Mission Team Scholarship" program.

- National Sisterhood of Presvyteres - \$15,000, for Presvyteres Retreat.

- Metropolis of Denver - \$10,000 for Clergy Support.

- Retired Clergy in Need - \$5,400 annually.

*Leadership 100* GRANTS



**TOTAL GRANTS DISTRIBUTED SINCE INCEPTION: \$48,119,282.**

## Leadership 100 Executive Committee Approves \$250,000 Gift To Rebuild Devastated Ionian Village in Greece



***Ionian Village Damage***

The Leadership 100 Executive Committee, at a special meeting on December 20, 2016, unanimously approved a gift of \$250,000 toward the rebuilding of the Ionian Village, the Greek Orthodox Archdiocesan Summer Camp in Greece, which was devastated by a tornado formed in the Ionian Sea making landfall on September 8, 2016, according to George S. Tsandikos, Chairman.

Tsandikos stated: “The Ionian Village has been the centerpiece of the Archdiocese youth program and has introduced generations of Greek American Orthodox youth to their Faith and Heritage in a hospitable environment.”

While there was massive damage inflicted on the camp, no one was injured. Most buildings remain intact, but almost everything else, from air conditioners and water heaters to doors and windows, suffered major damage, according to Fr. Evagoras Constantinides, Ionian Village Director. “Also, more than 600 trees were either ripped from the ground or broken apart due to the heavy winds, eliminating almost every tree on the campus,” he added.

The total estimated cost of repair, which also includes the exterior of the Chapel and cross on top of the dome, driveways, walkways and fences, housing complex for animals, the lighting system, basketball court and amphitheater, is \$1,500,000. A major Ionian Village Rebuilding Fundraising effort is underway among individuals, parishes, Greek Orthodox organizations and other foundations and entities.



GREEK ORTHODOX ARCHDIOCESE OF AMERICA

December 29, 2016

Mr. George Tsandikos, Chairman  
Miss Paulette Poulos, Executive Director  
Archbishop Iakovos Leadership 100 Endowment Fund  
Olympic Tower  
645 Fifth Avenue, Suite 405  
New York, New York 10022

Dear Mr. Tsandikos, Miss Paulette, Members of the Board of Trustees  
and Members of the Leadership 100 Endowment Fund,

On the occasion of the most sacred Feast of the Epiphany of Our Lord Jesus Christ and the dawn of the New Year, I offer you my heartfelt best wishes that all the joy of this sacred season may be yours.

I write to you today to thank you for the \$250,000 grant for the rebuilding of Ionian Village whose campus was struck by a tornado that ravaged significant areas of the idyllic property by the sea. The damage caused by the cataclysmic weather struck at the root of the vitality of the camp—the infrastructure.

Your assistance will help in replacing the electrical, plumbing, and irrigation systems that were destroyed. Furthermore, this offering will ensure that the rebuilding will be done according to established code specifications ensuring the safety of the campers for generations to come.

The Ionian Village ministry is a particularly important ministry of the Archdiocese as this high impact Greek experience fosters an attachment to our ancestral homeland and nurtures the identity development of our young in a manner that is in keeping with our precious cultural and spiritual heritage.

I reiterate my gratitude to the members of the Archbishop Iakovos Leadership 100 Endowment Fund for your generosity. In supporting the ministries of the Archdiocese, you build upon a sacred bedrock — our identity in Christ and you nurture the perpetuation of a Hellenic culture that is deeply aligned with the Orthodox Church.

I pray that the Incarnate God dwell in your hearts and bless you as you carry on the creative continuation of your important work for the Church in the New Year, 2017.

With paternal love and  
high esteem in Christ,

*Archbishop Demetrios of America*

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## GREEK ORTHODOX ARCHDIOCESE OF AMERICA

### OFFICE OF IONIAN VILLAGE

Leadership 100  
Olympic Tower, 645 Fifth Ave, Suite 405  
New York, NY 10022

January 3, 2017

Dear Leadership 100,

Every morning at Ionian Village, we celebrate Othros. In this service, we chant a verse that has been in my head constantly these past few days: "This is the Lord's doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes." Since the tornado first touched down at Ionian Village and word spread, I have indeed seen marvelous things happen.

The damage done to our beautiful Ionian Village campgrounds is extensive. Each day as I walk through the camp, surveying the damage, I keep this verse in my head. Almost fifty years ago, His Eminence Archbishop Iakovos had the vision for a camp in Greece for Greek Americans. He started with a piece of land on the sea. A piece of land that was nothing more than sand - no pine trees, no flowers, no grass, no Chapel. On this sand, he planted trees, constructed buildings, and made a camp. He created a paradise, a home away from home for thousands of future campers, a place of faith, friendship, and spiritual rejuvenation. "This is the Lord's doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes."

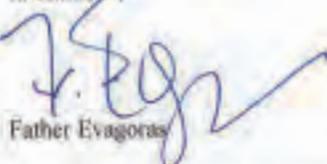
Over 18,000 people have passed through the front gates of Ionian Village. All came to intimately know the grounds during their time here. Now, the grounds as we knew them will change. Many of the trees planted in those first years that witnessed the miracle of the camp take place year after year have been ripped from the ground, falling into buildings or breaking apart walkways. There is much work ahead of us: first, to clear the land, and then to repair and rebuild. The landscape of the camp will forever be changed.

But these changes are merely cosmetic, because as I have said so many times: Ionian Village is more than just a summer camp. A camper recently wrote on Facebook "I will never not love Ionian Village." I know that's how so many of our alumni, friends and supporters feel. I know this because of the massive and heartwarming response we have had to our emergency fundraising campaign. In this difficult time, it is encouraging and reassuring to think that the new landscape of the camp will be a reflection of this outpouring of love and support by our Ionian Village family. "This is the Lord's doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes."

You are a part of this amazing effort, and I want to personally thank you for your donation of \$250,000.00 to the Ionian Village Emergency Disaster Fund. Your donation will go directly towards the huge task we have in front of us to not only restore Ionian Village, but to make the campgrounds better and more beautiful than ever.

I pray that Saint Dionysios guide, guard and protect your family, as he continues to watch over Ionian Village, and I again thank you on behalf of the entire Ionian Village family, past present, and most especially future.

In Christ,

  
Father Evagoras

*God Bless you all!*

## Ionian Village Alumni



Dear Friends,

Xristos Anesti!

Last year, as Maria and I packed up after another successful summer of Ionian Village, I looked around the camp and was happy. After five years at the helm of this massive and life-transforming ministry, I finally felt that we had reached peaks unseen in years. The camp facility was running more efficiently than ever before: we made several major upgrades to the campus, we built relationships with the local townspeople and our neighbors, we modified the daily schedule and each of our excursions to maximize the experience for our campers, and we did it all while continuing to bring our Staff and campers into a loving and meaningful relationship with Jesus Christ. I was happy. As we pulled away from the camp, I wondered when I would return, as I didn't think that the camp would need the constant attention and renovations that we had been doing over the past several winters. We pulled away happy, feeling a sense of pride and satisfaction.

You all know what happened next. Eight days later, I was back in Greece, this time looking at destruction all around the campus. The beautiful facility that had served as the home for thousands of Staff and campers over the past 46 years was scarred by the devastation of a tornado. The aftereffects of the storm resulted in the removal of over 700 broken or damaged trees, along with numerous walkways, windows, doors, and other permanent fixtures of the camp. In addition was the complete destruction of the electrical, plumbing, and irrigation systems of the camp. In those first days, we surveyed what needed to be done and I quickly became overwhelmed at the scope of work to be completed.

At the same time, I was overwhelmed at the response from our family of friends and alumni. We launched an online donation system, and within 24 hours raised over \$30,000. In the first

week, we closed in on over \$75,000. Over the next months, donations continued to stream into our office from all across the Archdiocese: from a former camper who signed up to donate \$5.00 a month, to parishes and local Philoptochos and GOYA chapters, to our national organizations, AHEPA, National Philoptochos, and the Metropolis of San Francisco FDF. Then in December, in an unparalleled showing of love and support, Leadership 100, in a unanimous decision, gifted \$250,000 to the Renew IV campaign.

With this outpouring of support, work began almost immediately after the tornado. By the Grace of God, and the dedicated work of our contractors and vendors in Greece, we are on schedule to have the camp completely ready for Summer 2017. This work was met with some pain, tribulation and struggle, but the response from across the Archdiocese, and indeed the world, shows each of us what an important ministry Ionian Village is in the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America.

While the grounds will now be different, our team here in New York has been working all year long to ensure that even in the face of this unexpected difficulty, the quality of our program would not be affected, but rather will only get better. Ionian Village has always been more than just a summer camp. It was conceived as a "golden bridge" to connect Greek-Americans to their roots. Our mission now is the same as it was in the 1970's: to enrich the lives of campers and Staff by bringing them into close contact with their Orthodox faith and Hellenic heritage. This is something we do not take lightly, and we look forward to welcoming a new group of campers and Staff to Ionian Village this summer!

So as we embark on another summer at Ionian Village, please join me in prayer for all of the Staff and campers that will be a part of this amazing experience. Pray that even though the campus is changed, God and His saints will continue to open the minds and the hearts of our young people to hear His message of love and acceptance. Pray for all of us, as we pray for all of you, and have an amazing summer!

With much love and respect,  
Father Evagoras

## Greek Orthodox Archdiocese to Continue Leadership 100 Funded Fellowships at the UN



*Greek Orthodox Archdiocese UN Program event at Church Center for the UN.*

The Department of Inter-Orthodox, Ecumenical and Interfaith Relations of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America is inviting graduate and recent post-graduate students to apply for its fellowships at the United Nations, a program of its Faith-based Diplomacy and Advocacy Initiative launched in 2015 with \$300,000 in funding from Leadership 100. Since then, a total of three fellowships have been granted.

“Our programs at the U.N. have been growing every year and continue to effectively represent the Church in civil society,” said the Rev. Dr. Nathanael Symeonides, Director of the Department. “We want to continue bringing Orthodox Christians into these fellowships to empower them as future professionals, diplomats, policy-makers and advocates.”

Two applicants will be selected for yearlong stipend fellowships that will begin in the fall of 2017. The fellows will work in New York City in the department’s office at the Church Center for the United Nations.

Fellows will focus their work at the U.N. in three main areas: human rights, environment, or humanitarianism.

Among other activities, fellows will have the opportunity to join and participate in the work of nongovernmental organization committees at the U.N., assist in formulating oral and written statements and interventions, plan and host events during U.N. Economic and Social Council functional commissions, and participate in panel discussions at future biennial national Clergy-Laity Congresses.

For more information about the program and to apply for a fellowship, visit [un.goarch.org/fellowship](http://un.goarch.org/fellowship).

The deadline for submitting an application for a 2017-2018 fellowship is May 15, 2017.

The Greek Orthodox Archdiocese is accredited as the Greek Orthodox Archdiocesan Council (GOAC) through the United Nations Department of Public Information and has General Consultative Status under the United Nations Economic and Social Council. It has been actively engaged at the UN for more than 35 years.

## Leadership 100 Support of Orthodox Christian Network

*by Demetra Ganius Soterakis*



*Connecting to OCN*

Leadership 100 has provided generous support for Orthodox Christian Network (OCN) over many years. The most recent grant was for \$250,000 over two years, 2015 and 2016. Total grant support from 2001 was \$450,000.

OCN has become a pivotal player in helping millions of Orthodox Christians connect to their faith. OCN’s website, [myocn.net](http://myocn.net), is something of a “dashboard” to keep Orthodoxy reachable and relevant. It is a resource to read, watch, and worship... taking Orthodoxy off the page of Scripture and into our hands, thanks to our app Spark OCN.

As a member of Leadership 100 and the Board of Orthodox Christian Network, I can attest that OCN has become an amazing ministry with the critical support provided by Leadership 100:

- More than 735,000 viewers a week, worldwide.
- More than 6,000 Orthodox news stories, videos, programs and interviews shared in just two years of our partnership.

With such support, OCN has become a voice for Orthodoxy throughout the world. Having spent my career in broadcast journalism, I believe it’s invaluable to create content that helps make Orthodox Christians a united, powerful force.

For the first time this year, OCN will celebrate a 30 Under 30 Initiative. We are working to identify 30 emerging leaders of our faith, under the age of 30, who personally and/or professionally further the impact of Orthodoxy.

We kindly invite members of Leadership 100 to nominate such trailblazers so we may honor them in the fall of 2017.

Orthodox Christian Network is grateful to Leadership 100 for furthering its Media Ministry Missions.



**LEADERSHIP 100 ENDOWMENT FUND  
1989 - 2017 GRANTS**

<b>Hellenic College / Holy Cross School of Theology</b>	<b>\$ 22,448,817</b>
Hellenic College / Holy Cross Scholarship Program *	19,403,617
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
<b>Greek Orthodox Archdiocese</b>	<b>\$ 13,943,624</b>
Inter-Orthodox, Ecumenical & Interfaith Relations	1,875,000
Marriage and Family	1,736,990
Internet Ministry and Technology Infrastructure	1,561,700
Outreach & Evangelism / Home Missions	1,372,730
Archdiocese Administration, Management, and Leadership Training	1,334,086
Youth, Young Adult, and Camping Ministries	1,022,030
Greek Orthodox Telecommunications	970,190
Communications and Radio Ministry	723,659
Parish Development and Stewardship	658,241
Religious Education	647,998
Department of Registry	575,000
Greek Education	416,700
Archives	400,000
Digital Typikon Liturgical and Library Project	330,000
St. Basil Academy (Archpastorate of Archbishop Michael)	69,300
Special Gift for the Restoration of Ionian Village	250,000
<b>Humanitarian Assistance and Other Grants</b>	<b>\$ 3,419,137</b>
The Ecumenical Patriarchate (Various Grants)	765,000
Orthodox Christian Network	450,000
September 11 Relief Fund	400,000
Various Ministries	263,335
Institute on Religion and World Affairs of Boston University	260,040
Video Documentaries	219,680
National Forum of Greek Orthodox Church Musicians	208,000
Orthodox Christian Prison Ministry	162,882
Patriarch Athenagoras Orthodox Institute	157,200
Fordham University - Orthodox Christian Studies Center	133,000
Greek Fire Relief Fund	100,000
Hurricane Sandy Relief Fund	100,000
Greek Earthquake Relief Fund	100,000
Primary Health Care in Southern Albania (SAE)	100,000

\* As of November 2016, 161 recipients of Leadership 100 scholarships are graduates that have been ordained, 74 seminarians are still in School, and 68 recipients are working for the Church in some capacity.

<b>Metropolis Ministries</b>	<b>\$ 3,220,000</b>
Metropolis Youth Camps	1,980,000
Metropolis Ministries Outreach	540,000
Metropolis of Boston - Emerging Leaders Ministry	200,000
Metropolis of San Francisco - Family Wellness Center	200,000
Metropolis of Atlanta - Family Life Ministry	300,000

<b>Clergy</b>	<b>\$ 2,114,550</b>
Increased Retired Clergy Pensions	906,300
Eliminated Student Loans of Active Priests	885,000
Archdiocesan Presbyters Council - Clergy Retreats, Wellness, Clergy Benevolence	219,000
National Presvyteres Retreat	59,250
	45,000

<b>International Orthodox Christian Charities (IOCC)</b>	<b>\$ 1,110,312</b>
International Orthodox Christian Charities (IOCC)	989,362
Hurricane Katrina Relief (including gifts from Leadership 100 members)	120,950

<b>Special Gift to St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church and National Shrine at the World Trade Center</b>	<b>\$ 1,000,000</b>
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<b>Orthodox Christian Mission Center (OCMC)</b>	<b>\$ 862,842</b>
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<b>Total Grants Distributed by Leadership 100</b>	<b>\$ 48,119,282</b>
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<b>Additional Gifts from Leadership 100 Members</b>	<b>\$ 2,773,137</b>
<b>(individual donations from Leadership 100 members not included above)</b>	
St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church and National Shrine at the World Trade Center	2,250,558
Greek Fire Relief Fund	200,029
September 11 Relief Fund	187,550
Leadership 100 Fitness Center at Hellenic College / Holy Cross	135,000

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ΠΟΙΜΑΝΤΙΚΗ ΔΙΑΚΟΝΙΑ ΣΤΟ ΧΩΡΟ ΤΗΣ ΥΓΕΙΑΣ

PASTORAL HEALTH CARE  
OF THE ECUMENICAL PATRIARCHATE

June 27, 2016

His Eminence,  
Archbishop Demetrios of America,  
Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America  
8 East 79th Street, New York, NY 10075, USA

Your Eminence,

As you know, *The Network of the Ecumenical Patriarchate for Pastoral Health Care* has become a vessel in facilitating cooperation, coordination and enlightenment amongst all the Metropolises that belong spiritually and administratively to the Patriarchate and amongst representatives of the other Autocephalous Orthodox Churches, theological schools and ecclesiastical academies, in addition to healthcare professionals. It now serves as a witness of the pastoral dimension of our Mother Church and Orthodoxy at large.

Besides the past three International Conferences that have taken place in Rhodes (2008, 2011, 2014), the *Patriarchal Network* has organized seminars and has taken part in special events, giving the opportunity to both clergy and health care professionals to share and learn from one another, fostering to promote high quality care on all levels of human existence. The *Patriarchal Network* has also established working relations with other Orthodox Patriarchates and Autocephalous Churches, other Christian confessions and with various organizations that are related to pastoral and health care.

This past February, the members of *Steering Committee of the Patriarchal Network* met at the Phanar. During this meeting, the members of the Committee concluded that in our times man has

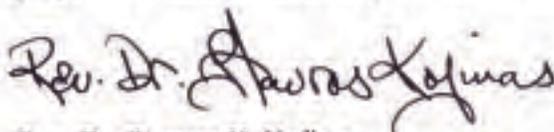
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become overwhelmed with a sense of hopelessness and lack of meaning. More so, there appears to be a misunderstanding of the meaning of hope itself, particularly in the way it is expressed in Orthodox anthropology and ascetic life.

Noting the above, in our meeting with His All-Holiness, we proposed that the 4<sup>th</sup> *International Conference of the Ecumenical Patriarchate for Pastoral Health* take place in Rhodes between the 11<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> of October, 2017 with the theme: “*For my strength is made perfect in weakness – finding hope in the difficulties of life*”. Hearing our proposal, His All-Holiness enthusiastically gave his blessing.

*On behalf of the members of the Steering Committee, I would like to humbly request that Leadership 100 support this event and the ongoing projects of the Patriarchal Network with the amount of \$50,000.* Knowing your pastoral concern and your discretion as a spiritual father, in addition to *Leadership 100's* sensitivity concerning pastoral care and the dedication of its Board of Trustees towards the Ecumenical Patriarchate, we are confident that you will support our mission as you have in the past.

Thanking you for your support and asking you for your paternal prayers, I remain an unworthy servant of our Lord,



**Rev. Dr. Stavros K. Kofinas**  
*Coordinator of the Network of the Ecumenical Patriarchate  
for Pastoral Health Care*

Cc. : Ms. Paulette Poulos, Executive Director of “Leadership 100”

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**ΙΕΡΑ ΜΗΤΡΟΠΟΛΙΣ ΑΤΛΑΝΤΑΣ**

April 19, 2017

Leadership 100  
Olympic Tower  
645 5th Ave #906  
New York, NY 10022

My Dear Paulette and George,

*ΧΡΙΣΤΟΣ ΑΝΕΕΘΗ!*  
*Christ is Risen! Truly He is Risen!*

I greet you with a joyful and thankful heart in the name of our Risen Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!

At this holy season, it seems particularly appropriate to thank you for your kind thoughts and good wishes, and for remembering me with such a beautiful card. I can assure you, I am truly grateful for your thoughtfulness, as well as for your continued support of the Metropolis of Atlanta's Family Life Ministry

May the blessings of the Lord be with you always and may you walk in peace and love in the new light of His Resurrection! Wishing you all and your families a blessed and peaceful Paschal season, I prayerfully remain,

With paternal love in our Risen Lord,

**+ ALEXIOS**  
Metropolitan of Atlanta



GREEK ORTHODOX METROPOLIS OF SAN FRANCISCO  
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March 13, 2017

✠Removal of the Relics of Nicephorus, Patriarch of Constantinople

Mr. George Tsandikos, Chairman  
Ms. Paulette Poulos, Executive Director  
Leadership 100  
645 Fifth Avenue, Suite 403  
New York, NY 10022

Dear George and Paulette,

May the grace and peace of Jesus Christ be with you!

Please accept my sincere gratitude for the most generous grant of \$35,000 which has been awarded to the parish of Saint George in Prescott, Arizona. The work of the Archdiocesan Committee for Small Parishes combined with the financial support of Leadership 100 is providing wonderful opportunities for the growth and development of this small community which is working most diligently to build their parish and spread the Orthodox faith. I have reviewed the reports which they have submitted to your office and I know you will agree that their efforts are innovative, thoughtful, and visionary.

I keep in my fervent prayers the entire family of Leadership 100, thanking God for your good works and beseeching His continued strength, wisdom and grace upon you always!

With Love in Christ,

✠Metropolitan Gerasimos of San Francisco



**St. George Greek Orthodox Church**  
 Prescott, AZ

Mr. George Tsandikos, Chairman  
 Leadership 100  
 Olympic Tower  
 645 Fifth Avenue, Suite 403  
 New York, NY 10022

Dear Mr. Tsandikos,

I am writing to extend the thanks of our entire parish for awarding us the small parish grant for a second year in a row.

In the past year we were able to accomplish several capital improvement projects; purchase needed materials, and supports for our Church School; and develop an extensive evangelism program.

In the coming year, with the funds that you have once again graciously provided us, we intend to continue the beautification and development of our facilities. Also, we will be able to continue the enhancement of our children's education; as well as provide leadership training for laymen and women in our parish. We are, furthermore, excited to apply what we learned in the past year during our attempts to evangelize the surrounding community to our renewed efforts in the course of 2017.

Once again, we thank you for your continued commitment to support the growth and expansion of Holy Orthodoxy in Northern Arizona!

Wishing you a blessed Lent, and a joyous celebration of our Lord's Holy Resurrection,  
 In Christ,

Fr. Jeffrey Frate  
 3/15/2017



April 4, 2017

Mr. George S. Tsandikos, Chairman  
 Miss Paulette Poulos, Executive Director  
 Leadership 100  
 645 Fifth Ave, Suite 403  
 New York, NY 10022



Dear George and Paulette,

Greetings in the Lord as we approach the sacred steps of the Great and Holy Week!

Words cannot express the deep thanks both Presvytera Becky and I would like to offer for your gracious hospitality in hosting us for the recent Leadership 100 Conference in Manalapan. As APC President, it was my great honor to be able to offer a long-overdue expression of love and thanks for everything Leadership 100 does for our Church, clergy, their families and their ministries. And Presvytera and I were both delighted to offer our assistance with the youth program for the Conference.

May God continue to grow, strengthen and bless the ministry of Leadership 100 as a shining beacon of love for Christ and His Holy Church!

Sincerely in Christ,

Father John Touras  
 President, APC



## NATIONAL SISTERHOOD OF PRESBYTERES

*Through love be servants of one another. —Galatians 5:13*

March 2, 2017

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Dear Mr. Tsandikos,

On behalf of the National Sisterhood of Presbyteres, I sincerely thank you for the very generous \$15,000 L100 grant which I received today. These funds will subsidize the costs of our 2017 Biennial National Sisterhood of Presbyteres Retreat and we are extremely grateful.

The retreat will take place October 6-9 at the Newport Beach Marriott in, of course, Newport Beach, California. Our retreat committee has already been hard at work for many, many months preparing to offer all presbyteres a spiritual and physical retreat from our everyday lives.

I always pray for you, Paulette, and all the members of Leadership 100. We are so blessed that there is an organization such as L100 that advances Orthodoxy and Hellenism in America. So many people benefit from your good works, I thank God there are such caring, Orthodox Christians as all of you.

Praying that the remainder of Great Lent will be spiritually fulfilling and that you will celebrate a glorious Pascha, I am

Your sister in Christ,

*Presv. Pauline*

Presvytera Pauline Pavlakos, President  
National Sisterhood of Presbyteres

cc: Ms. Paulette Poulos, Executive Director

## BOARD OF TRUSTEES ELECTS MEMBERS

Meeting at the 26th Annual Conference on February 8, 2017, the Board of Trustees re-elected 12 members whose terms expired in 2017 and filled four vacancies with four new members, two of whom previously served.

The four vacancies occurred when Charles H. Cotros became Chairman Emeritus, Dr. George Carayannopoulos was unable to serve another term, Peter Parthenis resigned in 2016 and George

Kallins resigned in 2014. The two new members elected are Liberty Angeliades of the Direct Archdiocesan District and Athanasios Liakos of the Metropolis of Boston. The two reinstated members are Evie Chimples Hasiotis of the Metropolis of Boston and Angelo Coutris of the Metropolis of Pittsburgh.

Those re-elected to serve an additional three-year term are Lily Bentas-Metropolis of Boston, Froso Beys - Direct

Archdiocesan District, Justin Bozonelis – Direct Archdiocesan District, John A. Catsimatidis – Direct Archdiocesan District, Thomas Jordan - Metropolis of Detroit, Christopher J. Pappas –Metropolis of Denver, Gerry Ranglas – Metropolis of San Francisco, George Safiol – Metropolis of Boston, Kyriakos Tsakopoulos – Metropolis of San Francisco, George Tsandikos – Direct Archdiocesan District, Theodore Zampetis – Metropolis of Detroit.

### LIBERTY MARIS ANGELIADES



*Liberty Maris Angeliades*

Liberty Maris Angeliades is an Executive Officer of M.A. Angeliades, Inc., established in 1991 by her husband, Merkourios “Mike” Angeliades, whom she married in 1970. The firm, a multi-million dollar organization that has completed more than 300 projects in the New York City area, including many schools, Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA) and correctional facilities, courts, libraries and firehouses, has been listed in the top 400 construction firms in the United States for the past several years.

Born in Gary, Indiana in 1941 and raised in Astoria, New York by her parents, George Maris and Argiro Kouvakas Maris, who emigrated from Chios in Greece and Tsembe in Turkey, respectively, she graduated from high school in 1959. She worked for the City of New York from 1959 to 1965 and as an Executive Secretary for Tishman Realty from 1965 to 1971, before establishing herself as a business owner and executive in 1982, as owner and President of Techtronic Electronics, an air cleaning company.

Liberty often reflects on her upbringing, living upstairs from her parents’ dry cleaning store and growing up with minimal possessions. She never felt she was lacking any material things and, most importantly, her parents instilled in her hard work ethics and strong religious beliefs.

In a touching family book, “The Little Girl and her Swing”, written for one of her granddaughters, she reminisces about a

park where she would eat her lunch alone sitting on a swing watching more affluent families gather, never allowing herself to dream of a better life. After realizing a very successful and happy life, her husband and four daughters took her blindfolded on her birthday for a surprise visit to that same park. They had arranged for Department of Parks representatives to be there to put in motion a plaque to read: “This playground is dedicated to all the children who come here to play and for all of them to remember to reach for the stars, they are not as far away as they seem.”

Liberty and Mike’s four daughters are Phaedra, Aegina, Irena and Ilana. Their six grandchildren are Melina, Anastasia, Sophia, Electra, Athena and Merkourios (Mikey). Liberty has two brothers, Stanley Maris and Alex Maris.

She and Mike enjoy vacations in Palm Beach, Rhodes and Syri, Mike’s birthplace that she first visited in 1973.

## THANASI C. LIAKOS



*Thanasi C. Liakos*

Thanasi C. Liakos is President and CEO of the The Liakos Companies, which he founded in 1986. The firm specializes in building and development and real estate

ventures and includes Greenleaf Building & Development LLC, Liakos Real Estate LLC, CCAM LLC, Liakos Property Management, Marcon Ventures LLC, Stavra International, Liacon Realty Inc. and several other companies.

Known as T. C., Liakos graduated from University of New Hampshire in 1984. He is Past President of Axion, a Boston based non-profit organization which supports Boston Children's Hospital, The Hellenic Cardiac Fund, Philoxenia House, and Hellenic Nursing Home. Liakos is also a major supporter of the Nashua Boys and Girls Club, a member of the New Hampshire Better Business Bureau, the Greater Nashua Chamber of

Commerce and Alpha Omega Council. He is past vice president of the St. Philip Greek Orthodox Church in Nashua.

The Liakos Companies has been engaged in numerous developments of townhouses, and other housing, office buildings, rental conversions and business ventures throughout New Hampshire, including Merrimack and Nashua, as well as on the New Hampshire/Massachusetts border. A major tenant is the Salvation Army which leases a 15,000 sq. ft. facility in Nashua.

Liakos and his wife, Stephanie, have four children. He is an avid golfer and basketball player.

## EVGENIA CHIMPLES HASIOTIS



*Evgenia Chimples Hasiotis*

"Evie" previously served on the Board of Trustees from 2004 to 2015 and on the Executive Committee from 2009 to 2015. She is the daughter of George K.

Chimples of Blessed Memory, one of the Founders of Leadership 100, who also served as Chairman. He is credited with boldly initiating the organization in 1984, introducing the concept of an endowment fund along with a membership structure to raise contributions.

Born and raised in Cleveland, Ohio to a Scottish mother, Janet W. Chimples of Blessed Memory, and a Chian father, she appreciates the geographical and cultural differences our beloved Greek Orthodox Church serves. As a graduate of Ohio Wesleyan University, her studies led her to serve children in need. She was appointed to the Board of National

Philoptochos Society and the Belmont Hill School Board of Trustees. She is an active volunteer in the greater Boston community.

Evie serves on the Boards of her family's Dean Land Co. and AMAC Enterprises, Inc.

Dr. George A Hasiotis and Evie have been married nearly 48 years. They have two married sons, Athanasios G. Hasiotis and George K. Hasiotis, both Leadership 100 members, and two grandchildren, with a third expected in August.

## ANGELO J. COUTRIS



*Angelo J. Coutris*

Angelo John Coutris is President and Chief Innovation Officer of American Incorporated, founded in 1912 by his grandfather as a local construction company. He is nationally recognized in the commercial and residential construction, painting, restoration, and maintenance services market. Coutris parlayed his business acumen and industry knowledge into transforming American into a major national powerhouse noted for creating a specialty in the field of the insurance restoration business, and many engineering solutions and unique restoration principles that set it apart from the competition.

He also serves as Vice Chairman, Board of Members, of American Online Learning Center of the nation's most comprehensive Intervention and Behavioral Modification online

platform. Conducting business across the USA, providing sales services through a network of business, political, and legal professionals, AOLC serves businesses and professional associations of all sizes for intervention services to improve employee behavior, as well as America's probation and pretrial diversion programs.

Born in 1949 to an American family of Greek descent in Cleveland, Ohio, where he grew up, he graduated from Benedictine High School in Cleveland with a College Prep Diploma in 1968. He received a Bachelor of Science from University of Akron in 1973 and a Juris Doctor degree from Ohio Northern University in 1976. He worked and raised a family with his wife, Christine, whom he married in 1971, while attending college and law school.

Settling in the Greater Cleveland Area, Coutris has been a leader in numerous organizations and institutions, including business, civic, non-profit, ethnic, and church boards. He previously served on both the Leadership 100 Executive Committee, from 2009 to 2015, and on the Board of Trustees, from 2005 to 2015.

His other church activities include induction as Archon Nomophylax of the Order of St. Andrew the Apostle, Archons of the Ecumenical Patriarchate

and service on the Metropolis Council of the Metropolis of Pittsburgh. He is Founder and President of the Annunciation Foundation of Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church in Cleveland and served on the Parish Council and is senior Member Emeritus of St. Demetrios Greek Orthodox Church, Rocky River, Ohio. In 2016, he served as a key facilitator for the Republican National Committee's inclusion of the Greek Orthodox Church's long sought plank in the 2016 Republican National Platform, recognizing religious freedom.

Coutris also is a member of AHEPA, served on the Board of Directors of the YMCA of Greater Cleveland, as a member of the City of Lakewood Board of Zoning Appeals, as founding member of Lakewood Arts Festival, advisory board of the former Commerce Exchange Bank of Cleveland. He is also a member of the Chios Society, Chapter 7, a recipient of the Chian Achievement Award, and a member and past Chairman for North and South America of the Kardamyla Foundation, Inc., which is dedicated to educational, social, and cultural advancement of this region of Chios, Greece.

He resides with his wife in Rocky River, Ohio. They have three children and five grandchildren.

## Leadership 100 Confers Awards



*George S. Tsandikos, Chairman, far left, and Archbishop Demetrios with recipients of Archbishop Iakovos Leadership 100 Award for Excellence, left to right, James S. Chanos, Gus Kalaris, Jonathan Jackson, and Dr. Anthony S. Papadimitriou, at Grand Banquet of 26th Annual Leadership 100 Conference.*

Leadership 100, meeting at its 26th Annual Conference at the Eau Palm Beach Resort & Spa in Manalapan, Florida from February 9-12, 2017, conferred the Archbishop Iakovos Award for Excellence upon Dr. Anthony S. Papadimitriou, President of the Onassis Foundation, James S. Chanos, the pioneering investment manager, Jonathan Jackson, the Emmy Award-winning actor, musician and author, and Gus Kalaris, founder and owner of Constantine Wines, Inc.

A special Archbishop Iakovos Founders Award was presented to Chairman Emeritus Stephen G. Yeonas, for his contributions both as National Membership Chairman and as Chairman

of Leadership 100. The presentations took place at the Grand Banquet on Saturday, February 11, 2017.

In addition, Peter P. Parthenis and Dr. George N. Carayannopoulos (in absentia) were presented with Commendations for Distinguished Service to the Board of Trustees at the General Assembly on Friday, while Icons were presented to new members and Obelisks to fulfilled members at a special ceremony on Saturday.

His Eminence Archbishop Demetrios, Geron of America, who conducted the traditional Bible Study and Lecture, and George S. Tsandikos, Leadership 100 Chairman, presented all the awards.

The Conference, which saw a record attendance of 500 members, also included major addresses by Dr. Papadimitriou, Chanos and Jonathan Jackson, who also performed with his brother, the actor and musician Richard Lee Jackson. An Opening Forum was conducted by the dynamic Director of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese Department of Youth & Young Adult Ministries, and Camping Ministries, Steven Christoforou. Kalaris presented the Axios and Kalaris wines at a Wine Tasting at the Welcome Reception. Both Chanos and Kalaris are members of Leadership 100, as is the Onassis Foundation.



*Archbishop Demetrios and George S. Tsandikos present Founders edition of Archbishop Iakovos Leadership 100 Award for Excellence to Stephen G. Yeonas, as Thelma Yeonas looks on, at the Grand Banquet.*



*Archbishop Demetrios conducts Bible Study.*

Special addresses were given by Marianna Moschou, President of ELEPAP, Hellenic Society for Disabled Children, Dr. George Koulianos, Greek Orthodox Archdiocesan Center for Family Care-The Clergy Initiative, and Rev. Fr. John Touloumes, President, Greek Orthodox Archdiocesan Presbyters Council.

Other events included Golf Classic and Tennis Classic Tournaments and Awards, organized by Peter J. Pappas, a member of the Leadership 100 Executive

Committee, and the Leadership 100 Walk/Run, organized by Mike Manatos, also a member of the Leadership 100 Executive Committee. Elaine Cotronakis and Maria Behrakis once again chaired the youth program.

First place awards in Golf went to Andreas Aivazoglou, John Aivazoglou, Nicholas Karalis and Peter J. Pappas, while second place went to Michael Baker, Nancy Baker, Dr. Douglas Baker and Mark Johnson. First place award in Tennis went to Dr. Constantine P.

Bitounis, while second place went to Taylor Prodromos. The top finishers of the Leadership 100 Walk-Run were Sophia Pascal and Fr. Nicholas Andruchow.

The Hierarchical Divine Liturgy was celebrated by His Eminence Archbishop Demetrios, assisted by Metropolitan Nicholas of Detroit and Clergy, on Sunday, February 12 at St. Mark Church in Boca Raton.

## ADDRESS OF DR. ANTHONY S. PAPADIMTRIOU



*Dr. Anthony S. Papadimtriou*

Your Eminence Archbishop Demetrios, Revered Hierarchs, Chairman George Tsandikos

Distinguished Guests and Dear Friends

I would like first of all to express my deepest thanks on behalf of myself, my fellow Board Member Marianna Moschou, Ambassador Michael Sotirhos who was a member of our Board for many years and his wife Estelle and my wife Afroditi, for inviting us to participate in this meeting.

I am not going to preach to the choir and I will not repeat how great is Greece and its civilization, what was our impact on the world. My speech today will deal with two topics, seemingly unrelated but in fact with a significant common ground. My first point will have to do with the teaching of the humanities and the second will have to do with what is the role of an organization such as the Onassis Foundation in the 21st century.

I do believe that the impact of Greek thought, directly or indirectly, cannot be

ignored except by the ignorant. I do believe that in these times, when our common humanistic heritage is questioned, we should return to these sources. However I will remind you that during the Renaissance only a handful of scholars understood Greek. It was a privilege that only a few shared. In the late 19th century and in the 20th century it was again an elite that studied the classics and the humanities. It was a very small minority of people but they were the leaders of their societies and they shared a common culture. So, today we should not just wriggle our hands and moan about the fact that the university classics chairs are struggling to survive. In fact, this is not limited just to Ancient Greek as a language, but it has to do with all of the humanities. History, philosophy and art, in general, are struggling when their field of study is more than about 200 years back. So what we should concern ourselves with, is that the future leaders of our communities are not acquainted with the knowledge that will allow them to deal with the issues of our society today. We live in world of uncertainty, in a world where too much information and disinformation or even fake news circulate. A world where business and political decision makers have to make up their mind ever more quickly on the basis of insufficient data. The only answer to that is to develop critical thought and to have a deep knowledge of precedents. It is useful for the Secretary of State of any democratic country to have read the Epitaph of Pericles and the Oration of the citizens of Milos in Thucydides. It useful for any businessman to understand how Ulysses navigated the uncharted waters of the Mediterranean Sea, how leadership, risk-taking and teamwork can create great stories.

The question is how to convince the business and political leaders of today and tomorrow that not only they, but the next generation of leaders they will nurture and chose, should be, for lack of a better word, "cultivated people". Frederic the Great of Prussia, the famous general and founder of modern Germany, could put to Bach, the composer, a difficult musical problem and understand how well Bach could resolve it. He wrote a book in Ancient Greek entitled «τα αρεσκοντα τοις φιλοσόφοις» which means, "of those things that philosophers like". Eleftherios Venizelos translated all of the books of Thucydides. Churchill was a scholar. But we see around us that many consider that this is elitist and therefore undemocratic. The question therefore becomes that the people as voters are or will be selecting leaders that are for all practical purposes not only deeply unfamiliar with culture but in fact distrust culture.

So, should we assist the publication of a scholarly book of an excellent quality from an eminent professor? Or should we rather spend the money to produce Antigone in a high school of Harlem in New York? Should we assist the survival of a chair in Hellenic studies with just a few students, many of them of Greek origin anyway, or should we try to embed a course in Ancient Greek Philosophy at one of the leading business, medical or science schools of this country? Why should Harvard be teaching the thoughts of the Chinese general Sun Tzu and not the Nicomachean Ethics of Aristotle? The students of Harvard 50 years ago would probably have read Aristotle before being admitted to Harvard. This is the need that must be met by civically minded people. Not because we are Greeks. But because it is important in

order to have educated, civilized, cultivated citizens and opinion makers. Not Greek studies for their own sake but because they are relevant to the average American or European or Asian student. They will then select better political leaders, we hope. When we do that, we should insist that the course is part of the curriculum of the academic institution and not an afterthought.

At the Onassis Cultural Center in New York we have that very much in mind. Every year we organize and present a major archeological exhibition. It is scholarly and it is scientifically important. But it is visited by tens of thousands including tens of schools. Why? Very simply, because people enjoy coming to see it. They are for the time being mainly but not exclusively well educated middle class New Yorkers. The challenge will be to maximize the number of the “others” and this is what we are working on in particular through our annual Festival. Our educational programs also move in the direction I have described. Bringing the classics not only in universities teaching the humanities but also in business, medical and science schools.

In Athens we face similar issues. Our Cultural Center «Στέγη του Ιδρύματος Ωνάση» operates in an environment of crisis. Unemployment, recession, poverty, immigration, brain drain are issues that need to be addressed. When we took the decision to establish Steghi, the crisis was on its way. We wanted to create a cultural center that did not exist, that would add something to the cultural map of the country. Yes, our cultural heritage is our strong point. How about what Greeks produce now? What is the art and culture of today and tomorrow that reflects and expresses concerns and dreams of the days we live? At the Onassis

Cultural Centre, our Steghi in Athens, we placed the word “contemporary” at the heart of our mission statement. And we went beyond great productions and shows. We put major effort in exporting contemporary Greek culture to Europe and the U.S., by establishing a network of affiliated institutions and organizations that don’t just host Greek productions, but include them in their official artistic programming. After all, culture and art are Greece’s premium goods. We build equal relationships and become stakeholders of the cultural market, internationally. However, preaching the converted would not be an accomplishment. Our strategy complies with the Foundation’s mission which focuses on being close to the people. We don’t stay in our beautiful ivory tower. We run cultural programs that support the idea of co-education, bringing together people with and without special needs, we run programs for children with autism and their parents or caretakers in more than 20 cities and towns around Greece, we work with more than 15,000 teenagers that live in deprived, difficult neighborhoods in Athens, we try to add an element of quality in everyday life, to make it more worth living. And that creates change. That creates hope.

Questions are always more difficult than the answers. Is culture necessary? Is it a sine qua non to exist? Maybe, maybe not. But one thing is for certain. It is a reason for being. It is necessary to be and not just to exist. It is the generator of human values for any and every society. It helps us preserve our self-respect and sense of humanity. The crisis will not be forever. When it ends, culture must have survived. It is part of what in Greek we call “παιδεία”, a term wider and more inclusive than ‘education’. I do not know if we are born good, if we have good thoughts and good feelings by nature. But

I know that true, open education is the tool for an open mind and an open heart. And that makes it a necessity. It is the best investment that any government can do, that any of us can do. The nations that today thrive are those that had for long time a high level of education and were renowned for their culture: the United States and China, Japan and Europe would not be what they are if they did not share these ideals. Japan and particularly China and India still do. Witness the large percentage of Asian students in U.S. Universities.

In ancient Athens, one of the worst accusations against a citizen was that he did not participate in the life of the city. Such a citizen who only cared about his own affairs, would be called an “ιδιώτης”, from which the word idiot is derived. We at the Onassis Foundation continue to believe that is our moral responsibility to be active and concerned citizens. We were granted this gift, and responsibility, to be financially independent. We must respond to this challenge proactively. In today’s world, non-state agents, in other words people and organizations that are not affiliated or rely on state funding become ever more active. A number of them are acting in ways that are not acceptable. In this room there are a number of non-state agents that are doing great work. The Church, represented here today by His Eminence, is the most ancient one. The work of the Church in the spiritual field and in the fields of social solidarity, education and culture over the centuries is beyond belief, if I may say so. Leadership 100 is also in a certain sense a non-state agent doing a wonderful job. A lot of people who here have made important contributions to the Church, to their communities, to universities, to hospitals, etc. are also non state agents. Because of our independence we jointly

have a responsibility towards society. To act rationally and having considered what is the best use of our funds and time. In this time of crisis, the values we cherish are challenged by populism and undemocratic forces posing under the mantle of free speech and freedom of opinion. This is not the first time this has happened. We must rise to the challenge and each one of us is able to bring his own smaller or larger building block.

What I therefore propose is that we should redouble our efforts in this direction. But we should do that wisely. We should use our money and time in a way that will have the highest impact. Our mission is clear; support society and release its potential. Since 1975, the pillars of our public benefit work have been health, education, culture, as routes

to social solidarity. Nevertheless, we keep on asking ourselves; how can we be useful for the society? What are the best practices? The word that keeps coming up is “relevant”. Whatever we do, as much money as we spend, invest, give back to society, we must remain relevant. We must keep close to real life’s problems, not just hear but listen to the society before the problems become unsolvable. In Greece, we included the term “crisis” into our everyday vocabulary. But now is the time to think and find the solutions where they truly are; in the future. And this is what we do at the Onassis Foundation. We work hard in shipping and the world of business, in order to be able to invest in our country’s future. This is what 7.000 scholarships are all about, this is what 13.000 jobs in the last 6 years in the cultural field are all about, this is

what more than 5.000 sponsorships for thousands of public schools in Greece, special education programs, departments of Greek studies all around the world are all about. We are all here today because we understand that leadership comes with great responsibility. In the country where “thinking big” is part of its DNA, we, coming from a small, great, country must remain focused on what is important, what can make a difference. As a foundation born to support and present Greece at its best, I am very happy to be here today, feeling humble but also proud to represent the people of the Onassis Foundation. Yes, I am certain. The only way to do something good for oneself is to do something good for the society.

Thank you.



*Celebration of Archbishop Demetrios Birthday*



Archbishop Demetrios Lecture



Patrice Kouvas, member of Board of Trustees, right foreground, with, front to back, her parents, Leadership 100 Member Marisa Payiavlas and Chairman Emeritus John A. Payiavlas, and Chairman Emeritus Stephen G. Yeonas and Leadership 100 Member Dr. Louis Roussalis at Thursday Forum featuring Dr. Anthony S. Papadimitriou.



Chairman George S. Tsandikos, left, and Archbishop Demetrios present Peter P. Parthenis with **Commendation for Distinguished Service to the Board of Trustees** at the General Assembly. Dr. George N. Carayannopoulos received the same commendation in absentia.



Archbishop Demetrios addresses Board of Trustees. Left to Right Metropolitan Nicholas of Detroit, Michael Psaros, Chairman George S. Tsandikos, Vice Chairman Argyris "RJ" Vassiliou, Founder and Chairman Emeritus Arthur C. Anton and Founder Peter M. Dion.



James S. Chanos addresses Forum.



Steven Christoforou addresses Opening Forum.



Jonathan Jackson at book signing with Gerry and Jeannie Ranglas.



Chairman Emeritus and Founder Arthur C. Anton addresses New Members Orientation.



Marianna Moschou, President of ELEPAP, Hellenic Society for Disabled Children addresses Friday Forum.



Rev. Fr. John Touloumes, President, Greek Orthodox Archdiocesan Presbyters Council, addresses Friday Forum.



Dr. George Koulianos, Greek Orthodox Archdiocesan Center for Family Care-The Clergy Initiative, addresses Friday Forum.



Youth on fishing trip.



*Golfers Assemble*



*Kostas Alexakis, Leon Andris, Arthur Katsaros and Alexander Kavourias*



*Michael, Dr. Douglas and Nancy Baker and Mark Johnson*



*Marill and Thomas Demakes, George Behrakis and George Safiol*



*Justin, Derek, Ellen and Christopher Katchis*



*Nicholas Karalis, John and Andreas Aivazaglou, Peter J. Pappas*



*Nick Bapis, Dean Metropoulos and John Calamos*



*Thomas Holley, James Pappas and Griffin Haby*



*James and George Pantelidis*



*Thomas Holley, Griffin Haby and James Pappas*



*Walk-Run participants gather*



*Mike Manatos with Walk-Run Top Finishers Sophia Pascal and Fr. Nicholas Andruchow.*



*Sophia Pascal, Nick and Dr. Elaine Bapis, Kostas Alexakis, James Pantelidis, Argyris Vassiliou and Mike Bapis at Wine Tasting.*



*Gus Kalaris shares his expertise with, Left to Right, James Cavalaris, Thomas Cavalaris, Evie Hasiotis, George and Maria Komodikis and Mike Manatos.*



*Gus Kalaris*



*Merkourios and Liberty Angeliades and Katherine and Peter Mesologites*

# Archbishop Demetrios Presents Christ the True Vine Icon to New Members



*Andreas, Kalliopi, Rayna and John Aivazoglou*



*George and Lee Ann Anderson*



*Aegina Angeliades*



*George A. and Georgia Bavelis*

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*Romin and Alexis Ranglas-Behseta*



*Chris P. Bouzounis*



*Robert and Violetta Buhler*



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*Marios and Anna Damianides*



*Ioannis Filippidis*



*Spyros and Kay Georgopalis*



*Phillip and Katherine Kafarakis*

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*Ellen, Christopher and Alexandra Katchis*



*Vassilios Kefalas*



*Nicholas and Kathryn Lekas*

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*Emmanuel Manos*



*John and Elena Manos*



*Peter A. and Katherine Mesologites*

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*Meropi and Michael Neamonitakis*



*Steven and Alane Niamonitakis  
with daughters Marietta and Stephanie*



*Konstantinos and Phyllis Paxos with daughter Lena*



*Niki and Kosta Raptis*

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*Christopher L. Rendon*



*Elpitha Soussou*



*George Soussou*



*Stephen Soussou*

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*Thomas Soussou*



*Angelica Eleni Spanos*



*David and Maria Tadros with son, Michael, and daughter, Alexis*



*Christopher P. and Georgette Tsavoussis with sons,  
Elias and Paul Christopher P. and Georgette Tsavoussis  
with sons, Elias and Paul*

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*Paul C. Tsavoussis*



*Theodore Vagelos*



*Dr. Marina Zazanis*



*Bessie and Demetrios Ziozis*

## Archbishop Demetrios Presents Obelisks to Fulfilled Members



*George and Lee Ann Anderson*



*Irene Athans*



*Emanuel and Elaine Cotronakis with sons, Zachary and Lucas*



*Arthur A. and Constance Fecera*

## Archbishop Demetrios Presents Obelisks to Fulfilled Members



*Cynthia G. Kostas*



*Mike and Laura Manatos with daughters,  
Sienna and Andrea, and son, Lucas*



*Peter and Kathy Mesologites*



*Steve E. and Frosene Zeis*

## THE PANHELLENIC SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION HONORS JOHN PAPPajohn WITH 2017 PARADIGM AWARD



The PanHellenic Scholarship Foundation announced on April 20 that Mr. John Pappajohn is the 2017 Paradigm Award Honoree. Pappajohn, a prominent and longtime member of Leadership 100, is a renowned business leader and philanthropist, venture capitalist and entrepreneur, and the founder of Equity Dynamics, Inc. and Pappajohn Capital Resources. The Paradigm Award will be presented at the upcoming Awards

Ceremony & Gala on Saturday, June 17, 2017 at the Hilton Chicago. Pappajohn stated, "I am honored to receive this prestigious award, which represents the very best of young Greek American students."

Pappajohn is being recognized not only for his own achievements but because "he represents the importance of education in achieving one's dreams," according to the announcement. Pappajohn emigrated from Greece with his family when he was just nine months old, and he grew up in Mason City, Iowa. His father passed away when John was only sixteen. After high school, Mr. Pappajohn worked his way through college, and it took him six years to earn his undergraduate degree in business. He graduated from the University of Iowa in 1952.

After graduation, Pappajohn became one of the preeminent, national venture capitalists when he founded Equity Dynamics, Inc., a financial consulting entity, and Pappajohn Capital Resources, a venture capital firm in Des Moines, Iowa. Since then, Mr. Pappajohn has been involved in over one hundred start-ups and over fifty IPOs, and has served as a Director in over forty public companies.

Pappajohn and his wife, Mary, also a member of Leadership 100, are passionate philanthropists, and are dedicated to supporting education and the arts. Over the years, they have gifted more than \$100 million to various causes, and have been particularly invested in promoting education. The Pappajohns have been integral to the support of business schools, entrepreneurial centers, universities, and scholarship funds across the state of Iowa.

He has also been the recipient of many awards and sat on various boards. For many years, he has been associated with the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts in Washington, D.C.; the National Gallery of Art, also in D.C.; and the Whitney Museum, in New York City. Pappajohn has also been a recipient of the Woodrow Wilson Award, Ellis Island Medal of Honor, and the Hellenic Heritage Achievement Award. The Pappajohns currently live in Des Moines, Iowa. They have a daughter and son-in-law, Ann and R.J. Vassiliou and grandchildren, Nicholas and Alexandra.

The PanHellenic Scholarship Foundation is proud to honor John Pappajohn with the 2017 Paradigm Award. His success in business, dedication to philanthropic endeavors, support for educational causes, and great respect for his Greek heritage make him an ideal example and an inspiring role model for our scholarship recipients.

## LEADERSHIP 100 MEMBERS HONORED BY AMERICAN HELLENIC INSTITUTE



*AHI President Nick R. Larigakis, left, and AHI Foundation President Constantinos Galanis, far right, present Dennis Mehiel with the AHI Hellenic Heritage Achievement Award.*

The American Hellenic Institute (AHI) honored Dennis Mehiel and Dr. George Korkos, both longtime members of Leadership 100, at its 42nd Anniversary Hellenic Heritage Achievement and Public Service Awards Dinner, March 11, 2017, at the Capital Hilton in Washington, D.C., while the American Hellenic Institute Foundation honored Anne Michals, also a longtime member, at its 15th Annual Future of Hellenism in America Conference November 18-19, 2016 at the Renaissance Newark Airport Hotel in Elizabeth, New Jersey.

## NEWS OF OUR MEMBERS



*AHI President Nick R. Larigakis, left, and AHI Foundation President Constantinos Galanis, far right, present Dr. George Korkos with the AHI Hellenic Heritage Achievement Award.*

Dennis Mehiel received the AHI Hellenic Heritage Achievement Award in recognition of his business, philanthropic and civic achievements. Mehiel is the Principal Shareholder and Chairman of U. S. Corrugated, Inc., which was, until a recent divestiture, the nation's largest independent manufacturer of corrugated packaging. George Korkos, M.D., FACS, received the AHI Hellenic Heritage Achievement Award for his lifelong commitment and leadership in medicine and activism in the Greek American community.

In acceptance, Mehiel stated, "I laud the American Hellenic Institute as an important and effective platform through which we continue to remind our community of the core values our Hellenic heritage embraces: vision, entrepreneurship, hard work, perseverance, and a culture of support whereby those who have been fortunate enough to enjoy success in this wonderful country, provide the same opportunity to those who follow."

Dr. Korkos spoke of the values that drive all Hellenes "to tackle those things that improve lives and overcome darkness for all people: war, injustice, ignorance, bigotry and disease. These Hellenic values are what our civilization is all about and what spread throughout the world and are evident today."

President of the Metropolis of New Jersey Philoptochos Anne Michals received AHI's Hellenic Heritage and Public Service Award for the Promotion of Hellenism in America. In acceptance remarks, Michals spoke of the importance of philanthropy. "I'm a great believer in the power of philanthropy, both as a healer and reminder that all things are possible through God's Love," she said. "The most important work that I've ever done is through the Church, and in particular, as a member of Philoptochos. Helping those in need is the greatest privilege and the single best way that anyone can express his or her understanding of Christ's life and His message."

AHI also honored other distinguished individuals at the 42nd Anniversary Awards Dinner, noting their important career achievements and contributions to the Greek American community or community at-large. They included Van Coufoudakis, Ph.D., Professor and Academic Leader and Paul Glastris, Co-founder, Journalist, Editor, and former Senior Speechwriter for President Bill Clinton.



*Former AHI Foundation President Dr. Spiro Spireas, left, and Zenon Christodoulou, AHI 15th Annual Future of Hellenism Conference Chairman, second from right, and AHI President Nick R. Larigakis, far right, present Anne Michals with the AHI Hellenic Heritage and Public Service Award.*

The honorees' many accomplishments were celebrated throughout the evening, and highlighted in congratulatory letters submitted to AHI from His Eminence Archbishop Demetrios, Ambassador of Greece to the United States Haris Lalacos, and Ambassador of the Republic of Cyprus to the United States Leonidas Pantelides.

The American Hellenic Institute is a non-profit Greek American public policy center that works to strengthen relations between the United States and Greece and Cyprus, and within the Greek American community.

## AHI'S FOUNDATION LIBRARY NAMED IN HONOR OF E. JOHN & CLEO RUMPAKIS



*E. John and Cleo Rumpakis*

The American Hellenic Institute Foundation (AHIF) announced on January 18, 2017 that AHI's Foundation Library in Hellenic House will be rededicated and named in honor of E. John and Cleo Rumpakis, of Portland, Oregon, members of Leadership 100, who donated \$175,000 to the organization in December of 2016, one of the largest gifts received by AHIF, according to

AHI President Nick Larigakis.

"We are deeply grateful to E. John and Cleo Rumpakis for their very generous gift to the American Hellenic Institute Foundation," President Larigakis said. "Their gift will enhance the Foundation's ability to be a resource for the community. Thanks to the immense generosity of the Rumpakis, we will now be able to properly catalog, restore and present the more than 1,000 volumes, archival materials and historical documents in our possession, thereby creating a remarkable library that will serve the community as one of the most unique collections on Greece, Cyprus and the southeast Mediterranean."

"Over the years, AHI has proven it holds true to the rule of law, especially to the principle that no one, or nation, is above it," E. John Rumpakis said. "AHI actively engages with Congress, the White House and State Department, keeping them informed and updated on policy developments. AHI has earned their respect and is a proven resource through the Institute's programs."

The Rumpakis added the AHI Foundation helps to educate the youth about the civic and political processes through internships and raises awareness of Hellenism through seminars and conferences throughout the world. They also cited their longstanding relationship with AHI as a viable and stable organization through its strong leadership as a reason for the gift to the AHI Foundation.

The American Hellenic Institute is a non-profit Greek American think-tank and public policy center that works to strengthen relations between the United States and Greece and Cyprus, and within the Greek American community.

## NIKITAS DRAKOTOS HONORED BY NEW ROCHELLE AHEPA



*Past District Governor Thomas Dushas, Honoree Nikitas Drakotos, and Luncheon Chairman James Zafiros. (Photo courtesy of AHEPA)*

Nikitas Drakotos, a member of Leadership 100, was honored for his outstanding contributions to Hellenism by The James Plevritis-Joseph C. Keane New Rochelle AHEPA Chapter No. 405 at its annual Initiation/Luncheon, at the Westchester Country Club in Rye, NY on Dec. 3, 2016.

AHEPA Supreme President Andrew Zachariades, assisted by members of the Supreme and District Lodges, participated in the honors and tribute.

Luncheon event Chairman James Zafiros, in his introduction of Drakotos said: "Brother Drakotos' Hellenistic journey is beyond impressive. Certainly, he has a very inspiring resume, but the man behind it, is what this tribute is all about. Perhaps no other Hellene of recent memory has lifted Hellenism to a higher level in so many organizations."

Drakotos served as president of HANAC and of St. Michaels Home. An Archon of the Ecumenical Patriarchate, Order of Saint Andrew, he is a member of the Archon National Council. He is a recipient of the Ellis Island Medal of Honor and the Archangel Michael and St. Spyridon Awards.

Drakotos attributed his success in America to his early years in Greece which gave him the courage and determination to come to America and build a successful journey.

He thanked the large number of Ahepans and guests, many of whom came from distances outside the Metropolitan Area, from Albany, New Jersey, and Connecticut, to honor him.

### DR. STEVEN KALKANIS ENROLLED IN NEUROLOGICAL SOCIETY



*Dr. Steven N. Kalkanis*

**D**r. Steven N. Kalkanis, a new member of Leadership 100, was acknowledged by The Society of Neurological Surgeons with membership in 2016. He is professor and, following a national search in 2014, Chair of the Department of Neurosurgery and Co-Director of the Neuroscience Institute at Henry Ford Health System in Detroit, Michigan, where he also serves as Director of the Henry Ford Cancer Institute. Dr.

Kalkanis joined Henry Ford in 2004 after completing his neurosurgical training at Massachusetts General Hospital. He graduated with highest honors from Harvard University, where he was awarded the John Harvard Scholarship, and then Harvard Medical School, where he served as Class Marshal and received the Linnane Prize for highest academic achievement.

In 2009, Dr. Kalkanis led a multidisciplinary team of experts to publish the first and largest set of guidelines to date in organized neurosurgery on the clinical treatment pathways for metastatic brain tumors. Since that time, he has chaired the guidelines efforts of the Joint Section on Tumors and was the founding chair of the Congress of Neurological Surgeons (CNS) Guidelines Committee. Dr. Kalkanis also serves as a vice-chair on the Joint Guidelines Committee and has helped to spearhead ten separate clinical practice guidelines in a myriad of neurosurgical topics.

Dr. Kalkanis has served on the Executive Committee of the Congress of Neurological Surgeons since 2009, and was recently elected as Chair for the Section on Tumors. He also is currently both the Annual Meeting Chair and the Secretary of the CNS.

With the goal of refining future personalized medicine treatment protocols, and as the Mark Rosenblum Endowed Chair in Neurosurgery, Dr. Kalkanis runs a funded translational research laboratory investigating the molecular genetic differences between short- and long-term glioma survivors. Specializing in brain tumor surgery, he has been involved in numerous clinical trials for brain tumors and has authored over 100 peer reviewed publications.

Steve and his wife, Laurel, have three children, Nicholas, Connor and Grace.

### FORBES PUBLISHES ARTICLE ON DEMETRI ARGYROPOULOS



*Demetri Argyropoulos*

**F**orbes Magazine published yet another article, on January 14, 2017, on Demetri Argyropoulos, a member of Leadership 100 and a noted entrepreneur who heads Avant Global, the strategic investment firm, based in Santa Barbara, California

The author, Patrick Hanlon, in an article titled “The Knight in the Boardroom”, described the unique event that inducted Argyropoulos as the newest member of the most ancient and prestigious Order of Savoy.

The Civil Order of Savoy was founded as an order of knighthood in 1831 by the King of Sardinia, Charles Albert, Duke of Savoy. The intention was to reward those virtues not belonging to the existing Military Order of Savoy, founded by Vittorio Emanuele I in 1815. The order has one degree, that of Knight (Cavaliere dell’Ordine civile di Savoia), and is limited to 70 members. Admission is in the personal gift of the head of the House of Savoy.

According to Hanlon, this came about due to the hallmark of the business philosophy of Argyropoulos that building personal relationships can be overlooked in speed to market, but it is crucial for success.

Argyropoulos, he says, has been the catalyst in successfully connecting, co-founding, or seeding many dozens of companies in industries from medical devices to Internet advertising. An early investor in Twitter, he has helped raise money for the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation and the Clinton Global Initiative, invested in a company cofounded by Lady Gaga, and created strategic relationships for the world’s top ten wealthiest families.

Argyropoulos and his partners at Avant Global have generated over \$10 billion in value for clients, according to Hanlon.

While a senior at Westmont College, Argyropoulos was introduced to some tech entrepreneurs just as he was going to Europe as part of an international school program. Because the entrepreneurs knew he had some relationships in Europe, they agreed to let him help them forge new strategic partnerships.

In making several large deals before the dot com bubble burst in 1999, “I realized that if you put the right people together you can have great outcomes,” reflected Argyropoulos, as quoted by Hanlon.

## CHRISTOPHER STRATAKIS PENS FIRST NOVEL

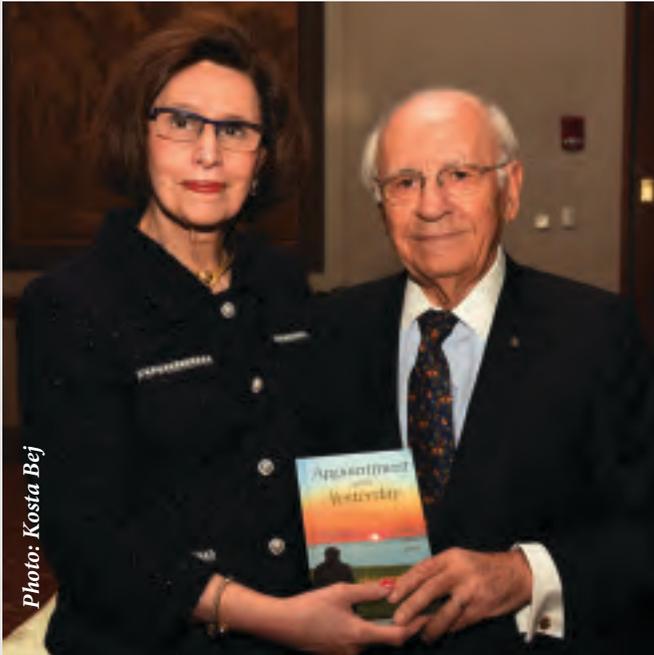


Photo: Kosta Bej

Paulette Poulos, Executive Director of Leadership 100, with Christopher Stratakis at book signing at Harvard Club of New York City on April 7, 2017.

Christopher Stratakis, a long-time member of Leadership 100, published his first novel, *Appointment with Yesterday*, a fictionalized memoir. Born and raised in Greece, Stratakis tells a moving tale of Yanni, a Greek boy who grows up on an island in the eastern Aegean. Yanni, left in the care of his grandparents, suffers deprivation and terror during the German occupation of World War II. He leaves Greece to rejoin his parents who had emigrated to pursue a better life in America. The novel captures the determined journey of the young boy.

Stratakis acknowledges at the end of the novel that ever since his teenaged years growing up on –yes, a remote Aegean island – he enjoyed writing essays, short stories and poems and had ambitions of becoming a professional writer, a yearning that continued throughout his life. The novel, he says, is the “culmination of those inner urgings”.

On April 7, 2017, Stratakis signed copies of his debut novel at the Harvard Club of New York City. Paulette Poulos, Executive Director of Leadership 100, attended.

A prominent New York attorney, Stratakis is senior partner of Poles, Tublin, Stratakis & Gonzalez, LLP, specializing in admiralty,

commercial and real estate law. A graduate of Drexel University and New York University School of Law, he has written and published several articles, lectured on professional and historical subjects and served as legal counsel to several non-profits and as an arbitrator in maritime disputes. He is the author of *Mnimes* “Memories”, a book of essays, short stories and poems which he wrote as a teenager.

He has received numerous awards from religious, government and educational institutions. As an Archon of the Ecumenical Patriarch, Order of St. Andrew since 1998, he served on the National Council for 13 years and as Legal Counselor of the Order since 2001. He was honored by the Order of Saint Andrew with the Nicholas J. Bouras Award for Extraordinary Archon Stewardship on October 17, 2014. His wife, Maro, also a member of Leadership 100, was recognized as well. At that event, Archon John Stratakis, son of the honorees and also a member of Leadership 100, was Master of Ceremonies and the daughters of the honoree, Sophia Stratakis Huling and Erene Stratakis-Allen, offered musical and poetic tributes.

As Chairman of the Archon Legal Committee, Stratakis has been at the forefront of the fight for religious freedom for the Ecumenical Patriarchate, serving on religious freedom delegations of the Order to the capitals of Europe and to Ankara, Turkey.

## JOHN TSUNIS HONORED BY GREEK DIVISION OF RONALD McDONALD HOUSE NEW YORK

John C. Tsunis, a prominent attorney, entrepreneur and banker and a member of Leadership 100, was honored by the Greek Division of the Ronald McDonald House New York on December 13, 2016 at the 21st Annual Christmas Dinner of the organization at The New York Athletic Club in Manhattan.

Tsunis, Chairman and CEO of Gold Coast Bank, founded the bank with a group of friends. Based in Islandia, New York, the bank quickly expanded to six branches throughout Long Island, with plans to open a seventh branch in Brooklyn.

Along with Nassau County District Attorney Madeline Singas, Tsunis was honored for his contributions to society. According to the Chairman of the Greek Division, Michael N. Bapis, a member of the Leadership 100 Board of Trustees, the dinner had greater attendance than any other year. Bapis highlighted the work of the Greek Division



(L to R) Michael N. Bapis, Paulette Poulos, John C. Tsunis and George S. Tsandikos.

of the Ronald McDonald House, stressing that essentially it is a home for families of children who have been hit by cancer.

Dr. Ruth C. Browne, the President and CEO of Ronald McDonald House, referred to the overall contribution and response of the Greek American community. X. Cristofer Damianos and John A. Catsimatidis, Jr., also members of Leadership 100, co-chaired the event.

Attending the event were the Consul General of Greece in New York, Konstantinos Koutras, the Consul of Greece in New York, Emmanuel Koubarakis, Metropolitan Philotheos of Meloa, Leadership 100 Chairman, George S. Tsandikos, Leadership 100 Executive Director, Paulette Poulos, and other prominent guests.

In his remarks, Tsunis invited the attendees to continue to support the Ronald McDonald House, focusing on the practical and psychological support to the affected children and their families. "We all realize the value and the social mission of a body such as the Greek Division and the Ronald McDonald House, which supports the parents at a difficult time for their children's life and I have seen the gratitude of these families," he said.

## THE AMERICAN HELLENIC COUNCIL HONORS DEAN SPANOS



Dean Spanos

The American Hellenic Council (AHC) of California honored Dean Spanos, the owner and Chairman of the Board of the Los Angeles Chargers and President of A.G. Spanos Companies and a longtime member of Leadership 100, at its Annual Awards Gala on April 1, 2017 at the Omni Hotel in Downtown Los Angeles. Spanos who received the Aristeion Award

in Business and Sports was honored along with Congresswoman Karen Bass who received the Pericles Award, and Professor Stephen Miller who received the Theodore Saloutos Award for his exemplary work at Ancient Nemea.

Under Spanos' leadership, the Chargers have broken numerous franchise records. During 11 seasons from 2004-14, the team won 113 games (playoffs included) – five of which were AFC West championships (2004, 2006-09) – and four playoff games. Only three teams in the NFL won more games during that time span.

Spanos' leadership is also present throughout the National Football League. As a member of the NFL's Management Council Executive Committee (CEC), he played an integral role in negotiating the NFL's current labor agreement. Through 2015, Spanos served as chairman of the NFL's Business Ventures Committee, which has oversight regarding various league commercial activities, including consumer products, sponsorship, events, marketing, and new business initiatives. To this day, Spanos continues to serve on both committees. His previous committee work included membership on the NFL's International and Legislative Committees.

Congresswoman Karen Bass is a Democrat serving as the U.S. Representative of California's 37th district. She was first elected to Congress in 2010. Prior to her election she represented the 47th district in the California State Assembly (2004-10), and was the first African-American woman to serve as Speaker of the California State Assembly (2008-2010). Currently, Representative Bass serves on the House Committee on Foreign Affairs where she is Ranking Member of the Subcommittee on Africa, as well as the House Judiciary Committee.

Professor Stephen Miller is a former Professor of Archaeology at UC Berkeley (1973-2004), and the former Director of the American School of Classical Studies at Athens (1982-1987). Since 1973, Professor Miller has been the Director of Excavations at the site of Ancient Nemea. In 1994, after more than 20 years of archaeological excavations, Professor Miller's love and passion for Hellenism led to the founding of The Society for the Revival of the Nemean Games. The first contemporary Nemean games were held in 1996.



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Paul C. Tsavoussis	Dunedin, FL	Fr. Nicholas C. Triantafilou
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Dr. George C. and Donna Zoley	Boca Raton, FL	Fr. Mark Leondis and Peter M. Dion
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Yeota “Betty” Haseotes – 10/28/2014  
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Chris W. Caras – 4/1/2017  
Palos Verdes Estates, CA

Peter G. Kokalis – 1/11/2017  
Phoenix, AZ

Ethel Catranis – 3/4/2017  
Mobile, AL

Genevieve Stefatos – 8/21/2014  
Manhasset, NY

Beck C. Demery – 2/12/2017  
Franklin, MI

Dr. Anthony Vasilas – 4/7/2017  
Manhasset, NY

Captain Nikolaos Frangos – 12/11/2016  
Kardamyla, Chios, Greece

Sophia Vasilas – 10/1/2014  
Manhasset, NY

Demetrios Haseotes – 1/31/2017  
Cumberland, RI

Lula Zapis – 3/1/2017  
Westlake, OH

# Chris William Caras, Sr.



*Chris William Caras, Sr.*

Chris William Caras, Sr. passed away on April 1, 2017 at the age of 90 after a long and fulfilling life. Caras was commended for distinguished service to the Leadership 100 Board of Trustees at the 25th Annual Leadership 100 Conference in 2016. A member of Leadership 100 since 1996, he served on the Board from 2005 to 2014 and on the Executive Committee from 2008 to 2014.

An Archon of the Ecumenical Patriarchate since 2001 and a member of AHEPA since 1965, Caras was a widely acclaimed real estate developer and general contractor, as well as a noted philanthropist. He graduated with a degree in accounting from UCLA before embarking on a highly successful business career, during which he became a steward and supporter of many Greek Orthodox Churches throughout California. He was mainly responsible for the St. Andrew Room at St. Barbara Church in Santa Barbara, the Baptismal and Bishop Throne at St. George Church in Palm Desert and the Education Center and Bride's Room at St. Katherine Church in Redondo Beach, where he served as Chairman of the Building Committee during construction in 1972 and Vice Chairman of the Planning Committee and member of the Campaign Committee for the renovation of the entire church campus. One of his

proudest accomplishments was the recent completion of the Joan and Chris W. Caras Education Center at Saint Katherine. He also was a member of the Capital Campaign Committee, Audit Committee, and chaired the construction of the parish's original community center and kitchen. He was a founding director and also served as Vice President of the Saint Katherine Foundation, and he and his wife Joan established a Scholarship Endowment Fund as part of this effort. The couple also established a scholarship fund at the Saint Nicholas School in Northridge, California.

Caras also served on the Parish Council and the Building Financial Committee at Saint Sophia Cathedral in Los Angeles where he was a life member and benefactor. In more recent years, Chris and Joan were significant contributors to the Saint Nicholas National Shrine at the World Trade Center. Caras was also a member of the Board of Trustees for the Patriarch Athenagoras Orthodox Institute (PAOI) in Berkeley, California.

"I had the pleasure of knowing Chris for many years through his stellar involvement with the church. He was a gentleman in every sense of the word, and was a man of great honor and respect," stated His Eminence Metropolitan Gerasimos of San Francisco. "Chris' life was dedicated to serving others and the many ways he offered of himself to the church have left a lasting impact for the benefit of future generations. He was



*(L to R) Rhea Rendon, Christopher Rendon, Joan and Chris W. Caras with Chris W. Caras, Jr, George S. Tsandikos and His Eminence Metropolitan Gerasimos.*



*(L to R) George S. Tsandikos, Joan and Chris W. Caras and His Eminence Metropolitan Gerasimos.*

always willing to answer the call and respond to the needs of his parish, the Metropolis, the Archdiocese and the Ecumenical Patriarchate.”

Caras was born in Los Angeles on August 22, 1926, the first born of Soteria and William Caras, immigrants from the Peloponnesian Peninsula of Greece. The family settled in Inglewood, California with brother George and sister Patricia and with extended family and fellow Greek immigrants living in adjacent homes and nearby. In 1957 he married Joan Georggin from San Diego and they raised a family in Palos Verdes Estates.

He worked with his father in the produce business from a young age, learning a strong work ethic and excellent interpersonal skills. He attended George Washington High School and UCLA where he graduated with a Bachelor’s degree in accounting and was a member

of the wrestling team. During high school, he developed a love for cars which led him to enter the car muffler business, eventually saving the money to purchase the land and build his own muffler shop named Caras Muffler Service, which he proudly ran from 1953 to 1965. He then re-directed his labor to developing real estate, primarily in the South Bay.

In addition to his wide-ranging support of churches, Caras served on the Board of Trustees for Providence Little Company of Mary Hospital in Torrance for 14 years where he was a major donor for the new NICU wing and children’s waiting room in emergency. He was given the Trustee Emeritus Award for that service. He was also a founding donor of Norris Theatre for the Performing Arts and a donor for the Palos Verdes Art Center. Caras served on the Board of the American Cancer Society-Beach Cities and as a member of Al Malaikah Shrine since 1975.

Chris and Joan Caras were awarded the Medal of St. Paul in 2015 for their continued support, the highest honor given by the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America.

Caras is survived by his wife of 59 years, Joan, a member of Leadership 100; beloved children: Rhea Rendon (Patrick), Stacy Tempereau (John), and Chris Caras, Jr. (Jennifer); grandchildren Christopher, Sophia, Nikolas, Andreas, Chris III (“CJ”), Julianne and Grace; his sister Patricia Marchbanks (Mel); and cousins, nieces and nephews. The entire extended family resides in the South Bay Area of Los Angeles where they were raised. Both Chris Caras, Jr. and grandson Christopher L. Rendon are also members of Leadership 100.



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*Paulette Poulos, Executive Director of Leadership 100 meets with Holy Cross School of Theology Seminarians, many of whom are recipients of Leadership 100 scholarships, at Greek Orthodox Archdiocese on February 16, 2017.*

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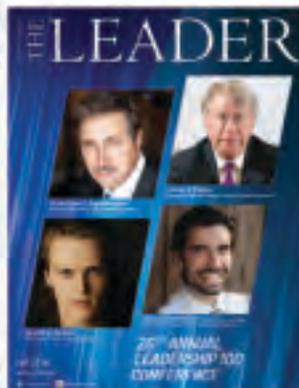
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George S. Tsandikos, Chairman, far left, and Archbishop Demetrios with recipients of Archbishop Iakovos Leadership 100 Award for Excellence, left to right, James S. Chanos, Gus Kalaris, Jonathan Jackson, and Dr. Anthony S. Papadimitriou, at Grand Banquet of 26th Annual Leadership 100 Conference.

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Leadership 100, meeting at its 26th Annual Conference at the Eau Palm Beach Resort & Spa in Manalapan, Florida from February 9-12, 2017, conferred the Archbishop Iakovos Award for Excellence upon Dr. Anthony S. Papadimitriou, President of the Onassis Foundation, James S. Chanos, the pioneering investment manager, Jonathan Jackson, the Emmy Award-winning actor, musician and author, and Gus Kalaris, founder and owner of Constantine Wines, Inc. [read more](#)

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