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THE EDITOR'S NOTE

Dear Readers,

Happy Fall!

We hope that this edition of The Voice finds you in good spirits as we approach the Advent fast. Glory to God for a successful Yiasou Festival and an exciting start to our Centennial Celebration. Honoring the first 100 years of our Cathedral is a once in a lifetime opportunity so we encourage you to get involved with all of our festivities. The importance of educating our youth about our past is immeasurable as we prepare for our future.

Wishing you good strength during the fast and the happiest of holidays.

The Voice Editors

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Sunday Nov 20	Philoptochos Pastry Sale Pick-Up 12:00 - 2:00 pm
Saturday Dec 3	Centennial Christmas Celebration in Fr. "C" Hall
Saturday Dec 31	NEW YEAR'S EVE Centennial Celebration in Fr. "C" Hall

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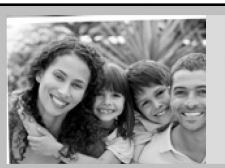
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REFLECTIONS FROM THE PULPIT



Rev. Dr. Jonathan Resmini,
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What was your early connection with the Church?

Fr. Jonathan — I was baptized because my family was Greek, but we didn't grow up going to the Church. There aren't many early memories there for me. No Sunday School, no Greek dance, or anything else. High school was a personally challenging time for me. This brought me to Church. I remember watching the film *Passion of the Christ*. It felt like my first real encounter with Christ. Funny enough, after I left the theater I went straight to the bookstore and bought a Bible. Reading the Scriptures left me with more questions than answers.

Fr. Christian — At eight years old, my mom and I converted to the Orthodox Church and — Well, what 8 year old child really has a choice at that age? — I had the blessing of being baptized alongside my mother. However, I was born in Colombia.



Rev. Christian Siskos
Associate Priest

My first language is Spanish. And going to a Greek Orthodox Church was disorienting. But it was my step-father's mother... so my Yia-Yia, who was my connecting point to the Church. She transmitted her faithfulness to me even though we could barely communicate with each other.

Who influenced you in your spiritual formation?

Fr. Jonathan — After seeing the *Passions of the Christ*, I had a strange and strong desire to serve God. I did not know what this meant. So I made my way to the Church. I sat down with the priest there and said to him, "I think want to become a priest." Fr. Nick looked back at me, with my five ear-piercings, highlighted-blonde spiky hair, and hot-topic attire and said, "Why don't you first come to Church and we'll see what happens." From there began my life in the Church. His guidance,

along with several other clergy for the next several years, helped shape me along a path to further study the Orthodox Faith. Styles change and so does our understanding of faith.

Fr. Christian — My Spiritual Father is the person that has most influenced me in my spiritual life and really every other facet of my life as well. He is a God-fearing and Christ-centered person who is filled with Spirit. I had a lot of pent up anger and misplaced trust growing up. My Spiritual Father helped dissolve that with his love. It's weird how a person can love you. But being embraced by his love made me understand a little bit better how God can love us too. The initial confessions with my spiritual father were some of the most healing times of my life. Like a good gardener he uprooted the weeds without disturbing the flowers.

Did you feel called to ministry? And how/why did you pursue that?

Fr. Jonathan — Initially I did. I did different programs with this in mind. This left me with a strong feeling of being called to some type of ministry in the Church. Early on, I thought this was a call to the priesthood, but as I continued my studies at Hellenic College and Holy Cross, I began to question if that is where I was meant to be. At some point, I got the sense that God wasn't calling me so much to formal ordained ministry, but to teach the faith as a professor. Many of the years following my initial experience in Christ, was pursuing this ultimate goal of

teaching. When I finally became a professor, I found myself unfilled, and returned to the initial feeling of being called to ordained ministry.

Fr. Christian — I did not. And I can honestly say that I have never felt called to ordained ministry. I went to Hellenic College and Holy Cross with a desire to deepen my understanding of the Orthodox Faith. I fell in love with Christ. In the same way that a man falls in love with a woman. My spiritual father helped with this formation. He gave me a rule to never miss a service. And at the time in school, we had services twice a day, almost every day. The Church services really formed my heart, while the university helped form my mind. When I thought of what work I would do after graduating with my Masters, I had only two thoughts: (1) I can do any job, because it doesn't matter in a sense. What matters is loving God and neighbor in all I do, or (2) I can pursue the Priesthood, precisely because there is no higher vocation or job that a person can fulfill.

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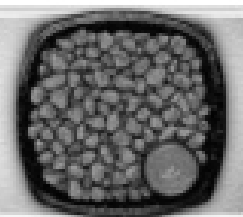
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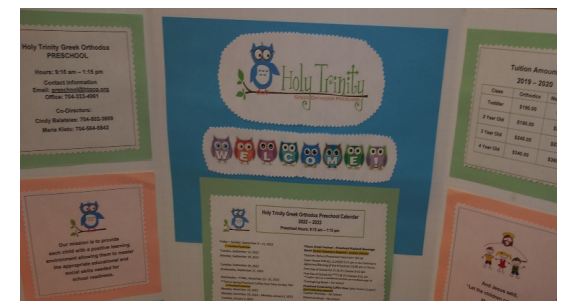
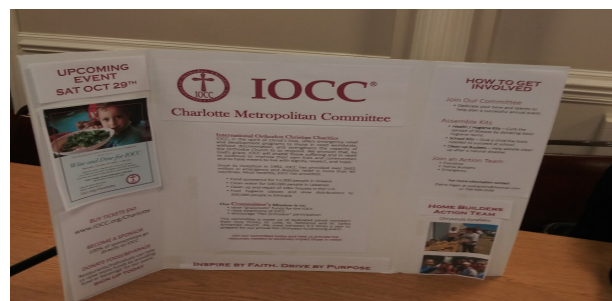
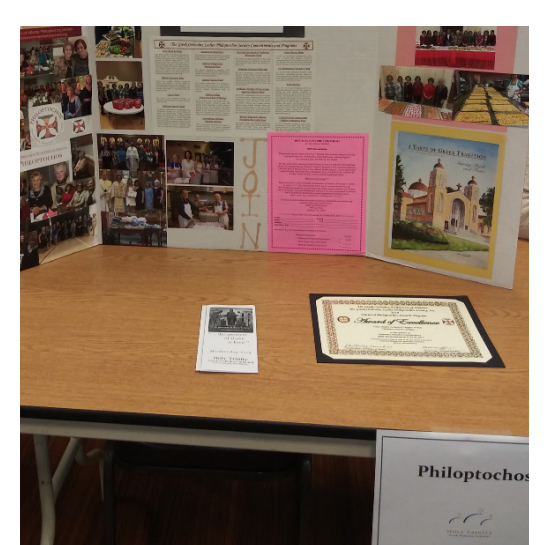
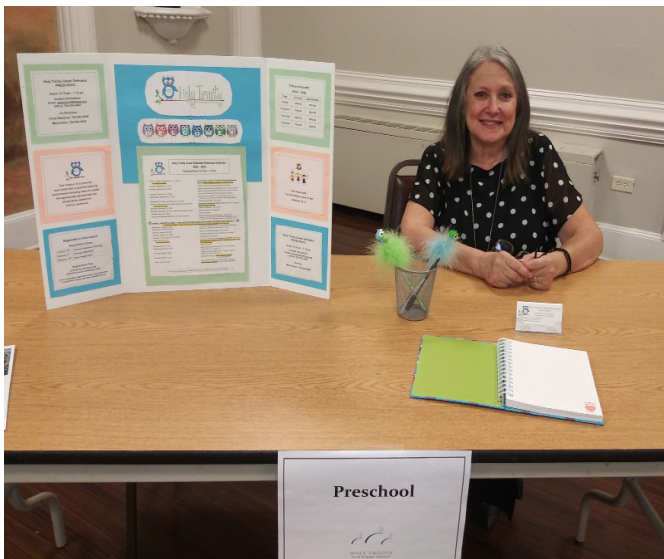
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by George Zogzas, Secretary HTGOF

Foundation Operations

To have lasted for fifty years, Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Foundation (HTGOF, or The Foundation) relies upon two constants. First, a reasonable interpretation of the rules and guidance offered through the Indenture which established the Foundation in 1973. All trustees are expected to be familiar with its provisions. Second, the good will and hard work of the individuals elected to serve as Trustees. In these fifty years, 55 individuals have been trustees, serving an average of just over than 6 1/3 years each.

Organization

Composition: The Foundation is comprised of seven (7) Trustees. The trustees are elected for five-year terms, serve on a voluntary basis, and receive no compensation.

Meetings: The Foundation shall meet at least twice each calendar year and can meet more often if a meeting is properly called by the Chairman, or by three trustees. Since January 2020, the Trustees have held 18 meetings. About one half of those were via Zoom Video conferencing during the Covid Pandemic lockdowns and restrictions (March 2020 through October 2021). Attendance at those meetings was 93%.

Quorum: At least five of the Trustees must be present to constitute a quorum at any meeting, but less than a majority may adjourn any meeting. A quorum is necessary at any meeting to authorize any action of the Trustees.

Removal of Trustee: By the affirmative vote of five-sevenths (5/7) of the entire Board of Trustees, any officer or Trustee may be removed for any cause whatever at any meeting of the Trustees.

On Sunday, February 5, 2023, The Foundation will mark the fiftieth anniversary of its creation and the signing of the Indenture by the first trustees. We will commemorate the occasion by holding our annual Memorial Sunday with the reading of all names of persons memorialized during those fifty years. That will be followed by a community luncheon in Father C Hall sponsored by the Foundation. We hope that you will join us.



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WHOOO'S IN THE NEWS AT HTGO PRESCHOOL?

by Maria Kleto

Jesus said "Let the little children come to me" then He took them in is arms and blessed them. Mark 10: 14-16

Welcome to all our 2022 - 2023 Preschool Families! On behalf of the Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Preschool staff, we want to first thank our parents for sharing their children with us and entrusting us with their care. We pray for God's blessings for our children, our families, our staff and board members as we start the new school year.

In September, we always look forward to seeing our returning children and families and getting to know our new Preschool families. We are so happy to once again have our classrooms filled with our preschooler's smiling faces and a few teary ones as well. The transition into the school year was off to a smooth start. We look forward to watching the children develop spiritually, academically, emotionally, and physically throughout the year. Our Mission is to provide each child with a positive learning environment allowing them to master the appropriate educational and social skills needed for school readiness. It is very rewarding to see how much the children progress each year, gaining more confidence and independence in preparation for the next grade level.

and Agiasmos. The parents and children first gathered in the classrooms to meet their teachers, explore their new environment and to see their old and new friends. Everyone then moved



to the church where Fr. Christian did the Agiasmos service blessing our families and school for the start of the new year. The first official day of classes began the following day. There were a few tears at the beginning with some of our younger children, but they have quickly adjusted to being in school. Most of the time, the separation is harder on the parents than the children, but eventually everyone settles into the routine.

Once again, the preschool is truly blessed and thankful to have a group of very dedicated and caring teachers on our team. Our teachers put in a great deal of time and effort both inside and outside of class to prepare their lessons and classrooms. They work hard to make the preschool a warm and inviting learning environment where the children can thrive. Our staff members for this school year are:

Monday and Wednesday Toddler Class: Alexandra "Alex" Tatsis and Chrysoula Xyrafakis

Tuesday and Thursday Two Years Old Class: Lisa Giotis, Stasy Skarlatos and Georgia Harakas

Monday, Wednesday, and Friday Three Years Old Class: Lisa Giotis, Kim Tatsis and Chrysoula Xyrafakis

Monday - Friday Four Years Old Class: Angelina Korinis, Andrea "Mahe" Politis and Stasy Skarlatos

Director: Maria Kleto



The Preschool opened on Monday, September 19th with the Open House



FESTIVAL THANK YOU LETTER

From the Yiasou Festival Committee

Dear Greek Festival volunteers,

Thank you for all of the effort that you put into making the 2022 Yiasou Festival a resounding success! With thousands of visitors walking through our doors, it was an honor serving alongside you in sharing our Orthodox faith and Greek heritage with our Charlotte neighbors.

Every year, the Yiasou Greek Festival is, by all accounts, one of the most anticipated events of the Queen City's event calendar. Our Charlotte friends and neighbors eagerly anticipate the start of the Yiasou Greek Festival and are proud to support our cathedral. At the 2022 festival, the food was excellent, the dancing was top-notch, and the thousands of combined hours of preparation paid off in what was an all-around lovely weekend.

We are happy to report that the weather cooperated, for the most part, with a few rain drops throughout the weekend. Regardless of the intermittent showers, the festival raised a lot of funds that will benefit a number of projects and we couldn't have done it without you, our beloved volunteers.

We are eternally grateful to every volunteer that took time away from families, friends, and hobbies to support the Yiasou Greek Festival. Thank you for making our cathedral and our community a better place!



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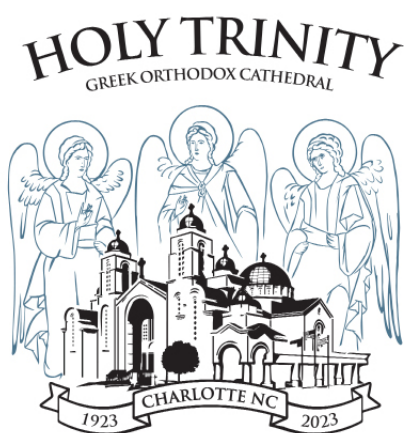


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DEDICATION OF HISTORICAL MARKER

We are announcing the Centennial Celebration marked by monthly events that highlight our parish's history. The year-long celebration kicked off on September 8, 2022 with the historical marker dedication



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CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

Submitted by Joanna Housiadas



In commemoration of our beloved community's centennial, the committee has had the great honor and task of helping with the addition of two beautiful and lasting tributes to our 100-year celebration: the Dedication of the Historical Marker and the unveiling of the community's Centennial Icon.

On Sunday, August 28th, the parish gathered outside the cathedral for a special blessing of the historical marker ahead of the official dedication of the marker at 10am on Friday September 9th, kicking off this year's Greek Festival. In attendance at the dedication were

Mayor Vi Liles, former Mayor and North Carolina Governor Pat McCrory, former mayors Richard Vinroot and Jennifer Roberts, members of the Cathedral Centennial Celebration Committee and other special guests.

On Friday, September 23rd, iconographer Panos Kontos, through his associate, installed the Centennial Icon in the narthex of the cathedral. The icon depicts the three angels which visited Abraham and Sarah (Genesis 18:1-15) holding the present day Cathedral. These angels symbolize the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. Below the cathedral are images of all our past houses of worship, showing the growth and progression of our community over the last 100 years. To the far left is the Chamber of Commerce on East Trade, (1920s), next the former Westminster Presbyterian Church on South Boulevard (1930s) and finally the 1954 Cathedral on East Boulevard with the Jones



Mansion in the background. The people portrayed in the icon are representative of the era; two parishioners in front of the church are holding icons of St Nektarios and St Luke, a nod to our sister parishes.

With the Centennial Celebration well underway, the committee invites the community to help continue our commemoration by attending the following events:

A Centennial Christmas Celebration: Saturday, December 3rd 5:00pm Fr. C Hall A Christmas program featuring Choral Classics by our Adult and Youth Choirs, Greek Folk Carols and Traditional Tunes by Notes of Nostalgia followed by a reception.

A Centennial New Year's Eve Celebration: Saturday, December 31st. 8:00pm Fr. C Hall featuring performances by DJ Master Tempo and Zephyros

For more information on the Centennial Celebration, future events and to become a sponsor, please visit www.htgocentennial.com.



Deacon George Politis and Rev. Dr. Jonathan Resmini, Interim Dean of the Cathedral, following the Blessing of the Historical Marker

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More information can be found at
thefaihthendowment.org.

Congratulations to John and his family!



AROUND CHARLOTTETOWN

by Kathy Xyrafakis



Mr. and Mrs. Alan Lee Clack (the former Miss Timi Poulos) of Chester, South Carolina, joyfully announce the birth of their daughter, Mia Catherine, born on August 11, 2022. Maternal grandparents are Gus and Cathy Poulos of Chester, South Carolina. Paternal grandparents are Sharon Clack and the late David Clack also of Chester.

Irene Kay Yamalis and Noah Nicholas Leonidas were married on Saturday, October 22, 2022 in a ceremony at Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Cathedral. A reception immediately followed at Father C Hall. Irene is the daughter of Philip and Olga Yamalis and Noah is the son of Bill and Marina Leonidas. The couple is planning a future honeymoon trip to Aruba and will make their home in Knoxville, TN.

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Attention Newlyweds

To place your wedding announcement in *The Voice's* Around Charlottetown, please email a photo (JPEG format) and a brief writeup to Kathy Xyrafakis (kathy@htgo.org). We will include it in the next issue.



PARISH COUNCIL PRESIDENT'S COMMENTARY*by John Mahairas*

B e l o v e d
brothers and
sisters in Christ,

On behalf of
all the clergy,
parish council,
and myself,

I want to thank the holy Trinity family and community for their commitment and participation at our Yiasou Greek festival 2022! After a two year absence of a full festival we were blessed with the opportunity to hold this community and cultural event once again. The entire city of Charlotte was excited and showed their support and eagerness to participate in our Greek culture and partake of all the festival has the offer. Thanks to you, our festival was a huge success both culturally and financially.

Our centennial celebration is in full swing and will be the focal point of our thoughts and prayers throughout the year 2023. Please participate and attend the planned events which celebrate the history and culture of our great Charlotte community and our Holy Trinity Cathedral. I encourage everyone to attend our New Year's Eve celebration which will be our first centennial event to take part

in 2023 exactly 100 years after the founding of our community. This is a once in a lifetime event we can all celebrate together.

Finally, I also want to say thank you to our Holy Trinity Clergy and Cathedral staff for all their hard work and dedication. without them our community will not be able to operate. Please show them your appreciation and tell them thank you when you see them. Our clergy and staff have worked very diligently, especially the months leading up to our festival.

I hope everyone has a great holiday season. I look forward to seeing everyone in church and at our community events. Also, please feel free to reach out to me for any questions you may have concerning church and cathedral operations. I will be happy to answer any questions.

In Christ,

John Mahairas

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STEWARDSHIP 2023*by Nicholas Kallelis*

The Stewardship in 2023 will include the 100 year celebration of Holy Trinity. We all need to support this monumental event. During the year there will be events each month which we all need to support by displaying our stewardship. The celebration committee has worked diligently for a memorable and successful event. Let's show our appreciation by participating and supporting their efforts.

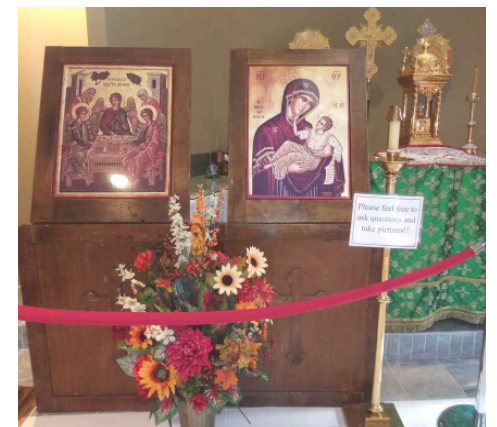
At the same time, stewardship to fully support the church budget of approximately \$1,330,000, will require everyone's dedication to meet the obligation. We will need volunteerism in the ministries and the celebration events to express our commitment to Holy Trinity.

At the start of 2023 we will kick off our stewardship program. Our parishioners were provided with the budget at the General Assembly Meeting. In the past a small percentage of families submitted stewardship forms verifying contact information and a financial commitment. It is requested that we accept the responsibility to ensure our contact information is correct and that we are all committed to fulfill our financial obligation to meet our church expenses. As we continually increase our church membership it

will require a dedicated effort by all to support our ministries and financial commitment to become self-supporting. Annual registration of our church membership is required by our by-laws.

Since our church facilities are aging, the festival funds will eventually be dedicated to capital improvements. This will require all to consider how each family can increase their financial support. This is another reason for submitting the stewardship form as it will provide the information required to plan capital improvements.

Throughout 2023 we will be transparent and communicate our stewardship performance. Let's make 2023 a banner year of stewardship by having a successful 100 year anniversary and a 100% submittal of stewardship forms to support all church expenses.



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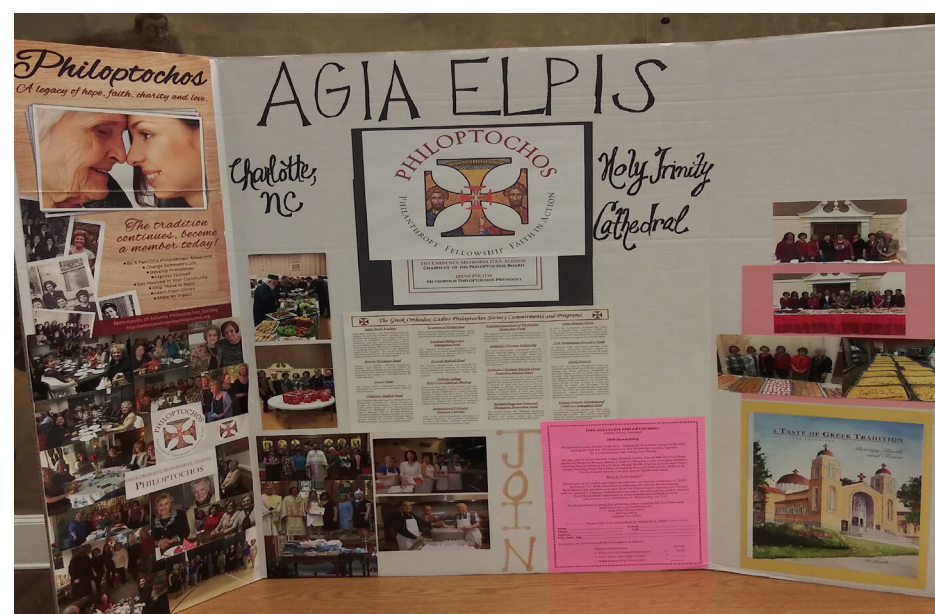
FROM THE CHOIR LOFT*by Olga Yamalis*

Heavy rains couldn't stop our parish from the full return of the Yiasou Festival that was held on Friday, September 9 to Sunday, September 11. The sights and sounds of people, vendors, dancers, music and smells of delicious foods and desserts took their places on East Boulevard once again. It was great to be back in full swing. The HTC Choir held two performances on Saturday, September 10 at 3pm and 4pm indoors in the Cathedral. Performances were directed by Dr. Philip Thevaos and organist Irina Monzolevskaya. Each 30 minute concert gave guests an overview compilation of our Orthodox Ecclesiastical year. Philip provided the narration between hymns. Hymns included I Parthenos

Simeron (sung during Advent), Dhefte Lavete Fos and Christos Anesti (sung during Pascha), Tin Oreotita (sung during Lent) and the Holy Trinity hymn (sung at each Liturgy and Pentecost). Thank you goes out to Philip and Irina and the choir members who took time from their various volunteer activities to participate in these choral performances. Great job!

What's next for the HTC Choir?

We are currently preparing for our Christmas Centennial Program taking place on Saturday, December 3 at 5pm in Father C Hall. It will be an unforgettable evening of choral classics, dancing, and a reception featuring our HTC Choir and our HTC Youth. Please join us for this amazing upcoming event.

PHILOPTOCHOS*by Pamela Bostian*

A special thank you to the ladies of Philoptochos and to all volunteers once again for their support of the 2022 Greek Festival!

Our chapter's Name Day (Agia Elpis) was celebrated with a luncheon held on Saturday, September 17th at the Red Rocks Cafe (Charlotte, NC).

Our Chapter held their first board meeting of the new year on Sunday, September 25th. Our first General meeting was held on Tuesday, October 11th.

On Sunday, November 13th, we commemorated National Philoptochos Sunday with an Artoclasia service and a Memorial Service to remember our departed.

Order Pickup for our Bake Sale will be available at the Church during the following dates/times:

Sunday, November 20th

12:00 to 2:00 PM

Saturday, December 3rd

12:00 to 2:00 PM

Sunday, December 4th

12:00 to 2:00 PM

Monday, December 5th

4:00 -6:00PM

Upcoming Events:

Annual Christmas Party

Leos Italian Restaurant

December 13th @ 6PM

Philoptochos Centennial Luncheon,
Carmel Country Club

February 18th



Purpose:
To create a Byzantine Choir for
the First Liturgy

Classes held on Sundays
from 9:45am- 10:30am
in the Cathedral basement

**To sign up, email Demetri at
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OCTOBER 28, 1940 THE OXI DAY

BY George C. Andrinopoulos. M.D., FACOG. AHEPA District 3. Director of Hellenism.



«Alors, c'est la guerre».

History. 1. The Scene.

Eve of October 28, 1940, Emmanuelle Grazzi, the Italian Ambassador in Athens, presented an ultimatum to the Greek Prime Minister, John Metaxa, demanding free passage of Italian troops to occupy any Greek territory.

Metaxas response was: «Alors, c'est la guerre». «Then, It is war». «OXI». NO.

Metaxas did not try to negotiate an agreement, to buy time, to consult his administration and share responsibility for the answer to the ultimatum, despite the fact that, by that time, the Axis controlled all Southern Europe, part of Northern Africa and part of central Europe.

He rejected the ultimatum. He knew that this answer was the feeling of every Greek citizen.

Within hours, Italy attacked Greece from Albania, which was already occupied.

Athens Radio, early in the morning of October 29th announced:

Since 05:30 am the enemy is attacking our vanguard on the Greek-Albanian border.

Our forces are defending the fatherland.

History 2. The Dictators and Metaxas Response.

Benito Mussolini. Mussolini worked on the idea for “Spazio Vitale for Italy” since 1920s.

He dreamed of Hegemony on Mediterranean-Danubian- Balkan region.

An empire stretching from the Strait of Gibraltar to the Strait of Hormuz.

1936, signed/forced a pact with Francisco Franco of Spain.

1939, April 7th, Invaded Albania.

1940, June, declared war against France and Britain, and then was accusing Greece of been a British ally.

1940, August 15, the “ day of Dormition of Theotokos”, sank the Greek Cruiser “Elli” at Tinos.

1940, September, Invaded France, Egypt, and the British Somaliland.

According to Mussolini's generals, they were to occupy Athens within a week of the attack.



Adolf Hitler. The Fuehrer.

Hitler Sought “ Space for the German people”.

In 1933, Became Chancellor.

In 1934, Became “Fuehrer”. “Leader”. A Nazi title to define his role of



1913, Was decorated at WW I, by the German army.

1921, Became Leader of Nazi Party.

1924, Was imprisoned for Coup attempt. Wrote the political manifesto “ My Struggle”.

absolute authority in Germany's Third Reich. Was Dictator from 1933 until his suicide on April 30, 1945.

Greek counter-offensive

(13 November, 1940 – 27 April, 1941).



1924, Was released from the prison and began promoting the Pan-Germanism, the anti-Semitism, the anti-Communism, and the racially motivated ideology- “the superiority of the Arian race”.

Attacked the Treaty of Versailles.

The Greek-Italian War. (October 29, 1940-April 27, 1941).

During the first few days of the Italian attack, their forces gained a small front but soon they experienced the tenacious resistance of the Hellenic Army.

The Italians had to contend with the mountainous and muddy terrain at the Greek – Albanian border and they had difficulty to mobilize and to transfer their military equipment.

On the other hand, Greeks were able to do so using horses and mules while they were assisted by the Greek women.

The weather was very cold with snow and ice, and in addition communicative diseases developed, especially skin disease by lice.

With the support of British bombers, the Greeks proceeded to a counter offensive (November 13, 1940 until the day that Athens fell to Germans-April 27, 1941) and occupied a significant part of the Albanian land including cities in Albania such as Himara, Klisoura, Pogradec.

Consequences of Italian Defeat by the Greeks. 1.

1. Hitler wants to secure the Southern Europe. Mistrust the Italian strength.

On April 6, 1941, Hitler attacked Greece (Operation Marita) at Metaxas line (Rupel Strongholds) at the Greek Bulgarian borders but never took the Metaxas Line, despite the fact that, at that time, 1. the Metaxas Line was sub optimally reinforced because the majority of the Greek effort was directed toward the Italian attack at Albania, 2. the British support was sub optimal at that time and finally 3. Despite the fact that the Metaxas Line was designed to defend Greece against a Bulgarian attack. It was not designed to sustain air attacks of Germany's air force.

Yet the German forces never took the Metaxas Line.

The Metaxas Line was surrendered after Athens was taken by the Germans (April 27th 1941) and the Greek Government had signed an agreement.

As German forces diversion's result, Hitler delayed the Barbarossa Plan (Attack against Russia); because of the delay, he initiated the attack close to winter, and he suffered the great defeat by the Russians.

Hitler blamed Mussolini's “Greek fiasco” for his failed campaign in Russia.

Consequences of Italian Defeat by the Greeks.2.

1. The Greek feat was recognized as the “First Ever Setback of the Axis”.

It provided the, so much needed, hope to the Allies that the Axis can be defeated.

2. 1947. The Dodecanese Islands were ceded to Greece by Italy, as a result of its defeat by the Greeks.

3. Winston Churchill made the famous Declaration:

We used to say, The Greeks fight like the Heroes.

From now on we will say: The Heroes fight like the Greeks !

Greece's increase of its Territory was not a gift, it was earned as a result of winning *its wars*.

In Memoriam



Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live. And whoever lives and believes in Me shall never die." John 11:25

November 1, 2022

CHARLOTTE – The sun was shining brightly on the morning of Tuesday, November 1, 2022, as Heaven's doors opened to receive one of the brightest angels to walk on this Earth. Larry "Eleutherios" Peroulas, 82, closed his eyes one last time, peacefully in his home in Charlotte NC, surrounded by his family who deeply adored him.

Larry was born in Dytiki Fragista, Greece in March 1941. He loved his country deeply and would spend his life dedicated to teaching others its history and culture. With his hard work and determination, Larry completed



his bachelor's degree in economics at the University of Athens and would later receive his master's degree from New York University. He moved to Charlotte in 1997 and served as the Principal at Holy Trinity Greek School for more than 20 years. His dream was to start a Greek American school which came to fruition in August of 2005. Socrates Academy opened its doors with 67 elementary students and would successfully become an award-winning school with more than 800 students spanning grades K-12. Even during his battle with cancer, he worked diligently at putting the last touches on the new high school, often spending time on the school grounds formalizing the design with the architects. He even enlisted his two granddaughters

to assist him with paperwork when he lacked the strength to do so. His deep passion for teaching was fueled with the love he had for his scholars and strong desire to give them every possible tool for a bright and successful future. Another love of Larry's was his job at the Velouhi magazine where he spent countless hours working as the publisher and editor for the Greek publication. His energy, intelligence, and perseverance can be felt across the community, leaving a legacy that will long outlive us all.

His family can only describe him as their hero, an angel whose imprint will remain forever in their heart and souls. They couldn't be prouder of his accomplishments and the person he was. He will always be loved, tremendously missed, and never forgotten.

Larry's passion for teaching could only be matched by his dedication and love for his wife of 60 years, Effie; his children, Constantinos Peroulas, Maria Kotrotsios and Vasiliki Peroulas; his grandchildren whom he adored, Efthimia Peroulas and Marianthe Kotrotsios. He is also survived by his siblings, John Peroulas and his wife, Tina,

Theodora Balaouras, Georgia Rigas; his sister-in-law, Voula Douridas, and his many nieces and nephews. Larry was preceded in death by his parents Konstantinos and Eugenia Peroulas; his brother, George Peroulas, and his sister, Eleni Asimakopoulos.

Funeral services were held on Monday, November 7, 2022 at Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Cathedral, 600 East Blvd in Charlotte. Interment followed at Evergreen Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be offered in memory of Larry to Socrates Academy Foundation, 3909 Weddington Rd, Matthews, NC 28105.

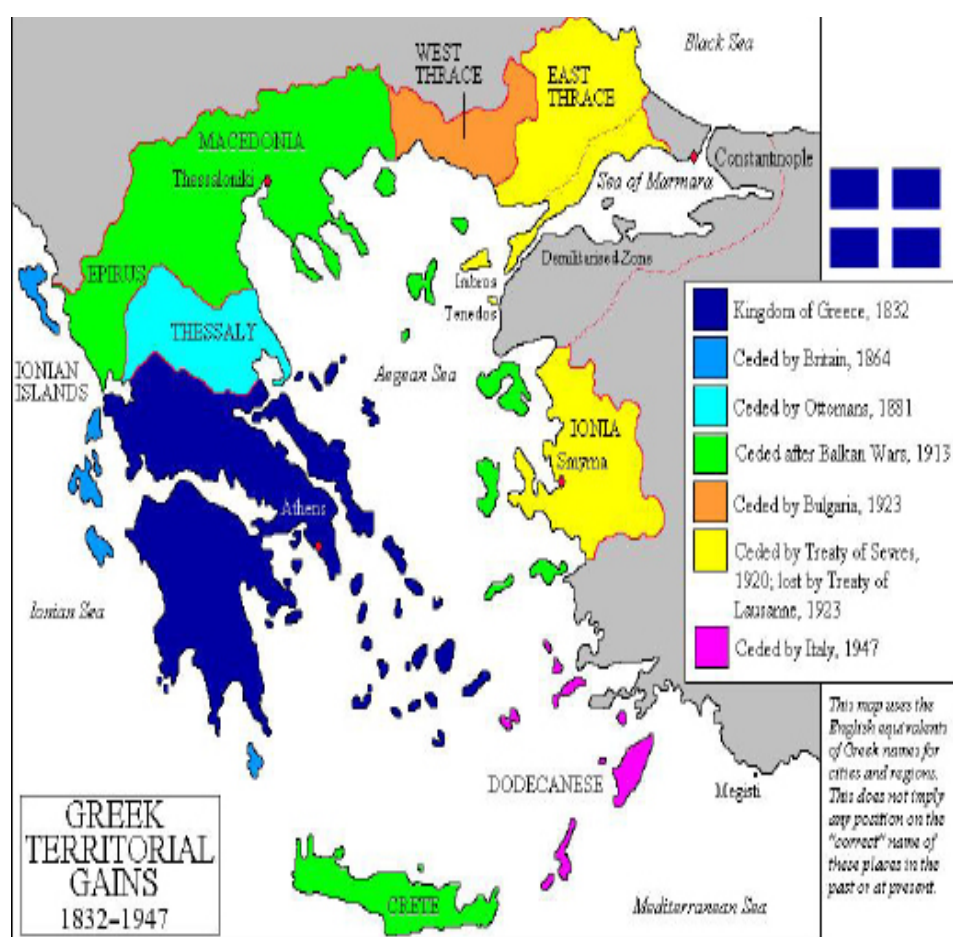
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