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## President's Message



*Dear Fellow Evrytians,*

It was a pleasure seeing many of you at our last General Assembly meeting, our second held by ZOOM video conference. Although the world experienced dark days during the pandemic, our Evrytarian Association continued to work in fulfilling our obligations, not losing sight of our purpose, and not letting circumstances bring our efforts and determination to a halt. Looking forward, the Executive Board will discuss ways to modernize the national office, update software and equipment, and search for new methods to improve efficiency.

Coming out of the meeting, I was encouraged by a renewed sense of optimism from the attendees. Although our income is slightly lower, the Association has emerged fiscally strong. Our investments have performed well, providing us the opportunity to consider new options. I was also encouraged by the desire of the membership to pursue a new focus for our monies toward larger projects that will have a more substantial impact. The general assembly approved spending up to \$30,000 to help complete the Agona Zois Hospitality House, a project which will greatly benefit Evrytians who must go to Athens for cancer treatments. We will also be corresponding with the director of the hospital in Karpenisi to determine its needs. In addition to helping people individually, these projects will have a greater significance for Evrytania as a whole.

National elections were held this year during our General Assembly meeting. It is my honor to have been

reelected to serve as your National President for a second term, and extremely grateful for the trust you have placed in me and the rest of the Executive Board. I would like to welcome to the Board Mr. Nick Kleto as 1<sup>st</sup> Treasurer and Mr. Paul Kanos as 2<sup>nd</sup> Secretary as we all work together to advance our historic and proud Velouchi.

At this time, I would like to extend my most heartfelt gratitude to our treasurer of many years, Mr. Jim Kastriches. His long and illustrious tenure as Treasurer is unparalleled, and his honesty and integrity while serving unmatched. He has been the backbone of the Executive Board for over 40 years, providing direction and advice to many presidents and boards while overseeing the Association's finances with the utmost scrutiny. His dedication and love for the Velouchi is exemplary, and the Evrytarian Association is deeply appreciative and extremely grateful for his many years of service. I and all the members of the Association wish Mr. Kastriches only the best for many years to come.

In closing, I wish everyone a good summer as we try to get back to normal and move on with our lives. Hopefully, our next meeting God willing will be held in person where we can celebrate together as friends and family!

*With Patriotic Love and Respect,*

*James N. Chulkas, National President*

## Velouchi's 77<sup>th</sup> Zoom General Assembly Was a Great Success



## VELOUCHI'S NATIONAL ELECTIONS

During our 77<sup>th</sup> National General Assembly held on Sunday, June 13, 2021, the following Executive Board Officers were re-elected or newly elected to serve for the 2-year term 2021-2023:

***Mr. James Chulkas, President***  
***Mr. Jim Canavos, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President***  
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***Ms. Katie Chulkas, 1<sup>st</sup> Secretary***  
***Mr. Paul Kanos, 2<sup>nd</sup> Secretary***

We congratulate and thank them all for their time and dedication! We are grateful for their services and recognize that their contribution to the success of our historic Association does not come without sacrifices.

**---ΜΗΝΥΜΑ ΠΡΟΕΔΡΟΥ---****Αγαπητοί Ευρυτάνες,**

Ήταν χαρά μου που είδα πολλούς από εσάς στην τελευταία μας συνεδρίαση της Γενικής Συνέλευσης, τη δεύτερη που πραγματοποιήσαμε με Zoom. Παρόλο που ο κόσμος βίωσε πολύ δύσκολες μέρες κατά τη διάρκεια της πανδημίας, η Ένωσή μας "Το Βελούχι" συνέχισε να εργάζεται για την εκπλήρωση των υποχρεώσεών μας, χωρίς να παραβλέπει τον σκοπό μας ή ν' φήνει τις περιστάσεις να σταματήσουν τις προσπάθειες και την αποφασιστικότητα μας. Κοιτώντας μπροστά, η Εκτελεστική Επιτροπή θα συζητήσει τρόπους εκσυγχρονισμού των Κεντρικών Γραφείων μας, αναβάθμισης του λογισμικού και εξοπλισμού και αναζήτησης νέων μεθόδων για τη βελτίωση της αποτελεσματικότητας.

Βγαίνοντας από την τηλεδιάσκεψη αυτή, ένιωσα μια ισχυρή ενθάρρυνση από τους παρευρισκόμενους που με γέμισε από αισιοδοξία. Αν και τα εισόδημά μας την περασμένη χρονιά ήταν λιγότερα, εντούτοις η Ένωσή μας κατάφερε να διατηρήσει την οικονομική της ισχύ. Οι επενδύσεις μας απέδωσαν και μας έδωσαν την ευκαιρία να εξετάσουμε καινούριες επιλογές. Με ενθάρρυνε επίσης η επιθυμία των συνέδρων να εστιάσουμε τις επενδύσεις μας σε μεγαλύτερα έργα που θα έχουν πιο ουσιαστικό αντίκτυπο. Η Γενική Συνέλευση ενέκρινε δαπάνες έως και \$30.000 για να ολοκληρωθεί το Σπίτι Φιλοξενίας του Αγώνα Ζωής, ένα έργο που θα ωφελήσει σε μεγάλο βαθμό τους Ευρυτάνες που έχουν ανάγκη να πάνε στην Αθήνα για θεραπείες καρκίνου. Επίσης, θα επικοινωνήσουμε και με τον διευθυντή του Νοσοκομείου Καρπενήσιου για να προσδιορίσουμε τις ανάγκες του. Συμπεριλαμβανομένης της οικονομικής βοήθειας που κάθε χρόνο παρέχουμε σε άτομα και οικογένειες που έχουν μεγάλη ανάγκη αλλά και σε παιδιά με ειδικές ανάγκες, αυτά τα νέα έργα θα έχουν μεγαλύτερη σημασία για την Ευρυτανία στο σύνολό τους.

Η Γενική μας Συνέλευση εξέλεξε επίσης και τους αξιωματούχους της Εκτελεστικής Επιτροπής της Ένωσης για την επόμενη διετία 2021-2023. Είναι τιμή μου που επανεκλέχθηκα για να υπηρετήσω ως Πρόεδρος για δεύτερη θητεία και είμαι εξαιρετικά ευγνώμων για την εμπιστοσύνη σας προς το άτομό μου και την υπόλοιπη Εκτελεστική Επιτροπή. Θα ήθελα να καλωσορίσω στο Διοικητικό Συμβούλιο

τον κ. Νικόλαο Κοντονίκα ως 1ο Ταμία και τον κ. Paul Kanos ως 2ο Γραμματέα καθώς όλοι συνεργαζόμαστε για να προωθήσουμε το ιστορικό και περήφανο Βελούχι μας.

Αυτή τη στιγμή, θα ήθελα να ευχαριστήσω θερμά τον για δεκαετίες υπηρετήσαντα ταμία μας κ. Δημήτριο Καστρίτση. Η μακρά και επιφανής θητεία του ως Ταμίας ήταν απaráμιλλη, η δε ειλικρίνεια και ακεραιότητά του καθ' όλη τη διάρκεια των υπηρεσιών αποτελούν ένα εξαιρετικό παράδειγμα επίτευξης των σκοπών της ιστορικής μας Ένωσης. Ήταν η ραχοκοκαλιά της Εκτελεστικής Επιτροπής για πάνω από 40 χρόνια, παρέχοντας καθοδήγηση και συμβουλές σε πολλούς προέδρους και συμβούλια, ενώ συγχρόνως επέβλεπε τα οικονομικά του Συλλόγου με απόλυτο έλεγχο. Η αφοσίωσή του και η αγάπη του για το Βελούχι μας ήταν υποδειγματική. Η Ένωσή μας είναι ιδιαίτερα ευγνώμων για τα πολλά χρόνια υπηρεσίας του. Εγώ προσωπικά αλλά και όλα τα μέλη του Συλλόγου ευχόμαστε στον κ. Καστρίτση μόνο το καλύτερο για πολλά χρόνια ακόμη.

Κλείνοντας, εύχομαι σε όλους ένα καλό καλοκαίρι καθώς προσπαθούμε να επιστρέψουμε στα φυσιολογικά μας επίπεδα και να προχωρήσουμε με τη ζωή μας. Ελπίζουμε και Θεού θέλοντος η επόμενη συνάντησή μας να πραγματοποιηθεί αυτοπροσώπως και να μπορέσουμε να γιορτάσουμε μαζί ξανά ως φίλοι και σαν μια οικογένεια!

*Με πατριωτική αγάπη και σεβασμό,*

*Δημήτριος Τσιόλκας, Πρόεδρος*

**===IMPORTANT===**

**Please Remit Your 2020 Dues! It is by each member's willingness to support that we can give impetus to the various projects that our wonderful organization promotes and sponsors.**

**We will continue keeping you updated on our 2022 Convention in Karpenisi and the latest news from our Board of Trustees**



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**President's Message**

*Hello everyone!*

Hope this finds you all in good health! Things are opening up and more and more people are vaccinated. I got my shots as well as the rest of my family - young and old. I hope that you have had them also. Just a little message to let our fellow sisters know what your Board has been up to and what is coming up this summer.

We have been able to fulfill our obligations this year:

- We sent \$1000 to the food bank at Agrafa
- We fulfilled our \$1500 to Children with Special Needs
- We will be able to offer our 2 scholarships this year for a total of \$3000 to daughters of our members
- We sent over \$4000 to elementary school in Raftopoulos

We are getting our Raffle tickets together and printed to mail out to our members. We need to make this fund raiser for the Daughters a success so we can do more good. We also need to pay our dues so I am asking our Sister Chapters to do a strong membership drive if possible by approaching our younger women to continue the tradition of our ancestors and heritage as well as our Members.

We will have our General Assembly in August via a Zoom meeting. Please get your emails to Roula Chulkas at [rouli1967@live.com](mailto:rouli1967@live.com) At this time, we will have elections and set our budget for the year. At the Velouchi meeting this past Sunday, all were optimistic about a possibility of

having a Convention in Karpenisi next year. Nothing wrong with trying to have a positive attitude.

That's our news for now and until August I hope all of you have a wonderful summer with your loved ones!! Don't forget - Get Vaccinated and Be Safe!!

*With love and respect,*

*Liz, Dina, Roula, Helen and Olga!*

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**CHAPTER #2 – FAYETTEVILLE, NC****IN LOVING MEMORY OF:****Konstantinos “Gus” Pappas**

Konstantinos “Gus” Pappas passed away on Sunday, December 27, 2020 at Cape Fear Valley Medical Center surrounded by his loving family. Gus was born in Stenoma, Eurytania, Greece on April 15, 1929 to the late Angeliki and Christos (Papadonikos) Papaspiros. He was preceded in death by his brother Dimitri and his sisters, Alexandra, Ourania, and Despina.

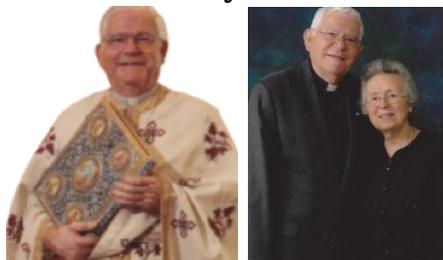
Gus is survived by his loving wife Koula; his daughter Angela Murray Lucas and son in law Jerry Lucas; his loving grandchildren, Kosta Murray, Valerie Murray, and Anastasia Murray. His brother Steve Pappas of Fayetteville and Steve’s children, Chris Pappas and wife Michelle of Jackson Springs, NC, Sophia Tsiatsos and husband John of Greenville, SC, and many other nieces, nephews and cousins and friends, a sister Eleni Mitrolias of Karpenisi, Evrytania, Greece.

**Victor “Vick” Kalevas**

Victor “Vick” Kalevas, 56, of Fayetteville passed away peacefully on Saturday, December 12, 2020. Victor was born May 1, 1964 in Stenoma, Greece to the late Vasilios and Petroula Kalevas.

Vick is survived by his wife Zoe; his beautiful children, daughter Roula and his son Billy; Brother Dino and Lisa; two children,

Bobby and Kristina. Brother Greg and Effie; three children, Patricia, Billy, and Athanasia. Father -in- law Pete Rizos; Brother- in-law Brian and Roula McFarlin; two children Victoria and Gabrielle; Brother-in-law George and Christina Petropoulos; two children; John and Pete. Vick touched the hearts of many and will be greatly missed. The simplest pleasures in life brought great joy to Vick. He never wanted to miss a moment that celebrated his wife and children. School events, ball games, Sunday night family dinners, and family vacations were the moments he cherished the most. His humor and smile was contagious to everyone he met. His true love and spirit will forever be remembered by his family and friends.

**+Reverend Chrysostom Manuel**

*October 18, 1931 to June 11, 2021*

***“Created by God as eternal Living Spirit;  
United with God, the Great Living Spirit;  
the road to Divinity is to God.”***

After spending a life reflecting on the mysteries of God and finding joy with family and friends, Rev. Chrysostom Manuel died on June 11, 2021, following a period of declining health. He was 89.

Born to a family of Anatolian Greeks living in Thessaloniki, Greece, on October 18, 1931, Chrysostom Manuel spent his childhood in the neighborhood Ano Toumba. At age 10, accompanying his uncle Joachim Mavrides, he and his brother became chanters in the Orthodox church, learning Byzantine chant and liturgy, experiences that influenced his choice of profession as a Greek Orthodox priest. In 1946, following the devastation of World War II and escaping the Greek Civil War, he immigrated to the United States with his mother and brother to join his father in New Brunswick, N.J. Knowing no English when he arrived, he was forever grateful to Ms. Deinzer and Ms. French, teachers who stayed after school at New Brunswick High to help him learn the new language and graduate. During the summers, he worked at Rutgers University’s agricultural program, enjoying the farm work. He was drafted into the US Army in 1950, spending two years as a company clerk, including a tour in West Germany. It was while serving in Western Europe that, in his words, he heard the call of the Holy Spirit to join the priesthood. After attending Holy Cross

Seminary in Brookline, Mass., on the GI Bill, Rev. Manuel graduated in the spring of 1961, then married the former Amphitrite Anthoula Constantelos in the summer and soon thereafter was ordained as a Greek Orthodox priest. He was then assigned to serve Sts. Constantine and Helen Greek Orthodox Church, in Fayetteville, N.C. During his time in Fayetteville, the church sanctuary was built in 1964, with classical Byzantine iconography and architecture. The church was consecrated in 1984, and the educational building, with a library dedicated to him and his wife, was completed in 2005.

Rev. Manuel served the Fayetteville community for 37 of the next 40 years, serving parishes in Boca Raton, Fla., and Asheville, N.C., from 1987 to 1990. He retired as an active priest in August 2000, but in retirement, he continued to serve as an itinerant priest in many communities, including Charlottesville, VA.; Gulf Shores, AL.; Baltimore, MD.; Monroe, LA.; and Panama City, FL. He enjoyed Greek and classical music, Greek dance, travel with his family, his wife’s cooking, St. Louis Cardinals baseball, and discussions of theology and history. In 1964, he became the first Orthodox clergyman to earn a Master’s Degree from the Duke University Divinity School. His exposure to western theology, coupled with his outstanding command of Byzantine chant and liturgy, made him a gifted and inspiring Orthodox priest. He was a man of intellect, joy, and passion—his energy and spirit will be deeply missed by his family and friends. He believed that “ALL human beings are created in God’s Image. All human beings are loved by God.” Now his spirit has returned to God.

Rev. Manuel is survived by his wife and Presbytera of almost 60 years, Amphitrite Anthoula Constantelos Manuel; four children—Athan Manuel (Alison Merow); Christine Kushner (David Kushner); Cleo Manuel Stamatatos (Dr. Nicholas Stamatatos); and John Manuel (Becky Kirkland); eight grandchildren—Paul Kushner, Ariadne Manuel, Kate Kushner, Evan Chrysostom Manuel, Michael Stamatatos, Anna Stamatatos, Chrysostom Alex Manuel, and Sophia Manuel; and extended family in Greece and the US. He is predeceased by his parents, Athanasios and Cleo Manuel, and his brother, William Manuel, as well as his mentor, Bishop Gerasimos (Papadopoulos) of Abydos.

The family wishes to thank all his caregivers who enabled him to remain at home in his final years, an invaluable gift. The family is immensely grateful to friends who have rallied their support for him during his extended illnesses.

***“The Living Church is alive as a  
Living Spirit. God is eternal, so  
His creation is eternal.”***

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**CHAPTER #3—WINSTON SALEM, NC****Daughters of Evrytania***---By Mrs. Bessie Strates---***♣ΒΑΠΤΙΣΗ♣**

Στις 30 Μαΐου 2021 έγινε η βάπτισμα της θυγατέρας του Θανάση και της Βασιλικής Κατσούδα, στην οποία οι ανάδοχοι Οδυσσεάς και Ειρήνη Τσιάμη χάρισαν το όνομα Μαριάννα.

*Να σας ζήσει το νεοφώτιστο και κάθε ευτυχία στην οικογένεια.*

**ΘΑΝΑΤΟΙ**

Στις 20 Μαρτίου απεβίωσε η Αμαλία Καφαντάρη σε ηλικία 83 ετών. Η Ειρήνη είχε δυο παιδιά, την Ελένη και τον Εμμανουήλ καθώς και εννέα εγγόνια. Τελευταία, ήταν πολύ χαρούμενη για το γάμο μιας εκ των εγγονών της αλλά δεν πρόλαβε να τη δει νυφούλα που τόσο πολύ το περίμενε. Η Ειρήνη πρόσφερε πάρα πολλά στην κοινότητά της ως δασκάλα για πολλά χρόνια στο Ελληνικό Σχολείο καθώς και ως Γραμματέας σε πολλούς συλλόγους. Με τις κάρτες της και τα τηλέφωνα της ήταν πάντα κοντά σε όλα τα σπίτια.

Στις 24 Μαρτίου, παραμονή του Ευαγγελισμού της Θεοτόκου, απεβίωσε σε ηλικία 86 ετών η Φωτεινή Κακούρα. Εκφράζουμε τα θερμά μας συλλυπητήρια στα δυο παιδιά της Γεωργία Κρουστάλη και Ιωάννη Κακούρα και στα δυο εγγόνια της. Η Φωτεινή ήταν ένας άνθρωπος γεμάτος από αγάπη, χαρά και υπομονή. Για μένα ήταν η δεύτερη μητέρα μου εδώ στην Αμερική. Την είχα πάντα στο σπίτι μου και θα την αγαπάω και θα τη θυμάμαι για πάντα.

*Ο Θεός να τις αναπαύσει και ας είναι αιωνία η μνήμη τους.*

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## ---NEWS FROM OUR CHAPTERS---

**CHAPTER #4 – CHARLOTTE, NC****Heartfelt Congratulations to 2021 Graduating Class  
of the Holy Trinity Cathedral Greek School**

(Με αλφαβητική σειρά):

Henry Apostolopoulos \* Nikoletta Doulaveris \* Nikolaos Hadley  
Vasilios Katsanos \* Dina Koukoutsis \* Vasilios Liagas  
Dimitris Malliaros \* Zoe Peterson \* George Tsigaridas

Warmest congratulations graduates on successfully completing your Greek K-6 Language and Heritage Program at the Holy Trinity Cathedral Greek School! Thank you for your resilience, persistence and talent, especially during these difficult times in the midst of a global pandemic! You did it! Good Luck and all the best in your future academic and professional endeavors.

*Ευχόμαστε σε σας και σε όλους τους μαθητές μας*

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και προώθηση των Αμερικανικών  
και Ελληνικών Αξιών.*

## ♣ Katerina was honored with the Head of School Award ♣



Katerina Peroulas, daughter of Dean and Stacie Peroulas of Charlotte, NC, graduated from Providence Day School on May 28, 2021. Katerina will be continuing her academic and athletic careers this fall at the University of Pennsylvania. She is committed to play for the UPenn Women’s Soccer Team.

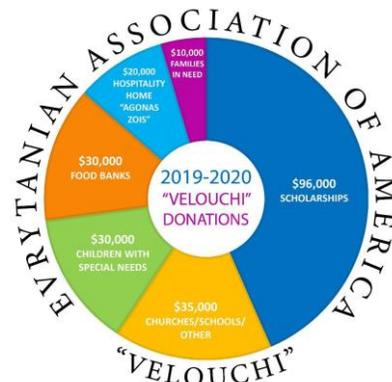
At commencement, Katerina was honored with the Head of School Award, given to a senior who embodies the school’s core values: a passion for learning, social responsibility, and personal integrity. She was a member of the National Honor Society, French National Honor Society, and was on the Headmaster’s List throughout her high school years.

Katerina finished her high school soccer career with 77 goals and 67 assists in 61 games, and as a team captain, led her team to win the 2021 NCISAA State Championship. Her senior year athletic honors include: NC Gatorade Player of the Year Nominee, United Soccer Coaches’ All Mid-Atlantic Region Selection, NCISAA All-State Selection, All-Region, and All-Conference Selection. She led her conference in total points and goals scored for the 2021 season.

A lifelong member of Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Cathedral in Charlotte, Katerina participated in GOYA and Sunday School and also dances with her Greek folk dance troupe, “Armonia.” She volunteers her time teaching Greek folk dance to younger groups in her parish.

Katerina is the granddaughter of John and Tina Peroulas of Charlotte, NC and Chris and Hope Zambas of Newport News, VA.

**Congratulations and all the best to Katerina!**

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**CHAPTER #4 – CHARLOTTE, NC****In loving memory of  
Angelo Pete Politis**

Angelo Pete Politis unexpectedly and sadly passed away on May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2021 surrounded by his family. Angelo was born on March 30<sup>th</sup>, 1957 in Charlotte, North Carolina. He was the son of Pete Politis and the late Alice Politis. Angelo was raised in Charlotte, NC by Greek immigrants and was very in tune with his culture, as he would visit Greece often growing up. He met his wife Athina in Greece and they got married in 1984. He raised his family in Charlotte, including his two sons, of whom he was so very proud of.

Angelo was a loving husband, father, brother, uncle, and son. He was extremely loved by his community at his church, Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Cathedral, where he volunteered his services for multiple events including the Yiasou! Greek Festival. Angelo was also a very well-known Wedding Videographer where he worked over thirty-five hundred weddings, Greek and American.

Angelo is survived by his wife Athina, his two sons Peter and Dimitri, his father Pete Politis, his brother Louie Politis and his wife, Irene, his brother Chris Politis and his wife, Kimberly. He will also be greatly missed by his nieces and nephews, Hope Politis Leak, her husband John, and their children, Pete Politis, Zoe Politis, Samantha Politis, and Christopher Politis, his wife Sheila, and their children.

Angelo had heavy interests in many different areas such as videography and photography, as well as robotics and engineering. He also had a deep love for Star Wars and Star Trek which he shared with his sons Peter and Dimitri. We will never forget his smile and laughter that he spread with everybody he came across, and the endless memories he left with those close to him.

**CHAPTER #6 – ASHEVILLE, NC***---By Mrs. Paula Apostolopoulos---*♣ **Wedding** ♣

Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Lewis joyfully announce the marriage of their daughter Zoe Constantina to Mr. Demitri Jade Fiscus, son of William Fiscus and Eileen Poulos. The ceremony took place on May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at the Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church in Asheville, NC. A reception followed where we all partied like rock stars. Zoe is the granddaughter of Gus and Ismini Barlas, long time Velouchi members.

♣ **Graduation** ♣

Warmest congratulations to Zoe Constantina Lewis on graduating with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing from East Tennessee State University on May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2021. Zoe will be employed with Mission Hospital in the General Surgery Division in Asheville, NC. We are so very proud of her work ethic and dedication. We wish her all the best life has to offer. Zoe is the granddaughter of Gus and Ismini Barlas, long time Velouchi members.

**In loving memory of  
Mary Vlahos Pappas**

On Tuesday morning, May 25<sup>th</sup>, 2021, Mary went peacefully in her sleep at her home. Mary was a wonderful wife to her late husband, Angelo, and mother, mother-in-law and YiaYia to her family and devoted her life to serving the Lord. She was born March 15, 1931 in Klapsi, Greece to the late Angelo and Georgia Vlahos.

She came to America in the 50's and married Angelo Pappas in Asheville, NC, in 1955. They were married 64 years until his death in 2015. She dedicated her life to her church and her family. She never met anyone that she didn't love and she told us that every day. Her garden and her flowers were her passion when no family was here to dote on. She was an excellent cook and would make bread almost every Saturday to have for the church on Sunday. She could crotchet and knit and made blankets and tree skirts for all the grandkids. She and Angelo owned and ran Land O Sky Restaurant six days a week for 20 years until they retired.

She is preceded in death by her husband, Angelo, and her brother, George, as well as her granddaughter, Katy.

She is survived by brother, Pete Vlahos of Athens, Greece. She is also survived by her son, Arthur Pappas (Laurie); daughter, LitsaTsiolkas (Ted); and daughter, Penny Jenkins (Steve). She has seven grandchildren and five great grandchildren who she loved dearly right up to her last days. She had three wonderful care givers that treated her like their own mother, and we are grateful for their devotion. Mary had so many other family and friends, too many to name, but know she loved you all.

*Αιωνία η μνήμη της!*

## ---NEWS FROM OUR CHAPTERS---

**CHAPTER #7 \* KNOXVILLE, TN**

## ♣Baptisms♣



James Franklin Kotsianas was baptized at St. George Greek Orthodox Church on June 5, 2021. He is the son of Franklin and Emma Kotsianas, and the grandson of Dr. James and Fannie Kotsianas. James was born on July 7, 2020. Godparents are Yianna Kappas and Zack Benson. Rev. Frs. Anthony Stratis and Dionysios Lampropoulos officiated.

*Να σας ζήσει το νεοφώτιστο!*

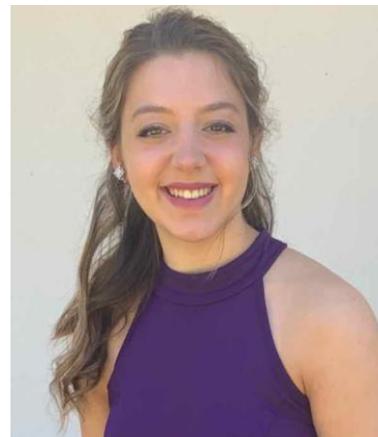


Dean and Ellen Kleto Vavalides announce the baptism of their son, James Dean, on February 13, 2021. His godparents are Glen and Alexandra Ciborowski. He is the grandson of Dean and Marcia Kleto and James and Connie Vavalides. Rev. Fr. Anthony Stratis officiated at St. George Greek Orthodox Church in Knoxville, TN.

## ♣Graduation♣

Sydney Athanasia Zurcher, daughter of Kevin and Victoria Peroulas Zurcher and granddaughter of Valantene Peroulas and the late Arthur S. Peroulas, graduated Salutatorian from West High School in Knoxville, Tennessee. Sydney also graduated as an International Baccalaureate candidate with honors from

the National Honor Society, French Honor Society and Student Body Treasurer. She enjoyed volunteering through the Knoxville Teen Board, loves sports and lettered in softball.



Sydney will be attending the University of Tennessee in Knoxville this fall and majoring in chemistry.

Congratulations and all the best in her future endeavors.



## ---Law Office---

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**CHAPTER #9\* GREENVILLE, SC**

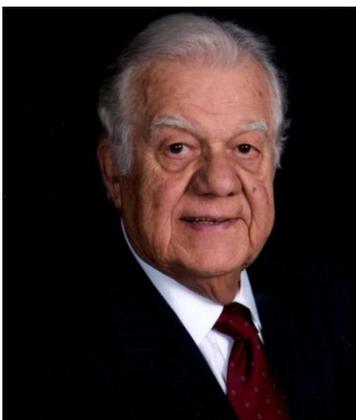
---By Katie Chulkas---

**♣ Wedding ♣**



Mr. and Mrs. George John Conits joyfully announce the wedding of their daughter Athena (Nina) Denise to Mr. Matthew Taylor Marflake. The ceremony was held on Saturday, May 29, 2021 at St. George Greek Orthodox Cathedral in Greenville, SC. The Reverend Father Tom Pistolis officiated. Mr. George Nicholas Skenteris served as Koumbaro. Miss Natalie Dawn Leventis served as Maid of Honor. Mr. Christopher Ryan Marflake served as Best Man. Nina is the granddaughter of George and Sia Athans and a frequent visitor to Mikro Horio, Evrytania. After a honeymoon in Greece, Matt and Nina reside in Charlotte, NC.

**In loving memory of  
Alex S. Koutsioukis**



Alex S. Koutsioukis, 87, husband of Niki Koutsioukis, died Saturday, June 12, 2021. He was the son of the late Spyros and Sofia Kostopoulos Koutsioukis. Mr. Koutsioukis was a dedicated member of St. George Greek Orthodox Cathedral and a member of the Velouchi Association. At age 17,

Mr. Koutsioukis immigrated from his home region of Greece to the US in 1951 where he made Greenville his home. Alex was a restaurant entrepreneur by trade. He was a longtime owner of the Clock Restaurant on Wade Hampton Blvd. from 1954 until 1972 and also owned and operated the Burger In in Taylors, SC until 1997. During his retirement, Alex enjoyed working in his garden, spending time with his grandchildren, and traveling to the coast as well as his home country.

In addition to his loving wife of 60 years, he is survived by sons, Spyros Alex Koutsioukis and George Alex Koutsioukis; daughter, Sophia Alex Koutsioukis; grandchildren, Yanni Alexandros, Ioakim Vasili and Ioseph Spyros Koutsioukis; and a brother, Kleomenis Koutsioukis. He was preceded in death by sister, Frances Koutsioukis; and brothers, Nikitas Koutsioukis, and John Koutsioukis.

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## ---NEWS FROM OUR CHAPTERS---

**CHAPTER #10 \* WASHINGTON, DC**♣ **60th wedding anniversary** ♣

The children and grandchildren of Nikos and Vasiliki Stathes happily announce the 60th wedding anniversary of their parents/grandparents. Nikos Stathes and Vasiliki Doulaveris were married on June 25, 1961, in Agia Vlacherna, Evritania Greece. Soon after, they set sail on the TSS Olympia arriving on Ellis Island in October 1961. They began their journey in Washington DC, and still reside in the area near their son and daughter-in-law, their daughter and son-in-law, and their four grandchildren. Like all Greek parents, they live for their family and are a wonderful example to us all. Wishing them continued health, love and happiness, and prayerfully they enjoy many more years together.

Communications with a double minor in Business and Psychology from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. After college, Glykeria aims to work in Human Resources and is getting married in the fall. Wishing Glykeria all the best!

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We were also very lucky to have Athanasios Lappas, son of Apostolos and Cynthia Lappas. He graduated from Carnegie Mellon University with a major in Business Administration and a minor in Economics. During his time at Carnegie Mellon, he was fortunate enough to participate in the Tartan Student Fund, play and be the treasurer for the Rugby Football Club, and be the secretary and the president of the Sigma Chi Fraternity. At the end of this summer, he will begin working full-time for PNC Bank within their Corporate and Institutional Banking- Treasury Management division.

*Congratulations and wishing you the best of luck in all of your future endeavors!*

**In loving memory of  
Lemonia Dallas**



Lemonia Dallas (nee Tsetsos) was born December 5, 1931 and left this world on May 14, 2021. Lemonia was the devoted wife to the late Dimitri Dallas, loving mother of Maria (Athanasios), Nikolaos (Caliope), Late Konstantinos (Barbara), Eleni (Andreas), Hristos (Gail) and Panagiotis (Vera). Dear Grandmother of

Georgia (Kostas), Vasilios (Areti), Lemonia (Antonis), Dimitris (Nicole), Dimitris (Vasiliki), Hristina, Evangelos, Despina, Panagiotis, Dimitrios, Lemonia, Gabriel, Emanuel, Nickolas, Marina and Alexander. Great Grandmother to Katerina, Maria, Athanasios, Apostolis, Kostantina, Marina, Lydia, Penelope, Hristos, Zoe and Evangelia. Cherished Sister to Miltiadis (Areti) and Konstantinos.

She was born in Kerasohori, Evrytania on December 5<sup>th</sup> 1931, as the first child of Spyridoula and Hristos Tsetsos. She survived the tough years of the German occupation and subsequent civil war after losing her father at the age of 14 and had to help her mother (like many people of that age) and helped raise the family of five children.

In 1977, Lemonia and her husband, Dimitri made the decision to come to America to raise their family. She never missed the opportunity to go back to her roots and eventually move back to Greece, splitting her time between Karpenisi and Livadia during her retirement.

She was always full of love for her family and community and was one of the original families that started the Chicago Evrytania chapter and took each opportunity to celebrate with her family and friends. Her zeal and love for life will be missed by all who knew her.

Our most sincere condolences to her family and loved ones!

*May her memory be eternal!  
Αιωία η μνήμη της!*

**CHAPTER #13 \* CHICAGO, IL**

---By Demetra Stratakis---

♣ **Graduations** ♣

Our very own Glykeria Siozios, daughter of Konstantinos and Eleftheria Siozios, received her Bachelor of Arts in

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**CHAPTER #17 \* ATLANTA, GA***---By Golfo Vastakis & Bess Dimas---*

## ♣ Graduations ♣



**Stavros Paul Boardman** is the son of Demetra and Frank Paul Boardman, grandson of Stavroula-Fani and Konstantinos Katsoudas, Flora Sarinopoulos Boardman, and the late Frank Seymour Boardman. Stavros graduated from Levine Middle College High School and Central Piedmont Community College with an Associates of Arts.

Stavros is an Eagle Scout and served in many different leadership roles and received many honors in his troop and at school. As a result, he received the Presidential Service Award - Gold level throughout high school. In addition, Stavros played competitive rugby and was selected for the all-star North Carolina state team which was ranked number 1 in the nation.

Stavros competed yearly in the St. John Chrysostom Oratorical Festival, advancing several times to the Metropolis level. He received a full scholarship to attend HDF Dance Odyssey in Greece. Stavros enjoyed learning about his faith by attending St. Stephen's Camp, Ionian Village and Cross Road at Hellenic College. He will attend East Carolina University.



**James Kostopoulos**, son of Andres and Anna Kostopoulos and grandson of Pete and Pauline Giannakopoulos,

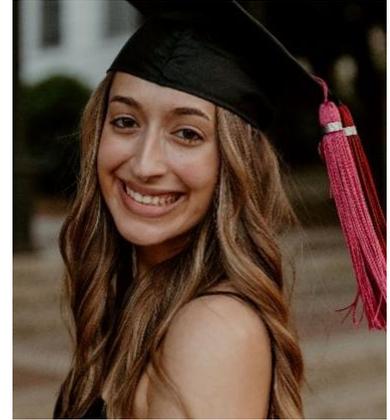
completed his B.A. in Mass Communications and a Minor in Philosophy from Georgia College & State University in Milledgeville, Georgia.



**Dr. Maria Caras**, the daughter of John and Debbie Caras of Atlanta, graduated with a Doctor of Dental Medicine (DMD) degree from the Dental College of Georgia on May 14, 2021. She is a member of Omicron Kappa Upsilon and Phi Kappa Phi Honor Societies. She will begin a two-year pediatric dental residency at Bon Secours St. Mary's Hospital in Richmond, Virginia in June. Maria and her fiancé, Jacob Jeffcoat, will be married at the Annunciation Greek Orthodox Cathedral in Atlanta in July.



**Paulina Katsoudas**, daughter of George and Eleny Katsoudas, graduated from Carlton J. Kell High School with honors. Paulina is the granddaughter of Evangelia Katsoudas and Kyparissia Tzamaras. Paulina will be attending Georgia College and State University in the fall. She has committed to play tennis for the Bobcats.



**Kyparissia Katsoudas**, daughter of George and Eleny Katsoudas, graduated magna cum laude with a B.S. Degree in Human Development and Family Services from the University of Georgia. She is planning to apply to Occupational Therapy School this summer. She is currently working as an OT tech at Athens Orthopaedic Clinic in Athens, GA.



**Evangelos Katsoudas**, son of George and Eleny Katsoudas, graduated with highest honors with a B.S. Degree in Aerospace Engineering from Georgia Institute of Technology.

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**CHAPTER #17 \* ATLANTA, GA***Continued*♣ **WEDDINGS** ♣

Mr. and Mrs. Philip McClure of Suwanee, Georgia happily announce the marriage of their daughter, Vasilia (Bess) Katherine to Mr. Theodore Sam Stathakis, son of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Stathakis

The wedding took place on Saturday, May 8, 2021, at the Annunciation Greek Orthodox Cathedral in Atlanta, Georgia. The Very Reverend Father Paul Kaplanis and Reverend Father Christos Mars officiated. Mr. Johnny Billiris served as Koumbaro and Miss Zoe McClure served as Koumbara. The couple resides in Atlanta, Georgia.

**Να ζήσετε!!!**

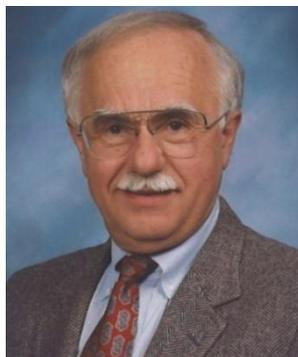


On February 22, 2020 our family gathered at Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church in Charleston, South Carolina to celebrate the wedding of Frank and Sommer Kordonis. The handsome bride and groom tied the knot in front of their bridal party, which consisted of 14 groomsmen and 14 bridesmaids, as well as two flower girls and two ring-bearers, bringing the total bridal party to 32. The Koubari were Frank's godparents, Pete Vavilides and Maria Economy. A beautiful reception followed the wedding at Daniel Island Country Club. The joyful couple traveled to Carmen de Playa, Mexico for their honeymoon. Frank graduated from the Citadel and Sommer completed her degree at the College of Charleston. Frank is a Logistics Manager for the Naval Information Warfare Center and

**---NEWS FROM OUR CHAPTERS---**

Sommer recently graduated with a Master's degree in Human Resource Management and Organizational Behavior from Lingnan University in Hong Kong. Frank is the son of Pano and Angela Kordonis from Charleston, South Carolina and the grandson of the late Nick Katapodis and Frances Katapodis from Atlanta, Georgia.

**In loving memory of  
Nicholas E. Bakatsas "Nick"**



Nicholas E. Bakatsas "Nick", age 85 of Marietta, passed away Saturday, February 27, 2021.

Attorney Bakatsas was born in Kontiva (Evrytalian) Province in Greece on May 19, 1935. He came to the United States after the Civil War in Greece, and lived with his Uncle James Baches in Asheville, North Carolina for a period of time. He was the son of Eftthemios and Kaliopi Bakatsas and was one of five children.

Nick went to high school at Richmond Academy in Augusta, Georgia, attended Georgia State University, and went on to John Marshall Law School. During the time he was going to school, he worked for an insurance company prior to his admission to the Bar. He became an American Citizen and was drafted into the United States Army and was honorably discharged with the Good Conduct Medal in 1957.

He was married for 60 years to Faye Packer Bakatsas and had two children, Steve Bakatsas and Kaye Bakatsas respectively. Kaye graduated from University of Georgia and became a North Carolina school teacher and predeceased her father. Steve attended Marietta High School and Kennesaw State University and is a Land Surveyor. Nick was admitted to the Bar in 1969 and practiced law as a solo practitioner for 50 years prior to his retirement. He was a lifetime member of the Cobb Bar Association, a member of the Appellate Courts of Georgia, the U.S. District Court and a member of the United States Supreme Court.

He was also one of the original Founding Fathers who formed the Holy Transfiguration Greek Orthodox Church here in Marietta, Georgia. He served on the Parish

Council and worked tirelessly to start up the famous Marietta Greek Festival, which is held every May on the church grounds. He was a lifetime member of the Evrytalian Association of America "Velouchi", and also a member of the AHEPA for many years.

**In loving memory of  
Eugenia P. Poulos**



Eugenia P. Poulos, 69, passed away on April 17, 2021, in Atlanta, GA. Eugenia was born in Greece to Ioannis and Vasiliki Vlachou. She married Pete A. Poulos (Poulokefalos) in 1971 and immigrated to Atlanta, GA.

Eugenia was a solid foundation for her family. As a dedicated spouse and mother, she always encouraged her children to strive for their highest achievements. She developed lifelong friendships with many who helped her settle into Atlanta, in return supporting extended family and other immigrants, as they too settled into Atlanta and beyond.

As a self-made entrepreneur, Eugenia and her husband owned several restaurants before she turned her love of sewing into a successful fabric arts business. Eugenia's strong spirit was best expressed by sharing her vision and wisdom, along with encouraging support toward excellence of family and friends or anyone who needed direction. She felt lifelong learning, financial planning, and education were keys to success. Her open home and arms were always welcoming and her interest in gardening, knitting and sewing were labors of love that provided ongoing gifts to those around her. She always enjoyed spending time with her family and friends, whether in a garden, on the dance floor, in church, or outdoors.

In honor of Eugenia, she would most definitely appreciate the planting of anything in your garden, window box or any area where a plant could thrive, no matter the size, just as she did in her life.

Eugenia was preceded in death by her husband, Pete A. Poulos, and her parents. She is survived by her children (Andrew, Sylvia, Danae), her siblings in Greece (Evanthia, Georgia, and Panagiota) and extended family.

**+ May Her Memory be Eternal +**

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**CHAPTER #18 \* CAMP HILL, PA**

**•BIRTH•**



Agios Taxiarchis Chapter 18 is pleased to welcome a new addition to our Organization.

Aggeliki Havelos is so happy to be the big sister to Maria Constantina born on the afternoon of May 18, 2021 weighing at 6 lbs. 4 ozs.

So many happy and wonder-filled times ahead for her loving and joyful parents, Constantinos and Diamanto Havelos. The proud grandparents are Athanasios & Jan Havelos and John & Maria Peslis.

*Congratulations! Να σας ζήσει!*

**MEMBERS AT-LARGE**

**In loving memory of  
Artemisia X. Kappas**



Artemisia X. Kappas, age 93, left this earth the morning of January 12, 2021. She was born in Klavision Evrytania Greece to the late Athanasios and Eleni Xenakis. She was predeceased by her husband Kostas "Gus" J. Kappas who passed June 2006, the same month of their 50th anniversary. Her father left Greece when she was two months old to

come to America to find a better life for the family. Because of the war in Europe, many years went by before she saw her father again. She was reunited with her father when he was finally able to bring his family to America when she was 21.

She met and married Gus. Together they got their American citizenship which was one of their proudest moments. Gus and Diane (as she was also called) became known in the community. She was mainly a housewife but also helped her husband in their family restaurant, Skids Drive In. Artemis loved cooking, gardening, her flowers and especially watching the birds, squirrels and bunnies in her yard. She enjoyed her trips to their beach place in Cherry Grove, SC and vacationing with close friends every January – February in San Marco, FL.

She was a devoted member of St. Katherine Greek Orthodox Church in Burlington and past member of Dormition of the Theotokos Greek Orthodox Church in Greensboro. She was also involved in St. Katherine's Ladies' Group, Daughters of Evrytania, Ladies' Philoptochos Society, and Daughters of Penelope.

She is survived by her daughter, Penny K. Chandler and husband Ted, Yiayia to three grandchildren, Elaine Dee Tsiolkas, Chris Clark and wife Deanna, and Timothy Clark and wife Elizabeth; sister, Vasiliki Priovolos; several close cousins, nieces and nephews; and her beloved cat, Button.

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## SCHOLARSHIPS

---By the Velouchi Youth Committee---

The Velouchi Youth Committee is dedicated to assisting our Velouchi students find scholarships to help them in furthering their academic studies. It has researched several organizations that offer scholarships to college age students of Greek descent based on both merit and financial need. Please look into these scholarships and the sponsoring organizations to take advantage of all possible financial assistance.

**Evrytarian Association  
of America "VELOUCHI":**

[www.velouchi.org](http://www.velouchi.org)

**Heritage Greece Velouchi**

**Scholar Program:** [www.heritagegreece@acg.edu](mailto:www.heritagegreece@acg.edu)

**The Hellenic Society "Paideia" UConn,**

**Dr. Ilias Tomazos:** [www.paideiausa.org](http://www.paideiausa.org)

**AHEPA:** [www.ahepa.org](http://www.ahepa.org)

**Federation of Sterea Hellas**

**U.S.A & Canada:** [www.federationofstereahellas.org](http://www.federationofstereahellas.org)

**Panhellenic**

**Scholarship Foundation:**

[www.panhellenicsf.org](http://www.panhellenicsf.org)

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[www.ethnicity.com](http://www.ethnicity.com)

[www.ScholarshipOwl.com](http://www.ScholarshipOwl.com)

[www.columbiahellas.wordpress.com/scholarships](http://www.columbiahellas.wordpress.com/scholarships)

[www.theclassroom.com](http://www.theclassroom.com)

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of Greek descent:**

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- Παράσταση σε αγορές και πωλήσεις σε όλη την Ελλάδα.

## Humanitarian Relief for Evrytania A plea to all Members and Friends

This plea went out to all our members in a separate letter a month ago to please consider our many blessings and to send in your donation to fill up again the two "Pantopoleia"

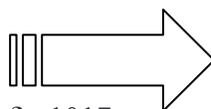
(Food Banks) of the Municipalities of Karpenisi and Agrafa and help our fellow brothers and sisters in need. Please make out your check to the **Evrytanian Association**, marked "**Humanitarian Relief for Evrytania**" and mail it to our headquarters in Charlotte.

### --Έκκληση προς τα Μέλη και Φίλους--

Κάνουμε και πάλι σήμερα έκκληση μέσω του περιοδικού μας προς όλα τα μέλη μας και σας παρακαλούμε να βοηθήσετε με τις δωρεές σας για να συνεχίσουμε τον εφοδιασμό των δυο Παντοπωλείων που έχουν δημιουργηθεί στους Δήμους Αγράφων και Καρπενησίου, έτσι ώστε με την αλληλεγγύη μας να συμβάλουμε κι εμείς στην ανακούφιση των οικογενειών εκείνων που έχει κτυπήσει η μεγάλη οικονομική κρίση. Γράψτε την επιταγή σας στην Ένωσή μας "**Evrytanian Association**" με την ένδειξη

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## Scholarship Thank You Letters

Dear Evrytarian Association of America,  
My family has been proud members of the Evrytania Association of America for many years, and I greatly appreciate the Association's generous investment and of its Foundation in my education. Following in the footsteps of my family, I will continue to be a member of the Evrytarian Association. I hope to one day be able to contribute to the Velouchi Scholarship fund. Many thanks to the Scholarship Committee and to the Association for their assistance in my senior year.

Best,  
**Sam Apostolopoulos - Weaverville, NC**

I am so thankful for the amazing opportunity that the Evrytarian Association has provided for me over the past three years. This scholarship has really made everything so much easier for me and my parents throughout my time at the University of South Carolina. I'm extremely thankful and grateful for everyone who has contributed, and I look to return the favor in the future.

**Clay Balatsias - Fort Mill, SC**

I am honored to be one of the recipients for the Knoxville Velouchi Chapter #7 Scholarship. I would like to thank you for the continuous financial support. In May 2021, I received my Associate in Science degree from FTC College. This fall, I plan on attending Methodist University to continue my education towards my Bachelor's of Science in Business Management. This scholarship will definitely reduce the financial burden for continuing my education. Thank you for the very thoughtful and generous gift.

Gratefully yours,  
**James George Barefoot - Fayetteville, NC**

Thank you to the Daughters of Evrytania and the Evrytarian Association for awarding me the Philip & Voula Dimos Scholarship award. It is truly a blessing as I will be furthering my education at UNC Charlotte to receive a Bachelors of Arts in Dance Performance, Choreography, and Theory. This scholarship will definitely help me financially to be able to pursue the next chapter of my life. I feel honored that my family, and I are members of such an excellent community, and hope to one day give back to what has been such a strong foundation in my life.

Sincerely,  
**Helen Louise Barefoot - Fayetteville, NC**

Θέλω να σας ευχαριστήσω για τη γενναιόδωρη ονομαστική υποτροφία του Προέδρου του Βελουχιού κ. Δημητρίου Τσιόλκα. Η υποτροφία αυτή θα χρησιμοποιηθεί συνετά δια την μελλοντική μου εκπαίδευση. Επιπλέον, θα ήθελα να πω ότι θα προσπαθήσω με την κάθε μου ευκαρία να κάνω υπερήφανη την Ένωση του Βελουχιού. Θα ήθελα επίσης να παραθέσω τα παρακάτω λόγια του Ρήγα Φεραίου

"Για την Πατρίδα όλοι να 'χουμε μια καρδιά". (Θούριος)  
Με εκτίμηση,

**Νικόλαος Κανούτσας - Greenville, SC**

I am very thankful to the Velouchi Scholarship Committee for the opportunity of receiving a scholarship for this year. Thank you!

**Nicole Fillos - Douglaston, NY**

I would like to thank you for awarding me one of your generous scholarships. Your award has inspired me to help others and give back to the community.

**Sotiria Fillos - Douglaston, NY**

Dear Velouchi,  
I am touched to receive the James & Roula Chulkas and a Velouchi Scholarship. I think of my pappou, George Giannopoulos, everyday, and I am proud to continue his legacy in the Velouchi and "make his memory eternal" through my service to this organization, pride in being an Evrytarian, and future career at Wofford College. I plan to Double Major in History & Studio Art, and Minor in Theatre. Thank you so much! I cannot express how much these scholarships mean to me and my family! It will be a great help in my pursuit of a Double Major and a Minor!

To God be the glory,  
**Liana Giannopoulos - Greer, SC**

I would first like to start off by saying thank you. Thank you for the continued support from the Evrytarian Association of America in my education and career. I deeply appreciate the generous scholarship, as it will help to further my studies in medical school. The Velouchi is something I both am proud to represent and cherish being a part of. My family takes great pride in being Greek Americans and supporting all of those in and out of that community. It is a pleasure to attend all Velouchi related events and activities, which I look forward to resuming that once we are able. I wish everyone good health during this hard time and once again, extend my gratitude to the association for their generosity.

Sincerely,  
**Irene Kakouras - Greenville, SC**

I am sincerely honored to have been selected as a recipient of a very generous Velouchi and Mr. Gregory Zacharopoulos Scholarship as I continue my studies at the William States Lee College of Engineering at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte. My freshman year was much different than I expected as I began my studies in fall of 2020. I was fortunate to have two in-person classes this past spring. I balanced joining a fraternity, playing intramural soccer, helping coach an U18 soccer team while maintaining a 4.0 GPA and a spot on the Chancellor's List. The rigor of the engineering program will increase this next year and this scholarship will help greatly as I pursue my educational goals. Thank you again for your generosity and support for students like myself.

Sincerely,  
**Harry Koufaliotis - Charlotte, NC**

Dear Velouchi Scholarship Committee,  
I am sincerely honored to have been selected as a recipient of the Velouchi Scholarship as I finish my studies at the Belk College of Business at University of North Carolina Charlotte. I balanced working through the entire lockdown while maintaining my grades and place on the Dean's List. I was able to participate in intramural soccer this past spring as well as help coach a U18 soccer team. This scholarship will help lessen the financial burden as I focus on finishing my senior year and begin looking for a job. Thank you again for the scholarship and your investment in the futures of students like me.

Sincerely,  
**Thomas Koufaliotis - Charlotte, NC**

Hello and thank you so much for offering me for the Velouchi scholarship! I am extremely humbled and honored to receive this scholarship and I will not disappoint. Thank you for this opportunity!

**Yianni Krasias - Florence, SC**

Dear Velouchi, Evrytarian Foundation & Daughters of Evrytania,  
I am so honored to be receiving the "Nitsios" scholarship from Velouchi and a scholarship from the Daughters of Evrytania! I wanted to thank you all for this generous contribution toward my tuition for my graduate school expenses! This recognition means a lot to me because it embodies the ultimate sacrifice that my parents made when they came to this country. I am proud to be part of an organization like Velouchi that gives back to those who are pursuing their dreams. I am currently half way done with completing my masters degree in becoming a physician assistant (PA). God bless!

Sincerely,  
**Ntina Pappas - Marion, VA**

Dear Velouchi Headquarters,  
Thank you for considering and awarding me with the Velouchi 2021-2022 scholarship.

Best,  
**John Senos - Mechanicsburg, PA**

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## Scholarship Thank You Letters

Dear Velouchi Scholarship Committee,

I am honored to have been one of the recipients of the Velouchi Scholarship award. I would like to thank you for your generous support over the past few years. I am very fortunate to be a part of such a great association that is always looking to help others in some way shape or form. My educational pursuits would not be possible without the endless generous support from scholarship organizations such as the Velouchi. I will be continuing my education at UNCC this Fall and be one step closer to finishing my degree. With the help of this scholarship, it will assist in reducing my financial burdens and continue to provide assistance for me as I continue to pursue my education. Your continuous generosity truly makes a difference.

Sincerely,

*Frances Athanasios Skenteris – Rock Hill, SC*

Dear Evrytarian Association Scholarship Committee,

I want to express my deepest gratitude for awarding me this very generous Velouchi scholarship. I am beginning my second year of medical school and this scholarship will be of great help towards my tuition. I am especially grateful for all the support and encouragement this organization has provided since my undergraduate years. I am proud to be a part of this organization that my whole family is part of, and look forward to the future when I will be in a position to repay the many kindnesses I have received.

Sincerely,

*Alexandra Stone – Mechanicsburg, PA*

Dear Velouchi committee members,

It is with sincere gratitude that I would like to personally thank everyone who took the time out to evaluate my performance in my doctoral program. I am honored to be selected as a recipient for the Velouchi scholarship. Your generosity will help me financially to continue my education at Palmer College of Chiropractic. I will focus on maintaining my good grades and treating all of my patients in the future with the highest respect and best treatments. I hope to one day pay it forward and be able to give back to the Charlotte community that has been such a strong foundation in my life.

Sincerely,

*Christos Vlahos – Charlotte, NC*

Dear Velouchi Committee Members,

I am honored to have received Mrs. Laura Nixon's Scholarship for my overall character and scholastic achievements. I have been dedicated to studying and establishing rapport with many of my professors and peers during my undergraduate and graduate degrees, and now while pursuing my doctorate. With strong faith in the Lord, He has given me the strength and the guidance to uphold a good standing and maintain academic integrity during my studies. He has stirred me away from detrimental environments, while strengthening my bonds with the positive influences in my life—I am forever in His debt. I would like to thank you all for this most generous gift you have provided to me. Undoubtedly, I have been placed in a better position to pay off my loans and lead a successful life for myself and my future family. I greatly appreciate all of the time and effort you dedicated to evaluating my academic records and understanding my efforts to becoming a physician. I am elated to continue my journey to becoming a physician and serving my community.

Sincerely,

*Eleftherios G. Vlahos – Charlotte, NC*

Dear Evrytarian Association and Daughters of Evrytania,

I am humbled and honored to once again be a recipient of both the Daughter of Evrytania Scholarship and the Velouchi Scholarship. By awarding me these scholarships, you have lightened my financial burden. I am grateful for the opportunities it will provide for me as I begin my Junior year at Wingate in the Fall of 2021. Your generosity is immensely appreciated and I thank you for your continued support. I am very proud of my Greek heritage and Evrytarian background as it has helped shape the person that I am today. It is my hope and prayer that I can one day reciprocate and give back to this wonderful organization. Once again, my sincere gratitude for your generosity and thoughtfulness. May our Lord Jesus Christ and Panagia keep you all healthy and well!

Sincerely,

*Chrysoula Xyrafakis – Charlotte, NC*

## We Are Appreciative and Thankful for Your Generous Named Scholarship

Our scholarship award winners were very happy and appreciative to learn that they were selected as recipients of your Generous Scholarship.

The Evrytarian Association of America expresses its warmest thanks and heartfelt congratulations to its members and friends for their generous Named Scholarships offered this year to Evrytarian students in America. Hope that this act will find other imitators.

Το Βελούχι εκφράζει τις θερμότερες ευχαριστίες και τα εγκάρδια συγχαρητήρια στα μέλη και φίλους της για τις φειτινές γενναιοδωρες ονομαστικές προσφορές υποτροφιών προς τους εν Αμερική Ευρυτάνες φοιτητές. Ευχόμαστε η πράξη τους αυτή να βρει κι άλλους μιμητές.

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Evrytarian Foundation (2X\$2000)	4,000.00
Daughters of Evrytania (2X\$1500)	3,000.00
Mrs. Laura Nixon (Men's National)	2,000.00
P & V Dimos (Daughters of Evrytania)	1,500.00
Mr. & Mrs. James Chulkas (Daughters of Evrytania)	1,500.00
Mr. & Mrs. James Chulkas (Men's National)	1,500.00
Knoxville Velouchi Chapter #7 (Men's National)	1,000.00
Mr. Dimitrios Paliouras (Men's National, Yearly)	1,000.00
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## TO PONDER!

A little girl was talking to her teacher about whales. The teacher said it was physically impossible for a whale to swallow a human because even though it was a very large mammal, its throat was very small. The little girl stated that Jonah was swallowed by a whale. Irritated, the teacher reiterated that a whale could not swallow a human; it was physically impossible. The little girl said, 'When I get to heaven I will ask Jonah'. The teacher asked, 'What if Jonah went to hell?'. The little girl replied, 'Then you ask him!'

A Kindergarten teacher was observing her classroom of children while they were drawing. She would occasionally walk around to see each child's work. As she got to one little girl who was working diligently, she asked what the drawing was. The girl replied, 'I'm drawing God.' The teacher paused and said, 'But no one knows what God looks like.' Without missing a beat, or looking up from her drawing, the girl replied, 'They will in a minute.'

A Sunday school teacher was discussing the Ten Commandments with her five and six year olds.

After explaining the commandment to 'honour' thy Father and thy Mother, she asked, 'Is there a commandment that teaches us how to treat our brothers and sisters?'

From the back, one little boy (the oldest of a family) answered, 'Thou shall not kill.'

One day a little girl was sitting and watching her mother do the dishes at the kitchen sink.

She suddenly noticed that her mother had several strands of white hair sticking out in contrast on her brunette head.

She looked at her mother and inquisitively asked, 'Why are some of your hairs white, Mum?'

Her mother replied, 'Well, every time that you do something wrong and make me cry or unhappy, one of my hairs turns white.'

The little girl thought about this revelation for a while and then said, 'Mummy, how come ALL of grandma's hairs are white?'

The children had all been photographed, and the teacher was trying to persuade them each to buy a copy of the group picture.

'Just think how nice it will be to look at it when you are all grown up and say,

'There's Jennifer, she's a lawyer,' or 'That's Michael, He's a doctor.'

A small voice at the back of the room rang out, 'And there's the teacher, she's dead.'

A teacher was giving a lesson on the circulation of the blood. Trying to make the matter clearer, she said, 'Now, class, if I stood on my head, the blood, as you know, would run into it, and I would turn red in the face.'

'Yes,' the class said.

'Then why is it that while I am standing upright in the ordinary position the blood doesn't run into my feet?'

A little fellow shouted, 'Cause your feet ain't empty.'

The children were lined up in the cafeteria of a Catholic elementary school for lunch.

At the head of the table was a large pile of apples. The nun made a note, and posted on the apple tray:

'Take only ONE. God is watching.'

Moving further along the lunch line, at the other end of the table was a large pile of chocolate chip cookies.

A child had written a note, 'Take all you want. God is watching the apples...'

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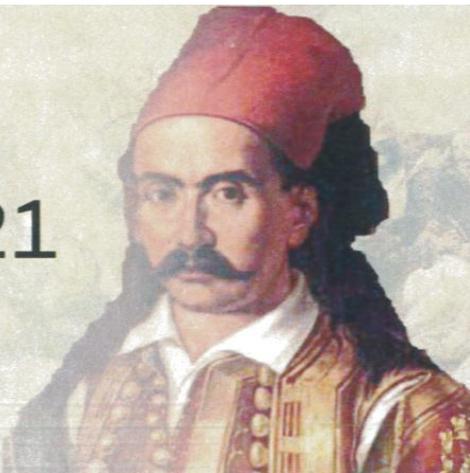
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# Μάρκος Μπότσαρης

## Ο πιο διεθνής Έλληνας ήρωας του 1821





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**Α**πόσπασμα από το υπό έκδοση βιβλίο του, 'ΜΑΡΚΟΣ ΜΠΟΤΣΑΡΗΣ, ...Περίληψη των ύμνων σ' Ανατολή και Δύση', Εκδ. Πανεργρατικής Ένωσης, Αθήνα 2021, σελ. 416.

Ο πρωικός και ένδοξος θάνατος του **Μάρκου Μπότσαρη** που Καρνεβίσι είχε ανυπολόγιστες ωφέλειες στην υπόθεση της εθνικής μας παλιγγενεσίας, γιατί συγκρότησε κυριολεκτικά την ανθρωπότητα, που παρακολουθούσε με «κοιμένη την ανάσα» τον θαρραλέο αγώνα μας. Η εμβληματική φροσύνη του τόνωσε τα φιλελληνικά συναισθήματα Ευρωπαίων και Αμερικανών και εδραίωσε την πεποίθηση ότι οι Έλληνες είναι άξιοι των προγόνων τους, εφ' ου αείου της ελευθερίας των... Με συγκίνηση Ευρωπαίοι και Αμερικανοί ύμνησαν τη μορφή του σε σύμβολο ηρωισμού.

Ιδιαίτερα και παντοιοτρόπως ο **Μάρκος Μπότσαρης** τιμήθηκε από τους Γάλλους. Όπως είναι γνωστό, ο ήρωάς μας μετά το μακελειό των Σουλιωτών στο Σέλιτσο από τον **Αλή πασά** το 1804, μαζί και με άλλους Σουλιώτες κατέφυγε στην Κέρκυρα, την οποία είχαν καταλάβει οι Γάλλοι. Το 1808, ενήλικας πλέον, κατατάχθηκε στις τάξεις των Ναπολεόντειων στρατευμάτων, όπου διδάχθηκε την τέχνη του πολέμου και σε συνδυασμό με τη διηλωματία και την κατασκοπεία και, κυρίως με την πολεμική εμπειρία των Σουλιωτών δημιούργησε δική του «σοκολή πολέμου». Έτσι, με δεδομένη την παροιμιώδη γενναιοδωτία του η μορφή του αναδείχθηκε σε σύμβολο του Αγώνα μας. Η εικόνα, λοιπόν, των Γάλλων απέναντί του είναι πλήρως δικαιολογημένη. Έτσι:

Ο διάσημος Γάλλος συγγραφέας **Βίκτωρ Ουγκώ** στο περίφημο έργο του «Οι Άθλιοι» τον αναφέρει εκτεταμένα σε ιδιαίτερο κεφάλαιο και τον συγκαταλέγει μεταξύ των τεσσάρων κορυφαίων, παγκοσμίως, ηρώων των νεωτέρων χρόνων. Και αυτοί είναι ο **Σιμόν Μπολιβάρ**, ο **Γεώργιος Ουάσιγκτον**, ο **Θαδδαίος Κοστούσκο** και ο **Μάρκος Μπότσαρης!** Ο ίδιος, ο **Βίκτωρ Ουγκώ**, τον χαρακτηρίζει, επίσης, ως τον «**Λεωνίδα της νεότερης Ελλάδας**»!

Ο, επίσης, Γάλλος συγγραφέας **Auguste Fabre**, έγραψε: «Ο Μάρκος Μπότσαρης εδείχθη ο άξιος εκπρόσωπος όλης της αρχαίας Ελλάδος, συνενώνωντας αρετές των σοφών της και την έμπνευσιν των ποιητών της με τους ηρωισμούς των ημεθών της...», ενώ άλλος, ξένος, ιστορικός της εποχής τον χαρακτήρισε «**αίθρη απάυγασμα της αρχαίας Ελλάδος, συνενώνοντα την αρετήν των σοφών με την έμπνευσιν των ποιητών και την ανδρείαν των ηρώων της**».

Ο λόγιος **Αθανάσιος Ψαλλίδης** (1767-1829) σε επιστολή του στον **Αλέξανδρο Παυροκοπόδατο** (Βλ. **ΙΣΤΟΡΙΚΟΝ ΑΡΧΕΙΟΝ ΑΛΕΞΑΝΔΡΟΥ ΜΑΥΡΟΚΟΡΔΑΤΟΥ, ΕΚΔΙΔΟΜΕΝΟΝ ΕΠΙΜΕΛΕΙΑ ΕΜΜΑΝ. Γ. ΠΡΩΤΟΨΑΛΛΗ, ΙV. ΕΓΓΡΑΦΑ ΤΟΥ 1824, ΕΝ ΑΘΗΝΑΙΣ 1971** (Εκδ. Ακαδημίας Αθηνών), σελ. 86) από την Κέρκυρα στις 18 Ιανουαρίου 1824, τονίζει την δόξα του **Μάρκου Μπότσαρη «του ήρωος οπου όχι μόνον έγινε ξακουστός εις όλην την Ευρώπην αλλά και όλες οι αρχόντισσες της Αγγλίας και Φράνσας (Γαλλίας) τον φορούν κρεμασμένον με χρυσήν άλυσσον στα στήθη τους ως εγκόλπιον, πράγμα οπου κανένας στρατηγός ακόμη δεν το αξιώθηκε και οι σοφοί Άγγλοι και Γάλλοι ραψαδούν...»**.

Οι Γάλλοι Φιλέλληνες εκδηλώνοντας τον θαυμασμό τους προς τον ήρωά μας, τον τίμησαν ιδιαίτερα. Στην «Πόλη του Φωτός», στο Παρίσι, έδωσαν το όνομά τους σε νεώδη οδό, την «**RUE BOTZARIS**», η οποία κα-

ταίληγε στο πάρκο «Buttes Chaumont». Η πινακίδα γράφει: «**RUE BOTZARIS (1790-1823) HEROS DE LA GUERRE D'INDEPENDENCE GRECOUE**» (=ΟΔΟΣ ΜΠΟΤΣΑΡΗ (1790-1823) ΗΡΩΑΣ ΤΟΥ ΠΟΛΕΜΟΥ ΤΗΣ ΑΝΕΞΑΡΤΗΣΙΑΣ ΤΗΣ ΕΛΛΑΔΑΣ). Σημειώνεται ότι η οδός αυτή είναι η μοναδική που είναι αφιερωμένη σε Έλληνα νεώτερων χρόνων. Οι άλλοι δύο δρόμοι που περικλείουν το ιστορικό αυτό πάρκο είναι αφιερωμένοι ο μιν ένας στον μεγάλο ελευθερωτή της Νότιας Αμερικής **Simon Bolivar (Σιμόν Μπολιβάρ)** και ο έτερος στον Ιταλό πατριώτη **N. Manin (Ντανιέλε Μανίν)**.

Στην ίδια περιφέρεια του Παρισιού βρίσκεται και ο σταθμός του μετροπολιτικού σιδηροδρόμου «**Botzaris**». Στην καρδιά της πόλης – και συγκεκριμένα στο 19<sup>ο</sup> Διαμέρισμα – βρίσκεται ο σταθμός μετρό «**Botzaris**», το μεγάλο εμπορικό κέντρο «**Gallerie Botzaris**», το ταχυδρομείο «**Post Botzaris**», καθώς και το μέγαρο του τηλεφωνικού κέντρου με την αυτή ονομασία «**Botzaris**».



Η ομώνυμη οδός του Παρισιού

Αλλά και σε μια άλλη πανέμορφη πόλη της Γαλλίας, στο Στρασβούργο, υπάρχει ωραιότατη πλατεία προς τιμή του. Η σχετική πινακίδα γράφει: «**SQUARE Markos BOTZARIS 1789-1823. Heros de l' Independance Grecque, Opera de Kastner (1828)**»...

Ο διάσημος Γάλλος γλύπτης **DAVID D' ANGERS (Δαβίδ ντ' Ανζέρ)** φιλοτέχνησε το περίφημο άγαλμα επί του τάφου του ήρωα στο Μεσολλόγγι, την «**Παιδούλα Εηλάδα**», που δένοντας την ύμνησε ο **Κωστής Παλαμάς** (βλ. περισσότερο στο κεφάλαιο «**Η ΤΕΧΝΗ ΓΙΑ ΤΟ ΜΑΡΚΟ**»).

Τέλος, στο Παρίσι, στη νέα προθήκη του Μουσείου των Απομάχων – Hotel les invalids – φυλάσσονται όληη του **Μάρκου Μπότσαρη** με αναλυτική περιγραφή τους. Σχετικές φωτογραφίες, που ευχαρίστως μας παραχώρησε ο κ. **Ηλίας Μπουμπουρής**, παρατίθενται σε επόμενο κεφάλαιο.

Ο **Μάρκος Μπότσαρης** δεν τιμήθηκε μόνον από τους Γάλλους. Για ολόκληρη την Ευρώπη, αλλά και την Αμερική, αποτέλεσε σύμβολο ηρωισμού και υμνήθηκε παντού δένοντας. Ο διάσημος Γερμανός ποιητής **Μύλλερ Βίττελμ** (1794-1825), «ο διά τον φιλελληνιασμόν του «**Έλλην Μύτλερ**» αποκλήθηκε, αφιέρωσεν εις τον ήρωά μας υψηλής αυλήτηπως και βαθείας ηνοής ποίημα».

Η, επίσης, Γερμανίδα συνθέτρια και μουσικός

**Kinkel Johanna** (1810-1858) έγραψε το «**Άσμα για το θάνατο του Μάρκου Μπότσαρη**».

Υμνήθηκε ακόμα ο **Μάρκος Μπότσαρης** και από τον Ματζέζο φηλαούστα και συνθέτη **Vincenzo N. Mifsud**, τον Ιταλό ποιητή **Vincenzo Errante** (1813-1891) και πολλούς άλλους φιλέλληνας.

Τέλος, ο Αμερικανός ποιητής και δημοσιογράφος **Halleck Fitz – Greene**, ένας από τους σημαντικότερους φιλέλληνας της εποχής εκείνης, το 1825, εμπνευσμένος από τη θυσία του ήρωα, έγραψε εκτενές ποίημα, το οποίο έγινε δημοφιλέστατο στην πατρίδα του.

Στην Αμερική, εξάλλου, όπως μας πληροφορεί ο Τερτσέτης, για να τον τιμήσουν οργάνωσαν ως και ταφικούς αγώνες, κάτι παρόμοιο δηλαδή από αυτό που έκανε ο Αχιλλέας για να τιμήσει τον Πάτροκλό...!



Εικονογραφία Σωτηρίου Χρηστίδη (1858-1940). Από το Λεωκώμα του Αποστόλου Δουλιβερη «ΣΩΤΗΡΙΟΣ ΧΡΗΣΤΙΔΗΣ (1858-1940)». Εκδ. ΕΤΑΙΡΕΙΑ ΕΛΛΗΝΙΚΟΥ ΛΟΓΟΤΕΧΝΙΚΟΥ ΚΑΙ ΙΣΤΟΡΙΚΟΥ ΑΡΧΕΙΟΥ, ΑΘΗΝΑ 1993 (Αρχειο Γιόννη Π. Μάρκα)

Το έργο «Ο όρκος του Βιρβάνο στον ταίρο του Μάρκου Μπότσαρη», παρουσιάστηκε στη Βενετία το 1850 και σήμερα βρίσκεται στο Τρεβίζο, Museo Civico, Συλλογή Giacomelli.



Το υπό έκδοση βιβλίο της Πανεργρατικής

## Remembering those who have sacrificed their lives for Greece's independence

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Markos Botsaris statue  
by N. Kotziamanis

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Demetrios and Eleni Tasios  
Athens War Museum



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WASHINGTON, DC – The Society for the Preservation of the Greek Heritage (SPGH) presented the first in its 1821-2021 Series, In Search of a Modern Greek Identity: Lessons from History, a panel discussion on Greek history with Professors Anthony Kaldellis and Roderick Beaton, via Zoom on Saturday, April 24, 12-1:30 PM EDT.

There are few events that bring to the fore the issue of identity as sharply as a revolution. And few events that test an individual or national perception of identity as critically as threats to one's existence or sense of honor. This year, Hellenism is recognizing the 200-year anniversary of the start of the great Greek Revolution of 1821. At the same time, it is grappling with the implications of increasing geopolitical tensions with Turkey, such as the conversion of Hagia Sophia to a mosque and the status of the Aegean being called into question.

In response to these events that speak to core issues of heritage, SPGH is launching a series of virtual events exploring a modern meaning of Greek identity, starting with a webinar-style panel discussion on history. History, much like monuments, music and literature, is not only a reflection of who we are but also leaves traces in our collective memory, thus shaping our current understanding of the world and presaging the future.

The distinguished panelists are Professor Anthony Kaldellis, Chair of the Department of Classics at the Ohio State University, Ancient and Byzantine history scholar, and regular faculty at SPGH events; and Professor Roderick Beaton, former Korae Professor of Modern Greek and Byzantine History, Language and Literature at King's College London, who is the author of the must-read Greece: Biography of a Modern Nation.

I am so pleased the National Herald in their April 24, 2021 issue pictured the Markos Botsaris Statue donated by Eleni and Archon Demetrios Tasios to Athens War Museum with deserved credit.

Archon Harry Thomas Cavalaris

Η ΑΠΟΚΑΤΑΣΤΑΣΗ ΤΟΥ  
ΤΖΑΒΕΛΛΑΪΚΟΥ 1985-2021

Σύντομο ιστορικό της Οικίας  
Τζαβελλαίων



Η αποκατάσταση – αναστήλωση της Οικίας των Τζαβελλαίων ξεκινά από την οικογένειά μας το 1985 όπου ο 7ος κατά σειρά απόγονος από τον Γενάρχη μας Λάμπρο Τζαβέλλα, Ταξίαρχος Θεωρακισμένων Λάμπρος Τζαβέλλας, αποστρατεύεται και αποφασίζει να υλοποιήσει μία επιθυμία δεκαετιών. Μία επιθυμία που είχε από μικρός στην ψυχή του. Από τότε που ο παππούς του Στρατηγός Λάμπρος Τζαβέλλας, ήρωας των Βαλκανικών πολέμων 1912-1913 του διηγείτο στην Ναύπακτο τα κατορθώματα των προπαππούδων μας στο Σούλι. Του είχε πει τότε πως πρέπει το Τζαβελλαϊκό όταν μπορούσαμε να το ξαναφτιάξουμε ενάντια στην κατάρρα του Αλή πασά που όταν πήρε το Σούλι το 1803 είπε να μην ξανακαπνίσει ποτέ Σουλιώτικο τζάκι!

Το Τζαβελλαϊκό είναι κτισμένο μέσα στο χωριό Σούλι και ξεπροβάλλει περήφανα καθώς είναι κτισμένο μέσα στο άγριο πετράδες και άγονο τοπίο στους πρόποδες της κορυφής Βούτσι. Εκεί, στέκει αγέροχο και μοναχικό φιλόνης Θερμοπύλης μνήμης και μιλά στον επισκέπτη που θα το πλησιάσει. Στον περίβολο οι προτομές του Λάμπρου και της Μόσχως Τζαβέλλα που κοιτούν προς το σπίτι, σου δίνουν την εντύπωση ότι θα σου μιλήσουν.

Η αποκατάσταση 1985-2020 από την  
οικογένεια Τζαβέλλα

Όλες οι παρεμβάσεις αποκατάστασης που έγιναν μέχρι σήμερα στην Οικία, έγιναν με τις σχετικές άδειες και τις υποδείξεις της αρμόδιας αρχαιολογικής υπηρεσίας τα δε έξοδα αναστήλωσης μέχρι το 2020 βαρύνουν αποκλειστικά την οικογένεια Τζαβελλαίων. χωρίς καμία οικονομική βοήθεια ή συνδρομή του Κράτους, της Παλαιάς Κοινότητας,

Προηγήθηκε η διάνοιξη του δρόμου το 1987 μέχρι την Οικία και στη συνέχεια η αποκατάσταση όλης της νοτιοδυτικής πλευράς του σπιτιού, του περιβόλου της Οικίας, η κατασκευή της στέγης καθώς και η εσωτερική αρμολόγηση του κτιρίου με ειδικά υλικά. Κατά καιρούς όλα αυτά τα χρόνια πραγματοποιήθηκαν επίσης πολλές εργασίες καθαρισμού και

αποψίλωσης του περιβάλλοντος χώρου της Οικίας

Το τελικό στάδιο αποκατάστασης  
2020-2021 και η οικογένεια των  
Δημητρίου & Ελένης Τάσιου



Τον Αύγουστο του 2020 η Οικογένεια του Δημητρίου Τάσιου με τον οποίο ήρθαμε σε επικοινωνία μέσω ενός κοινού φίλου, προσφέρθηκε άμεσα να βοηθήσει την προσπάθεια αυτή ώστε να μπορέσει να τελειώσει η Οικία Τζαβελλαίων. Έτσι, με την σημαντικότερη οικονομική χορηγία των εξαιρετικών πατριωτών Δημήτρη και Ελένης Τάσιου, τοποθετήθηκαν τα δύο πέτρινα παραδοσιακά τζάκια στην Οικία, τα ξύλινα παραδοσιακά κουφώματα (πατζούρια παράθυρα και οι δύο επάνω πόρτες), τα ξύλινα πατώματα στα δύο επάνω δωμάτια και ολοκληρώθηκε ένα κομμάτι της στέγης που έλειπε στην πρόσοψη του σπιτιού. Επίσης στις προτομές του Λάμπρου και της Μόσχως Τζαβέλλα στον εξωτερικό χώρο κατασκευάστηκε πλακόστρωτο και τοποθετήθηκε ο Ιστός με την Γαλανόλευκη!

Αυτή την στιγμή με την βοήθεια της οικογενείας Τάσιου θα ολοκληρωθούν η ηλεκτρολογική καλωδίωση και η υδραυλική εγκατάσταση, ενώ θα κατασκευαστεί και το Νότιο τμήμα της πετρόχιστης μάντρας του Περιβόλου.

Επίλογος

Ως οικογένειά μας πλέον για εμάς λογίζεται και η οικογένεια των φίλων **Δημητρίου και Ελένης Τάσιου**, οι οποίοι εμπράκτως εδώ και πολλά χρόνια αποδεικνύουν την αγάπη τους για την Πατρίδα.

Οι Τζαβελλαίοι δημοσίως τους ευχαριστούμε πολύ και τους περιμένουμε να προσκυνή-σουμε μαζί στο Σούλι, όταν οι σημερινοί ιδιόμορφοι καιροί του Covid 19 το επιτρέψουν.

**Κωνσταντίνος Τζαβέλλας** 'Εφδρος  
**Λοχαγός Πεζικού, Απόγονος 8<sup>ης</sup> γενεάς του**  
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