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FROM THE PRESIDENT



Dear Fellow Members,

Καλα Χριστουγεννα! Merry Christmas!

I hope you and your family are safe and well, and enjoying this Christmas season, perhaps incorporating some new traditions with treasured

old ones.

Thank you to our members and friends who purchased t-shirts and hoodies in support of our recent fundraiser. We raised over \$500 for our Scholarship Fund. We'd love to see you and your loved ones sporting your new shirts! Please snap a photo and send it to hucphiladelphia@gmail. com. We'll include them in a future newsletter and on our website. Kudos to Board member **Kostas Vrontis** for organizing this effort.

Please circle Sunday, January 31 on your new 2021 calendar. Continuing a long-standing tradition of our Club, we will celebrate our annual Artoklasia service in honor of The Day of Greek Letters and for the health and well-being of our members. The Blessing of the Five Loaves will take place at St. Luke's Greek Orthodox Church in Broomall, PA. Whether you wish to join us in person, or prefer to follow the service online, please check the church's website www.st-luke.org for details. We are grateful to member **Peter A. Chrisanthopoulos** for organizing this event again this year.

Later on January 31, at 2:30pm, we will host our second Zoom lecture. Board Member **Kostis Kourelis** has arranged for graphic artist Soloup to speak to us from

Greece on his recent book, Aivali: A Story of Greeks and Turks in 1922.

Also speaking will be Professor Tom Papademetriou, who translated the book into English, and Tom's brother Dean Papademetriou, founder of Somerset Hall Press, which published the translation. Please join us for this discussion featuring the perspectives of artist, translator, and publisher. More details are contained inside this newsletter.

My warmest wishes to you and your family for a Blessed Christmas, and for good health, happiness, and prosperity in the New Year.

Καλες Γιορτες! Καλη Χρονια!

Sincerely

Zoe Tripolitis

President

UPCOMING EVENTS

ANNUAL ARTOKLASIA SERVICE Sunday, January 31, 2021, 9:00 am

Saint Luke Greek Orthodox Church 35 N Malin Road, Broomall, Pennsylvania 19008

AIVALI: A STORY OF GREEKS AND TURKS IN 1922 Soloup (Antonis Nikolopoulos) Sunday, January 31, 2021, 2:30 pm, via Zoom https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82995667868

MEMBER NEWS

Congratulations to members **Peter G. Millili** and **Alyssa Limberakis Millili** on the birth of their daughter, Alexia Calli Millili (7.5 lbs) born on October 29, 2020. We also extend congratulations to big brother Peter George and proud grandparents, **George** and **Pat Millili** and **Cary** and **Alexis Limberakis**. Nα σας ζήσει!

Congratulations to **Nicholas** and **Anna Hadgis** who welcomed into the world their twin grandsons – William Stephen (7.2 lbs) and Nicholas Sophocles (6.1 lbs) on November 18, 2020. Anna and Nick's son and daughter-in-law, Demetrios and Nancy Hadgis, are also the proud parents of Michael, age 4 and James, age 3. Na $\sigma\alpha\zeta$ $\dot{\zeta}\dot{\eta}\sigma\sigma\nu\nu$!

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

Dues for fiscal year 2020-2021 should be paid to the Club by December 31, 2020. If you have not done so, kindly remit your dues to Membership Renewal Chair **George N. Pappas**, 401 Cooper Landing Road, Suite C8, Cherry Hill NJ 08002 as soon as possible. For your convenience, debit/credit card payments can be made online at https://www.eventbrite.com/e/huc-annual-dues-2020-2021-tickets-112820446994

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THANK YOU

Our fellow member **Steve Fooskas**, **CPA**, has completed the internal audit for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2020 and has filed our Form 990 Tax Return with the IRS. Steve stated the Club is in sound financial condition. We thank Steve for his many years of service as our Club's internal auditor and his continuous efforts and support. We also thank **Zoe Tripolitis**, and **George Pappas** who assisted Steve with the audit. Our Club is a 501(c)(3) organization and files Form 990, which under IRS regulations is open to public inspection upon request. Copies of the Audited Statements are available upon request.

ARTOKLASIA SERVICE

Please join us as we celebrate the Day of Greek Letters and honor our Patron Saints, the Three Hierarchs – Saint Basil the Great, Saint Gregory the Theologian, and Saint John Chrysostom – with



our Annual Artoklasia Service on Sunday, January 31, 2021 at Saint Luke Greek Orthodox Church, 35 N Malin Road, Broomall, Pennsylvania 19008. Orthros will begin at 9:00 am, Divine Liturgy at 10:00 am.

With the restrictions of the COVID-19 pandemic in mind, members can attend the service either in person or on line. Please visit the Saint Luke website (https://www.st-luke.org/) to register to attend Liturgy or to access the link for Live Streaming. Whichever method you choose, let us all join together in prayer for this special and meaningful service.

STAY CONNECTED

The HUC Website has been revamped with more photos and up to date information about our events. Visit our new Donate, Membership, Events, and Scholarship pages for all the latest about the HUC.

- Facebook: www.facebook.com/hucphiladelphia
- o Instagram: @HUC_Philly
- Twitter: @HUCPhilly

If you have photos from any of our events that you think might be good for social media, message them to any of our social media accounts!

IN MEMORIAM SEN. PAUL S. SARBANES



We were saddened to learn of the passing of Senator Paul S. Sarbanes on December 6th. The iconic 5-term Senator from Maryland came to Philadelphia in February 2006 to accept our Achievement Award — and we will long-remember his warm, spirit-

ed remarks and his charming manner.

Below are several articles that discuss Sen. Sarbanes' remarkable life and career. (The gallery of photos at the end of *The Baltimore Sun* article is particularly engaging.)

We extend sincere sympathies to Senator Sarbanes' family members in Baltimore as well as in Philadelphia. They include his sister, **Zoe Sarbanes Pappas**, her daughter, **Aleni M. Pappas**, and son-in-law, **Hon. Anthony G. Kyriakakis**— all members of our Club. May his memory be eternal.

The National Herald

https://www.thenationalherald.com/ community_usa_politics/arthro/a_farewell_to_paul_ sarbanes_from_the_u_s_media-1377287/

https://www.thenationalherald.com/ archive_politics_usa/arthro/nation_community_ family_and_friends_mourn_paul_sarbanes-1358703/

The New York Times

Paul Sarbanes, 87, Dies; Maryland Senator Fought Accounting Fraud https://www.nytimes.com/2020/12/07/us/politics/paulsarbanes-dead.html

The Washington Post

Paul Sarbanes, senator from Maryland who led overhaul of corporate accounting rules, dies at 87 https://www.washingtonpost.com/local/obituaries/former-sen-paul-sarbanes-of-maryland-hasdied-at-87/2020/12/07/4acd45e4-388e-11eb-aad9-8959227280c4_story.html

The Baltimore Sun

https://www.baltimoresun.com/politics/bs-md-paul-sarbanes-20201207-joygkdwykrfb3ehld72brkx7e4-story.html

BATTLE OF THERMOPYLAE LECTURE UPDATE



On Thursday, October 22, 2020, the Hellenic University Club of Philadelphia celebrated the 2,500th Anniversary of the Battle of Thermopylae, where a small army of Greeks led by the Spartan King Leonidas defeated

the large Persian army of Xerxes I. We hosted a brilliant lecture by Jeremy McInerney, Professor of Classical Studies at the University of Pennsylvania.

Prof. McInerney is the author and editor of five books, 35 scholarly articles, countless encyclopedia entries, book reviews, and conference papers, including Ancient Greece: A New History (2018), The Folds of Parnassos: Land and Ethnicity in Ancient Phokis (1999), The Cattle of the Sun: Cows and Culture in the World of Ancient Greeks (2010), and The Companion to Ethnicity in the Ancient Mediterranean (2014). No other scholar comprehends the nuances of this battle better than Prof. McInerney.

The talk was entitled "Thermopylae and Salamis: The Battle for Europe?" with an important stress on the final question mark. Dr. McInerney introduced the context of the Greek and Persian empires and the associated battles of Marathon, Plateia, and Salamis. He walked us through a moment-by-moment sequence of the battle that brought the conflict to life. Dr. McInerney got emotional about the incredible contribution that this battle made to western civilization, controlling his tears with gratitude towards the Greeks. But he also warned against a "triumphalist" interpretation of this event as misused by later ideologies for ethnic, racial, and cultural superiority.

This lecture was originally planned to take place at Drexel University on March 26, 2020, but the Covid-19 pandemic canceled our plans. The rescheduled talk in Zoom did not allow us to celebrate with the appropriate reception, but the talk was very well attended by participants from far away that wouldn't have been able to attend in person.

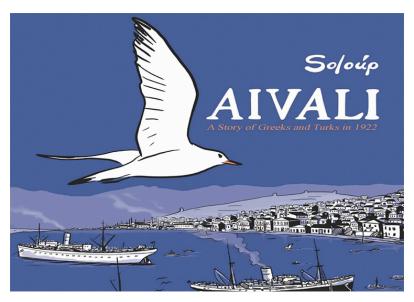
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oin us for an online lecture with graphic artist Soloúp (Antonis Nikolopoulos) on his book *Aivali: A* Story of Greeks and Turks in 1922, translated into English in 2019. Soloup is a celebrated Greek cartoonist whose work has been featured in newspapers and magazine (To Vema, Pontiki, etc.) He is the author of many books, including *The Collector: Six Short Stories for a Big Bad Wolf* (2018), *Sweet Dawn:* Fourteen Stories from the German Occupation of Athens (2019), and History of the Greek Comics (2012). Aivali is a seaside town on the western Aegean coast overtaken by Kemal Atatürk's army on September 5, 1922. Soloup narrates the sufferings of the Asia Minor Catastrophe through the eye-witness accounts of four Aivali natives, authors Elias Venezis, Agapi Venezi-Molyviati, Photis Kontoglou, and Ahmet Yorulmaz. Tom Papademetriou, professor of history at Stockton University, recognized the importance of this work and translated it into English. The translation was published by Somerset Hall, a press founded in 2001 by Tom's brother Dean Papademetriou and dedicated to Greek topics. Tom and Dean will join our conversation and offer the perspectives of translator and publisher. Tom Papademetriou is the Constantine and Georgina Georgiou Endowed Professor of Greek History and the Executive Director of the Pappas Center for Hellenic Studies at Stockton University. Dean Papademetriou is an attorney with the Boston Housing Authority and director of Somerset Hall Press. Tom and Dean are the sons of Reverend Dr. George Papademetriou who served the Annunciation Church, Elkins Park in 1965-1967. See Fr. Papademetriou's story in the Greek American Heritage Society of Philadelphia interview series: https://gahsp.org/projects/interview-series/george-papademetriou/

Aivali: A Story of Greeks and Turks in 1922 is available for purchase through Amazon: https://www.amazon.com/Aivali-Story-Greeks-Turks-1922/dp/1935244221/ref=sr_1_3?dchild=1&keywords=soloup&qid=1608251461&sr=8-3



Congratulations to our Scholarship Winners! Καλή Πρόοδο!



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