

HELLENIC UNIVERSITY CLUB OF PHILADELPHIA

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FROM THE PRESIDENT



Dear Fellow Members,

Happy New Year!

Our Club kicked off 2021 with the Annual Vasilopita celebration co-hosted with the Hellenic Medical Society, the Greek American Heritage Society of Philadelphia,

the American Hellenic Lawyers Association of Philadelphia, and the Greek American Chamber of Commerce, as well as the Federation of Hellenic-American Societies of Philadelphia.

As we were unable to meet in person, the event was held virtually on Zoom on January 29. Father Dean Moralis, the Chancellor of the Metropolis of New Jersey and Father Christoforos Oikonomidis of St. Thomas Church presided over the blessing of the Vasilopita and the cutting of the slices for the participating organizations. The last piece, designated for the entire community, contained the lucky coin, so all of us can expect good fortune this year! We were also joined by Dean Triantafillou and Lou Zagami of the IOCC, who informed us about the IOCC and their charitable works around the world. If you wish to donate to the IOCC, please use this link www.iocc.org/hmsphl.

On Sunday, January 31, we celebrated the Feast Day of the Three Hierarchs, the patron saints of our Club, with our annual Artoklasia service for the health and well-being of our members. About a dozen members of the Club attended Divine Liturgy in person at St. Luke's Church in Broomall, PA, and many more followed the live-streamed service from their homes.

The celebration of the day continued with a Zoom program with Greek graphic artist Antonis Nikolopoulos (known as Souloup), author of the book *Aivali: A Story of Greeks and Turks in 1922*, as well as Tom Papademetriou, who translated the book into English, and Dean Papademetriou, director of Somerset Hall Press, the publisher of the book. Antonis joined us from Athens, and Tom and Dean participated from New Jersey and Boston, respectively. About 40 members and friends of the Club attended as well. We are planning more virtual lectures, with speakers from around the world, until we can meet in person once again. This month we are happy to once again kick off our Scholarship program, the jewel of our Club.

This year we are offering 17 undergraduate and graduate scholarships totaling more than \$58,000. Details and applications are available on our website, www.hucphiladelphia. org. If you know an eligible student, please pass along the information. The deadline for applications is April 1, 2021.

Kind regards,

Zoe Tripolitis President

UPCOMING EVENT

VIRTUAL HAPPY HOUR EVENT
February 25, 2021
Zoom
(See Attached Flyer)

ΠΑΙΔΕΙΑ (*PAIDEIA*) is the ancient Greek word for learning or education. The lifelong pursuit of *PAIDEIA* was set by our Founders as the Club's main objective; eighty-four years later this ideal continues to inspire us.

MEMBERSHIP

The Board of Directors is pleased to present the following applicants for membership:

Tom Papademetriou

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Tom earned a PhD in Ottoman History from Princeton University. He is currently a Professor of History and Director of the Dean and Zoe Pappas Interdisciplinary Center for Hellenic Studies at Stockton University.

Dorrie Papademetriou

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Dorrie earned a BA in Fine Arts from Bowling Green State University. She is the director and founder of MudGirls Studios.

The above applicants shall be considered elected unless written objection is filed with the Corresponding Secretary **Nick Linardopoulos** (nick.linardopoulos@comcast.net) within 10 days of publication.



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MEMBER NEWS

Congratulations to Ariana Nicole Tsapralis, a past recipient of our *Paideia* Scholarship, on her engagement to Richard Wallace McIlraith. Ariana is the daughter of Past Presidents **Nicholas and Andrea Tsapralis** and granddaughter of Ethel and the late **Constantine Lazare**, a former HUC Board member. A 2022 wedding is planned. We wish Ariana and Richard much happiness. Καλά Στέφανα

Congratulations to member **Alexandra E.** (Moller) **Pappas** and her husband Evan on the birth of their son, Michael Foti born on January 6, 2021. We also extend congratulations to big brother George and to the proud grandparents George and Athenaes Pappas, uncle and aunt **Anthony** and Joanne **Dimitriadis** and aunt **Katerina Dimitriadis**. Nα σας ζήσει!

AIVALI - A Story of the Greeks and Turks in 1922 Lecture

We had our first lecture of the year on Sunday, Jan. 31. The graphic artist Antonis Nikolopoulos, who writes under the pen name Soloúp, discussed his book Aivali, translated into English in 2020 and published by Somerset Press. Soloúp teleconferenced his talk from Greece. Aivali tells the story of the Asia Minor Catastrophe of 1922 and the exchange of population between Greece and Turkey. It is narrated through the point of view of six contemporaries. Soloúp raised important questions about the relationship between history and fiction. He discussed his extensive research in archives and showed how he translated visual sources into a graphic representation. Finally, he shared his own family experiences, as the grandson of Greek refugees. We were also joined by the historian Tom Papademetriou, the novel's translator, who contextualized the book in relation to other historical works and graphic novels (such as, Art Spiegelman's Maus and Marjane Satrapi's Persepolis). Dean Papademetriou talked about the publication of the translation by his press.

Soloúp is currently completing a new graphic novel on the 1821 Greek War of Independence, commissioned by the National Museum of Athens. He gave us a world premiere of this work-in-progress. Lively discussion ensued about the Pontain genocide, the warm relations between Greek and Turk citizens (in spite of political animosities), Asia Minor refugees in Philadelphia, and how to appropriately commemorate traumatic histories. The talk was attended by 40 participants. A video recording will be available on our website.

HUC 2021-2022 SCHOLARSHIPS

The Hellenic University Club of Philadelphia Scholarship Program remains one of the most significant initiatives of our Club. We are proud to continue this important and worthwhile endeavor which celebrates the core mission of the HUC – *Paideia*. Our Scholarship Program helps students pursue their academic goals and demonstrates our commitment to learning, education and 'paying it forward'. We are pleased to announce the HUC 2021-2022 Scholarships offered to students of Greek descent or students who are declared majors in Greek Studies, regardless of heritage. This year we are offering eight undergraduate, three undergraduate/graduate and six graduate scholarships (17 Scholarships) totaling \$58,500.

We are happy to announce several exciting changes to this year's scholarships. The Dimitri J. Ververelli Memorial Scholarship for Architecture and/or Engineering has been increased to \$3000 through the generosity of Mrs. Anastasia Ververelli who established this scholarship to honor her late husband, Dimitri J. Ververelli, a past president of the Hellenic University Club of Philadelphia. We are also pleased to announce the Nicholas S. Hetos, DDS, Memorial Graduate Scholarship and the Maria Galanos Hetos EdD Memorial Graduate Scholarship will continue to be offered through the generosity of Cathe Skefos and Stephanie Cocke, daughters of Dr. Nicholas S. Hetos and Dr. Maria Galanos Hetos. Dr. Nicholas S. Hetos, was a Philadelphia dentist, past president and founding member of the Hellenic University Club of Philadelphia and Maria G. Hetos, EdD, was an educator and past president of the Club.

We are also pleased to announce we have added four new counties to our student eligibility demographic area. The new counties we are expanding to are: Northampton County in PA and Mercer, Momouth and Ocean Counties in NJ.

Since 1971 we have awarded \$856,000. in scholarship grants to 374 undergraduate and graduate students. Through the dedication and hard work of our members, our scholarship program is the largest scholarship grant program among all Greek-American organizations in the Philadelphia region.

We hope our members will help us 'spread the word'. If you know eligible students, please tell them about our scholarship program and encourage them to visit

our website at www.hucphiladelphia.org and apply for one of the scholarships described in the enclosed announcement.

Please note: All applications must be received by Thursday, April 1, 2021

HUC HOODIES!

Showing HUC Pride:







More hoodie pics on the next page.

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
- 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!

ARTOKLASIA SERVICE

How does the Hellenic University Club of Philadelphia cope with the pandemic? ARTOKLASIA!





The Hellenic University Club of Philadelphia Artoklasia Service was held with reverence and gratitude at Saint Luke Greek Orthodox Church in Broomall, Pennsylvania on Sunday, January 31st in honor of the Feast Day of our Patron Saints, The Three Hierarchs – Saint Basil the Great, Saint Gregory the Theologian, and Saint John Chrysostom – and in celebration of the Day of Greek Letters. While several members attended in person (by registering and adhering to all CDC guidelines), many more joined in prayer through live streaming thanks to Saint Luke's on-line ministry.

Although we prayed for the health and well-being of our members, families and friends, this year we also prayed for all those affected by the pandemic, asking our Lord Jesus Christ to protect everyone and guide our health care workers, scientists and leaders to guide us through these challenging times, and bring an end to this pandemic.

The Artoklasia Service was officiated by Rev. Fr. Christ Kontos, who warmly welcomed us to the community, and offered kind words congratulating us on our work, encouraging students and parents to learn more about our Club and scholarships. We sincerely thank Rev. Fr. Christ and the entire Saint Luke Greek Orthodox Community for their warm and welcoming hospitality in hosting our Artoklasia this year. Our best wishes to all for a year full of God's blessings, good health and happiness.

Καλή Χρονιά! Ύγεία, χαρά, πρόοδο!

MORE HUC HOODIES!









HELLENIC UNIVERSITY CLUB OF PHILADELPHIA

ANNOUNCES 2021-2022 UNIVERSITY / COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS FOR STUDENTS OF GREEK DESCENT OR DECLARED MAJORS IN GREEK STUDIES

SCHOLARSHIPS FOR UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS

Applicants must be enrolled full-time in a degree program at an accredited four-year college or university, or they must be high school seniors accepted for enrollment in such a degree program, and have outstanding academic qualifications. Please note that some scholarships have special eligibility requirements.

- (a) Scholarships that require demonstrated financial need:
 - **Dr. Michael Dorizas Memorial Scholarship**, honoring the late Dr. Michael Dorizas, a widely respected educator, lecturer and athlete. \$5,000
 - Founders Scholarship, honoring the founders of the Hellenic University Club of Philadelphia. \$5,000
 - Dimitri J. Ververelli Memorial Scholarship for Architecture and/or Engineering, offered to a qualified student pursuing a degree in the field of Architecture or Engineering. This scholarship was established by Mrs. Anastasia Ververelli to honor her husband, Dimitri J. Ververelli, a past president of the Hellenic University Club of Philadelphia. \$3,000
 - **George C. Liacouras Memorial Scholarship**, offered to a qualified student pursuing an undergraduate degree at the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania. Established by Mrs. Effie Liacouras, this scholarship honors her husband, George C. Liacouras. **\$5,000**
 - Theresa A. Chletcos Memorial Scholarship, offered to a qualified student pursuing an undergraduate degree in the field of education. Established in 2013, this award honors past president and founding member, Theresa A. Chletcos. This scholarship was funded through a bequest of Theresa A. Chletcos and her friends and family. \$2,000
 - Goldie S. Vastardis Memorial Scholarship, funded by a grant from Mr. Louis Vastardis in memory of his wife. This merit scholarship is awarded to a student whose parents are stewards in good standing of St. Luke Greek Orthodox Church, Broomall, Pennsylvania. \$2,000
- (b) Scholarships that do not require any financial information:
 - *Paideia* Scholarship, a merit scholarship awarded to the child of a Hellenic University Club of Philadelphia member. Parent(s) must be current members in good standing for at least 3 years. \$5,000
 - **Cyprus Society Scholarship**, offered by the Cyprus Society of Greater Philadelphia to a student whose family are members in good standing of the Cyprus Society for the past 3 years. **\$2,500**

SCHOLARSHIPS FOR GRADUATE STUDENTS

Applicants may be graduate students enrolled full time in or senior undergraduates accepted to a graduate program at an accredited university or professional school. Applicants must intend to enroll full time in Fall 2021. Postdocs (post PhD) are not eligible. Please note that some scholarships have special eligibility requirements.

- (a) The following scholarship does not require any financial information:
 - Dr. Nicholas Padis Memorial Graduate Scholarship. Academic excellence is the primary consideration for this scholarship. Established in 1986, this annual award honors Philadelphia physician, first president and founding member of the Hellenic University Club of Philadelphia, Dr. Nicholas Padis. \$5,000
- (b) Scholarships that require demonstrated financial need:
 - John S. Manos, Esq, Memorial Graduate Scholarship, offered to a qualified student pursuing studies leading to a Juris Doctor (JD) Degree. Established in 2009, this annual award honors John Stanley Manos, Esq., Philadelphia lawyer and long-time member of the Hellenic University Club of Philadelphia. This scholarship is funded by the family and friends of John S. Manos. \$2,000

- Dr. Peter A. Theodos Memorial Graduate Scholarship, offered to a qualified student pursuing studies leading to a Doctor of Medicine (MD) Degree. Established in 1988, this annual award honors Philadelphia physician, past president and founding member of the Hellenic University Club of Philadelphia, Dr. Peter A. Theodos. This scholarship is funded by Mrs. Peter A. Theodos. \$1,500
- Nicholas S. Hetos, DDS, Memorial Graduate Scholarship, offered to a senior undergraduate or graduate student of Greek descent with financial need pursuing studies leading to a Doctor of Dental Medicine (DMD) or Doctor of Dental Surgery (DDS) degree. Established in 2001, this annual award honors Dr. Nicholas S. Hetos, Philadelphia dentist, past president and founding member of the Hellenic University Club of Philadelphia. This scholarship is funded by his daughters Catherine Skefos and Stephanie Cocke. \$2,000
- Maria Galanos Hetos, EdD, Memorial Graduate Scholarship, awarded to a senior undergraduate or graduate student of Greek descent with financial need pursuing studies leading to a graduate degree in the field of education or education-related studies. The recipient must matriculate in a graduate program of a nationally accredited university or college that has been conferring degrees since 1936, the year the Hellenic University Club of Philadelphia was founded. Established in 2011, this annual award honors Maria G. Hetos, EdD, an educator and past president of the Club. This annual award is funded by her daughters Catherine Skefos and Stephanie Cocke. \$2,000
- Kathleen and Nicholas Fisfis Graduate Scholarship, offered to a qualified student pursuing studies leading to a Graduate or Post Graduate Degree in the fields of Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics or Medicine. Established in 2016, this annual award is funded by Kathleen and Nicholas Fisfis. \$7,500

SCHOLARSHIPS FOR UNDERGRADUATE OR GRADUATE STUDENTS

These scholarships are offered to either undergraduate or graduate students. Qualifications are as stated above for each category of students.

- Chios Liberation Memorial Scholarship, offered by the Chios Society of Philadelphia to qualified students of Chian descent in memory of all those who gave their lives for the liberation of Chios. \$2,000. *No financial information needed.*
- Chios Society of Philadelphia "Koraes" Scholarship, offered to qualified students of Chian descent in memory and honor of past and present leaders of the Chios Society of Philadelphia. \$2,000. No financial information needed.
- Nicholas L. Gianopulos and Antoinette Manos Gianopulos Scholarship, offered to a qualified student pursuing a degree in the fields of civil engineering, architecture, or fine arts. Established in 2019, this annual award honors Nicholas L. Gianopulos and his wife Antoinette Manos Gianopulos. This annual award is funded by Antoinette Gianopulos, friends and family in memory of Nicholas Gianopulos. \$5,000. Preference will be given to candidates who have financial need.

HOW DO I APPLY FOR A SCHOLARSHIP?

Undergraduate Scholarships:

- Determine eligibility status by visiting http://hucphiladelphia.org/undergraduate-application/
- Access and complete the Undergraduate Application on the same site
- Submit the following documents to hucscholarships@gmail.com. See application for more specific instructions.
 - o Academic transcripts and standardized test scores
 - o One letter of recommendation
 - o Essay (Chios Society scholarships require an additional essay)
 - o Page 1 of FAFSA Student Aid Report (for scholarships with financial need requirements)

Graduate Scholarships:

- Determine eligibility status by visiting http://hucphiladelphia.org/graduate-application/
- Access and complete the Graduate Application on the same site
- Submit the following documents to hucscholarships@gmail.com. See application for more specific instructions.
 - o All academic transcripts from all colleges and universities attended (undergraduate and graduate)
 - o Resume
 - o Two letters of recommendation
 - o Essay (Chios Society scholarships require an additional essay)
 - o Page 1 of FAFSA Student Aid Report (for scholarships with financial need requirements)

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

Applicants (Graduate and Undergraduate) must be of Greek descent, U.S. citizens or lawful permanent residents of Berks, Bucks, Chester, Delaware, Lancaster, Lehigh, Montgomery, Northampton or Philadelphia Counties in Pennsylvania; Atlantic, Burlington, Camden, Cape May, Cumberland, Gloucester, Mercer, Monmouth, Ocean or Salem Counties in New Jersey; New Castle County in Delaware. Students who are declared majors in Greek Studies may also apply, regardless of their heritage.

Applications for these scholarships are available through our website www.hucphiladelphia.org.

APPLICATION AND ALL SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS MUST BE RECEIVED BY THURSDAY, APRIL 1, 2021

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FOR THEIR

VIRTUAL HAPPY HOUR EVENT



THIS IS A GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO VIRTUALLY MEET AND SOCIALIZE WITH INDIVIDUALS OF HELLENIC AND NON-HELLENIC DESCENT FROM THE PHILADELPHIA AREA WHILE STILL SOCIALLY DISTANCING.

VIRTUAL GAMES WILL ALSO BE PLAYED

February 25th, 2021 7-9 PM

Zoom Meeting Invite:

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84288305500?pwd=VUltSFZPNFlxYVBpcTJNN0Qrd1NVQT09

Please RSVP on survey monkey, https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/CN37DFJ



