



# ΠΑΙΔΕΙΑ

## HELLENIC UNIVERSITY CLUB OF PHILADELPHIA

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JANUARY 2019

### FROM THE PRESIDENT



Dear Fellow Members,

**H**appy New Year! 2019 will be an exciting year for the Hellenic University Club. We will have many new programs and events that are uniquely ours, while also partnering with other Hellenic organizations to bring to fruition larger scale programs that benefit the greater community. Please continue to refer to our monthly newsletters, website, social media, and emails for details regarding how you can participate in our upcoming events.

On December 9th we held our annual Christmas Party at the beautiful Union Trust in center city Philadelphia. Members of several Hellenic professional organizations joined us to celebrate the upcoming holiday. We were particularly pleased to have members from the North Jersey Chamber of Commerce attend as well. Special thank you to the Event Chair, **George Pappas**, without whom this event would not have been possible. We greatly appreciate all of George's efforts and his continued dedication to the Hellenic University Club over the years.

One of the more inspirational traditions of our faith is the annual celebration of the Vasilopita. Please join us on January 18th at the Arts Ballroom in Philadelphia to share in this tradition with the other Hellenic professional societies of Philadelphia. On Sunday, January 27th, St. George Cathedral in Philadelphia will be our host for the annual Artoklasia service. We hope that you can join us at St. George for the Blessing of the Five Loaves.

In February we have a unique program planned. On Saturday the 23rd we will be attending a one and only presentation of "Medea" by Euripides, performed by The Pancyprian Association of America Theatrical Group at The Queens Theatre near Astoria, New York. We have secured a motorcoach to take us to New York, and the trip will

include a lovely dinner in Astoria and time for shopping if traffic will allow. At time of purchase the tickets for this performance were nearly sold-out. We have tickets that are available on a first-come, first-served basis. Please look for reservation details in the flyer included herein. We hope that you can join us for this extraordinary presentation of classical Greek theater in New York next month.

May the year 2019 give you the opportunity to realize your dreams, rediscover your strengths, muster your willpower and rejoice in the simple pleasures that life would bring your way. Χρόνια Πολλά!

Kind Regards,

Andrea Lazare Tsapralis

President

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### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### CUTTING OF THE VASILOPITA

Friday, January 18, 2019 at 6:30 PM

Arts Ballroom

#### ARTOKLASIA SERVICE

Sunday, January 27, 2019

Orthros at 8:45 AM & Divine Liturgy at 10:00 AM

St. George Greek Orthodox Cathedral

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The Queens Theatre in New York City

### SAVE THE DATE

#### SPRING DINNER DANCE

Friday, May 3, 2019

Arts Ballroom

*See back page for more information*

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-two years later this ideal continues to inspire us.

# MEMBERSHIP

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

## **Katherine Sideris**

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Marlton, NJ 08053  
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Email: kksideris@gmail.com

Katherine earned a B.S. in Mathematics and Computer Science from Adelphi University in New York. She currently works as a Systems Engineer and Manager at BAE Systems in Mt. Laurel, NJ.

## **Christine Constantinou**

### **Michael Constantinou**

8 High Point Drive  
Medford, NJ 08055  
Tel: (609) 234-7894  
Tel: (609) 923-1942  
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Christine earned B.S. and M.B.A degrees from Drexel University in Philadelphia. She currently works as a College Advisor at Camden County College.

Michael earned a B.S. in Accounting and an M.B.A in Hotel & Restaurant Management, both from Fairleigh Dickinson University. Michael is currently self-employed at the Manasquan Plaza

These applications shall be considered elected unless written objection is filed with the Corresponding Secretary **Dorothy Hazan** (hazand@pennlaw.upenn.edu) within 10 days of publication.

# MEMBER NEWS

HUC members **Kathy and Nick Fisfis** welcomed into the world their beautiful new granddaughter, Suria Katina, just in time to celebrate her first Christmas. Congratulations to the Fisfis family! Να ζήση!

*If you or your loved ones have news you would like to publish in the HUC Newsletter, please email **Dorothy Hazan** at hazand@pennlaw.upenn.edu.*

# ANNUAL CUTTING OF THE VASILOPITA

Please join us in celebrating the New Year with the traditional cutting of the Vasilopita. This event will take place on **Friday, January 18 at 6:30 PM** in the **Arts Ballroom** in Philadelphia. The Vasilopita, or Bread of St. Basil, symbolizes hope and blessings for the New Year. Each loaf contains a coin, which is thought to bring good luck to the recipient. The cutting of the Vasilopita has a rich and beautiful history in the Greek Orthodox faith, and we would be honored to share this tradition with all of you.

This event also includes mezzes, dinner, and an open bar. As always, friends and family are welcome!

**Please RSVP by January 14, 2019.** You can register online at <https://www.greekamericanchamber.com/Event-Info>.

Tickets are \$90, or \$70 for students and young professionals under thirty. A limited number of tickets will be sold at the door for \$100. All proceeds benefit the IOCC Hellenic Program.

*This event is cohosted by the Hellenic University Club, the Greek American Heritage Society, the Greek American Chamber of Commerce, the Hellenic Medical Society, and the American Hellenic Lawyers Association, under the auspices of the Federation of Hellenic Societies of Philadelphia and Delaware Valley.*



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## ARTOKLASIA SERVICE

We invite you to 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 27, 2019 at Saint George Greek Orthodox Cathedral, 256 S. 8th Street, Philadelphia, PA 19107.** Orthros will begin at 8:45 AM, Divine Liturgy at 10:00 AM, with fellowship in the community center following Divine Liturgy.

Saint George Cathedral is where most of our founding members attended, and where our Club embarked on its long history. Let us honor that beginning as we continue our journey. We look forward to seeing our members from Saint George Cathedral, as well as our members from the Greater Philadelphia area attend and join us in prayer for our health and well-being as we advance our mission of *PAIDEIA*.



## 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. Look for our revamped Blog page, which will soon feature Member Spotlights!



## MEDEA BY EURIPEDES

The Hellenic University Club of Philadelphia invites you to join us for a one-time, special performance of *Medea* by Euripides at the **Queens Theatre in New York City.**

Set in Corinth, after Jason's quest for the Golden Fleece, Medea brings new elements of love, betrayal, and vengeance to a classic Greek myth. This interpretation of Euripides' masterpiece is brought to you by award-winning director Leonidas Loizides.

The performance will take place on **Saturday, February 23 at 7:00 PM.** We will also stop for a lovely dinner in Astoria, Queens before the show.

For your convenience, we will provide transportation to and from New York City for all participants. Our motorcoach will depart from **St. Thomas Greek Orthodox Church (Cherry Hill, NJ) at 1:00 PM.** *Please be there on time.*

Tickets are available on a first-come, first-served basis. To reserve your place on this trip, **please register no later than February 18th.**

Tickets are \$100, which includes transportation, dinner, and a theater ticket. Please purchase your tickets online at <https://huc-goes-to-the-theater.eventbrite.com> or by mailing a check to: **Zoe Tripolitis, 2523 South Street, Philadelphia, PA 19146.**



## FOLLOW HUC ON SOCIAL MEDIA

- Check us out on Facebook on our Hellenic University Club of Philadelphia page ([www.facebook.com/hucphiladelphia](http://www.facebook.com/hucphiladelphia))
- HUC is on Instagram! Follow us @HUC\_Philly for pictures of our events and pictures of our members, updates about our events, and generally fun content!
- And, of course, follow the HUC on Twitter @HUCPhilly

If you have photos from any of our events that you would like featured, message them to any of our social media accounts!

## BOARD APPROVES INCREASE OF HUC SCHOLARSHIPS TO \$5,000

We are pleased to announce that three HUC undergraduate scholarship awards will be raised from \$3,000 to \$5,000. A proposal from the Scholarship Fund Investment Committee to raise the three undergraduate scholarships that the HUC funds from \$3,000 to \$5,000 each was approved at the December Board of Directors meeting. This is in line with our new guidelines that all new privately funded scholarships must be \$5,000 and fully endowed before they are awarded.

THANK YOU, MEMBERS! You have made this possible through your generous contributions to the 80th Anniversary Scholarship Fundraising Initiative and from your ongoing donations with your annual membership dues and other fundraising efforts.

Beginning in the 2019-2020 academic year the **Dr. Michael Dorizas**, the **Founders**, and the **Paideia Undergraduate Scholarships** will be awarded at **\$5,000** each and the **Dr. Nicholas Padis Memorial Graduate Scholarship** will remain at **\$5,000**.

Our work is not finished. In order to fund these scholarships, we use only the interest earned each year on our investments plus your generous donations, and we try not to touch the principal. So, we will continue to rely on you and your commitment to helping worthy students achieve their goals. Once again, THANK YOU!

## SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS COMMITTEE

In October the Board of Directors accepted with regret a letter of resignation from **Martina Harris** who was serving the second year of a two-year term on the Scholarship Awards Committee. We thank Martina for the valued contributions she made while serving on this Committee.

As per our By-Laws, when a position becomes vacant, the Board of Directors appoints a replacement for the remainder of the term. We are pleased to announce that **Dimitra (Mika) Tsekoura** has been appointed to complete the second year of this two-year term position. We thank Mika for taking on this important task.

We would also like to announce that this year the Committee has voted that **Antonios Zavaliangos** and **Toula Bastas** will co-chair the Scholarship Awards Committee.

## DUES PAYMENT REMINDER

Dues for fiscal year 2018-2019 should have been paid to the Club by December 31, 2018. If you have not done so, please remit your dues as soon as possible to Membership Renewal Chair **Zoe Tripolitis** (2523 South Street, Philadelphia, PA 19146). We are also accepting credit card payments online at [www.hucdues18.eventbrite.com](http://www.hucdues18.eventbrite.com). Your attention to this message will keep your membership status current and will save the Club the cost of additional mailings. Thank you!



# CHRISTMAS PARTY

Thank you for your attendance at this year's annual HUC Christmas Party! We hope you will join us in the future for more fun and fellowship. Please enjoy these photos from the event:



**Χρόνια Πολλά και Καλή Χρονιά**  
**HAPPY NEW YEAR**

The Philadelphia Hellenic Organizations  
- invite you to attend the -

**ANNUAL CUTTING OF THE VASILOPITA**  
*(Breaking of Saint Basils Bread)*

**Friday January 18, 2019 6:30 PM**

**ARTS BALLROOM**  
1324 Locust Street Philadelphia, Pa. 19107  
[www.ArtsBallroom.com](http://www.ArtsBallroom.com)

Join in, celebrate and begin the New Year!

**HELLENIC UNIVERSITY CLUB**  
*of Greater Philadelphia*

**GREEK AMERICAN HERITAGE SOCIETY**

**GREEK AMERICAN CHAMBER of COMMERCE**  
*of Greater Philadelphia*

**HELLENIC MEDICAL SOCIETY**  
*of Philadelphia*

**AMERICAN HELLENIC LAWYERS ASSOCIATION**  
*of Greater Philadelphia*

**FEDERATION OF HELLENIC SOCIETIES**  
*of Philadelphia and Delaware Valley*

**RSVP By: Monday January 14, 2013**

6:30 pm Cocktails/Top Shelf Open Bar

7:00 pm Mezzes, Dinner, Desert Vasilopita cutting

\$ 90.00 online @ [greekamericanchamber.com](http://greekamericanchamber.com)

\$ 70.00 Students/Young Professionals under 30

\$100.00 at the door *(if available)*

Profits benefit the IOCC Hellenic Program

For Questions or to RSVP contact

[info@greekamericanchamber.com](mailto:info@greekamericanchamber.com) or



***For information call:***

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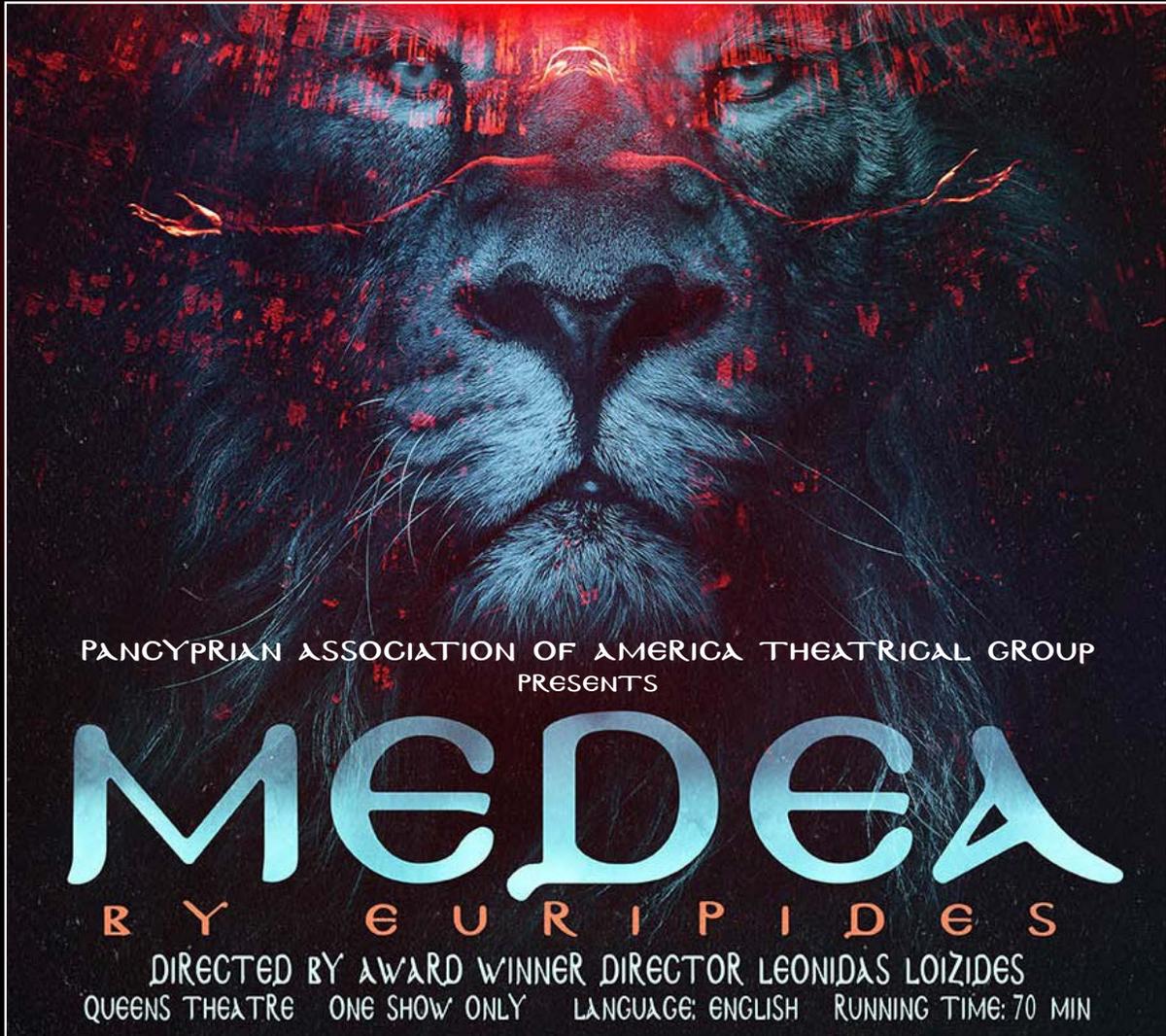
**To Register, visit: <https://www.greekamericanchamber.com>**

**and click on “Upcoming Events” for the Philadelphia Vasilopita Cutting.**



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*invites you to join us for a special performance...*



PANCYPRIAN ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA THEATRICAL GROUP  
PRESENTS

# MEDEA

BY EURIPIDES

DIRECTED BY AWARD WINNER DIRECTOR LEONIDAS LOIZIDES  
QUEENS THEATRE ONE SHOW ONLY LANGUAGE: ENGLISH RUNNING TIME: 70 MIN

**Saturday, February 23rd, 2019 • 7PM Show**

**Queens Theatre, 14 United Nations Ave South, Corona, NY**

**1:00 PM Departure, St. Thomas Greek Orthodox Church, Cherry Hill, NJ**

**Approx. 4:00 PM Dinner in Astoria, time and location TBD**

**\$100 ticket price includes motorcoach, dinner and theater ticket.**

**Additional stop at Titan Foods if time allows.**

**Tickets available through EventBrite (*preferred method of payment*):**

**<https://huc-goes-to-the-theater.eventbrite.com>**

**or mail check to Zoe Tripolitis: 2523 South Street, Philadelphia, PA 19146-1037**

**Payment must be received by February 18th.**

**Contact for Questions: [Andrea.Tsapralis@icloud.com](mailto:Andrea.Tsapralis@icloud.com), 609-265-9667**

**<http://queenstheatre.org/> • <https://www.hellenism.me/event/medea/>**

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