

**THE HELLENIC ORGANIZATIONS
OF THE WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN AREA**

Welcome you to a celebration of

**The 196th Anniversary of the Historic Declaration
Of the Greek War for Independence**

**Sunday, March 26, 2017, 5:30 pm
St. George Greek Orthodox Church**

**This event is organized by The Hellenic Society Prometheas
with the following co-sponsors:**

St. George Greek Orthodox Church
St. Sophia Greek Orthodox Cathedral
St. Katherine Greek Orthodox Church
Sts. Constantine & Helen G.O. Church
Holy Apostles Greek Orthodox Church
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House of Kefalos
Ionian Society
Laconian Society
Macedonian Association
Pan-Cyprians of Metropolitan Washington
Roumeliotes of Metropolitan Washington
Society for the Preservation of Greek Heritage
Society of Constantinopolitans
Vourvoura Society

PROGRAM

Master of Ceremonies: Mr. Pericles Stabekis

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| Marching of | Baltimore Evzones |
| Presentation of the Colors | Students from St. George, St. Katherine, and the Hellenic School of Potomac |
| Prayer | Reverend Archimandrite Nectarios Cottros , Sts. Peter & Paul |
| National Anthems | Sophia Pelekasis , student St. Katherine Greek Orthodox Church |
| Τη Υπερμάχῳ | Prometheas Choir |
| Greetings | Mr. Lefteris Karmiris President, The Hellenic Society Prometheas |
| Keynote Address | Mr. Dimitrios Angelopoulos Counselor, Embassy of Greece |
| Poem: Της Λένως του Μπότσαρη | Iliana Tzafolias , student St. Katherine Greek Orthodox Church |
| Patriotic Song: Petrina Xronia | Maria Anastasi Paschalidis |
| Poem: You'll come as Lightning | Stefanos Voyiatzis , student Holy Apostles Greek Orthodox Church |
| Poem: Evangelismos-Ellinismos | Andreas Voyiatzis , student Holy Apostles Greek Orthodox Church |
| Demotic song: Lafina | Sophia Pelekasis , student St. Katherine Greek Orthodox Church |
| Excerpt from: "American Philhellenes" | Pericles Stabekis |
| Poem: Agia Sophia | Myron Georgakopoulos Vasiliki Frantzis students: Hellenic School of Potomac |
| Patriotic song: (Tsamikos) | Maria Anastasi Paschalidis |
| Folk Dances | St. George's Dance Group Directed by Mrs. Maria Giakoumatos |

Reception

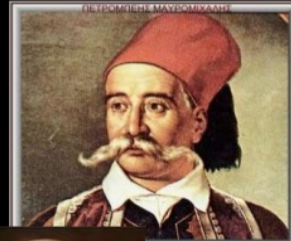
Αξίζει να παραθέσουμε την αρχή της επιστολής του Πέτρου (Πετρόμπεη) Μαυρομιχάλη:
«Αποφασίζοντας να ζήσωμεν ή ν' αποθάνωμεν διά την ελευθερίαν, συνρόμεθα προς εσάς από δικαίαν συμπάθειαν · διότι εἰς τον τόπον σας ἐδιάλεξε να κατοική η ελευθερία, ἀπό μόνους εσάς λατρευομένη καθὼς ἐλατρεύετο ἀπό τους πατέρες μας»

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Εορτασμός της 25ης Μαρτίου 1821 196 ΧΡΟΝΙΑ ΕΘΝΙΚΗΣ ΑΝΕΞΑΡΤΗΣΙΑΣ

ΕΚΚΛΗΣΗ ΤΟΥ ΠΕΤΡΟΜΠΕΗ ΜΑΥΡΟΜΙΧΑΛΗ ΠΡΟΣ ΤΗΝ ΚΥΒΕΡΝΗΣΗ ΤΩΝ ΗΠΑ

"Having formed the resolution to live or die for freedom, we are drawn to you since it is in your land that liberty has fixed her abode and is respected by you as it was by our Fathers. Hence, in involving her name, we invoke yours, trusting that in emulating you, we shall emulate our ancestors and be thought worthy of them if we succeed in resembling your achievement. Though separated from you by mighty oceans, we consider you closer to us than the nations of our frontiers, and regard you as friends, fellow citizens and brothers, because you are free, generous, liberal, and a Christian people. Your liberty does not rest on the slavery of other nations, nor your prosperity on their calamities and sufferings. On the contrary, free and prosperous yourselves, you are desirous that all men should share the same blessings; that all should enjoy these rights to which all by nature are equally entitled. It is you who (in our day) first proclaimed these rights and it is by your example that Europe receives lessons of justice and learns to renounce her absurd and bloody customs. This glory, Americans, is yours alone and raises you above all nations which have gained a name for liberty and law."



Petros
Mavromichalis



John Quincy Adams



The Hellenic Society Prometheas thanks:

CAVA Meze

Mykonos Restaurant

Trapezaria Restaurant

Stella's Bakery

Nicholas Wine Imports

Greek Taverna Restaurant

Nostos Restaurant

Yamas Mediterranean Grill

Dionysos Wine Imports

for their generous contribution to our reception and their continued support.

*"The Contribution of the American Philhellenes
to the Greek War of Independence"*

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