

# **The Hellenic Society Prometheas**

**Newsletter # 10**

**March 2002**

This month's letter includes numerous announcements for upcoming events, the most important of which relate to the celebration of the Greek Independence Day. Prometheas hopes that you will join us in celebrating this important day in a program organized in cooperation with all the Hellenic Organizations of the Washington Metropolitan Area.

## **Mark your calendars:**

***The Greek Independence Day celebration on Saturday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>***

**THE HELLENIC SOCIETY PROMETHEAS  
AND**

**THE HELLENIC ORGANIZATIONS**

**OF THE**

**WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN AREA**

**invite you to a celebration for the**

**181 Years of Greek Independence  
Saturday, March 23, 2002 at 5:30 p.m.**

**Keynote Speaker:**

**Prof. Thanos Veremis**

The C. Karamanlis Professor of Hellenic and Southeastern European Studies  
The Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy, Tufts University

***The Modernizing Spirit of the Greek War of Independence  
Το Νεοτεριστικό Πνεύμα στην Ελληνική Επανάσταση***  
(lecture in English)

[For Prof. Veremis' acceptance speech for The Karamanlis chair, click at:  
<http://fletcher.tufts.edu/staff/tveremis/ElementsContinuityGreekHistory.htm>]

The program will also include remarks by distinguished guests, reading of excerpts from the literature on Greek Independence, and Greek folk dances by the **Return to Origins Dance Troupe** directed by Mrs. Rena Papapostolou. A reception will follow.

**Saturday, March 23, 2002 at 5:30 p.m.**  
**St. George Greek Orthodox Church**  
**Presvytera Maria Grand Hall**  
**7701 Bradley Blvd. Bethesda, Maryland 20817**

**Co-sponsors:**

St. Sophia Greek Orthodox Cathedral	Hellenic Society for the Health Sciences
St. Constantine & Helen Greek Orthodox Church	Hellenic American Women's Council
St. George Greek Orthodox Church	Laconian Society
St. Katherine Greek Orthodox Church	"Lykeion Ellinidon" Organizing Committee
Sts. Peter & Paul Greek Orthodox Church	Macedonian Association
St. Theodore Greek Orthodox Church	Pan-Cyprians of Metropolitan Wash.
AHEPA Chapter 383	Pan-Dodecanesian Association
American Hellenic Institute	Return to Origins Program
Cretan Association	Roumeliotes of Metropolitan Wash.
Epirotic Society	Digenis Hellenic Students Association of UMCP
Evrytanian Association	Georgetown U Hellenic Students Association
House of Kefalos	Kosmos Hellenic Club of GWU

***Return to Origins Annual Performance, March 17th***

The Seventeenth Annual Performance of the Return to Origins program is scheduled for Sunday, 7:00 PM, March 17<sup>th</sup>, 2002. It will take place, as always, at the Performing Arts Center of Montgomery College in Rockville, MD. For more information please call Rena Papapostolou at 301-983-5012.

**RETURN TO ORIGINS A Greek Cultural and Educational Program**

RTO, the Greek Folk Dance Group, is one of Washington Metropolitan Area's most talked about troupe performing a variety of celebrated Greek dances as well as rare dances from the far reaches of the Hellenic world. Under the direction of Rena and Elena Papapostolou, this troupe of young performers fills the stage with energy and spirit!

Tickets: \$15.00

***Lecture on Greek Culture in Transition, March 7th***

**The Alexander S. Onassis Public Benefit Foundation**

**Presents Lecture and Reception  
DR. DIMITRIS TZIOVAS  
Director of the Centre for Byzantine & Modern Greek Studies  
UNIVERSITY OF BIRMINGHAM, ENGLAND**

**ON  
"FROM COMMUNITY TO PRIVACY:  
GREEK CULTURE IN TRANSITION"  
Thursday, March 7, at 7:30 p.m.**

**Kogod Theatre  
Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center  
THE UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND**

**Dr. Tziovas is a distinguished author, scholar, lecturer, reviewer and editor. He is actively promoting Greek literature and culture in Europe and the U.S.**

**In addition to his many books and translations of contemporary Greek literature, Dr. Tziovas is regular contributor to the Greek newspaper "TO VIMA", as well as literary journals such "I Lexi", "Poiese" and "Diavazo".**

**CO-SPONSORED BY:**

**The Department of Classics, Program in Hellenic Studies, University of Maryland and The Press Office of the Embassy of Greece  
For information, call: 301-405-0356**

### ***The Acropolis of Athens, March 9th***

*Co-sponsored by The American School of Classical Studies at Athens and the Embassy of Greece*

Through a series of slide-illustrated lectures, two distinguished scholars, Jeffrey Hurwit and Jennifer Neils, offer new perspectives on the meaning of the Acropolis. They will explore intriguing topics such as the religious, social, and political messages the site communicated to Athenians; the Acropolis and its sanctuaries as they actually functioned; the ideological and spiritual messages expressed in the sculptures; and the ultimate question – was the Parthenon actually a temple?

Friday, March 8th, 2002, 6:00 to 7:30pm and Saturday, March 9<sup>th</sup>, 10:00am to 4:30pm. For reservations and more information, please contact The Smithsonian Resident Associates Program (202) 357-3030.

### ***The Seven Plagues of Paradise, March 15th***

**Producer and Director Lydia Carras will provide the introduction for this 45-minute film focusing on the fragile environment surrounding the Ambracic Gulf and the development that threatens this earthly paradise.**

Part of The Environmental Film Festival sponsored by the Smithsonian Museum of Natural History. Friday, March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2002 at 12:00pm - - Admission is Free. For more information please call (202) 357-2700

***The Rise and Fall of Four Empires, March 16th***

***THE SOCIETY FOR THE PRESERVATION OF THE GREEK HERITAGE***

Invites you to participate in a Seminar, co-sponsored by the International Initiatives  
Office of the Provost, Georgetown University

***The Rise and Fall of Four Empires***

What were the main reasons for the creation and decline of these Empires? To what extent were the personal qualities of those who ruled these empires relevant? What is the significance today of the guiding concepts and ideologies they developed or expressed? What has been the major impact of these empires on the world today in general and on the development of the Greek heritage in particular?

Welcome

Professor Serafina Hager

Special Assistant to the Provost, International Initiatives, Georgetown University

***Introduced and Moderated by***

Costas Carras

10:00am – 1:00pm: Ancient and Medieval Empires

***The Athenian Empire***

Bernard M.W. Knox

Professor Emeritus, Yale University. Director Emeritus, Harvard Center for Hellenic Studies, Washington, D.C.

Chair Emeritus, The Society for the Preservation of the Greek Heritage

***The Roman and Early Romaic Empire***

Myles McDonnell

Professor, Department of Classical Languages and Culture, Fordham University

***The Later Romaic Empire***

Costas Carras

Historian and Author, Vice-Chairman of The Society for the Preservation of the Greek Heritage

12:15 – 1:00pm: Recapitulation and Questions from the Audience

1:00pm – 2:00pm: LUNCH BREAK (lunch facilities available in the Leavey Center)

2:00pm – 4:00pm: MODERN EMPIRES

***The Ottoman Empire***

Gabor Agoston

Professor of History, Georgetown University

***The British Empire***

Geoffrey Treasure

Historian and Author

London, England

4:00pm – 5:00pm: RECAPITULATION; QUESTIONS FROM THE

AUDIENCE

Saturday, March 16<sup>th</sup> 10:00 am - 5:00pm

Georgetown University

**Copley Formal Lounge**

**(Free Parking Available on Campus – Prospect Street Entrance)**

**Members: \$20.00; Non-Members and Guests: \$25.00; Students: Free**

**Please RSVP to the SPGH office (202) 363-4337 by March 13, 2002. Checks should be mailed to SPGH, 5125 MacArthur Blvd, NW, Suite 38, Washington, D.C. 20016. Visa and Mastercard also accepted, please call with details.**

The Society for the Preservation of the Greek Heritage is a registered 501c(3) non-profit organization dedicated to increasing awareness of the relevance of classical Greek culture in the modern world and to preserving and restoring its heritage. **(Your donation is fully tax-deductible).**

***Congressional Salute to Greek Independence Day on March 19<sup>th</sup>***

"A CONGRESSIONAL SALUTE TO  
GREEK INDEPENDENCE DAY"

Tuesday, March 19, 2002

Reception: 6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.

Rayburn House Office Building

Rm. 2322

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The AMERICAN

HELLENIC INSTITUTE

*in cooperation with*

Hon. Michael Bilirakis (R-FL)

Hon. Carolyn Maloney (D-NY)

Co-Chairs of the

Congressional Hellenic Caucus

***Prometheus, March 20th***

Helen Hayes Award Winning Director Joy Zinoman's ground-breaking version of Aeschylus' rarely staged play focusing on Prometheus' rage against the gods. This timeless greek myth highlights the struggle between the power of knowledge and Information over the power of the gods. A new act, by acclaimed novelist Sophy Burnham, will also imagine what happened in the lost plays of the Prometheus trilogy.

Begins March 20<sup>th</sup>, 2002 at The Studio Theatre. For More Information, Please contact the box office at (202) 332-3300