



The Hellenic Society Prometheas

Happy, Healthy and Prosperous New Year 2016
Greek Letters Day Celebration
(Day of the Three Hierarchs)

Keynote Speaker:

Dr. Michael A. Souprios

Professor of political philosophy at the Post campus in Nassau County, New York.

The Sophist Revolution and the Magic of Words

In the mid-5th century B.C. the Greek world was shaken by the appearance of a new and historic group of thinkers known as “The Sophists”. These pioneering men completely altered the intellectual landscape of ancient Greece. Of all their many accomplishments, none was more powerful or lasting than the invention of rhetoric. From this moment on, language ceased to be a merely reflexive mechanism of communication and instead became the object of scientific analysis and development (metalinguistic). The impact of this aspect of the sophist revolution is impossible to overstate. It formed the core of higher education for more than 1000 years, helped to promote and disseminate the message of a fledgling faith (Christianity) and even today, it remains a mainstay of our political judicial and commercial discourse. These and other aspects of the sophist legacy will be considered.

The lecture will be in English

Presentation of the Hellenic Society Prometheas Hellenic Language and Culture Awards

Recipients are students of the area’s parochial schools and The Hellenic School of Potomac
Recognized for their excellence in the Greek language and culture.

Prometheas will also cut its traditional Vassilopitta. Reception will follow.

Reception Sponsored by:

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As always, Books on Greek language and culture will be on display

Saturday, January 30th, 2016 at 7:00 pm

**St. George Greek Orthodox Church, Founders Hall
7701 Bradley Boulevard, Bethesda, MD 20817**