



Greek Tourism Minister Visits TNH Offices in New York

TNH Publisher-Editor Antonis H. Diamataris met with Greek Tourism Minister Elena Kountoura who stopped by for a discussion on the remarkable year for the tourism industry in the homeland and the Greek presence at the New York Times Travel Show at the Javits Center.

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Holocaust Remembrance Day Event for Greek Jewry

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tims. The great Jewish school of the country has not had students since 1944. I understand the facts through personal human stories: like Iranka, who was driven from her home when she was just 13 years old. An Israeli poet, who was murdered by Hungarian Nazis carried in the pocket of his coat a poem expressing his love for his country," Kounalakis said in her address.

"The middle of the 20th century was a period of development of culture, literature, and science," she said. Despite this, she noted that we saw humanity also developed the Holocaust. "We must not forget and always adhere to "Never Forget - Never Again."

It should be noted that Kounalakis and her husband fund educational visits to the concentration camps for children of the Jewish community.

The event began with an address by Koutras, who said that "we should not be complacent, but combat all forms of racism, xenophobia, and anti-Semitism, and we should not forget our national issues."

On the same theme, President of the American Friends of the Jewish Museum in Greece Solomon Asser and HALC-member Nicholas Catsibris, noted that "we must look to the past to learn lessons and strength to face the current situation."

Rabbi Dr. Martin Cohen then urged attendees to always be vigilant to combat such phenomena as anti-Semitism, racism, and xenophobia. His Eminence Archbishop Demetrios also spoke at the event.

"Today, in this hall, it is like reliving the Thessaloniki of my childhood: We are Greek American and American Jews. Thus were the Greek Jews in Thessaloniki: One fourth of the population, who suddenly disappeared in 1944, while we knew that the liberation of Greece was a matter of time," His Eminence observed.



ABOVE: Consul General of Greece in NY Konstantinos Koutras, Permanent Representative of Greece to the UN Dr. Catherine Boura, His Eminence Archbishop Demetrios, and Rabbi Dr. Martin Cohen were among those in attendance at the event organized by the Greek Consulate. BELOW: A short film was screened featuring the testimony of Greek Holocaust survivors which reminded to Never Forget and encouraged all to fight injustice everywhere.



Finally, the President of the American Jewish Committee (AJC), David Harris, spoke of one of the most important events on the Holocaust he

ever attended and praised the words of the Archbishop on what unites Greeks and Jews.

Also present at the event were the Permanent Represen-

tative of Greece to the UN, Dr. Catherine Boura, the Consul of Greece in New York Manos Koubarakis, and President of Atlantic Bank Nancy Papaioannou.



AGAPW Vasilopita and Agapi Stassinopoulos' New Book Presentation

From left to right: Agatha Mishto, Dr. Aphrodite Navab, Dr. Miranda Kofinas, author Agapi Stassinopoulos, Litsa Diamataris, Alisha Hyton, AGAPW President Dr. Olga Alexakos, and Faith Bethelard. The annual cutting of the Vasilopita was held at Coco-Mat in Manhattan's SoHo with best wishes for the New Year and the presentation of the book *Wake Up to the Joy of You: 52 Meditations and Practices for a Calmer, Happier Life* by Agapi Stassinopoulos.

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Metropolitan Emmanuel of France Speaks to TNH about Tufts Conference and HGC

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about the migration issue."

Emmanuel emphasized that "we condemn every form of violence and every form of military operation, because the cause of all bad things in Syria is the war. We want to believe that an agreement will be reached to cease the war. The flooding of the migrants can't be stopped. Today there are three million refugees in Turkey and I hope a way will be found so that they return to their hometowns."

Asked if France has refugees, Emmanuel said that "yes there are, but Germany has accepted the most."

Emmanuel loves Boston because he studied at the Holy Cross Theological School. He said that "Boston is a very nice city with great tradition; it is the Athens of America." He praised

the Greek-American community, saying "it has contributed so much and continues to contribute to Greece and to the Ecumenical Patriarchate. His All Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew has expressed and continues to show great respect, admiration and love for our Church here in the United States."

The Metropolis of France was established in 1963 when it was detached from the Archdiocese of Thyatira and Greta Britain. It is comprised by thirty parishes. The first parish was established in 1824.

The Metropolis of France according to Emmanuel "is sustained like the Archdiocese and the Metropolises in America from the donations and contributions of the faithful. Some of the priests have other professions also and they serve the parishes on Sundays and great

Feast Days."

He said that "we have second, third, and fourth generations". As far as the use of Greek in the Liturgy, Emmanuel said "of course we keep the Greek; we use Greek by some eighty percent in the Divine Liturgy but we preach in both Greek and French. We have Greek schools. The majority of the teachers come from Greece." Metropolitan Emmanuel emphasized that "without the Greek Language we cannot continue to call ourselves Greek Orthodox. I say all the time and in every occasion that the Jews were able to survive after so many persecutions and to create again a State because they sustained two elements their religion and language." He stated strongly that "if we lose the Greek language we will lose our identity." He added that "if someone was born France I will not impose



His Eminence Metropolitan Emmanuel of France

on him the Greek language because we are chauvinists. But if

someone who has Greek roots I would like him to learn the

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■ FEBRUARY 3

MANHATTAN – Rebetiko Night with Rebet Asker at Drom, located at 85 Avenue A between 5th and 6th Streets in Manhattan on Friday, Feb. 3. Doors open at 11PM, show begins at 11:30. Among the performers scheduled are Christos Papadopoulos on bouzouki and vocals, Rena Tsapelas vocals, Mavrothis Konstantis on oud and vocals, and Costas Baltazanis on guitar. Special Menu: Kofte or chicken souvlaki, mezze plate- dolmadakia, tzatziki, feta, and hummus, glass of wine, beer, or raki/ouzo. Advance ticket price is \$35 with dinner. Online tickets will be on sale until 5PM on the day of the show. If available, some tickets may be purchased at the door. Table reservations can be made online at dromnyc.com or by phone: 212-777-1157.

■ FEBRUARY 3-5

BROOKSVILLE, FL – Christ the Savior Greek Orthodox Church 7th Annual Greek Festival, at the Hernando County Fairgrounds located at 6436 Broad St. in Brooksville. We love to share with you our beautiful Hellenic tradition, culture, food, dance, and joyful spirit. Please visit the vendors, eat well, dance, break a plate, enjoy your time, and do not forget let us all say Opa! Hours: Friday, Feb. 3 and Saturday, Feb. 4 from 11 AM - 8PM; Sunday, Feb. 5 11AM- 6PM. More information is available online at Hernando County Greek Festival website: hcgreek-festival.com or by phone: 352-796-8482.

■ FEBRUARY 8

MANHATTAN – The Stavros Niarchos Foundation Brain Insight Lecture: How Do Early Life Experiences Shape Behavior? on Wednesday, Feb. 8 6:30- 8PM at the Columbia University's Faculty House Presidential Ballroom 64 Morningside Drive in Manhattan. RSVP by Wednesday, Feb. 1. Registration is required; seating is first come, first served. More information about this event is available by contacting the Zuckerman Institute at zuckermaninstitute@columbia.edu. Brain development is dynamic process that reflects complex interplay between genes and environments. The experiences occurring during early life can have profound effects on brain development with long-term implications for behavior and mental health. How does the environment achieve such enduring effects? Dr. Frances Champagne explores the molecular pathways through which early experiences shape the activity of genes and the consequences of these effects for behavior. These "epigenetic" pathways are a fundamental link between genes and environments that may account for both risk and resilience to the effects of early life adversity and the "inheritance" of environmental effects on the brain. Frances Champagne, PhD is an Associate Professor and Vice Chair in the Department of Psychology at Columbia University, a faculty member of the Columbia Population Research Center, and a Sackler Scientist within the Sackler Institute for Developmental Psychobiology.

■ FEBRUARY 9-12

SARASOTA, FL – St. Barbara Greek Orthodox Church Festival, the 33rd Annual Glendi 7671 N. Lockwood Ridge Road in Sarasota. Hours: Thursday, Feb. 9, Friday, Feb. 10, and Saturday, Feb. 11 11AM-9PM and Sunday, Feb. 12 12 Noon- 8PM. Admission on Thursday is free. Voluntary donations benefit Mother Helping Mothers, supporting families in need. Three-day pass for Friday through Sunday is only \$4. Kids under 12 are admitted for free. No pets please. Raffle Grand Prize- choice of Mercedes-Benz C300 or GLC300. Only 1,500 raffle tickets available. More information and raffle tickets are available

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online at stbarbaragoc.org or by phone: 941-355-2616.

■ FEBRUARY 10-12

PEORIA, AZ – St. Haralambos Greek Orthodox Church's Peoria Greekfest, 7950 W. Pinnacle Peak Road in Peoria invites all to enjoy delicious traditional Greek cuisine, live music, folk dancing, shopping, children's activities, and more. Experience Greek "philoxenia" - the Greek word for showing hospitality to others - as the church community goes all out to show you a good time. The Church Narthex, Sanctuary, and Bookstore will be open during festival hours and there will be presentations at various times (schedules will be posted) in the Church Sanctuary about Orthodox Christianity, and future building plans for St. Haralambos Church, as well as movies will be played at various times on Orthodox Saints and Holy Sites. Admission is \$3 for adults, Children 12 and under, students, and active military are free (w/proper I.D.). Credit and debit cards accepted. Visit our Facebook page- Peoria Greekfest or our website www.peoriagreekfest.com for 2-for-1 coupons. Hours: Friday, Feb. 10 from 5 PM-10 PM; Saturday, Feb. 11 from 11 AM-10 PM; Sunday, Feb. 12 from Noon-8 PM. More information is available by phone: 623-486-8665. We look forward to seeing you! OPA!!

CAMPBELL, OH – Archangel Michael Greek Orthodox Church Festival, 401 12th Street (at Porter Avenue) in Campbell, OH. Join us for the best Greek food in town, authentic gyros, souvlakia, pastries, Cafe, and more. Greek folk dancers, auction, games for the kids, art, religious items, jewelry, and CDs. Free admission. Hours: Friday, Feb. 10 and Saturday Feb. 11 from 12 PM to 10 PM and Sunday, Feb. 12 from 12 PM to 9 PM. More information is available online www.archangelmichael.oh.goarc.org/greekfest or by phone: 330-755-3596.

■ FEBRUARY 11

MANHATTAN – The Greek-American Writers Association warms up for Valentine's Day with a Poetry Celebration presented by Stephan Morrow, director, writer, and actor, author of the prize-winning Journey to Amorgos and director/star of the film Dogmouth. Stephan will be joined by singer/actor Marlain Angelides and Yanna Darlis, President and Creative Director of New Greek TV, in presenting the poetry of love and emotion, ranging from the Beats to Bob Dylan (you decide if he deserved the Nobel for Literature) to the Greek Greats, Cavafy, Seferis, and Ritsos, plus erotic poetry of the ancients. The Cornelia Street Café, 29 Cornelia Street, Greenwich Village, 6-8 PM \$10 includes admission and a drink of your choice. Subways A, C, D, B, M to West 4th Street or 1 to Christopher Street.

ANDOVER, MA – Apokreatiko (Pre-Lenten) Family Glendi at Sts. Constantine & Helen Greek Orthodox Church in Andover, celebrating its 100th Anniversary and Honoring GOYA Presidents Past, Present, and Future on Saturday, Feb. 11 at 6:30 PM- 11 PM at the Sts. Constantine & Helen Greek Orthodox Church Family Life Center, 71 Chandler Road in Andover, MA. Dinner and dessert, music and dancing – Adults \$25, Children 12 and under \$15. For more info, email: office@andoverorthodox.org.

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