

# ***The Association of Greek American Professional Women (AGAPW)***

***Under the auspices of the Greek General Consulate and Ambassador Ms. Aghi Balta invites you to its inaugural annual celebration of "Mothers of Greek Descent."***

***Please join us at the New York Greek Consulate on May 5th 6:00-8:00 p.m. for our opening reception of a photographic show and presentation by Dr. Marina Mkhitaryan on***

## ***"Greeks of Armenia"***

***Dedicated to the memory of her Pontic mother***



***Co-sponsors: Pan-Pontian Federation of USA and Canada;  
Pontian Society of Norwalk CT, Pontos.***

***Special appearance on Pontian Lyra by Demetris Stephanides of Pontian Society Komninoi***

***Curator of the exhibit: Photographer Eleftherios Kostans***

***Traditional mezedes prepared by the Women of the Pontian Society Pontos of Norwalk***

***The exhibit will be open to the public between May 2nd - May 16th***

***Each year AGAPW will celebrate mothers of Greek descent by featuring the body of work of artists or other professionals inspired by and dedicated to Greek mothers and mothers of the Greek Diaspora. Our inaugural celebration in May 2011 will feature the ethnographic photographic work of Greek Armenian Dr. Marina Mkhitarian.***

***Marina, born and raised in Yerevan Armenia to an Armenian father and a Pontic Greek mother has done extensive photographic research on the Greek community in Armenia. Her collection of archival family photos together with her own original photographs of Greek Armenians in their homes, communities and classrooms, where the Greek language is being taught, records the community's rich history and accomplishments, their contributions to their homeland and continuous efforts to preserve the Greek language and culture and connect to the motherland. Marina has dedicated her work to the memory of her mother Nina Lazareva (Lazaridou) and to all Greek mothers. Please visit: [www.greeksofarmenia.com](http://www.greeksofarmenia.com).***

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***A.G.A.P.W. is a new independently run organization, started by and run by women. It is a not for profit organization under Section 402 of the Non-for-Profit Corporation Law of the State of New York. It is based in New York City and serves as a forum for information, resources, support and networking opportunities for Greek American women, who are working in various professional and business fields. The organization is seeking to expand career opportunities and promote community and leadership building among Greek American professional women by forging collaborations among ourselves and establishing partnerships with other organizations inside and outside the Greek American community. Please visit [www.agapw.org](http://www.agapw.org).***

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***The Greek Consulate is located at 69 East 79th Street***

***Open to the public: Monday, Wednesday & Friday 9:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., Tuesday & Thursday 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.***