



## The President's Message:

by Peter Brasidas Nickles

Yia sas kai hapa sas —

After a successful May meeting I am pleased to announce that WE ARE READY-the question is ARE YOU???????

Please make your reservations as soon as possible to qualify for a discount.

Those of you planning on attending this July will be pleasantly surprised at our NEW Kitchen. I personally want to thank all of you who graciously donated your time, your money, your expertise in not only beautifying the kitchen but also making it safer, more efficient and functional. Although there are Greek chefs working, you will not be in the way if you take a tour of the facilities.

Our wonderful kitchen crew will be returning this Summer with some of our standards as well as new items. Many of us will be arriving on Thursday for the pre-activities just to warm up for the main event.



Each year our "families" keep expanding to include newly acquired relatives via marriage or friendship. Let them know that they are all welcome. Part of the magic of Jamestown is spending time with relatives and friends from the past. But there is great joy in sharing our "philotemi" with the new additions that we meet each year.

Although we have designated committees to help us in having a smooth reunion, please don't be shy. If any of you want to volunteer or fill in at registration, pastry shop, children's activities, etc. just ask.

As we all "mature" we enjoy our breaks. So pack your bags

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**WE LOOK FORWARD  
TO HEARING FROM YOU!**

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and please do not forget your dancing shoes. Many of us have lost cherished family members this past year. I honestly believe that in their hearts they would want you to be in Jamrstown this Summer and remember them as part of the generation that preceded us.

See you all soon and travel safely.

Proud to be your President  
Peter Brasidas Nickles  
a/k/a Peter "B".

# 2007 Reunion Schedule

## Thursday

2:00pm-Greek Cooking Lessons  
4:00pm-Greek Dancing Lessons  
5:00-6:00pm-Registration  
6:15-Dinner under the tent (\$15 per person)  
8:30-10:30-Dancing to the music of the Aegeans

## Friday

9:00am-12:00pm-Pastries, juice and coffee  
9:30pm-Golf tee time  
1:30-6:00pm-Registration  
2:00-3:00pm-Investment Round Table  
3:00-4:00pm-Greek Dancing Lessons  
3:30-5:30pm-Bingo  
4:00pm-Board Meeting  
6:15pm-Dinner  
10:00pm-Dancing to music of the Aegeans  
12:00am-Midnight Snack

## Saturday

9:00am-12:00pm-Pastries, juice and coffee  
9:30am-Golf tee time  
1:00pm-Texas Hold 'Em Tournament  
1:00pm-5:00pm-Registration  
1:00pm-4:00pm-Youth Olympics  
1:30-3:30-Bingo  
3:30-4:30-General Assembly  
5:00-6:00pm-Cocktail Hour  
5:30pm-Family photo time  
6:30pm-Dinner/Stuffed animals  
7:30pm-Talent show  
10:00pm-Dancing to the music of the Aegeans  
12:00am-\$50 Raffle and Greek wine drawing  
12:20am-Midnight Snack

## Sunday

10am-12:30pm-Breakfast Buffet

Have a safe trip home!





Honored and Remembered  
Tsintzinians

## ALLIS, JOANNE C.

The Post Standard/Herald Journal reported that Joanne C. Allis, 83, of Syracuse, beloved sister, mother and grandmother, passed away on Wednesday, April 11, 2007. She was predeceased by her husband, George Allis, in 1970; her sister-in-law, Jean; and her brother, Nicholas Conostas, in 1991. She is survived by her brothers and sisters-in-law, Olympia of DeWitt, Robert of Syracuse, Gus & Claudia of Jamesville, and George & Elaine Conostas of North Syracuse, and their families; her sons John (Maria) of Jamesville and Christopher (Cynthia) of Liverpool; four grandchildren, Christopher of Los Angeles, Dr. Damian and Gregory of Syracuse, and Nicholas of Liverpool; and many cousins, godchildren, nieces and nephews. A lifelong resident of Syracuse, she retired after 30 years as an administrative

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## Announcements

### Congratulations to Nicholas Laskaris

Nick graduated from Marion Harding High School in Marion, Ohio on June 3. He graduated as the salutatorian of the 2007 class and gave a commencement speech to the other 300 class members.



Nick had a distinguished career at Marion Harding which included his position as class treasurer. He participated in many class and civic activities along with being recognized for his leadership abilities.

Nick's athletic career included lettering in tennis for 4 years and in cross country for 1. Nick was named first team all conference for the third time and was a district finalist for the 3rd time in tennis. He was named scholar athlete of the year by the Columbus Dispatch and has received numerous other honors in both sports and academics.

Nick will attend Indiana University in Bloomington to study business finance.

### Congratulations to Georgia Stavropoulos

Georgia Stavropoulos graduated from Newton South High School in June 2006. She is attending Suffolk University in Boston, Massachusetts.

Georgia is the daughter of Anna (Nickles) and John Stavropoulos, Newton, Massachusetts. Also the granddaughter of Matala (Manos) and George P. Nickles of Ithica, New York.



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assistant from the Department of Social Services; was a volunteer for Meals On Wheels; and worked at Taylor Copy Services up until the beginning of this month. A lifelong member of Saint Sophia Greek Orthodox Church in Syracuse, she was a Sunday School teacher; a member and former president of the local Philoptochos Society; a member of the Daughters of Penelope; and a member of the board of directors for the Syracuse AHEPA House.

### Kaleroy "Loy" Chelekis Georgetson

Loy Georgetson died Friday, May 11, 2007, in Pittsburgh at the age of 94. A Tsintzinian through and through, she was born in Zoupena on December 30 to James and Anna Chelekis, original founders of our Society. She was the beloved wife of past president Gus Georgetson whom she met at the Tsintzinian convention in Jameston. She was the mother of Barbara Zervos (Dr. Skevos Zervos) and late Jack Georgetson (Joan), grandmother

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See the  
[tsintzinasociety.com](http://tsintzinasociety.com)  
website and see full size  
pictures from the 2006  
CONVENTION!!!



## More Greek Announcements

### Ladies Society News

The Tsintzina Ladies Society want to thank all of you for your support of the raffle for the air conditioner for the club house. We raised \$1000.00 for this project.

**Afghan winner:** Debbie (Andrews) Hoag,  
Fairfax Station, Virginia

**Lowe's Gift Card:** James Gregory,  
Lock Haven, Pennsylvania

**Bed Bath & Beyond:** Joanne (Costianes) Ferencz,  
Latrobe, Pennsylvania

Looking forward to seeing you at the July convention.  
Annette (Nickles) Mavrophilipos

### In Search of Elias Gregory

I am looking for pictures that anyone may have of Elias Gregory, Goritsa, Lakonia, Greece. Unfortunately Mr. Gregory never made it to America. He was a pro democratic Vice Mayor of Goritsa in 1946 and was subsequently killed (murdered), late 1946 outside of Tsintzina. Anyone have information and more importantly ANY pictures of this man would be most gratefully appreciated. I would be glad to reimburse all expenses.

For the older members, Elias Gregory was one of seven brothers and two sisters of George Gregory, a past president of our association. 6 brothers eventually made it America.

Thanking you in advance  
Demetrios Gregoris (James Gregory)  
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of Christopher Georgetson (Katalina), Chryse Ellinos (Michael), Nicole Ortiz (John), Kaleroy Zervos, Alexandria Blystone (Stephen) and Ria Zervos and survived by four great-grandchildren. Loy is survived by her siblings Bessie Canelos, Eve Macheras, Cleo Gorant and Steve Chelekis and predeceased by her siblings Irene Parthemos, Diane Andrews and past society president George Chelekis.

Loy was co-owner of Georgetson flowers and a past member of the Philoptochos Society, Daughters of Penelope, the Tsintzinian Women's Society and St. Nicolas Greek Orthodox Cathedral in Pittsburgh. She was an avid reader and fan of both the Pittsburgh Pirates and Steelers.

### Presb. Georgia Chamberas

Georgia Chamberas 58, of Hebron, N.H., fell asleep in the Lord on Saturday, June 3, after a brief illness.

She is survived by her husband of 36 years, Fr. Peter A. Chamberas of Hebron; her daughter Alexia Chamberas of Jamaica Plain, Mass.; her daughter and son-in-law Anastasia and Fr. Mark Leondis, N.Y., grandchildren Juliana and Alexander Leondis, her mother Athena Dalber of Manchester, N.H., a sister Sophie Kyriakidis and family

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and her brother Fr. Steve Dalber and family.

She is predeceased by her beloved son Athan P. Chamberas.

She graduated from the teachers college at St. Basil Academy in Garrison, N.Y., where she met her husband. Later she obtained her Bachelor of Arts degree in education from Hellenic College, and worked as a teacher for numerous years.

Her role as a wife of a Greek Orthodox priest played a pivotal role not only in her personal development but in the life of the communities in which they served.

She directed and led various ministries of the Church (JOY and GOYA), taught Sunday school and Greek school, was a leading force behind the Archdiocese's development of a Vacation Bible School and published a JOY curriculum for young children in grades 3-6.

Georgia was devoted to her family, and spent her entire life dedicated to her loving husband and children. She proudly raised her family within the realms of the Orthodox Christian Faith. Her love and dedication to family was extended to the families in each of the parishes where she and her husband served for many years.

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## Friends and Greek Friends

**FRIENDS:** Move out when they're 18 with the full support of their parents.

**Greek FRIENDS:** Move out when they're 32, having saved for that nice house and are a week away from getting married...unless there's room in the basement for the newlyweds.

**FRIENDS:** When their mom visits them she brings a nice bunt cake and you sip coffee and chat.

**Greek FRIENDS:** When their mom visits them she brings 3 days worth of food and begins to immediately tidy up, dust, do the laundry or rearrange the furniture.

**FRIENDS:** Their dads always call before they come over to visit them and its usually only on special occasions.

**Greek FRIENDS:** Are not at all fazed when their dads come over, unannounced, on a Saturday morning at 8:00am and start pruning the trees with a chainsaw or renovating the garage.

**FRIENDS:** Always pay retail and look in the yellow pages when they need something done.

**Greek FRIENDS:** Just call their dad or uncle and ask for another dad's or uncle's phone number to get it done...cash deal, know what I mean.



**FRIENDS:** Will come over for cake and coffee and expect cake and coffee, no more.

**Greek FRIENDS:** Will come over for cake and coffee and expect an Horyatiki Salata, a few bottles of wine, a pastitso dish, lamb on the Souvla, bread, pilafi, Galatoboureko, fruit, coffee and a few after dinner drinks...time permitting there will be a late lunch as well.

**FRIENDS:** Think that being Greek is a great thing.

**Greek FRIENDS:** Know that being Greek is a great thing

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## Greek Immigration

<http://chnm.gmu.edu/greekam/>

Although a few Greeks immigrated to the United States during the 1800's, it was not until the last decade of the 19th century and the early part of the 20th that they began to arrive in large numbers. Ultimately, between 1900 and 1920 about 350,000 Greeks came to America as part of the flood of East European immigrants. The majority of these early immigrants were single young men who came from the southern peninsula of Greece known as the Peloponnesus. Others came from Macedonia in northern Greece and from the Aegean and Ionian Islands. Following the Immigration Act of 1924, the number of Greek arrivals drastically fell and did not rise again until the 1950's.



Today Greek Americans can be found throughout the United States, but the majority remain in the large cities to which their ancestors and family members immigrated. While the stories of Greek American immigrants are varied and diverse, and their ethnic ties, traditions and customs have changed over time, this particular ethnic group has managed to maintain a distinctive ethnic identity by continuously negotiating between Greek and American cultures and by creating vibrant Greek American communities.

## Greek Marriages

<http://chnm.gmu.edu/greekam/>

While Greek American wedding celebrations and receptions represent a mixture of American and Greek traditions and customs, a Greek Orthodox wedding service is the same in churches around the world. This service includes seven basic steps: the betrothal or blessing of the rings, the lighting of candles, the joining of hands, the crowning with "stephana" or crowns linked by a ribbon, scriptural readings, drinking from the common cup, the dance of Isaiah in which the priest leads the couple around a

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FRIENDS: Will say "hello"  
Greek FRIENDS: Will give you a big hug and a kiss on both cheeks.

FRIENDS: Call your parents Mr. and Mrs.  
Greek FRIENDS: Call your parents Thia and Theo.

FRIENDS: Will eat at your dinner table and leave  
Greek FRIENDS: Will spend hours there, talking, laughing and just being together

FRIENDS: Borrow your stuff for a few days then give it back.  
Greek FRIENDS: Keep your stuff so long they forget it's yours.

FRIENDS: know a few things about you.  
Greek FRIENDS: Could write a book with direct quotes from you.

FRIENDS: Will leave you behind if that's what the crowd is doing.  
Greek FRIENDS: Will kick the whole crowds' ass that left you.

FRIENDS: Would knock on your door.  
Greek FRIENDS: Walk right in and say, "I'm home!"

FRIENDS: Are for a while.  
Greek FRIENDS: Are for life.



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small table at the front of the church, and the proclamation of marriage. This ceremony lasts about an hour and in the United States may be conducted in Greek, English or a combination of the two depending on the preferences of the couple and the priest.

Elements of ethnic traditions customarily found in Greek American wedding celebrations include, bouzouki music, Greek open-circle and open line dances like the hasapiko and kalamatianos, and Greek wedding sweets such as baklava and kourabiethes. "Koufeta" or favors made out of almond candies, wrapped in layers of fine tulle fabric and decorated with ribbon, are also frequently handed out to



each guest.

Over successive generations, Greek American attitudes toward intermarriage have changed. According to Greek Orthodox Church statistics, mixed couples represented three out of

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ten marriages performed in the Church during the 1960's and six out of ten in the 1980's. These numbers represent only marriages between Greek Orthodox and non-Orthodox Christians, since these requirements must be met for a marriage to be performed in the church and by a Greek Orthodox priest. Thus, in-

termarriage has become the rule rather than the exception and no longer carries the stigma it once had.

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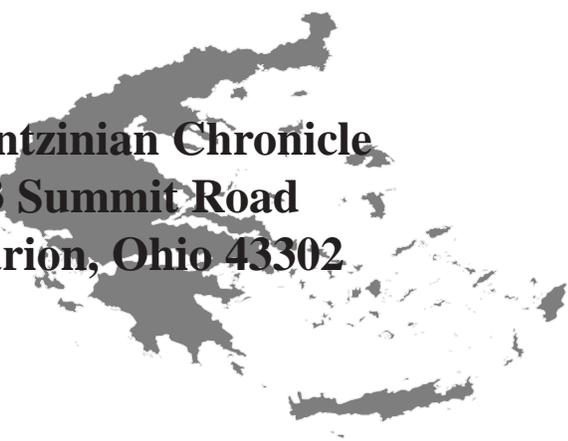
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