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“Our Heritage— The President’s Message”

by John Zacharias

As I read the wonderful article—Pioneers of Confection in America by Steve Frankos that was in the National Herald earlier this year, it got me thinking about our responsibility to our children. How will our children know about their backgrounds if we do not tell them. Think of the very successful Roots Series on television in the 70’s. The Black Americans for the most part were all orphans when they were in America in the 1700’s and 1800’s. Have you ever thought about being an orphan and wondering where you came from? That is my point; most of us can trace our roots and our heritage and I believe it gives us grounding and a foundation from which to build our own path and be successful.



But let us stop for a moment and be more specific—think of Tsintzinians. We must be a unique group. Most of our forefathers became business owners when they came to America. As the National Herald article states, our own Christos Tsakonas came in 1873 to

Chicago and “literally helped an entire generation of Greek Immigrants establish themselves in America.” “by 1908, over 400 Greek owned candy and ice-cream stores could be found in Chicago alone.” What this is telling me is that business ownership and management are in our blood. Despite risk of failure, and I am sure there was, our forefathers were independent and hard working for what they believed in—having a challenging business—a local store front that served candy, fruit, ice cream or breakfasts, lunches and dinners. Now think about it—did you ever know of any of your Tsintzinian first generation relatives who were not in business? I am sure there were some exceptions. Here in Pittsburgh, the local Heinz history museum points out how thousands of the European immigrants of the 1800’s

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July 29, 30, 31 The Tsintzina Family Reunion

Set your calendars and be at this year’s reunion. There are many great activities planned and the spirit of friendship and family will be enjoyed by all. Take part in your Tsintzinian heritage and take pride in our history.

**Make reservations quickly
and plan to be at the best
Reunion yet.**

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were in coal mining, steel production, farming, industrial painting and railroad building. The early Tsintzinians of Pittsburgh were in the candy business and florist business and their descendants still are in these family founded businesses.

Fellow Tsintzinians—I ask you to pass the story on to your children and their children. Those of us that have Tsintzinian blood have a heritage and background of business inclinations. When our children talk about careers and life work and they talk about being in business for themselves or being in management positions of bigger businesses, maybe it is okay. As I look at the cousins who come to Jamestown now, for the most part, they are either in the business world or running their own professional or service business. In many situations, I see them having side businesses or being the president of their local church or other organizations. As I think about the future of our Tsintzina Society, this common thread of business inclinations is what should and will keep the Society thriving for many generations to come. At the Jamestown family reunion, we all find some common ground with each other and our occupations. We discuss life's challenges and enjoy the socialization of being with each other every year in Jamestown at the end of July. I hope that you will tell your children about this uniqueness and encourage them to come and experience some Greek culture this year. It is our obligation and it just might leave a lasting impression. Book the dates of July 29, 30, 31 and August 1. Jamestown even has a new motel to greet us this year.

The Treasurer Speaks

My Fellow Tsintzinians,

Greetings and salutations! As your Treasurer, I often feel like our Federal Reserve Chairman, Alan Greenspan. I usually have sobering financial news; my messages are filled with numbers, percentages and statistics; and I'm always looking to balance our budget. I would like to take this time to address some issues that have been brought to my attention.

First, why is there an increase in Dues? I stated in my article last year, we, the Board, decided to increase the Dues by \$5. Thus, the Dues owed for a family is \$40 and the Dues owed for an individual is \$30. On average, we have 200 members who annually pay dues.



Year to date, I have received dues from 40 members. The \$5 increase will generate \$1000, which will offset the increases in our bills. The school tax, property tax, insurance and heating bills have increased by, at least, 10% over the last 3 years. Of course, the Dues are separate from the Registration fee. Simply put, the money collected in Dues is for the general expenses of our Clubhouse and property. The money collected for Registration is for the expenses of operating the annual Family Reunion/Convention. If anyone is interested further, the complete details of our finances are available, annually, at our

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General Assembly Meeting. Please note the \$5 increase is for Dues only! The Registration fees will remain the same: \$50 for attending both Friday and Saturday, \$30 for attending either Friday OR Saturday.

Secondly, why is an early Dues payment so important? In years past, we typically would need to take money from our Endowment Fund to pay for the taxes and insurance, which are due between October and February (our off-season) and total, approximately, \$8000. Recently, we have incorporated two ideas: the Holiday Raffle and asking for an early payment of your Dues. Together, these two efforts can help by paying our off-season expenses and by avoiding withdrawals from our Endowment Fund. The less we take from our Endowment Fund, the more the interest can compound.

Lastly, as your Membership Chairman, I recently sent out re-

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Nick Lambros to be Inducted into Hall

Former Hartwick men's basketball coach Nick Lambros is one of 12 new members to the NYS Basketball Hall of Fame. Lambros guided the Hawk's to 353 victories and seven NCAA tournament appearances in a coaching career that spanned more than 20 years. His best season came in 1987-88, when he led Hartwick to the college's only appearance in the NCAA Division III semifinals. The Oneonta resident was previously named coach of the year by the National Coaches Association of New York. Tickets to the NYS Basketball Hall of Fame induction brunch, scheduled for 11am March 27th at the Glens Falls Civic Center, cost \$16 each. For more information, call BCANY Executive Director Dave Archer at 607-785-7032.



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minder postcards for this year's Tsintzinian Family Reunion. We are trying to create the most accurate membership list and we need your help. If for some reason you, or someone you know, did not receive one, please let me know. My email address is dferencz@comcast.net, my phone # is 412-571-1721 and my home address is located on the membership form. I am looking forward to seeing all of you in July.

Sincerely,
Duane G. Ferencz

Dimitrios Mavrophilipos Marries Demetra Worf

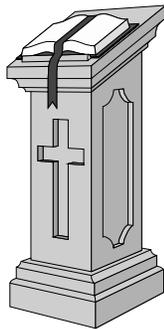
On February 7th 2004, Markos Dimitrios Mavrophilipos married Demetra June Worf. The nuptials took place in Pittsburgh, PA. Markos is the son of Dimitrios and Annette Mavrophilipos and the grandson of Mosca M. Nickles and the late Marcus J. Nickles and Avgerinos and Pari Mavrophilipos. Demetra is the daughter of Maria Calaboyias Raich and Don Worf and the granddaughter of the late Zaharias and Demetra Calaboyias. The new couple will reside in Virginia Beach, Virginia.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Fr. Nicholas Ferencz, husband of Joanna (Costianes) Ferencz recently successfully completed the Defense of his Dissertation for his Doctorate Degree in Theology at Duquesne University in Pittsburgh Pennsylvania.

Fr. Nik continues to be the full-time Pastor of Saint Stephen Protomartyr Orthodox Church in Latrobe, Pennsylvania. He is also currently teaching in the Department of Religious Studies at Mount Aloysius College in Cressen, Pennsylvania.

Fr. Nik has been ordained to the Priesthood for 24 years, and resides with his wife Joanna in Latrobe, Pennsylvania. His family, Duane George, Stacey, and Joanna are all very proud of him. May God grant him many blessed years!



GREEK EASTER

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The Christian symbolism of Easter was first underlined by the Apostle Paul. When the Christians began to celebrate Easter, they retained some of the features of the Jewish Passover, while at the same time adding others. This can be seen from the paschal lamb and the red eggs.

In Byzantine times, it was the custom to bake ring-breads with a red egg in the middle. The egg, is a symbol of life, while red is the color of life.

The dyeing of eggs for religious purposes is a practice, which is encountered in many parts of the world. Before Easter, there is a 50 day fasting period.

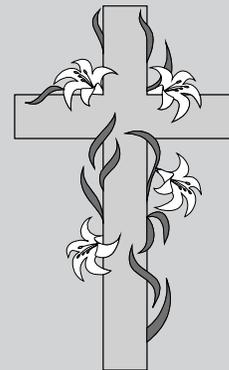
Easter begins on the Saturday of Lazarus (the Saturday before Palm Sunday) with children going from door to door singing the hymn of "Lazaros" and collecting money and eggs.

On the morning of Palm Sunday people gather in church and are given a cross made from palm fronds, which they put on their iconstands at home and keep it for the whole year.

Every evening throughout Holy Week, people gather in church to follow with devoutness the Passion of Christ.

On Holy Tuesday, housewives make sweet rolls the koulourakia and the following day they do the housework, while in the evening they follow the blessing of Holy Oil that takes place in church.

Holy Thursday is the day for dyeing eggs. In the evening, after the reading of the 12 Gospel, the girls undertake the decoration of the bier of Christ (epitaphios) with garlands of white and purple flowers, so that in the morning of Good Friday it is ready to receive the image of the body of Christ when He is taken down from the cross.



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PETER G. "PANO" NICKLES

ITHACA - Peter G. "Pano" Nickles of Ithaca, died unexpectedly on Saturday, January 17, 2004, at the age of 50. He was born in Des Moines, IA, on May 18, 1953, son of George and Matoula Manos Nickles, who survive him.

Pano, as he was called by his family and close friends, was a member of the Ithaca High School Class of 1971, and was the owner of the Double Nickle Saloon.

He was a parishioner and former board member of St. Catherine Greek Orthodox Church. His offerings to the church will always remain as many of the interior structures were either built or repaired by him.



Pano was known for his devotion to his two young sons, his gentle yet strong way and for always going out of his way to help others. He was someone you could always count on and will be dearly missed by all those whose lives he touched in his very special way.

In addition to his parents, Pano is survived by his wife, Patty; and his two beloved sons, Jory and Jamie; his sister and brother-in-law, Anna and Yianni Stavropoulos; his nieces, Georgia and Matoula Rena Stavropoulos; and his grandmother, Helen Manos. He is also survived by his aunt, Marika Papadopoulou of Greece.

LADIES AUXILIARY NEWS

We hope everyone had a wonderful time at the convention last year and are setting their calendars for this year. The Ladies Auxiliary sponsored a DJ for Thursday night and an old fashioned barbeque. We also offered lunch at the Clubhouse on Friday and Saturday. The cost was nominal but the company was great. It gave us time to visit instead of leaving the clubhouse.

The Ladies Auxiliary plans to sponsor the DJ and Barbeque on Thursday night and offer lunch at a nominal price again for the 2004 convention.

It's not too early to plan for that summer vacation. Plan to be in Jamestown with us. The Ladies will be baking goodies again.

We wish to thank everyone that helps us during the convention and gives up their time. Special thanks to: Jane Geracimos, Nancy, Melanie and James Covis and Aleka Costianis and Pota Vlahos.

TALENT SHOW!!!

It's not too early to start working on your routine for the Convention. Surprise us! We look forward to seeing more participants join us this year!

Easter is around the corner. We wish everyone in our Tsintzinian family "ΚΑΛΟ ΠΑΣΧΑ". We hope to see you in Jamestown this summer.

Annette Nickles Mavrophilipos



Special Thank You:

The Tsintzina Society wishes to thank the Alex Gregory, Sr. family for their generous donation of new silverware for the Clubhouse. This generous gift was used this past summer at the convention and will continue to be used at future conventions.

Donations are always appreciated and welcomed at the Clubhouse. There is always something needed, and contributions and donations help keep expenses down.

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Good Friday is a day of mourning. The drama of the death of Christ is followed with great devoutness. Sweet things are not eaten-for the love of Christ, who was given vinegar to drink. Soup made with sesame-paste, lettuce or lentils with vinegar is the food eaten on this day. It is considered a great sin to work with a hammer or nails or sew on Good Friday.

Vesper evening on Good Friday, is followed by the procession of the bier (representing Christ's funeral). A band or choir playing or singing solemn music precedes the procession; they are followed by the cantors, the clergy, women bearing myrrh, the altar boys carrying the liturgical fans, scouts and guides, and the people of the region, who sing the hymns throughout the procession. All along its route, people scatter flowers and perfumes on the epitaphios (bier), holding lighted candles in their hands.

On Holy Saturday evening, the Resurrection mass takes place. At midnight the ceremony of lighting of candles is the most significant mo-



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ment of the year. People, carefully, take home their lighted candles with the holy light of the Resurrection. Before entering their houses they make a cross with the smoke of the candle on top of the door, they light the oil candle before their icon-stand, and try to keep this light burning throughout the year.

The Lenten fast ends on Easter Sunday with the cracking of red-dyed eggs and an outdoor feast of roast lamb followed by dancing.

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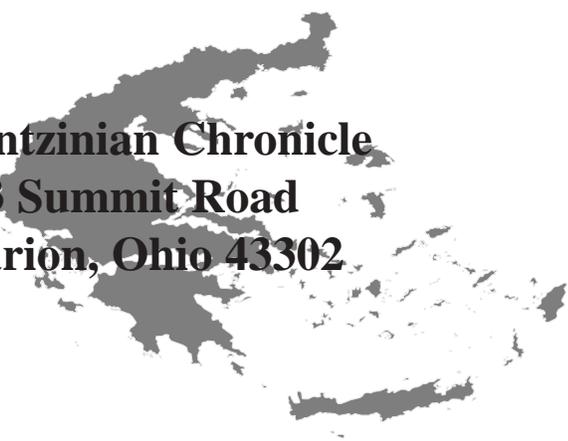
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