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The President's Message

Up here in Rochester New York, it appears that Spring has Sprung and our reunion is right around the corner. Prior to giving motel information with discounts, I want to personally thank all our fellow Tsintzians who have paid their annual dues far in advance. When the Board met in October we had grave concerns over fuel costs and heating our building over the Winter. We had several options available to us such as special fund drive, voluntary donations, the money market account, etc.



But none of that was necessary since so many of our generous members sent dues money to Gene and we believe that we can hold our own until our May meeting.

As a reminder, our reunion is July 27, 28 and 29th this year. I am pleased to announce three separate discounts for motel accommodations: Comfort Inn (716-664-5920) regular rate of \$129.00 will be reduced to \$95.00 as long as you book no later than July 3, 2006. Holiday Inn (716-664-3400) regular rate of \$100.00 will be reduced to \$89.00 as long as you book no later than July 6, 2006. Best Western (716-484-8400) regular rate of \$115.00 will be reduced to \$95.00.

Make sure that you inform the desk that you are with the TSINTZIAN SOCIETY when making your reservations. It is not too early to make your reservations and to commence the round up of our relatives and friends, especially those who we haven't seen for a while. We sincerely want to see all of you.

I and the Board personally hope that all of our " families" have outstanding Easter celebrations and that you have the opportunity to be with your loved ones.

Stay well and healthy. We look forward to seeing you and yours at Jamestown 2006..

Me agape
PETER BRASIDAS NICKLES

Survey Hobbies & Interests

It has been suggested to me that we survey people's interests and expertise so that others with similar interests (Example: geneology) can contact each other and collaborate on collective projects. Many of our members have sent emails offering help, services, and information or requested the same from others.

As editor of the Chronicle, I would like to collect this information from anyone interested, compile it,

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and provide contact information for those with similar interests. I would also like to collect ideas that would make this publication (Chronicle) a more attractive and useful information source.

To do this, I would like to provide three different methods for collecting information from you. First, you can EMAIL me direct with your name, address, area of interest and any other helpful information at **laskaris@adelphia.net**. Second, you can fill out the survey form located in the contact area of the Tsintzina website at:

<http://www.tsintzinasociety.com>. Finally, you can drop me a note with the same information to Pete Laskaris, 703 Summit Road, Marion, Ohio 43302.

As I receive these, I will contact you and direct you to people or use this information in a way that will benefit our society. I will act as a central distributor of this information.

We have the ability today through technology to stay in contact and share ideas with each other in a moment's time. Let's use the information age to enrich our heritage and contribute to our Society's future.

ONLY A GREEK WOULD KNOW:

01. You have at least one relative who wore a black dress every day for an entire year after a funeral. If it was their child, they wore black forever.

02. You spent your entire childhood thinking what you ate for lunch was pronounced "samsa."

03. Your family dog understood Greek.

04. Every Sunday afternoon of your childhood was spent visiting your grandparents and extended family and eating avgolemono soup with roasted chicken.

05. You've experienced the phenomena of 50 people fitting into a four room apartment to celebrate someone's "yiorti". (Name day)

06. You were surprised to discover the FDA recommends you eat three meals a day, not seven.

07. You thought roasting a lamb in the backyard on Easter Sunday was absolutely normal, and that everyone did.

08. You ate salata with feta cheese at every meal..

09. You grew up thinking no fruit or vegetable had a fixed price and that the price of everything was negotiable through haggling with the bakali.(grocer)

10. You were as tall as your grandmother by the age of seven.

11. You thought everyone's last name ended in "as" "is" or "os."

12. You thought nylons were supposed to be worn rolled to the knee, knotted and then tucked.

13. Your mom's main hobby is cleaning.

14. You were surprised to find out that wine was actually sold in stores.

15. You thought that everyone made their own dolmathes.

16. You never ate meat on Fridays, and no meat or dairy products 40 days before Easter.

17. You thought everyone picked "vleeta" and "horta" along the BeltParkway.

18. You thought Greek Orthodox was the only religion in the world.

19. Your were beaten at least once with a wooden spoon or "mpantofila".(slipper)

20. You thought every meal had to be eaten with a hunk of bread in your left hand.





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NiaLena Caravasos, Esquire — Rising Star Super Lawyer

In July, Attorney NiaLena Caravasos was selected by her Pennsylvania peers as a “rising super star lawyer,” an honor reserved for 2.5% of the Pennsylvania Bar. As a result, an article will appear shortly about her in a *Law & Politics* publication for attorneys. Her work will also be featured in the December issue of *Philadelphia Magazine*, a periodical with general circulation.

Ms. Caravasos is a shareholder partner in the Law Firm of F. Emmett Fitzpatrick, P.C. (<http://www.toplaw.com>) in Philadelphia. She concentrates her practice in the areas of federal and state criminal defense and has received the highest professional rating (AV) by Martindale-Hubbell (<http://www.martindale.com>).



She is the co-author with Mr. Fitzpatrick of an article entitled, “Ineffective Assistance of Counsel”, which was published in both *The Philadelphia Lawyer* and *The Forum*. She is a member of the Pennsylvania and Massachusetts Bars.

Described by press reports as an “extremely thorough” and “tireless advocate”, Ms. Caravasos was the youngest attorney, and the only female attorney, to defend a reputed organized crime figure in the federal RICO prosecution of *United States v. Joseph Merlino*. She also led the defense during cross-examination. Following her representation in the almost five-month federal organized crime racketeering trial,

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Tom Costas Reporting

MONTEREY, CA - Tom Costas reports he recently met and had a long conversation with Michael D. Eisner and his wife, Jane, about Jamestown, NY and our convention. It turns out that Jane Eisner is a native of Jamestown. Tom met them while attending an executive briefing where Mr. Eisner shared some material from a new book he is writing about his experiences while at the helm of Disney.

Neither Jane nor Michael were aware of the Tsintzinian convention, but they knew well the streets where our clubhouse is located.

The Eisners enthusiastically shared, “ We love the area and we have stayed at the Colony Motel many times over the years during our visits. We know a few Greeks in the Jamestown area but had not heard of your convention ... it sounds great”. Jane appreciates the identity of ethnicity and appreciates her own Swedish background. Jane indicated she would try to get a local Jamestown historian she knows to interview our society for inclusion in the historian’s work.

Tom invited Jane and Michael, the ex-chief of the ‘House of Mouse’, to the next convention as guests of the society.

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Ms. Caravasos' closing argument on behalf of her client, Frank Gambino, was selected among nationwide submissions to be featured in the Spotlight section of the web site (<http://www.juryargument.homestead.com>) for the Center For Criminal Justice Advocacy.

Ms. Caravasos has lectured in the area of criminal defense for the Pennsylvania Bar Institute (PBI) and is also a frequent guest at The Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania where she lectures on the defense of white collar crime.

Ms. Caravasos graduated cum laude from The Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania in 1988 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Economics and a dual major in Marketing and Multinational Management. She graduated from Boston University School of Law in 1993 with several awards, including the Commencement BNA Law Student Award as well as the American Jurisprudence Award in Criminal Trial Practice. After interning in the District Attorney's Offices of both Philadelphia and Cambridge (Massachusetts), Ms. Caravasos served as Law Clerk to the Honorable Lisa Richette of the Homicide Program of the Court of Common Pleas in Philadelphia. In 1997, she joined the Law Firm of F. Emmett Fitzpatrick, P.C. She is also a member of the Hellenic Lawyers Association, Who's Who in American Law, the Federal Bar Association Criminal Law Committee, and both the Pennsylvania and National Associations of Criminal Defense Lawyers.

A Five Finger Prayer

by Arthur Saridakis

1. Your thumb is nearest you. So begin by praying for those closest to you. They are the easiest to remember. To pray for our loved ones is, as C.S. Lewis once said, a "sweet duty."
2. The next finger is the pointing finger. Pray for those who teach, instruct and heal. This includes teachers, doctors and ministers. They need support and wisdom in pointing others in the right direction.
3. The next finger is the tallest. It reminds us of our leaders. Pray for the president, leaders in business and industry and administrators. These people shape our nation and guide public opinion.
4. The fourth finger is our ring finger. Surprising to many is the fact that this is our weakest finger, as any piano teacher will testify. It should remind us to pray for those who are weak, in trouble or in pain. They need your prayers day and night. You can't pray too much for them.
5. And lastly comes our little finger, the smallest of all which is where we should always place ourselves in relation to God and to others. As the Bible says, "The least shall be the greatest of you." Your pinkie should remind you to pray for yourself. By the time you have prayed for the other four groups, your own needs will be put into proper perspective and you will be able to pray for yourself more effectively.



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Venessa and George Gigicos Wedding

On Sunday, January 15, 2006, Venessa (Venetia) Fedra Moraitis, daughter of Athena and Emanuel Moraitis of Boca Raton, Florida and George Dean Gigicos, son of The Reverend Dean and Elaine Gigicos of Orlando, Florida were united in marriage at St. Mark Greek Orthodox Church in Boca Raton, Florida.

The wedding was performed by the groom's father, Reverend Dean Gigicos and His Eminence Metropolitan Alexios of the Metropolis of Atlanta and accompanied by Rev. Dr. Frank Marangos of the Archdiocese Department of Religious Education and former priest of St. Mark Church and Rev. James Gavrilos and Rev. Paul Pappas, priests of the St. Mark parish.

The Koumbaro was Dr. Nicholas John Maragakis of Baltimore MD, the Para Koumbaro was Dr. Theodore Nicholas Katranis of Mobile, AL, friends of the groom, and the Maid of Honor was the bride's sister, Maria Athena Moraitis.

The formal reception was held at the Royal Palm Yacht and Country Club in Boca Raton. Unfortunately, the bride's grandmother, Venetia Procos Kostul fell asleep in the Lord the following morning after enjoying a beautiful evening with relatives and friends at the wedding. The newlyweds waited several days and with encouragement from family and friends finally left for their honeymoon in Hawaii. They are now settled in their home in Boca Raton which is now both of their headquarters for work. They have combined their businesses into one, Telion Events, Inc. which is a meeting and special event management corporation.

Katherine & Alexandra Slezak Achieve

Alexandra Slezak, 17, of St. Petersburg, FL, has been elected to the National Society of High School Scholars. She has been on the Dean's List at Osceola High School since the beginning of the year for her academic record. In February, Alexandra was selected to sing with the All-County Choir and they went on to make All-State status. She has been active in the music department at her school, and the Show Choir, in which she is a member, will perform at the Orlando Magic vs. Detroit Pistons game, singing the national anthem on April 7. She has been chosen for the lead role of Sandy in the musical Grease, also being held in April.

Her younger sister, Kathryn, also is on the Principal's List at Pinellas Park Middle School, where she has maintained an A average. She is an active member of her choir department and has performed with the Show Choir and went on to perform with All-County. Both of the girls sing with their church choir, as well. Kathryn also was a member of her school's volleyball team and went onto League status, where her TASCOS team went undefeated in regular season play. At the tournaments, they won the runner-up trophy, incurring one loss.

The girls are the daughters of Kathleen Costianes and grand daughters of Nicholas P. and Fran Costianes of Albion, Michigan.

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Honored and Remembered
Tsintzinians

Stella “STAMATIKI” Marinos

Stella “Stamatiki” Marinos, 94, of 110 Hudson St., died Sunday, December 4, 2005, at the Reconstruction Home. She was the widow of Kyriakoulis P. Marinos.

Mrs. Marinos was born in Chicago in 1911 to Anna (Chronis) and Constantine



Papageorge, but the family soon moved back to Greece due to her father’s health. She returned with her own family to the U.S. in 1947

after suffering under Nazi rule for four years.

Mrs. Marinos was predeceased by her brothers, John, in childhood, George, who was killed in the Philippines, and Peter Papas of Ithaca; and also by her sisters, Venetia Chacona of Ithaca, and Nica Georgetson of Waterbury, CT.

She is survived by her sons, Peter (Georgia) Marinos of Syracuse, and Dino Marinos of Ithaca; her daughter, Athena Andritsakis of Ithaca; nine grandchildren, six great-grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

Antonia B. Seferlis

Antonia B. Seferlis, 100, died March 3, 2006 after a brief illness, surrounded by her loving family. She was born in Plattsburgh and was a Syracuse resident most of her life.



Survivors: two daughters and a son-in-law, Angeline Booras of New Hartford and Sandra and Paul (Lucky) Grigoriadis of Syracuse; six grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren. She was predeceased by her husband, William G. Seferlis, and a daughter, Georgia P. Seferlis.

Frixo J. Alexis, 75; Gregarious Hairstylist

Frixo J. Alexis, 75, the ebullient owner and operator of the House of Alexis beauty salons who flirted with his clients, catered to their coiffures and always had time to discuss the latest political intrigue, died of complications from emphysema Jan. 7 while visiting relatives in Tampa. He lived in Kensington.

Mr. Alexis, a Washington area resident since 1960,



opened the House of Alexis at the Sheraton Park Hotel in 1961. Over the next 45 years, he opened salons on MacArthur Boulevard in the District, in a mall in Chevy Chase and at the current location on Arlington

Road in Bethesda, which is now managed by his son and daughter-in-law.

The bald beautician had an enormous zest for life that he demonstrated by flirting, flattering and feeding people around him, friends and relatives said.

“He was a Greek immigrant and loved people, and he just had an artistic flair,” said his cousin Leon Andris. “You know Zorba the Greek? He was as close to Zorba as there was.”

Mr. Alexis was an accomplished hairstylist who taught and attended beauty schools in both North and South America as well as in London and Paris. He won many awards in local competitions, which encouraged customers to trust him when he urged them to accept his ideas.

He was born in Tarapsa, Greece, a small village south of Sparta. He spent his childhood there and in Athens. During his teenage years, while Germans occupied Greece during World War II, he assisted in the Greek resistance.

Mr. Alexis and his two older brothers came to the United States in 1946 and settled in Erie, Pa., where his father owned a bar and diner. Mr. Alexis joined the Navy soon after his arrival and was stationed in Key West, Fla., with the submarine fleet.

Survivors include his wife of 57 years, Barbara Ellen Alexis of Kensington; two sons, Taki Alexis of Kensington and Dean Alexis of Olney; a brother, Taki Alexis of McLean; and three grandchildren.

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Nostalgic Tsintzina

Up high on Mount Parnon
Built like an Eagle's nest in the forest
Is the beautiful village of Tsintzina
Unlike any in the whole wide world

Springs with crystal clear cold water
At Soumou, Psito, and Kamaraki
Refresh locals and visitors, O Tsintzina,
Every summer day and night

Whoever is acquainted with Tsintzina,
And now lives in a foreign country
His thoughts every springtime turn
To see and smell the pine trees.

Going towards Psito
Early morning before dawn
The cold air wakes you, and
All you hear is the singing of birds
And the noise the pine trees make
When the wind blows



You smelled pine and appreciated
As if you lived in the olden days
Without nuisance in your brain

In a Paradise on earth, forever

You saw from across the distance
On the high sloped lawns
A herd of goats and sheep
To be grazed by female herders.

Playing on Prokou's threshing floor
Marble games with pebbles
Or we were called by Potoula
To play with playing cards

In the pines of Makri
Refreshingly washed
We walked together embraced
With you my little one

We planted our gardens in early
Spring to be ready for summer
With tomatoes, green beans.

To have to eat hardy vegetables
And zucchini flowers

Our gardener would water
The gardens early morning
As water would pass very rapidly
Through the narrow passageways
And we in our sleep would hear
The murmuring of the water
Rushing through the channels

The men would go to the kafenia,
The women gathered in neighborhoods
Or sat near the bonfires
Engaged in gossiping

Songs were sang until morning
Dancing, and fairy tails told
And with the light of the moon
Happily we returned to our homes

In the butcher shop of Haouzou
Below the plateia of the church
We would go to buy fresh meat
Either cows or goats

We would take it home
So mother can cook it
Or give it to Haouzou
To prepare it in his taverna

Mother sat under a bush
Very close to our house
With other neighboring women
And the ladies of Polites'

To survey the whole village,
See the movements of the people
And to see how much they enjoy
Its beautiful affection

I always remember those years
As I live in foreign lands
I feel nostalgic and return to see
My dearest Tsintzina

*From the Zoupenotsintzinian
Nikolaos Caravasos
September 2004*

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Fr. Nicholas Rafael

Fr. Nicholas Rafael, 66, a retired priest, died Nov. 14. He was born Feb. 12, 1939 in Bronx, N.Y. He attended Catholic elementary and high school in Bronx and Staten Island and enrolled in Staten Island Community College where he earned an associate degree after two years, then entered Hunter College where he earned a bachelor's degree in political science.

He then enrolled at St. Vladimir's Orthodox Seminary in Crestwood, N.Y. and earned a degree in Divinity.

He married Clara Mastropasquale in 1963. They had four children.

He was ordained as a deacon by Arch-bishop Iakovos in 1970, and as a priest by Bishop Silas in 1971.

Fr. Rafael received a temporary assignment to Church of Our Savior in Rye, N.Y., in 1971, then served as a second priest at St. Demetrios in Jamaica, N.Y. from 1971-73.

Fr. Rafael also served as priest at Holy Cross Church in Hunstville, Ala. (1973-75), St. Sophia in Syracuse, N.Y. (1975-77), St. Luke's in East Longmeadow, Mass. (1977-78), and St. Nicholas in Jamestown (1978-2004) until his retirement.

Venetia Procos Kostul

Venetia Procos Kostul(ias) of Boca Raton, Florida fell asleep in the Lord on January 16, 2006, the day after her granddaughter and name-

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sake Venessa Moraitis' wedding. She is survived by her daughter, Athena Kostul Moraitis (Emanuel), three grandchildren, Alexander Emanuel Moraitis (Deborah), Maria Athena Moraitis, and Venessa Fedra Gigicos (George) and two great grandchildren, Emanuel (Miles) Moraitis and Christina Moraitis. Venetia was born in Goritsa, Sparta on May 20, 1913 to John and Fedra Andritsakis Procos. She was married to the late Peter George Kostul(ias) in 1934. They came to America where they lived in Clifton Forge, Virginia and went into the restaurant business with Peter's brother, James. They eventually settled and opened their own restaurant in Waynesboro, Virginia and lived there until Peter passed away in 1948. Venetia ran the business for another 6 years and in 1954 moved to Pittsburgh, PA with her mother to be closer to her sister and brothers. In Pittsburgh she worked for the Bolanis Family and Christos Family in their restaurants. In 1971 she moved with her daughter, son-in-law and their three children to Boca Raton, Florida where she enjoyed the weather and where she made many friends. She was one of the original founders of the St. Mark Greek Orthodox Church in Boca Raton, Florida, where she spent many volunteer hours. She will be truly missed by her loving family and her many friends, as she was a caring and loving human being - she had a way of making everyone feel special. May her memory be eternal!

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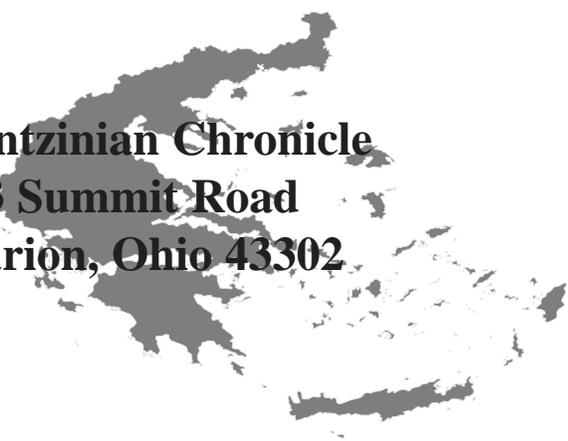
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