



The President's Message:

by Peter Brasidas Nickles

Yia sas ke Haras sas

Although TEMPIS FUGIT is not Greek, I can't believe it is March 2008 already. I gaze out of my office window and all I see is the ice, snow and grey clouds that our latest Western New York storm has brought us.

The only thing that can cheer me up is thinking about July 24-25-26 and 27 Tsintzina Family Reunion. It will make no difference if it is hot or rainy. It has been long winter. Plan on joining us on those dates. Our extended "family" will be there. The food will be delicious. The music will be outstanding. Best of all, we can simultaneously visit with each other and observe the dancing younger generation at the same time. It has been proven that our clan can multitask, talk, dance and eat all at the same time.



For all of our regulars and repeaters, it is not too early to plan for our get together. For our newcomers, we welcome you with open arms.

Whether or not we want to admit it, those of us in the mature category do from time to time say and do certain things that our parents and grandparents said or did. But the truth is the year 2008 cannot be complete without celebrating our Greek and Greek American heritage with each other.

Over the 4th of July weekend the ORDER OF AHEPA will hold their convention Athens Greece, which I am sure will be an outstanding event. However, for those of us who don't want to deal with the "euro" and stay closer to home, we promise you that you and yours will have a great time in Jamestown, New

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WE LOOK FORWARD TO HEARING FROM YOU!

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York.

Please join us. We miss you and really want to enjoy your presence at our U.S. TSUINTZINA.

Me agape,

Peter Brasidas Nickles
President

See the
tsintzinasociety.com
website and see full size
pictures from the 2007
CONVENTION!!!

Greek Kids vs. American Kids

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

Greek kids: Move out when they're 28, having saved enough money for a house, and are two weeks away from getting married....unless there's room in the basement for the newlyweds.



American kids: When their Mom visits them, she brings a Bundt cake, and you sip coffee and chat.

Greek kids: When their Mom visits them, she brings 3 days worth of food, begins to tidy up, dust, do the laundry, and rearrange the furniture.

American kids: Their dads always call before they come over to visit them, and it's usually only on special occasions.

Greek kids: Are not at all fazed when their dads show up, unannounced, on a Saturday morning at 8:00, and starts pruning the fruit trees. If there are no fruit trees, he'll plant some.

American kids: Always pay retail, and look in the Yellow Pages when they need to have something done.

Greek kids: 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??



American kids: Will come over for cake and coffee, and get only cake and coffee. No more.

Greek kids: Will come over for cake and coffee, and get olives, feta cheese, homemade wine, pilafi, Kalesonia Choice of two meats, salad, bread, baklava, fruit, little coffee, and a few after dinner drinks.

American kids: Will greet you with "Hello" or "Hi".

Greek kids: Will give you a big hug, a kiss on your cheek, and a pat on your back.

American kids: Call your parents Mr. and Mrs.

Greek kids: Call your parents Mom and Dad.

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Honored and Remembered
Tsintzinians

Vaia Costianes

Vaia Costianes, 85, long-time resident of Warren, died January 13, 2008, following an illness.

She was born Nov. 5, 1922, in Weirton, W.Va., daughter of the late Despina and John Tremoulis.

She married George Costianes on June 3, 1945, and they moved to Warren in 1949 from Cambridge.

Vaia owned Vaia's Ceramic Studio, where she taught ceramics as an N.C.A. accredited teacher. She was also a member of the Western Reserve Ceramists, where she won many awards as an advanced hobbyist. She was well known for the beautiful porcelain lace dolls she created. She was also employed for several years by the Warren Board of Education and she was an avid bridge player and gardener.

Vaia was preceded in death by her husband of 52

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A Plea to Tsintzinians for Help

Ἀγαθὰ ἑταῖροι, Dear Fellow Tsintzinians,

I'm sure all of you know the devastation the fires caused to our villages of Zoupena (Agi Anargyroi, Goritsa, and Tsintzina (Polydroson)).

Although the namesake village of Tsintzina and the Monastery of Agii Anargyroi did not suffer any direct damage, the surrounding forests were scorched badly requiring considerable reforestation to bring them to their former glory.

Zoupena and Goritsa did not fair as well suffering considerable property damage, especially Zoupena. The web site www.tsintzina.com details the extent of the devastation. An excerpt is hereby included:

According to official data from the Municipal Office of Therapnai, compiled on the basis of total claims submitted, a detail assessment of total fire loss in Goritsa and Zoupena villages has as follows.

1. Goritsa:

- 850,000 sq. meters of olive grove, containing a total of 13,000 olive trees.
- Six field installations of which, one storage house and five stables.
- 50 beehives
- 15,000,000 sq. meters of grazing fields



2. Zoupena

- 3,000,000 sq. meters of olive grove, containing a total of 50,000 olive trees.
- 25 field installations of which, 15 stables and 10 storage houses
- 180 beehives
- 4 houses
- 17,000,000 sq. meters of grazing fields.

On a comparative basis to the total damage sustained in the 10 villages comprising the Municipality of Therapnai, Goritsa tolled 15% of the total olive grove area and Zoupena 54%. Olive trees lost in Goritsa amounted to 13% of the total claims and those in Zoupena, 50%.

I am writing this to the Tsintzinian Chronicle as an act of pa-

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years, George Costianes; her sister, Alice Toundas; two brothers, Nicholas and Steven Tremoulis; and a nephew, Peter.

She is survived by their three daughters, Georgia Ramfos (Mark) of Greece, Joanna Ferencz (Fr. Nik) of Latrobe, Pa., and Angie Grant (Paul) of Canal Fulton; seven grandchildren, Stacey, Duane George, Peter, George, Vicci, Kelli and Vaia; and three great-grandchildren.

Anastasios Laskaris

Age 83, died peacefully at home with his family on December 24, 2007.

Born to Yiannoula Limberakis and Peter Laskaris, Eddie was a true Spartan. During the depression he and his family moved to their homeland of Sparta in the small village of Tzintzina. Returning home after several years in Greece, he moved on and graduated from Wilmington High in 1943. He then proceeded to Temple University where he majored in electronics. He also served in the U.S. Army Anti aircraft artillery and chemical warfare battalion in the mid pacific until 1946. Eddie also served in the Korean War as well until 1951. After the war he worked with his father at the original Cozy Corner Restaurant on Delaware Avenue in Wilmington.

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triotism requesting your support fellow Tsintzinians – Zoupeniotes and Gortsiotis to help in whatever small way you can. Some of you may have thought of giving or have given to a charitable organization, good for you. How much of your good dollar has gone to our patriotes? Very little, if any. On the TV and radio every week I hear of stories where 5%, 10% or in the latest news a couple of days ago, less than two percent to law enforcement while the rest went into the pockets of those running the charity.



If you itemize your federal tax return, you will probably save 25%-30% maximum. Give 30% less directly to support our patriotes and all the money will go directly to Zoupena, Goritsa and Tsintzina.

Some of you bought and read (I hope) my book, ***Recollections of Survival***. It is posted on the web site cited above along with a second book of mine, ***A New Life in America***. I plan to donate any profits I realized so far from the sale of those books. This is also true of any books I sell from this announcement. The cost of writing these books is free, the cost of compiling, printing, binding, shipping and handling cost me 80% of price of the book. The price of each book sells for \$22.00.

The books will educate and enlighten every Tsintzinian and non-Tsintzinian alike. Those of you who have not traveled to the villages to enjoy their beauty, you'll want to go and experience how your forefathers lived. Below are a few excerpts from those who read the books:

.... a gift of history for all Tsintzinian families.
Thalia Johanssen

Congratulations, Nikos, on a beautifully written story. You shared with us your memory of a paradise, that except for you, we would not have known.
Aurelia, Author

My heart broke for the suffering our people endured. And in spite of lack of conveniences, there is much to be said for a simple life.... The book was wonderfully written.

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Eddie and his brother John owned and operated the Five Points Restaurant and Bar from 1954 to 1998. All of his Greek friends knew him as exathelfe (cousin). He was an active member of Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church and served as president of the Ahepa Chapter 95 from 1983-1985 as well as 5th district Marshall from 1992-1993. His most treasured love (agape) was his family.

Eddie is survived by his wife of 28 years, Thelma Laskaris; daughter, Johanna Laskaris; son, George Laskaris and his wife Alisha; daughter, Eileen Bifferato and her husband Mike; his brother, Thomas Laskaris and his wife Mary and their children; his sister, Helen Danchulis and his grandchildren, Justin, Lauren, Dimitri and Alexander.

Websites to View

<http://www.tsintzina.org/>

<http://www.tsintzina.com/>

<http://www.tsintzinasociety.com/>

<http://www.tsintzina.com/history1timeline.htm>

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*Georgia Chacona,
Schoolteacher*

I am very impressed with your writing, your life, and your ability to remember so much of your past. I was 5 in 1940 and living a very peaceful and uneventful life in Indianapolis when you were suffering the trauma of WW II and the Civil war. You have done a great service by writing your story for others to read so we can better appreciate what we have. Congratulations — a great job.)

*Robert E. Ball, PhD
Distinguished Professor,
Emeritus
Department of Aeronautics and
Astronautics
Naval Postgraduate School
Monterey, CA*

My first book is also available in Greek with the title «*ἡ ἀλήθεια ἔστιν ἐν ἡμῶν*»

I am working with people at the villages to identify each family's losses so that any funds collected can be distributed proportionally starting with those most in need.

I thank the Tsintzinian Chronicle for including this appeal on their flyer and thank every Tsintzinian for their support in this time of need.

Sincerely,

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American kids: Have never seen you cry.

Greek kids: Cry with you.



American kids: Borrow your stuff for a few days and then return it.

Greek kids: Keep your stuff so long, they forget it's yours.

American kids: Will eat at your dinner table and leave.

Greek kids: Will spend hours there, talking, laughing, and just being together.

American kids: Know few things about you.

Greek kids: Could write a book with direct quotes from you.

American kids: Eat peanut butter and jelly sandwiches on soft mushy white bread.

Greek kids: Eat Moussaka or crusty bread dripping with olive oil.

American kids: Will leave you behind if that's what the crowd is doing.

Greek kids: Will kick the whole crowds' butt who left you behind.



American kids: Are for a while.

Greek kids: Are for life.

American kids: Think that being Greek is cool.

Greek kids: Know that being Greek is cool.





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Baby Born to Ellinos

Chryse and Michael Ellinos, from Youngstown, Ohio had a baby boy on December 20, 2007 and named him Michael Skevos. The proud grandparents are Dr. Skevos and Barbara Zervos.

Baby Born to Costas

Family, Friends, and Koumbari, Zacharias Andre Costas finally showed up (in a large way) this morning in Paoli, PA tipping the scales at an impressive 9lbs. 11oz. Katrina and Zacharias are doing great, as are 'big sister' Alexis and Papa.

In a surprise move, yet somehow befitting his impressive comportment, Zacharias immediately claimed all 5 boroughs of New York City, Southeastern Pennsylvania, and the state of Laconia Greece as his dominion

Thank you all for your love and prayers.

Katrina, Tom, Alexis and baby brother Zacharias



Tsintzina Society 2007 Holiday Raffle

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Thank you and have a wonderful New Year!

Jay

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FOR GREEK DANCE ENTHUSIASTS, AND THOSE WHO WANT TO LEARN!

In response to her Greek dance lessons offered during the July Convention, Pauline Costianes has assembled a Greek Dance Instruction Kit for sale.

The kit includes a DVD of dance instruction for 18 different dances, from Thessaly, Epiros, Tsakonia, Macedonia, Ikaros, Crete, Asia Minor as well as the familiar Pan-Hellenic dances.

There is an accompanying CD with the music for each dance, and a booklet of written instructions for each dance as well. The price is \$20, and will be used as a fundraiser for the Tsintzinian Society.



To order, email Pauline at pnc_52@hotmail.com, or call her at 734-667-2848. Make checks payable to Pauline Costianes.

Story of Our Ancestors

Take a look at at this link:

www.thejourneygreekamericandream.org/index.htm

The filmmakers will be showing the project at the University of Michigan 9 March 2008. I saw the film in November at the American Film Institute here.

It's the story of our ancestors.

The DVD for American audiences will be coming out sometime this year. I got a chance to speak with the director, Maria Iliou, after the screening. She's a wonderful woman. AND! She knew about our society!



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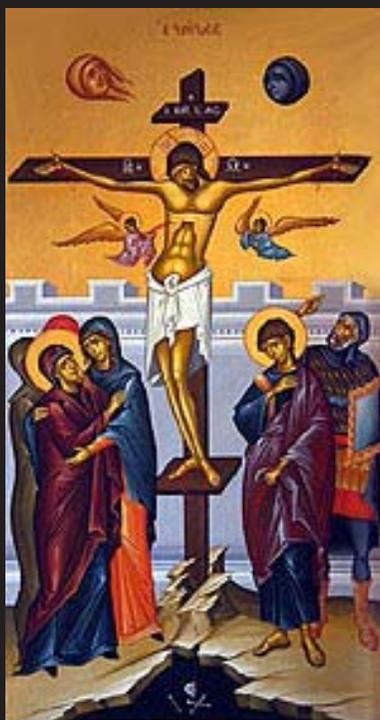
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I am planning on attending the 2007 Convention.

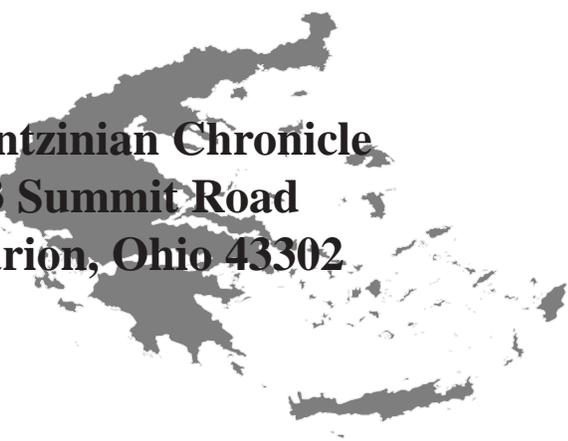
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The new benefactor dues category gives Tsintzinians an opportunity to give more freely to help the organization with financial concerns. All benefactors will be duly recognized for their extra contributions.



*“Come all of you and let us praise Him
Who was crucified for us. Mary saw Him
on the Cross and said, ‘Though You endure
even the Cross, You are my Son and my
God.’”*

‘Christ is Risen’



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