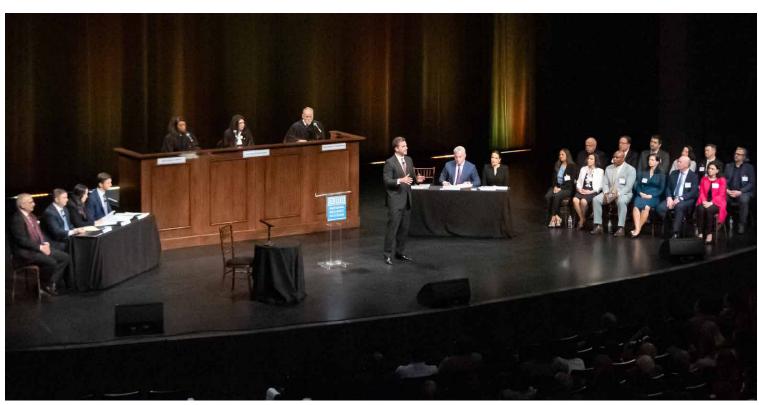
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A Letter from the Museum Chairman

Dear National Hellenic Museum Family,

There are many exciting things to share with you, as the Museum is filled with life and more vibrant than ever.

Through our expanding field trip program, the Museum galleries and classrooms have been filled with hundreds of students from Pre-K through college engaged in hands-on learning that makes history come alive. And NHM Discussions,



our online weekly lecture series, generously sponsored by the Hellenic Foundation, has provided thousands with the opportunity to learn, think, and connect through Greek history and culture.

In April, we hosted The Trial of Pericles at Harris Theater, where an audience of more than 600 witnessed talented judges and lawyers debate the fate of one of Athens' greatest statesmen—once again demonstrating how the ancient past is relevant to our current time.

In this newsletter, you will also see we were honored to host visiting members of the Greek Cabinet to explore opportunities for collaboration, in addition to welcoming other stakeholders to the Museum as we find our shared purpose.

Seeing how people of all ages, backgrounds, and experiences connect with the National Hellenic Museum is a poignant and touching reminder of the importance of its work. Our mission is to share Greek history, art and culture, and preserve the Greek American story in relevant and meaningful ways.

This mission is more than mere words. Ensuring everyone has access to the rich treasure of Greek culture and history is our sole purpose. It is also at the heart of my personal commitment to this important institution. The power of the National Hellenic Museum to create profound encounters for those we serve is why I know the future is bright and the Hellenic legacy will continue to inspire.

As you look through this newsletter, I trust you will share my optimism for the Museum we have created together. Thank you for your continued support. Let us honor our past and plant the seeds of what is to come.

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Enduring Relevance of an Ancient Controversy The Trial of Pericles

An audience of over 600 jurors found Athenian statesman Pericles "guilty" of subverting the rule of law in Athens at the National Hellenic Museum's The Trial of Pericles on April 17, 2024. Nearly 2,500 years after Pericles changed the Athenian Constitution in 451 BCE to restrict citizenship to those born to two Athenian parents, he was tried on stage at Harris Theater at the Museum's dynamic event. Pericles and his defense team faced prosecutors before a panel of esteemed judges and jurors, who reached an almost unanimous guilty verdict along with the audience. (Historically, Pericles died in the Great Plague of Athens and never faced trial for his actions).

The NHM Trial Series highlights the enduring relevance and value of ancient Greek thought and history and supports the mission of the National Hellenic Museum. It has grown both in reputation and following since its inception in 2013. This year's mock trial featured a successful prosecution team led by Katerina Alexopoulos (U.S. Department of Homeland Security), Patrick M. Collins (King & Spalding LLP), and Tinos Diamantatos (Morgan, Lewis & Bockius LLP).

Presenting the defense of Pericles were Sarah F. King (Clifford Law Offices PC), James C. Pullos (Clifford Law Offices PC), and Patrick A. Salvi II (Salvi, Schostok & Pritchard PC). The defense argued that Pericles was protecting Athens' democracy from foreign influence when he changed the constitution, revoking citizenship and voting rights for a quarter of Athenian citizens overnight. However, the prosecution convinced the jurors that Pericles had undermined the rule of law, as he could not prove that the controversial citizenship law had been formally approved by the Athenian assembly. All three judges presiding over the trial found Pericles guilty: Hon. Anna H. Demacopoulos (Ret. Circuit Court Judge, State of Illinois), Hon. Anthony C. Kyriakopoulos (Circuit Court Judge, State of Illinois), and Hon. Lindsay C. Jenkins (U.S. District Court Judge, Northern District of Illinois).

The members of the esteemed on-stage jury, composed of civic leaders, academics and media personalities, were Justice Eileen O'Neill Burke (Ret.), Democratic Nominee for Cook County State's Attorney; Steve Cochran, Host of the Steve Cochran Show on WLS AM 890;

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The event was emceed by award-winning Chicago media personality and NHM Trustee **Andrea Darlas**, and included compelling testimony from Pericles himself, played by **Judge Paul Lillios** (Ret.), and prosecution witness Olympia, a non-Athenian wife and mother in Athens, played by **Judge Megan Goldish**.

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The Trial of Socrates Makes PBS Debut

The National Hellenic Museum's 2023 mock trial event The Trial of Socrates, starring Hollywood actor and Second City alum John Kapelos as ancient Greek philosopher Socrates, made its broadcast debut on Lakeshore PBS. Viewers tuned in to watch nationally renowned attorneys take on ancient Greece's most famous court case bringing NHM's event to a wide audience and qualifying the production for Chicago/ Midwest Emmy Awards consideration later this year. The Trial of Socrates was directed by Brian Kallies. NHM recognizes and appreciates the support of its Lead Sponsors for The Trial of Socrates, as well as the generosity of all the sponsors who helped make this event and broadcast possible. Lead Sponsors were The Jaharis Family Foundation, Calamos Investments, and Clifford Law Offices.

Connecting Generations to the Hellenic Legacy



Over the past year, the National Hellenic Museum expanded its educational programming, offering on-site and off-site field trips that provide students of all ages and backgrounds with an exciting opportunity to appreciate Greek heritage, make connections between the past and present, and consider the lasting impact of the Hellenic legacy. We have hosted hundreds of students and teachers, from kindergarten through college, and from public, private, and parochial schools.

Through our field trips, students learn about Greek history, art, and culture through a variety of engaging activities, including our *Hands-on History* program, the Museum's immigration exhibition, *Reaching for the American Dream*, and *Reader's Theater*. In all these activities students engage with replicas of fascinating artifacts, act out mythological stories, craft "ancient" shields,

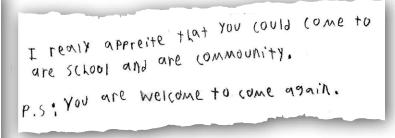
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design vases with Greek motifs, and create passports reminiscent of those used by Greek immigrants in the early 1900s.

The Museum's dedication to education extends beyond its walls through NHM Discussions, a weekly online lecture series generously sponsored by the Hellenic Foundation. Led by a historian, this program provides lively conversation around a vast array of intriguing topics, from ancient Greek philosophy, art, and democracy to the remarkable contributions made by Greek American immigrants.

The National Hellenic Museum's educational commitment fosters a deep and lasting appreciation for Greek heritage among the public, visitors, and the next generation. This interactive and dynamic approach to history ensures that the legacy of our ancestors will never be forgotten.



— Middle School Students









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Bus Transportation Reimbursement for Greek Orthodox Parishes

The Hellenic Foundation is generously sponsoring bus reimbursements to Greek Orthodox churches in Chicagoland interested in booking group visits to the Museum through September 30, 2024.

For more information, please contact us at 312.544.1221 or Education@HellenicMuseum.org.



Leave Your Legacy While Supporting the Hellenic Legacy

Our ancestors worked hard to create a better life for us, and their legacy endures. Similarly, you can make a lasting impact by supporting the National Hellenic Museum, preserving the Greek American story and the Hellenic legacy for future generations.

One significant way to contribute is through a planned gift from your estate. By designating a percentage or specific amount to the Museum, you ensure it has the necessary funds to sustain its mission—sharing Greek history, art, and culture.

You can also direct your gift to support specific projects, such as exhibitions, lecture series, or educational field trips. Additionally, an estate gift can reduce estate taxes and ease financial burdens on your heirs. For more details, consult your financial advisor.

To learn more about making an estate gift, or supporting the National Hellenic Museum in other ways, contact Janet Kashuba at JKashuba@hellenicmuseum.org, (312) 448-2850.





Ways to Give

There are many ways to participate in the National Hellenic Museum to help further its mission. However you choose to show your support, we appreciate your generosity and the impact it has on our ability to share Greek history, art, and culture and preserve the Greek American story.

Become a Member

Members join a dedicated group who actively participate in the Museum's exhibitions, programs, and events, advocating for its mission. Enjoy free admission, museum store discounts, priority access to events, and much more.

Participate in Planned Giving

Sustain the Museum through planned giving by naming the National Hellenic Museum in your will, making it a retirement plan beneficiary, or contributing securities. Ensure the Hellenic legacy endures for generations.

Sponsor Us

Support us as a sponsor, personally or through your company, to help present engaging exhibitions and programs. Sponsorships enable us to connect the past and present, Greece and America, and the rich Hellenic legacy with today.

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Guests Across the Globe Connect at The Dr. Arthur G. Nikelly Lecture

The National Hellenic Museum's annual Dr. Arthur G. Nikelly Lecture for the Preservation of Hellenic Heritage and Culture was held online on Saturday, May 18, featuring the esteemed Rev. Dr. John Behr, a British Eastern Orthodox priest and theologian, who presented his new translation of St. Gregory of Nyssa's important work, "On the Human Image of God." Father Behr explored the contrasting and complementary definitions from both early Greek philosophers and Christian theologians of what it means for humans to be made in God's image. The Museum was honored to welcome guests from across the U.S. and Europe as well as India, Australia, and Brazil, who joined together online for this very special presentation.

The Dr. Arthur G. Nikelly Lecture series was generously established by Arthur's sister, Ms. Eva Nikelly, as an endowed fund in Dr. Nikelly's memory. She created the endowment to provide perpetual support for an annual lecture that illuminates Hellenic values and ideals and nurtures appreciation for Greek culture. Dr. Nikelly, a Clinical Psychologist and Associate Professor Emeritus of Health Sciences at the University of Illinois





Dr. Arthur G. Nikelly

Rev. Dr. John Behr

at Urbana Champaign, was a lifelong advocate for human rights, social justice, educational achievement, and freedom of expression—values which he and his family upheld through their philanthropy. Dr. Nikelly also had a fascination with the Greek language and a strong connection to his ancestral homeland, creating an outpatient clinic to help the community in his family's town of Vrisa on the island of Lesvos, Greece. Ms. Nikelly established this fund from a portion of her brother's estate, with the knowledge that his legacy would live on through this annual lecture.

Establish A Fund Through An Estate Gift

The National Hellenic Museum is grateful to Ms. Nikelly for creating an opportunity for the public to participate in powerful and enlightening discussions on topics that are timeless and relevant. Her gift provides the means to help further the Museum's mission to share Greek history, art, culture, and the Greek American story in ways that resonate broadly with our local and global communities.

For information on how you can establish a fund for the National Hellenic Museum through an estate gift, please contact Janet Kashuba at JKashuba@HellenicMuseum.org or 312-448-2850.



NHM Discussions Uniting Scholars and Enthusiasts

NHM Discussions are free online classes that bring together scholars and enthusiasts of all ages for engaging conversations on Greek history, art, culture, and more.

Recent conversations have spanned topics such as the origin of Homer's poems, Greek folk magic, ancient philosophy, and the role of Vikings in the Byzantine Empire. Our discussions draw more than 1,000 participants annually from Chicagoland, across the nation, and internationally, with a quarter residing in countries outside the United States—including the United Kingdom, Greece, Australia, and Norway. Join us for our upcoming conversations to learn about Greek history and culture.



NHM Discussions are generously sponsored by the Hellenic Foundation. We gratefully acknowledge their longstanding support.

Upcoming Events

Greek Mythology and the American Novel

Tuesday, August 13, 2024 | 7:00 PM, CDT



Explore the profound influence of ancient Greek myths on American literature, including how timeless mythological themes such as heroism, fate, and the divine are woven into the fabric of American novels. Through analysis of classic and contemporary works, we will study how authors reinterpret mythological motifs to address American cultural, social, and political contexts.

Greece and Olive Oil: A Love Story

Thursday, August 22, 2024 | 1:00 PM, CDT

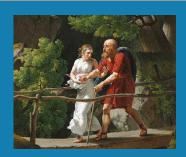


Discover the deep-rooted connection between Greece and olive oil in this captivating discussion. We will delve into the historical, cultural, and culinary significance of olive oil in Greek society and learn about its production, symbolism, and uses from ancient times to the present.

What is a Diaspora and Why it Matters Wednesday, August 28, 2024 | 7:00 PM CDT



What does it mean that Greeks are one of the world's "diaspora people"? This discussion examines the historical and contemporary relevance of diaspora, its cultural impacts, and the significance of maintaining homeland connections with a special focus on Greek history and culture in America and beyond.



Join Us!

To register for NHM Discussions, search for 'National Hellenic Museum' on Eventbrite.com or scan the QR Code.



Events that Brought Us Together

NHM Golf Outing: Teeing Up for Philanthropy





NHM's Golf Outing at Stonebridge Country Club was a tremendous success, thanks to the enthusiastic presence and support of our generous donors. They enjoyed 18 holes of golf amidst picturesque greens, sparkling lakes, and great company followed by a delightful dinner. The event was organized to benefit the National Hellenic Museum, and it was a day filled with fun, camaraderie, and philanthropy. We extend special thanks to NHM Board Member **Paul Athens** for generously leading and supporting this event.



A special thank you goes to our generous Tee-Off Sponsor, **Calamos Investments**, to our special sponsor **Peter Parthenis**, **Sr**., and to our Hole Sponsors: **Alpha Building Corporation** (Paul Athens), **Pam and Jamie Crouthamel**, the **Dellaportas Family**, **DWK: Dussias, Wittenberg Koenigsberger Family Law**, the **James A. Regas Family, Service Steel Warehouse** (Paul Athens), **United Scrap Metal**, and the **Vranas Family Foundation**.

Greek Heritage Parade Weekend Celebrated at the National Hellenic Museum



Every year, people fill the streets of Chicago's historic Greektown for the Greek Heritage Parade, and this year was no exception. On the evening before the event, the Museum was the site of ENOSIS' Pre-Parade Gala, a fun-filled night at the beginning of an exciting weekend. The next day, the Museum welcomed elected officials, dignitaries, and community members at a pre-parade gathering, including one of this year's grand



marshals, His Eminence Archbishop Elpidophoros of America. In his remarks, His Eminence offered a poignant reminder of the importance of preserving our Greek heritage. He was joined by His Eminence Metropolitan Nathanael of Chicago, who also served as a parade grand marshal. The weekend was a reminder of the Museum's role as a gathering place to ensure the Hellenic legacy will endure for generations to come.

Current Exhibitions

Legacy, Renewal & Unity: Celebrating 100 Years of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America

This exhibition is generously created and sponsored by The Archbishop lakovos Leadership 100 Fund.

In 2022, members of the Greek Orthodox church and community came together to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America (1922-2022), the legacy of the church, and the breadth of the organization's impact. The exhibition was designed to help people from within and outside of the Greek community understand and celebrate the history of the Archdiocese. It offers a multimedia experience incorporating audio, video, and physical artifacts from the Archdiocese archives. The remarkable history of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese reminds us of the pivotal role it has played in the history of Greek America, not only as a center of religious life but of community cohesion and cultural preservation.



Reaching for the American Dream: The Greek Story in America



This is the Museum's core exhibition and tells the story of Greeks in America, highlighting objects from our collection of more than 10,000 Greek American artifacts. From icons lovingly carried across the ocean by hopeful immigrants to the uniforms of proud veterans, here you can see the Greek American story in all its vibrancy. While focused on the Greek experience, *Reaching for the American Dream* also stimulates wider conversations about immigration, identity, and American history.

Storytelling in Cloth and Light

Storytelling in Cloth and Light displays textiles meticulously woven in Greece, largely by women, and brought across the ocean to the United States. Alongside this brilliant needlework are photographs taken by Chicago-based Greek American Diane Alexander White during her 1977 trip to Greece. This exhibition is a tribute to the stories we tell and the ones we leave untold; about how we remember who we are.





Archons of the Ecumenical Patriarchate: Protecting the Future of Faith

This exhibition is generously created and sponsored by the Order of St. Andrew: Archons of the Ecumenical Patriarchate.

Archons of the Ecumenical Patriarchate: Protecting the Future of Faith is making its debut at the National Hellenic Museum. This multimedia experience highlights the Archons' work to defend the Ecumenical Patriarchate of Constantinople (an ancient center of Eastern Orthodox Christianity) and religious freedom around the world. The plight of religious and

ethnic minorities is one of the 21st century's most important human rights issues. The Archons are instrumental in bringing attention to these important topics. Their work is a testament to the commitment of a small group's defense of liberty, their faith, and human dignity as well as a reminder of the Greek American community's important role in the wider Hellenic world.

Gather Together: Chicago Street Photography by Diane Alexander White

This exhibition is generously sponsored by The Christ N. Dalmares Family.

For over four decades, Chicago-based Greek American photographer Diane Alexander White has photographed Chicago's community festivals and street parades. Gather Together: Chicago Street Photography by Diane Alexander White explores the role of community and connection in our lives through a selection of these photographs. Gather Together celebrates this universal reality within the specific context of the great city of Chicago.

With a particular focus on Greek Independence Day celebrations, the photographs offer a trip down memory lane for anyone familiar with Chicago or its Greek community. In these photographs,

you will rediscover all the things that make each community unique and all the things that we share. You may even see a familiar face or two!



Chicago Street Photography Gather Together: By Diane Alexander White

Connecting to Our Community

America's Diner Restaurants: A Greek Story

In an unforgettable evening with Professor Alexander Kitroeff (Professor Emeritus, Haverford College), our guests heard the remarkable stories of Greek Americans who came to dominate the diner restaurant scene in the American Northeast and Midwest from the 1960s through the early 2000s. Kitroeff's insightful presentation explored the cultural and structural factors that contributed to this phenomenon, and offered a rich and complex portrait of the American diner as a symbol of Greek American enterprise and resilience. Our sincere thanks to Professor



Nicholas Doumanis from The University of Illinois Chicago who collaborated with us to organize this event and to the Foundation for Hellenic Studies, Illinois, for their generous partnership and unwavering support of Hellenic studies.

Celebrating International Women's Day





This year's International Women's Day was a memorable celebration of knowledge, empowerment, and community at the Museum. We were honored to co-host an insightful and engaging lecture with the Consulate General of Greece in Chicago, featuring two extraordinary women of academia: Dr. Zizi Papacharissi (Distinguished Professor of Communication and Political Science, Communication Department Head, and University Scholar at the University of Illinois System) who shared her expertise on the intersection of social media, AI, and women's rights; and Dr. Alexandra Filindra (Associate Professor of Political Science and Psychology at the University of Illinois Chicago), who offered a compelling analysis of the historical and political role of women in Greece from the Revolution to modernity.

Museum Hosts Greek Cabinet Dignitaries

We were honored to host members of the Greek Cabinet for tours of the Museum this year, in partnership with Emmanuel Koubarakis, Consul General of Greece in Chicago. These visits provided important opportunities to share our mission and work with Greek officials, as well as lay the groundwork for potential collaborations and partnerships. In February, we welcomed the Greek Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs, Giorgos Kotsiras, joined by Ambassador Dimitris Gioldassis, Head of the Greek Diplomatic Office, and Athanasios Panagiotou, Head of the Private Office; and in March, Greek Minister of Culture Dr. Lina Mendoni visited the Museum with Anna Panagiotarea, Special Advisor to the Minister of Culture. We are grateful to these Greek dignitaries and Consul General Koubarakis for taking the time to meet with us and learn more about the Museum's ongoing work. Engaging U.S. and Greek officials elevates the reputation of the Museum and helps us to expand the reach of our programming and educational initiatives.





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Acquisition of Rare Edition of Plato Celebrated at NHM

The Museum was honored to be chosen by the University of Illinois and the Consulate General of Greece in Chicago as the site of their celebration honoring the University's acquisition of a rare 1513 edition of the complete works of Plato printed in Venice, Italy. The event provided an opportunity for our guests to view this priceless work, as well as listen to an insightful keynote lecture from Professor Kirk Sanders of the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign Department of Classics. The creation of this volume was an important moment in the reintroduction of Greek language and culture to Western Europe. Celebrating an Early Modern edition of the works of an ancient philosopher, at our Museum in the heart of 21stcentury Chicago, reminds us of how we are all



connected across time by the wisdom of the Hellenic legacy. The purchase of the book was a joint effort between the University of Illinois' libraries and donors George and Jamie Reveliotis. George Reveliotis, an alumnus of the University, has also supported the National Hellenic Museum's work alongside his Greek heritage.

National Hellenic Student Association's Spring Convention



This March, we welcomed the National Hellenic Student Association to the Museum for their Spring Convention. With over 100 attendees, including students, young professionals, and esteemed Greek community members, the convention was full of energy and Hellenic pride. The event brought many guests to the Museum for the first time and reminded us of our mission to preserve and celebrate our Hellenic heritage while empowering the next generation.

Building Bridges to Greece Premiers New Music at NHM

Earlier this year, four renowned Greek-American and Greek composers premiered new works at the Museum in an exciting concert collaboration with Building Bridges. The event was a resounding success, showcasing the innovation and creativity of contemporary Greek classical music for Chicago audiences. A special note of thanks to the brilliant composers whose works were featured, including Chicagoans Niki Harlafti and Konstantinos Baras, Stratis Minakakis (Boston, MA), and Michalis Paraskakis (Athens, Greece). We were honored to present their innovative compositions and to witness our audience's enthusiastic reception. Partnerships such as this further the Museum's mission to connect our guests with Greek art and culture, both past and present.



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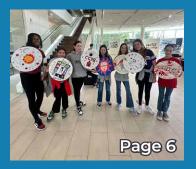


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