

The Passing of Rev. Dr. Demetrios Constantelos

By Dr. Tom Papademetriou

Rev. Dr. Demetrios Constantelos, Charles Cooper Townsend, Sr. Distinguished Professor Emeritus of History and Religious Studies and Distinguished Scholar in Residence passed away January 10, 2017. Professor Constantelos died in peace, surrounded by his loving children. He touched the lives of so many, and his loss will be deeply felt, at Stockton, Holy Trinity and around the world.

Professor Constantelos was an extraordinary and special person, a man of deep faith and conviction who tirelessly worked to enlighten the world around him. He was the founder and foundation of our Stockton Hellenic Studies program, of which he was so proud. We will continue to honor his mission and memory for as long as Stockton exists.

It is only appropriate at this moment (and as Fr. Demetrios would do) to summon Socrates, who said, "But if death is the journey to another place, and there, as men say, all the dead abide, what good, O my friends and judges, can be greater than this?"

As Socrates suggests, Fr. Demetrios will be able to ask questions and strive for answers from all who came before, in continued search for truth and wisdom-- just as he did while he was here on this earth with us-- and his questions will be answered.

I share here his obituary, written by his children:

Rev. Dr. Demetrios J. Constantelos, 89, passed on peacefully, from time to eternity, in the presence of God on Tuesday, January 10, 2017.

Father Demetrios was born in Spilia, Messenia, Greece in 1927 to Ioannis and Christina Constantelos. He often reminisced about his childhood and especially, his beloved fields of Madourou. After the difficult years of Italian and German occupation and then civil war in Greece, he emigrated to the United States in 1947, on a scholarship to attend the Greek Orthodox seminary in Pomfret, CT.

Following ordination in 1955, he served as the pastor of Greek Orthodox communities in Perth Amboy, NJ, Washington, DC, Lexington, MA, Ipswich, MA, Towson, MD, among others. Father Constantelos was the founding priest of three new parishes, Saint Barbara, Toms River, NJ, Saint Anthony, Vineland, NJ, and Holy Trinity, Egg Harbor Township, NJ.

Dr. Constantelos earned a master's of divinity from Princeton Theological Seminary, and a master's and doctorate in history from Rutgers University. He taught at Hellenic College in Brookline, MA from 1965-1971, and



Father Constantelos welcoming students to his home in Spilia, Greece.

also served as the chair of the history department and dean. Afterwards, Prof. Constantelos became one of the founding faculty members of Stockton University, in Galloway Township, NJ, where he taught for twenty-six years and served as the Coordinator of Historical Studies. He was eventually appointed Charles Cooper Townsend, Sr. Distinguished Professor of History and Religious Studies.

At Stockton, Professor Constantelos's efforts led to the establishment of the Interdisciplinary Center for Hellenic Studies, one of the foremost academic centers in the United States for the study of Hellenism. He is the author of *Byzantine Philanthropy and Social Welfare* (1968), *Poverty, Society and Philanthropy in the Late Mediaeval Greek World* (1992), *Christian Hellenism* (1998), *Understanding the Greek Orthodox Church* (4th ed., 2005), and more than twenty other single-authored and edited volumes, along with scores of articles and other contributions to historical and religious journals, edited volumes, and encyclopedias. His writings have been translated into many languages. Rev. Dr. Constantelos was the editor of *The Greek Orthodox Theological Review*, an associate

editor of *The Journal of Ecumenical Studies*, and he served on the Revised Standard Version Bible Committee of the National Council of Churches. He was bestowed honorary membership in the Hellenic Historical Society and the National Society of Literary Persons and Authors, and was awarded the Gold Cross of Saint Paul by the Synod of the Church of Greece.

Scholarship and teaching were lifelong passions, and one of the sources of his success as a classroom teacher, conference speaker, parish priest, and conversationalist was the fact that he was a man with a constantly-inquiring mind and a readily apparent love of history, religion, and teaching.

Rev. Dr. Constantelos was devoted to his beloved wife of 56 years, Stella Croussouloudis of New York and Chios, Greece, who predeceased him in 2010. Also preceding him in death were siblings Vasili, Giorgos, Toula, Efsthia, and Maria. He is survived by his four children, Christine (Robert), John (Polly), Eleni, and Maria (Panayiotis) and six grandchildren, Damon, Alex, Michael, Peter, Julia and Demetri. He is also survived by four siblings, Stavros, Eleni, Amphitrite, and Panayiotis, nieces, nephews, and cousins. He had

great love and pride for all his family. He is survived as well by a legacy of profound love, both given and received. He will be deeply missed by his family and all those who were privileged to know him.

The family requests donations be made in his name to the Interdisciplinary Center for Hellenic Studies at Stockton University, or to Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church of Egg Harbor Township, NJ.

More information about Rev. Dr. Constantelos is included at the back of this edition of *The Hellenic Voice*.



Stockton Receives \$100,000 Gift to Establish Endowed Professorship of Greek Art, Architecture

Businessman George C. Georges signed an agreement in July 2016 pledging \$100,000 to the Stockton University Foundation to establish the Constantine George Georges and Sophia C. Georges Endowed Professorship of Greek Art and Architecture, in honor of his late parents.

“I wanted to support the teaching and learning of Greek art, architecture and archaeology at Stockton and to memorialize my parents for their lives of industry and charity toward others,” said Georges, an Atlantic City businessman. “The Hellenic Studies program presents a unique educational choice of courses and research for Stockton students, which is usually only available at larger universities,” he said.

His gift also acknowledged the inspiration of two individuals, the Rev. Demetrios J. Constantelos, retired as a priest and professor, for his pioneering work in Hellenic Studies at Stockton, and Dean C. Pappas, the late university trustee, for his generous nature and honorable life. “Mr. Georges’ generosity and vision ensure that more students will have the opportunity to be immersed in Greek art and architecture, which are keystones of Western civilization,” said Stockton President Harvey Kesselman. “This gift supports Stockton’s educational values, focusing on important global perspectives and cultural traditions in preparing students to collaborate across a diverse world.”

The Georges’ gift builds on the university’s extraordinary resources, which include the Dean C. and Zoe S. Pappas Center for Hellenic Studies and the Constantelos Hellenic Collection and Reading Room here, a state-wide repository for the New Jersey Greek-American Oral History Project. The late Constantelos, an expert in the field of Byzantine (medieval Greek)

history, donated his collection of 3,000 rare and important works to Stockton. His visionary initiatives proved instrumental in creating an academic center for Hellenic Studies at Stockton, Georges said.

Pappas and his wife, Zoe, committed \$250,000 in 2015 to establish a Greek Art and Architecture Fund to provide students with new learning experiences and donated \$150,000 in 2012 to endow the work of what was then called the Interdisciplinary Center for Hellenic Studies. It was renamed for them in 2015 to honor their generosity and commitment to scholarship. The Pappases also donated \$1 million to establish a Visiting Scholar Endowment Fund.

The Constantine George Georges and Sophia C. Georges Endowed Professorship will be maintained as a permanent part of the Pappas Center within the School of Arts and Humanities. The agreement states that additional contributions may be made at any time by the donor and others, and will be accepted by the foundation. It was signed at a Board of Trustees meeting at the university by Foundation

Chair Richard Dovey, President Kesselman and George Georges.

Tom Papademetriou, associate professor of History and director of the Pappas Center for Hellenic Studies, said: “I am so pleased that George Georges has decided to honor his parents with this gift. His parents and family have been such an important part of the Atlantic City Greek community, with his father sponsoring dozens of other families from Greece to a better life in America. It is fitting that George is honoring them in this way.

“With the help of this endowment, our professor of Greek Art and Archaeology, Dr. Amy Papalexandrou, a graduate of Princeton University, will be able to conduct her scholarly research as well as expose Stockton students to important archaeological sites, and great monuments,” he said.

“We are lucky because Dr. Papalexandrou is one of the leaders of the Polis excavation in Cyprus,” Papademetriou added. “She just concluded research there with three Stockton students whose lives have been transformed by the experience. This fund will enhance these types of research opportunities.”

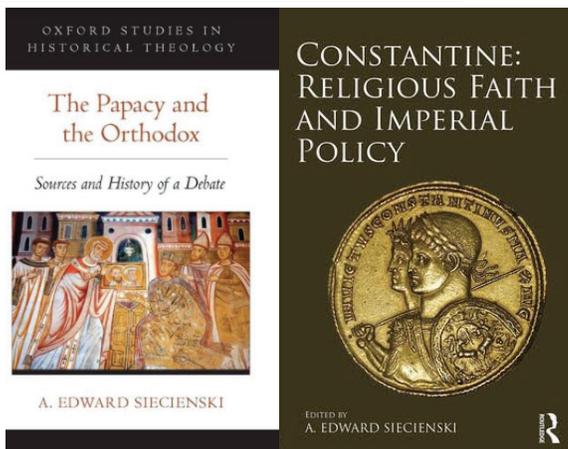


From left to right: Demetrios Constantelos, Distinguished Professor Emeritus, Philip T. Ellmore, chief development officer and executive director of the University Foundation, President Harvey Kesselman, George Georges, Tom Papademetriou, associate professor of History, Richard Dovey, chair of the University Foundation, and Chris Georges, brother of George Georges, at the signing of the endowed professorship.

New Books by Professor Sicienski



President of Classical Humanities Society of South Jersey, Professor Ed Sicienski



A. Edward Sicienski, Associate Professor of Religion and Clement and Helen Pappas Professor of Byzantine Civilization and Religion, has recently published two books in the field of Early Christian and Byzantine Studies. The first (left), *The Papacy and the Orthodox: Sources and History of a Debate* (Oxford University Press, 2017), is a follow-up to his 2010 book on the filioque and traces the history of the papacy's reception/rejection among the Orthodox. It examines the centuries-long debate over the primacy and authority of the Bishop of Rome, especially in relation to the Christian East, and offers a comprehensive history of the debate from Peter to Pope Francis. Already it is being called "impressive," "exceptional," "superlative ecumenical scholarship," "a genuine tour de force," and "the definitive standard" in the field. The product of over three years of work, Dr. Sicienski is already

putting that research to use, teaching a course at Stockton on the History of the Papacy in the Spring of 2017.

The second book (right), *Constantine: Religious Faith and Imperial Policy* (Routledge, 2017), is actually the published proceedings of the 2013 conference held at Stockton University, which was jointly sponsored by the Orthodox Christian Studies Center at Fordham University and our own Interdisciplinary Center for Hellenic Studies. Collecting papers from some of the English-speaking world's foremost Constantinian scholars, the book is a truly interdisciplinary encounter with one of history's most influential figures. With a foreword by Stockton's own Tom Papademetriou, and chapters by H.A. Drake, Noel Lenski, Raymond Van Dam, Mark Edwards, David Potter, George E. Demacopoulos, and Peter J. Leithart, this book proves once again that Constantine is not so much a figure from the remote past, but an individual whose legacy continues to shape our present.

Friends Attend President Harvey Kesselman's Inauguration

On September 23, 2016, members of the Friends of Hellenic Studies attended the inauguration of Stockton's president, Dr. Harvey Kesselman. Dr. Kesselman, a member of Stockton's first graduating class of 1971, became the university's fifth president. President Kesselman has more than 35 years of experience in higher education, serving Stockton as provost and executive vice president, dean of the School of Education, interim Vice President for Administration and Finance, CEO of the Southern Regional Institute & Educational Technology Training Center, and Student Affairs vice president.

Tula Christopoulos, George Georges, Professor Tom Papademetriou, Father Demetrios Constantelos, President Harvey Kesselman, Youla Mularz, Walter Mularz, Eleni Stamelos, and Professor Amy Papalexandrou



New Friends of Hellenic Studies Co-Chair

Interviewed by Tula Christopoulos

The Friends of Hellenic Studies announce Eleni Stamelos as their new Co-Chair and community representative. Eleni is a talented and capable party-planner in South Jersey and we have already benefitted from her expertise in organizing successful events!



Eleni Stamelos

What's your background?

I am Greek: I was born in the U.S.A. but lived in Greece until I graduated from high school. I would love to see every Stockton student take a Hellenic Studies course, to read Homer, learn about Greece's history, philosophy, archeology, theater and language and then travel to Greece. I'd like them to know how beautiful it is. So many aspects of Hellenic culture have influenced our Western Civilization. It's a small country full of wonders.

What's your favorite part of being a part of FHS and why?

I love the way the members work together towards a common goal of promoting the FHS mission. I particularly enjoy working on events that raise awareness of its existence and mission and increase funding to expand opportunities for more students and faculty, especially for student scholarships and faculty financial support for studying abroad in Greece, Turkey and Cyprus.

A Heart-Felt Thanks to Pan-Gregorian Enterprises!

The Friends of Hellenic Studies wish to express their sincere appreciation to Pan-Gregorian Enterprises for their generous donation of \$5,000 towards student scholarships, and their commitment to assist us in the future.

We are also thankful to Mr. Chris Karamanos, owner of the Galloway Diner for his heartfelt support of the Friends of Hellenic Studies who helped make this happen.

In the past two years, he and his wife Stalo helped the FHS organize a very successful Cypriot wine-tasting at the Galloway Diner, and they are willing to help us host other activities in the future. The FHS holds meetings at the diner a few times a year.

Mr. Karamanos sits on the Board of the Pan Gregorian Enterprises, Inc. (PGE), a restaurant /diner cooperative established in 1983 as a food service cooperative to serve the independently owned restaurant industry in New Jersey. The organization's charitable arm has donated over 2,200,000 to numerous organizations.

A Pan-Gregorian delegation visited our December 2016 Friends meeting and afterwards Executive Director, Mr. George Siamboulis, Ms. Toni Mbletsakis, and Mr. Karamanos with Professor Papademetriou visited Fr. Demetrios at the Bacharach Rehabilitation Center to present him the check. His joy on receiving the visitors and the check for Stockton Hellenic scholarships was uplifting to all. It was the last gift he received on behalf of Stockton University, and very meaningful to all.

Thank you, Chris, Stalo and Pan-Gregorians!



Back: Tom Papademetriou, Chris Karamanos, Sarah Albertson, Nick Sena

Middle: Georg Siamboulis - Executive Director of the Pan-Gregorians, Walter Mularz, Amy Papalexandrou

Front: Toni Mbletsakis, Youla Mularz, Eleni Stamelos, Tula Christopoulos



Marissa Ferdman

Marissa is a graphic design major from Absecon who graduated in Spring 2017.



Zhane' Roberts

Zhane' is a junior at Stockton who is majoring in graphic design with a minor in digital literacy.



Danielle Banas

Danielle Banas is a Visual Communications major at Stockton University. Danielle created the illustrations for the newsletter.

Meet the Student Editors & Student Graphic Designers

We are extremely happy this year to have two smart, capable student editors at the helm of *The Hellenic Voice!* Julie Scully and Shilo Previti are both Literature majors at Stockton, and we are fortunate to have their expertise in rendering all the articles in this issue just a little bit better than they were when we first received them. Katherine Panagakos and Amy Papalexandrou sat down with them one morning in January and asked them to tell us about themselves:

Julie was born and raised in Manahawkin, where she was editor of her high school newspaper. She is a Senior at Stockton and she loves to write. She is currently working on a minor in Art History as well as Latin. Julie made her way to Cyprus in summer 2016-- her first trip abroad and, now that she has dipped her toe in the water, she is eager to do more traveling. In Cyprus she helped to organize and study a large group of medieval (twelfth to fourteenth-century) fresco fragments, a daunting project but one she enjoyed. Julie loves to drive, she loves her dogs Annie and Josie, and she

loves K-pop. She hopes to go abroad to graduate school in the future to study literature and/or Classics.

Shilo, who is from Northfield, is a Stockton Junior in Literature also working on multiple minors, in her case Writing, Latin, and Philosophy. She has worked for a Literary magazine and her high school newspaper as well as *Stockpot* and *The Argo* at Stockton. She is currently a student editor of *Sojourn* (under the direction of Stockton Professor Tom Kinsella), the literary magazine of the South Jersey Historical Society. She plans to go to graduate school and eventually have a career as an editor. Shilo hangs out with her fantastic bearded dragon, 'Thor,' who started life about as big as your finger but no longer fits in his marine tank. She promises that her next bearded dragon will have a Hellenic name. She is considering 'Yiannis.'

Both Julie and Shilo take classes with Hellenic Studies professors. They seem to be enjoying this editorial assignment, as it gives them insight into the wide variety of opportunities available to students as well as the chance

to see what others have accomplished through the generosity of the Friends of Hellenic Studies scholarships.

We are grateful for their help with this issue!



Julie Scully and Shilo Previti

The next issue of *The Hellenic Voice* will include reports from students' trips abroad.

Stockton Students View a “Golden Collection” of UPenn Artifacts

By Dr. Katherine Panagakos

On March 25, 2016, 20 Stockton students attended the special exhibit “The Golden Age of King Midas” at the University of Pennsylvania Museum with a private tour by Dr. C. Brian Rose, co-director of the Gordion Excavations and James B. Pritchard Professor of Archaeology. The exhibit featured bronze vessels from the royal tomb, which was originally in Gordion, Turkey before it was transported and reassembled within the exhibit, as well as jewelry, statues, pottery and architectural decoration. The students were thrilled by the exhibit and by the very unique opportunity to be guided by the co-director of the excavations. It was truly an amazing day.

The smallest parts of the exhibits were often the most interesting, and all of the students were surprised by the amount of detail and technology involved in the displays. One of the most interesting exhibits was an architectur-

al model of an ancient city that changed appearance as the curators pressed buttons, displaying what it looked like in 3D during different eras and after different geological or historical events.

There were many other unexpected surprises. Stockton Latin minor, Amanda Cook, recalls some recipe displays: “There were really cool pamphlets talking about the “last meal” of the kings, which they were able to analyze based on the remains of the bodies, and we took some recipes home with us—we are planning on a post-finals party to eat the foods of the ancient world.”

After touring the exhibit, we visited the Collections Study Room where students were given a chance to look at Greco-Roman objects from the U Penn Museum's collections that I selected. Objects I chose included rings, ceramic and bronze lamps and figurines, a Roman stylus (pen), glass vessels, a bronze strigil and four ancient coins.



From left to right: Michael Rogers, Ivan Beste, Victoria Forester, Amanda Cook, Shilo Previti, Jonathon Goddard, David Bicknell, Ryan Knipple, Sandra Juarez, Sarah Baginsky with U Penn employee

It was as thrilling for me as it was for them to have this unique opportunity. After this, some students even visited the Museum Archives. All in all, it was a fantastic day in which students heard from an expert on the Gordion excavations and had the opportunity to interact with ancient artifacts. A report about our Spring 2017 museum trip will be included in a future edition of *The Hellenic Voice*.

Iter Musaicum at the MET

By David Bicknell

On October 15, the Paideia Institute hosted a “Living Latin in New York” program, open to both college and high school Latin students. The *Iter Musaicum* scavenger hunt invited students to compete in small teams to complete a Latin scavenger hunt while interacting with the Paideia Institute's Latin-speaking guides within the Greek and Roman Galleries at the Metropolitan Museum of Art.

All of the clues were written in Latin and double points were awarded for answers given in Latin. Extra bonus was awarded for conversing in Latin about the clues with the Paideia Institute's guides. This proved to be rather challenging to us as reading and

translating, not conversation, is stressed in both high school and college Latin.

The clues sent us searching through the galleries to many of the collection's most famous pieces, such as the Etruscan chariot, the Pompeian cubicula, the New York Kouros, and the Dipylon Krater. These artifacts spanned from the Geometric and the Archaic Greek periods to Imperial Rome. Not only did we have the opportunity to focus on these works, but we had time to briefly explore each of the many galleries.

It was fun and challenging to converse in classical Latin with others. The experience stands out among our visits to the Metropolitan Museum, and we thank the Paideia Institute for bring-

ing both Latin and the artworks alive through their *Iter Musaicum*.

We also would like to thank Professor Panagakos for arranging our visit and chaperoning us.



Shilo Previti, David Bicknell, Steven Coyne, Jonathon Goddard, and Professor Katherine Panagakos

Stockton University Trip To The National Geographic Museum

By David Bicknell and Julio Sanchez



Group eating at The Parthenon

In October of 2016, forty Stockton students and community members traveled to the National Geographic Museum and toured their archaeological exhibition: “The Greeks: From Agamemnon to Alexander the Great.”

We were stunned by the sheer scope of artifacts present, most of which were pulled from the National Archaeological Museum in Athens, others from various smaller museums throughout Greece. The exhibit included ancient Minoan pottery, jewelry, and tablets. A beautiful example of Linear A writing was on display.



Students at “The Greeks” exhibit

The highlights from the Mycenaean era were two golden death masks. One was a replica of the famed Mask of Agamemnon which, despite being a replica, initially fooled some of us into thinking it was the genuine piece. The other death mask was found by Schliemann at Mycenae. The final piece in the exhibit was a marble head of Alexander.

Ryan Knipple exclaimed, “I saw artifacts I’ve only seen in books. I even saw artifacts that I never knew existed. I had a great time!”

Afterward, we ventured to the National Mall to visit the Lincoln Memorial and to observe its Greco-Roman architectural style. This was followed by a meal at The Parthenon, a Greek restaurant in D.C., which gave us all something to digest on the drive home.

Overall, the experience was enlightening for those interested in Hellenic culture. We graciously thank the benefactors of the Dean C. and Zoe S. Pappas Fund for Greek Art and Architecture for subsidizing the student cost of the trip.

The Ancient Comes To Life at Stockton University

By Nick DeFillipo and Shilo Previti

Latin Day 2016 at Stockton was November 3rd. The event is an annual one held at Stockton, inviting Latin students from surrounding NJ high schools to visit Stockton and participate in student-led events on campus with Stockton’s Latin students.

Student volunteers were mostly members of clubs such as the Order of Greco-Roman Enthusiasts (OGRE) and Eta Sigma Phi (the National Classics Honors Society) or were students of either Latin or Greek at Stockton.

Visiting high schools included Clearview, Absegami, Oakcrest, Egg Harbor Township, and Pennsauken. There were a total of over 100 high schoolers in attendance.

The high school students organized into several teams for Certamen (Latin quiz bowl) and a Latin Scavenger Hunt.

Dr. Katherine Panagakos led a brief introductory presentation and then Stockton student volunteers broke the high school students into groups for activities.



Jonathon Goddard and David Bicknell in Roman attire

Latin Day, cont.:

Stockton students taught the high schoolers authentic Roman games ranging from dice-based games like “Knucklebones” to other games reminiscent of checkers and backgammon. Zealous participants were also taught how to drape their own togas.

At the “Learn Greek!” table led by Julio Sanchez, the Greek tutor at Stockton, and another student of both Latin and Greek, Nick DeFillipo- the Vice President of Stockton’s OGRE club and Classical honors society chapter-students were introduced to the Greek alphabet. After learning pronunciation and how to write and read the alphabet, they enjoyed spelling their names in ancient Greek. Some students excelled enough to learn Greek vocabulary and use their knowledge of Latin grammar to attempt some translations.

Another of the activities, consisted of Military Drills led by two Classics majors at Stockton, David Bicknell and Jonathan Goddard, who took the high-schoolers through several military marches as they held shields handmade by Stockton students and learned to form several ancient military formations. The testudo consists of small huddles where those in the front lines hold their shields right side up while others in the back shield the top of the force, to protect from “airstrikes” (typically arrow shots, but at Stockton, foam airsoft projectiles).



Stockton Student Chaperones led 14 teams of high school students around the Stockton campus on a Latin Scavenger Hunt, visiting 9 clues such as the Language Lab, the Constantelos Reading Room, and the Richard Stockton signature on the Declaration wall. Riddles were in a mixture of Latin and English at each of the sites of the “finds” on the hunt.

Money for decorations came directly out of the Student Senate money granted to OGRE each year, while the food money was donated through the Stockton School of Arts and Humanities (ARHU) department on behalf of groups like the Hellenic Society and the Pappas Fund.

“We’re really grateful to them for their help in offsetting costs. Nothing about today would have been possible without the contributions from community donors,” said Bicknell, president of both OGRE and Eta Sigma Phi, as well as the official Stockton Latin tutor.

Each student who attended Latin Day filled out an evaluation of the event which will provide feedback to the team of Stockton volunteers who will lead next year’s Latin Day at

Stockton and, in return for handing this in, were given a free OGRE club drink cup and temporary SPQR tattoos.

Local students saw that the Classics are alive in secondary education, especially at Stockton University because of the efforts of 28 Stockton students who came together to organize this event under the direction of Dr. Panagakos and spent hours planning every moment of the day while crafting shields, tiles, games, almost 600 individual quiz bowl questions, and so much more.



Local high school students playing ancient board games under the instruction of Stockton student volunteers



Back row left to right: Justin Cruz, Julie Scully, David Bicknell, Kyrstin Aroclesse, Jasica Rahman, Julio Sanchez, Camillo Guilietti, Jerry McCaffery; front row left to right: Amanda Cook, Shilo Previti, Nicholas DeFillipo, Sandra Juarez, Vanessa Calixto, Tim Ryan, Nicole Ravas, John Moto-Borders

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for info on upcoming
Hellenic events!**

New Logo

Last spring, Tula Christopoulos worked together with Professor Hannah Ueno (Professor of Art at Stockton) on a competition in Ueno's 'Design for Community Partners' class to design a logo for the Friends of Hellenic Studies. Until then, the Friends were using only the Stockton University logo and the logo for the ICHS (Interdisciplinary Center for Hellenic Studies) on official communications. A number of students participated in this project, and a small subset of the Friends acted as jury for the competition to choose the winning design. The winner was Anthony Haley, a talented designer and senior in Visual Communications. Anthony joined us at our monthly Friends meeting in April of 2016 and accepted his prize (a check for \$200) in person. We are grateful for Tula and Hannah's collaboration and especially Anthony's talents in generating our new logo – an ionic column surmounted by a flame.



From left to right: Professor Tom Papademetriou, Walter Mularz, Tula Christopoulos, Youla Mularz, Professor Katherine Panagakos, Anthony Haley, Father Demetrios Constantelos, Julie Scully, Professor Amy Papalexandrou

Lazy Eye Distillery: Raising Funds for Student Scholarships

The Friends of Hellenic Studies hosted a successful fundraising event last October at the Lazy Eye Distillery in Richland, New Jersey. We were hosted by the amazing Kafkalas family, who offered us not only spirits but also tours, tastings, and warm hospitality as we celebrated Oxi Day in style with raki, Greek cocktails, mezedes and lively conversation. Nick Kafkalas, a Stockton alumnus, generously offered his expertise about the process of making their delicious concoctions. He guided everyone who was interested through the back rooms of the distillery, which is the only one in this region providing small-batch, hand-crafted raki and vodka. The event was a great way to celebrate the occasion while raising money for student scholarships. We are grateful to the Kafkalas family and to all those who joined us for this successful event!



*Dean Lisa Honaker listens to Nick Kafkalas explain the distilling process (left)
Sarah and Bill Albertson at the event (right)*



In Memoriam: Rev. Dr. Demetrios Constantelos

By Father George Liacopulos of Holy Trinity Church

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

On behalf of all the faithful here at Holy Trinity, I want to thank each and every one of you for gathering here today to pray for our most beloved Spiritual Father and Pappou: Father Demetrios Constantelos. We all feel a deep sense of sadness and loss as we mourn his passing, and yet, we cannot help but celebrate the amazing life of this spiritual and intellectual giant who has graced our lives, and the lives of countless others around the globe for many decades.

Father Demetrios' life story has been nothing short of extraordinary and some have suggested that it be made into a movie for all to enjoy. He survived war, disease, shipwreck, discrimination, and other challenges; but nonetheless trusted in Christ to transform every setback into a blessing and a learning experience.

Here at Holy Trinity, we will deeply miss his passionate and emotional Divine Liturgies, his stirring and profound sermons, the Socratic-like lessons he offered all of us during the fellowship hour, and the constant



*Stockton University President
Harvey Kesselman and
Father Demetrios Constantelos*

encouragement and enthusiasm he gave us. We will always cherish visits to his home (office and sunroom) where he counseled us, helped us with school work, found jobs for us, and gave us the courage and confidence to overcome our problems.

We will never forget his homemade *fassoulada* and the homegrown vegetables that he brought to us. We will continue to read the thousands of pages in his books, articles, poems, essays, and other writings that he has bequeathed to posterity. We will forever marvel at how he taught full-time as a Stockton professor while also guiding our founding fathers and mothers to establish our parish 35 years ago. He constantly sacrificed for the Church, the Academy, Hellenic values, and for all of us-as precious individuals who were dear to him.

It is now up to us to carry the torch farther and higher as we strive to emulate his faith, love, wisdom, courage, enthusiasm for life, and confidence in the Resurrection of our Lord!

***His Beautiful Memory Will Always
Be Eternal!***

The Stockton University *Theta Tau* chapter of the National Classics Honors Society, *Eta Sigma Phi*, inducted 7 members in October 2016 and traveled to Ann, Arbor MI for the 89th national convention, earning the 2016 Outreach Prize for teaching ancient Latin and Greek to the community every summer!

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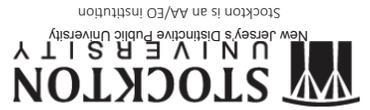
- November 16 (Thurs) – Dr. John Fisher (Rutgers University) -
“Ennius, Medea, and Empire”
 - February 1 (Thurs) - Matthew Chalmers (University of Pennsylvania) -
“The Other Israelites: Samaritans and the early Christians”
 - March 24 (Sat) – Dr. James Wetzel (Villanova University) -
“Sex after the Fall: Plato, Augustine, and two tales of declension”
 - April 19 (Thurs) – Dr. Thomas Biggs (University of Georgia) -
“Rome, Carthage, and the Beginnings of Latin Literature”
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Check out *The Hellenic Voice: Abroad* (coming soon) for more news!

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