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AND

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GREEK-AMERICAN HERITAGE CELEBRATION

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REMARKS
HONORABLE ERIC L. ADAMS
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PRESENTATION OF CITATION TO HONOREES

GEORGIA BOUZAKIS
ANNA CONDOULIS
EVANGELIA FANOURAKIS
GEORGE IOANNIDIS
MICHAEL MIKELIS
MARIA VASAKA-MONIOUDIS
PETROS PAPADAKOS
DR. TOM TZIVAS

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CONSUL GENERAL OF CYPRUS IN NEW YORK

AXIOI! AXIOI! AXIOI!

CLOSING REMARKS
VERY REVEREND EUGENE N. PAPPAS

GEORGIA BOUZAKIS WAS RAISED AT THREE HIERARCHS GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH AND HAS DILIGENTLY SERVED IN THE CHURCH CHOIR FOR THE PAST 53 YEARS IN CHARGE OF LITURGICAL TEXT AND PROPER ORDER. AS A MEMBER OF LADIES PHILOPTOCHOS SOCIETY FOR MORE THAN 30 YEARS, SHE HAS VOLUNTEERED ON COUNTLESS CHARITA-BLE EVENTS AND PROJECTS FOR THE HOLY ARCHDIOCESE. BOUZAKIS CUR-RENTLY SERVES AS THE SCHOOL SECRETARY OF THE NEW YORK CITY UNI-VERSAL PRE-K PROGRAM AT THREE HIERARCHS CHURCH. SHE IS AN AID AND VOCAL ATTENDEE AT BROOKLYN COMMUNITY BOARD 15 (CB 15) AND THE 61ST PRECINCT COUNCIL MEETINGS. A MOTHER OF TWO CHIL-DREN, JAMES AND JOANNE, SHE IS ALSO GRANDMOTHER TO CASSANDRA AND LOVES HER WONDERFUL SON-IN-LAW DANNY. BOUZAKIS HAS NUR-TURED HER FAMILY IN THE TRADITION OF CHRISTIAN GREEK ORTHO-DOXY THROUGH THE SUNDAY SCHOOL AND SCOUTING PROGRAMS OF THE CHURCH. THE BOUZAKIS FAMILY HAS TIES TO SHEEPSHEAD BAY NEIGHBORHOOD DATING BACK 102 YEARS.

ANNA CONDOULIS IS ASSOCIATE DEAN OF STUDENTS AND ALUMNI AFFAIRS AT NEW YORK UNIVERSITY (NYU) SCHOOL OF PROFESSIONAL STUDIES. IN THE FALL OF 1988, SHE BEGAN WORKING AT NYU WHERE SHE HELD VARIOUS POSITIONS AND GAINED GREAT UNDERSTANDING OF WHAT IT TAKES TO GUARANTEE A SUCCESSFUL STUDENT EXPERIENCE. PRIOR TO HER TENURE AT NYU, CONDOULIS ENJOYED SUCCESSFUL CAREERS BOTH IN THE UNITED STATES AND GREECE. BORN IN CHIOS, CON-**DOULIS IMMIGRATED TO THE UNITED STATES AT AGE 15. SHE MAINTAINS** CLOSE TIES WITH HER HOMELAND AND IS AN ACTIVE MEMBER FOR THE GREEK-AMERICAN COMMUNITY, SERVING ON NUMEROUS BOARDS THAT PROMOTE GREEK CULTURE AND RELIGION SUCH AS THE CHIAN FEDERA-TION, THE CHIOS SOCIETIES OF AMERICA AND CANADA, AND MIRACLE CORNERS OF THE WORLD, AN ORGANIZATION THAT PROMOTES YOUTH DEVELOPMENT, HEALTH, SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY, AND CULTURAL EXCHANGE. HER WORK WITH THIS ORGANIZATION HAS TAKEN HER TO AFRICA, ASIA, EUROPE, AND LATIN AMERICA. SHE IS DEDICATED TO HER FAMILY, BROTHERS, SISTERS, NIECES, AND NEPHEWS ALONG WITH A GLOBAL NETWORK OF FRIENDS.

EVANGELIA FANOURAKIS, BORN IN 1930 IN PIRAEUS, GREECE TO IOANNIS AND MARIA MANIS, WAS ORPHANED DURING WORLD WAR II AT AGE OF 11. WITHIN ONE MONTH SHE LOST BOTH OF HER PARENTS AND BROTHER AND WAS SENT TO LIVE WITH HER RELATIVES ON THE ISLAND OF SYROS. AT 17, FANOURAKIS BEGAN WORKING AT A HOSPITAL WHERE SHE WAS TRAINED TO BECOME A NURSE. WHILE AT THE HOSPITAL, SHE MET JOHN FANOURAKIS, A POLICE OFFICER STATIONED ON THE ISLAND. THEY MARRIED IN PIRAEUS IN NOVEMBER 1957 AND TWO MONTHS LATER ARRIVED IN BROOKLYN WHERE THEY BECAME MEMBERS OF STS. CONSTANTINE & HELEN CATHEDRAL — THE PARISH WHERE BOTH CHILDREN WERE BAPTIZED, ATTENDED A. FANTIS PAROCHIAL SCHOOL, AND LATER MARRIED. SOME OF HER GRANDCHILDREN WERE ALSO BAPTIZED AT

GEORGE IOANNIDIS IS AN EAGLE SCOUT AND NATIVE NEW YORKER WHO RECEIVED HIS BACHELOR'S AND MASTER'S DEGREES IN HISTORY FROM BROOKLYN COLLEGE. HE IS THE CURRENT GROUP SUPERVISOR OF FOREIGN CORRUPTION AND SANCTIONS AT THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY ALSO ASSIGNED TO THE JOINT TERRORISM TASK FORCE IN NEW YORK CITY. PRIOR TO HIS PROMOTION IN 2016, IOANNIDIS WAS A SPECIAL AGENT ASSIGNED TO THE HOMELAND SECURITY INVESTIGATIONS – NEW YORK, PUBLIC SAFETY DIVISION WHEREIN HE CONDUCTED LONG-TERM CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS THAT IDENTIFIED, INFILTRATED, AND DISMANTLED INTERNATIONAL ALIEN SMUGGLING ENTERPRISES. DURING HIS TENURE AS A SPECIAL AGENT, IOANNIDIS WAS TWICE SECONDED TO INTERNATIONAL OPERATIONS IN GREECE DURING THE APEX OF THE SYRIAN REFUGEE CRISIS.

MICHAEL MIKELIS HAS BEEN A LONG-SERVING STEWARD OF HOLY CROSS GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH. FOR THE PAST 10 YEARS, HE HAS SERVED ON THE PARISH COUNCIL, AND AS PARISH COUNCIL PRESIDENT IN 2010. MIKELIS HAS BEEN INVOLVED WITH ALL FUNDRAISING ACTIVITIES OF HOLY CROSS PARISH, INCLUDING PARTICIPATING IN THE ANNUAL DANCE, FESTIVAL, RAFFLE, AND THE JOURNAL COMMITTEE.





MARIA VASAKA-MONIOUDIS GREW UP IN QUEENS WITH HER PARENTS THEODORE AND MARKELLA VASAKA AND TWO YOUNGER SIBLINGS URSULA AND ANDREW. HER MOTHER IS FROM THE ISLAND OF CHIOS WHERE MARIA GREW UP AND REMEMBERS VISITING HER GRANDPARENTS. VASAKA-MONIOUDIS IS MARRIED TO DR. CONSTANTINE MONIOUDIS, A DENTIST FROM BAY RIDGE, AND TOGETHER THEY LIVE IN DYKER HEIGHTS WITH THEIR TWO CHILDREN, ARGIROULA AND NICHOLAS. SHE HAS WORKED AT PFIZER INC. FOR 22 YEARS, HOLDING VARIOUS ROLES OF INCREASING RESPONSIBILITY IN ENGINEERING, FINANCE, AND MANAGEMENT. VASAKA-MONIOUDIS IS CURRENTLY A DIRECTOR OF PORTFOLIO AND PROJECT MANAGEMENT IN GLOBAL PRODUCTS DEVELOPMENT AND LEADS SEVERAL CROSS-FUNCTIONAL TEAMS IN RARE DISEASE DRUG DEVELOPMENT, FROM PROOF OF CONCEPT THROUGH LOSS OF EXCLUSIVITY. IN 2011, SHE RECEIVED THE PFIZER SITE LEADER'S AWARD IN LEADERSHIP FOR HER WORK WITH THE BROOKLYN KID'S CLUB. AFTER SHE MARRIED AND MOVED TO BROOKLYN, SHE AND HER HUSBAND ATTENDED HOLY CROSS CHURCH, STARTING THE PARISH'S DAISY GIRL SCOUT TROOP. IN 2012, WHEN SUPERSTORM SANDY DEVASTATED THE AREA, VASAKA-MONIOUDIS HELPED MOBILIZE RELIEF EFFORTS FROM HOLY CROSS AS WELL AS SEVERAL OTHER GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCHES FROM THE CHICAGO ARCHDIOCESE, DELIVERING FOOD AND SUPPLIES TO THE ROCKAWAYS.

PETROS PAPADAKOS WAS BORN IN 1934 IN POTAMIA, A SMALL VILLAGE OUTSIDE SPARTI. SINCE HE WAS A YOUNG MAN, PAPADAKOS LOVED BEING AROUND PEOPLE - A LOVE THAT SHAPED HIS LIFE AND HOW HE LIVED IT. TODAY AT 84, THERE ISN'T A SONG HE WON'T DANCE TO OR A PARTY HE WON'T ATTEND. POPADAKOS IS THE YOUNGEST OF SIX CHILDREN BORN TO GARIFALIA AND GEORGE PAPADAKOS, WHO PASSED AWAY WHEN POPADAKOS WAS 12. HE SPENT HIS FORMATIVE YEARS LIVING IN GREECE DURING WORLD WAR II, AS WELL AS DURING THE CIVIL WAR THAT RAYAGED HIS HOMELAND BETWEEN 1946 AND 1949. MR. PAPADAKOS WORKED AT HARRY'S AT THE AMERICAN STOCK EXCHANGE AS A BARTEND-ER UNTIL HIS RETIREMENT. TODAY. PAPADAKOS IS THE PROUD GRANDFA-THER OF NICKOLAS AND PETROS DAVOS; PETROS, MARIA, AND KYRIAKOS PAPADAKOS, AND ANASIA AND KYRIANNA PAPADAKOS. HE IS A FORMER MEMBER OF THE PARISH COUNCIL AND, ON MOST SUNDAYS, YOU CAN FIND HIM BEHIND THE PAGARI GREETING EACH PARISHIONER WITH CONVERSA-TION AND A SMILE. PAPADAKOS STILL VOLUNTEERS EACH YEAR AT THE FESTIVAL OF HIS BELOVED CHURCH OF SAINT'S CONSTANTINE AND HELEN. HE ENJOYS SPENDING EXTENDED SUMMERS IN GREECE, AS WELL AS DAY TRADING STOCKS AND WATCHING FOOTBALL.



DR. TOM TZIVAS, DDS, SON OF CONSTANTINOS AND ELENI TZIVAS, AND BROTHER TO GEORGE, NICKY AND CHRISSY, HAS BEEN AN ACTIVE AND DEVOTED MEMBER OF BROOKLYN'S KIMISIS THEOTOKOU COMMUNITY FOR HIS ENTIRE LIFE. IT IS WHERE HE WAS BAPTIZED, EDUCATED, MARRIED, WHERE HIS DAUGHTER ZOE WAS CHRISTENED, AND WHERE HE AND HIS FAMILY WORSHIP. DR. TZIVAS CREDITS HIS PARENTS, TO WHOM HE IS DEEPLY GRATEFUL, FOR INSTILLING IN HIM STRONG VALUES. HE ATTENDED SOTERIOS ELLENAS SCHOOL WHERE HE BECAME HIS EIGHTH GRADE CLASS' VALEDICTORIAN, AS WELL AS XAVERIAN HIGH SCHOOL'S CLASS OF '79, NEW YORK UNIVERSITY (NYU)'S CLASS OF '83, AND GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY DENTAL SCHOOL, WHERE HE RECEIVED HIS DOCTORATE OF DENTAL SURGERY (DDS), IN 1987, Upon COMPLETION OF HIS EDUCATION

DENTAL SURGERY (DDS), IN 1987. UPON COMPLETION OF HIS EDUCATION, DR. TZIVAS CHOSE TO DO A RESIDENCY PROGRAM AT THE BROOKLYN VA HOSPITAL BEFORE OPENING A PRIVATE PRACTICE IN BAY RIDGE, WHERE HE CONTINUES TO PRACTICE GENERAL AND FAMILY DENTISTRY, SERVING THE BAY RIDGE COMMUNITY FOR MORE THAN THREE DECADES. FOR THE PAST 12 YEARS, DR. TZIVAS HAS SERVED AS A KIMISIS THEOTOKOU CHURCH BOARD MEMBER, AS WELL AS CO-CHAIR FOR THE ANNUAL COMBINED BROOKLYN AHEPA 41 GOLF OUTING, BASKETBALL COACH, GREEK OLYMPIC COACH, AND CO-CHAIR OF VARIOUS OTHER COMMUNITY FUNDRAISERS.

DR. TZIVAS, HIS WIFE DONNA (NÉE ROSSILLI), AND THEIR DAUGHTER ZOE, A SOPHOMORE AT POLY PREP COUNTRY DAY SCHOOL, RESIDE IN DYKER HEIGHTS. THEIR IMMEASURABLE LOVE AND SUPPORT IS VERY SPECIAL TO HIM. HE IS HONORED AND PROUD TO STAND BEFORE YOU TODAY TO ACCEPT THIS AWARD.



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