



In Pictures | SP Zachariades, VP Biden Exchange Greetings

Supreme President Andrew C. Zachariades exchanged greetings with Vice President Joe Biden, Jr. at the 2016 Blue Dream Gala, August 27, Southampton, N.Y. The gala raised funds for the [Beau Biden Foundation for the Protection of Children](#).



The foundation operates "to continue Beau Biden's commitment to protecting the most vulnerable among us, especially children who have fallen victim to abuse and neglect." Chairman of the Board Nicholas A. Karacostas, PSP, also attended.

Watch & Share | AHEPA Rebuild Saint Nicholas Campaign Appeal Video



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WASHINGTON UPDATE

Hellenic Caucus Membership at 137. **Help It Grow.**



ACTION ITEM | Help Us Grow the Hellenic Caucus!
Congress has started its summer district work period.

Many representatives will be in their districts following their respective political conventions for August. They will also be on the campaign trail. This is an opportune time to ask them to

join the Hellenic Caucus before the 114th Congress comes to a conclusion. AHEPA asks for your help to grow the Congressional Caucus on Hellenic Issues to newer heights. The Hellenic Caucus has been an active, bipartisan group in Congress since its founding in 1995. It is co-chaired by U.S. Reps. Gus **Bilirakis** (R-FL) and Carolyn **Maloney** (D-NY).

Membership in the Hellenic Caucus stands at **137**.

- **Is your U.S. representative a member of the Hellenic Caucus?** [Click here to find out.](#)
- **DOWNLOAD & SHARE:** [AHEPA Action Alert to help you outreach to your U.S. representative](#)

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AHEPA is determined to meet its Saint Nicholas Capital Campaign fund raising goal of \$1 million. Donations--large and small--keep pouring in for AHEPA's **#RebuildStNicholas** capital campaign.

- **NEW!** Thank you to new donations from individuals, chapters, and districts and chapters to the **#RebuildStNicholas** campaign received in recent weeks! Most recently, Brother Donald J. Demas, a member of Cape Fear Chapter 408, Wilmington, N.C., generously donated **\$500**. **THANK YOU!**

Visit our **#RebuildStNicholas** campaign [webpage](#).

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TAKE ACTION

Has your district or chapter organized a fundraiser for the campaign to #RebuildStNicholas? Take action and support AHEPA's campaign today! Please tweet about your fundraising activity by using #RebuildStNicholas to share your work with the broader community!



Make your tax-deductible donation online by clicking here

PROJECT UPDATE

Thanks to a [live webcam](#), you can watch progress being made with a first-hand look at the site where Saint Nicholas National Shrine will be build.

- **WATCH:**

- [Time lapse video of St. Nicholas Shrine's construction](#)

- **WATCH:** [Live webcam of construction site](#)

The Ahepan

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Read about how AHEPA celebrated Greek Independence 2016 and AHEPA Sunday. Get a recap of the Supreme President's Leadership Excursion to Greece, Cyprus, the Ecumenical Patriarchate and Israel.

Also, don't forget to catch-up on the latest ways AHEPA chapters are giving back to the community through service.



Click on the magazine icon to read it today!

Winter 2016-17 Deadline: November 1, 2016

Upcoming Events

September

17 | 2016 Governors' Conference, Washington, DC

24 | Testimonial Dinner for Past Supreme President John Galanis, Milwaukee, Wisc.

30 | Supreme President Andrew Zachariades visits District 20

November

5 | Fifth District Cancer Research Foundation Gala, New Jersey

Greek American News

Digest

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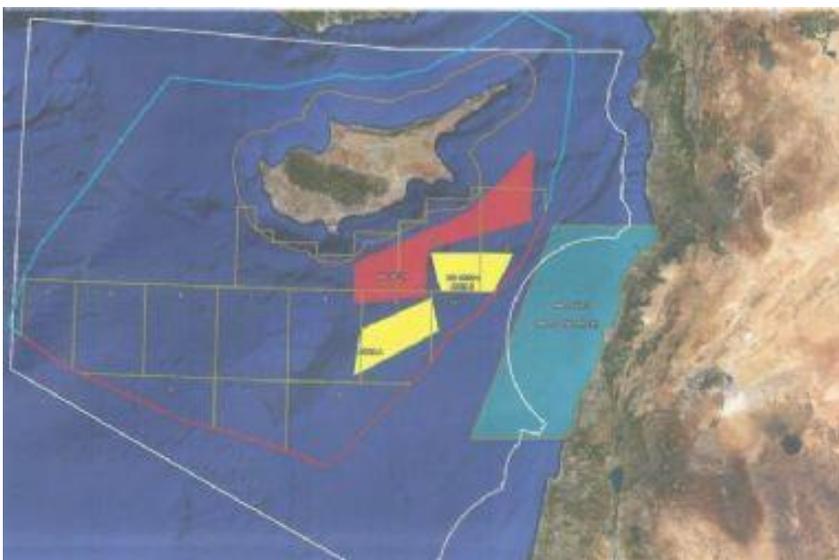


Ancient Greece's restored tower of winds keeps its secrets*Ekathimerini* (Aug. 26) It is said to be the world's first weather station, to date back more than 2,000 years, and to have been used by merchants to tell the time - even in darkness. The Tower of the Winds, still standing at the foot of Athens's ancient Acropolis hill despite attempts by Lord Elgin to move it to Britain, has been restored and reopened to the public for the first time in nearly 200 years. No one knows who funded its lavish construction - the octagonal monument is made almost entirely of Pentelic marble, the same used for the Parthenon and rarely found in buildings other than temples. [read more](#)

The IMF made Greece a sacrificial lamb to save the euro*Business Insider* (Aug. 26) The love affair was no surprise. Nor was the fact that the IMF had taken part in the immolation of Greece. No, the surprise was that the IMF would publicly disclose the extent of incompetence and massive rule breaking that had taken place. The Ambrose Evans-Pritchard byline told me this would be a good story. Here's his lead: The International Monetary Fund's top staff misled their own board, made a series of calamitous misjudgments in Greece, became euphoric cheerleaders for the euro project, ignored warning signs of impending crisis, and collectively failed to grasp an elemental concept of currency theory. This is the lacerating verdict of the IMF's top watchdog on the fund's tangled political role in the eurozone debt crisis, the most damaging episode in the history of the Bretton Woods institutions. [read more](#)



The Electric, Infuriating Nick Kyrgios *New York Times* (Aug. 24) It was just before noon on a swampy July morning when Nick Kyrgios came walking through the parking lot of the Evert Tennis Academy in Boca Raton, Fla., on his way to practice. He wore black shorts and a black basketball jersey, and his haircut straddled the line between a faux-hawk and a fade; a racket bag was slung over his shoulders, and his eyes were fixed on two smartphones, one in each hand. Kyrgios, a 21-year-old Australian of Greek and Malaysian descent - and quite possibly the most gifted tennis player to come along since Roger Federer - was accompanied by an improbable crew: a 13-year-old from Philadelphia named Tauheed Browning and a 14-year-old from Maryland named Langston Williams, two promising juniors who were training at the academy. They had bonded with Kyrgios over a shared infatuation with Pokémon GO, the blockbuster mobile game, and the three were apparently now inseparable. [read more](#)



Turkey irks Cyprus with harassment of research vessel *Famagusta Gazette* (Aug. 29) Cyprus will protest to the international organizations and foreign governments over the harassment of a Cyprus-flagged research vessel by Turkish frigate

in the sea area of Cyprus, Government Spokesman Nikos Chistodoulides has said. Spokesman noted that "the best answer to Turkey's actions are the results of the recent third licensing round in Cyprus' Exclusive Economic Zone." He said the incident involved a ship flying the Cyprus flag conducting research on behalf of the Ministry of Agriculture off the coast of Akamas. [read more](#)



Anastasiades: no statements until September 14 *Cyprus Mail* (Aug. 29) All eyes on the Cyprus negotiations are now focused on September 14 when the leaders complete a series of meetings which aim to bridge gaps on certain chapters and for the first time discuss previously 'taboo' issues such as guarantees. Between now and then, no statements will come out of the ongoing talks but Turkish Cypriot leader Mustafa Akinci is preparing intensively for major developments in New York towards the end of September, including the hope of a five-party conference with the guarantor powers. President Nicos Anastasiades and Akinci met for around four hours on Monday, sticking to their word that no statement would be made. [read more](#)

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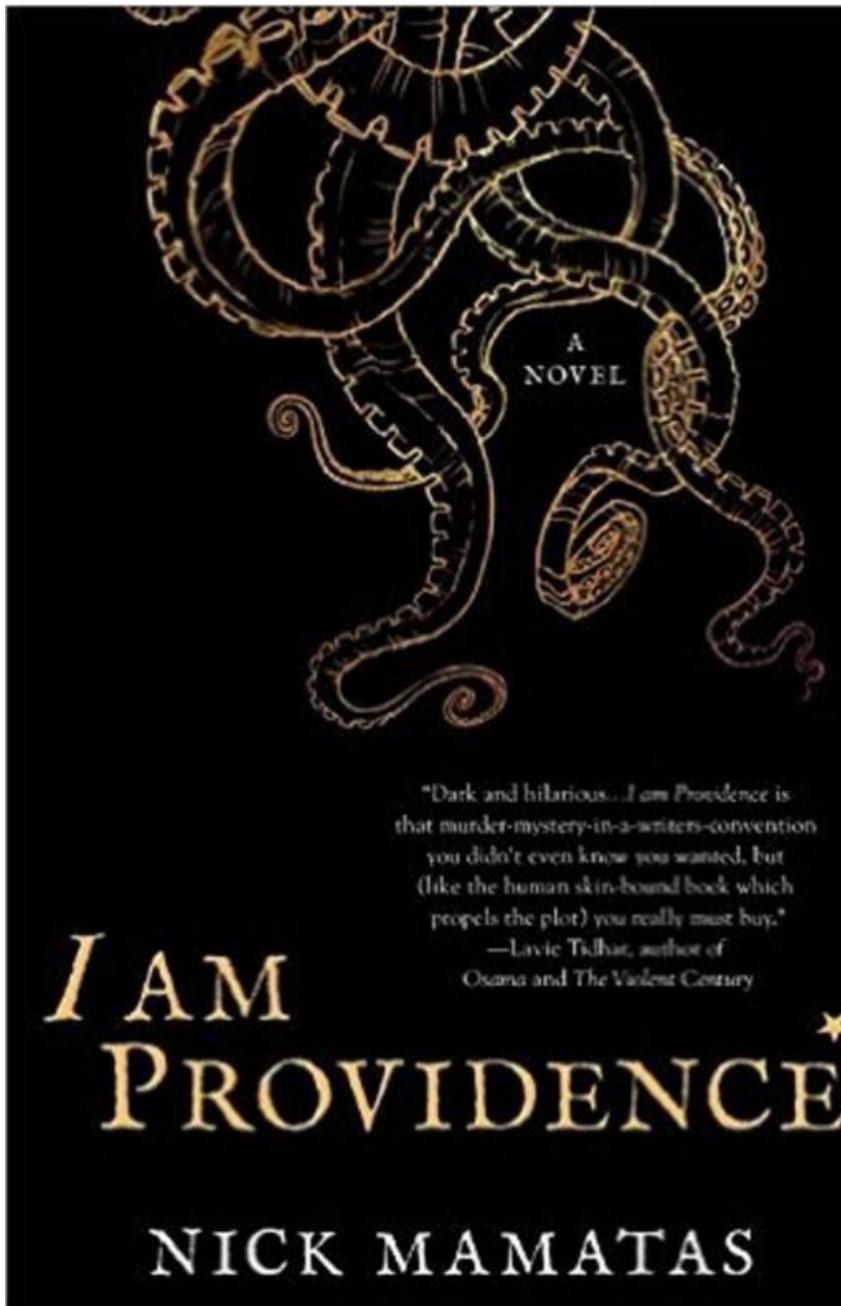


Planetarium Shows Ancient Greek Poem Was Probably Written In Early Spring *Popular Science* (May 17) Poetry has the ability to transport us to other places and times without our bodies ever leaving the room. But where exactly does it take us? In the case of one poem, written over 2,500 years ago by the Greek poet Sappho, scientists think they can pinpoint the time to early spring somewhere in ancient Greece. In a paper recently published in the *Journal of Astronomical History and Heritage*, researchers from the University of Texas at Arlington used a planetarium to narrow down the window in which Sappho's 'Midnight Poem' might have been written. [read more](#)



Papatzanaki Featured in Gallery d'Arte Group

Exhibition *National Herald* (Aug. 26) Gallery d'Arte in New York City presents the group exhibition *Boundaries* from August 25-September 6. The opening reception was held on Thursday August 25 from 6-8 PM. The exhibition features work by renowned artist Antonia Papatzanaki along with Gallery d'Arte artists Daesun Choi, Christopher Fraser, Minho Hong, Eelkwon Kim, David Park, Kisook Lee, Taegy Lim, Gahae Park, Hyunjoo Park, Sungsoo Park, Hyunhye Seo, Xin Song, and Byunghak Yoon. The line is central to the work of the artists presented in the show, allowing them to explore worlds and highlight the unique vision of each artist and each piece on display. The juxtaposition of the various works of art creates a dramatic experience for the viewer, offering a richer meaning from the group as a whole than if the objects were viewed on their own. Art lovers should not miss this wonderful exhibition which runs for a limited time at the Gallery d'Arte in the Chelsea neighborhood of Manhattan. [read more](#)



Nick Mamatas Delivers a Mystery with Horror and

Wit *National Herald* (Aug. 26) If for whatever reason you happen to be a reader who has somehow managed to never have read anything by horror writer H.P. Lovecraft, you may be puzzled by the increasing interest in the author and everything Lovecraftian in recent years. The internet and the rise of nerd culture have certainly contributed, but Lovecraft's influence on modern horror and fantasy writers including Stephen King and Neil Gaiman and in Japanese anime and manga have made Lovecraft more popular today than in his own lifetime. The prolific pulp author is best known for his weird fiction though he also wrote poetry, philosophical and scientific works, and about 100,000 letters many to his circle of writers who continued his legacy with the Cthulhu Mythos, freely borrowing from his work, especially for strange names and the ancient alien entities that inhabit Lovecraft's fiction.

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The Glow of Byzantium *The New York Review of Books* (July 14) At their best, the yearly symposia of the Dumbarton Oaks center for Byzantine studies delineate the high-water mark of scholarship in the particular field to which they are devoted. The collection *Saints and Sacred Matter* (which emerged from the symposium of 2011) lives up magnificently to this expectation. Most notably, Cynthia Hahn and Holger Klein have gone well beyond Byzantium. [read more](#)

A Showcase of Greek and Greek-American Literature Held at Harvard University *HNA* (June 16) On June 3, 2016, a showcase of Greek and Greek-American literature was held at Harvard University. The event was organized by the Advanced Training in Greek Poetry Translation & Performance Workshop and Somerset Hall Press. It featured readings and performances by prominent authors of Greek ancestry, including this cultural correspondent. [read more](#)

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