### American Hellenic Educational Progressive Association

# Chapter 542 Chapter 542

# AHEPA Sunday Program

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# Holy Apostles Greek Orthodox Church



AHEPA was founded on July 26, 1922 in response to the evils of bigotry and racism that emerged in early 20th century American society. It also helped Greek immigrants assimilate into society. Now, AHEPA brings the ideals of ancient Greece, which includes **philanthropy**, **education**, **civic responsibility**, **family** and **individual excellence** to the community.

Today, Chapter 542, founded by members of the Holy Apostles Greek Orthodox Church joins over 1,000 Chapters and over 60,000 AHEPANS across North America to celebrate **AHEPA Sunday**. As one of the fastest growing Chapters in the United States, we are honored to recognize key people within our great parish community for their spectacular accomplishments.

# A SPECIAL THANKS

Please extend your thanks to those people across our church community who helped to make AHEPA Sunday a success. Through their time, talent, and treasure, they made a big difference.

Father George Alexson • Bill Lagadinos
Athanasia Dacey • Lia Economou

**Ron Baldinger** 

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### **ЈЕРВИ МОВЕ**

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#### **EDUCATION**

AHEPA's commitment to education has been well documented throughout its history. Over \$4 million is endowed at the local, district and national levels toward the use of scholarships and a half-million dollars is awarded annually.

Thousands of young men and women have benefited as recipients of AHEPA scholarships at these various levels. The most famous recipient, perhaps, is ABC News' Host of This Week, George Stephanopoulos. Today, our Chapter supports this core value through the following programs:

#### SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS PRESENTED BY BILLCARAS

#### **AHEPACADEMY**

The AHEPAcademy is an interactive leadership and professional development program that inspires, mentors, and advances exceptional High School Juniors through a 10 year commitment, starting with a week-long experience at George Mason University. Our Chapter earmarked funds towards this program but due to circumstances beyond the control of the AHEPAcademy, the program was cancelled for this year. We thank those who applied and wish them continued success and the best of luck in their future endeavors.

#### MOΛΩN ΛABE CHAPTER 542 SCHOLARSHIP

After four years as a Chapter, this marks the 2<sup>nd</sup> year of this program. We are proud to award **Taylor Holton** and **Elizabeth Emch**, with a check to help with their collegiate academic studies:



Elizabeth "Lizzie" Emch James Madison University



**Taylor Holton** University of Michigan

#### **GREEK SCHOOL AWARDS**

We are pleased to fund and present awards, medals and gift cards to the below students of the Holy Apostles Greek School as selected by the Greek School Director in recognition of academic excellence.

Greek Language Adult Classes - Lydia Lourbacos Greek School Ellinomatheia - Sofia Panagopoulos and Vangeli Hadjimichael

Our Chapter is also donating to the Holy Apostles Greek School Library, a special contribution outside of the Capital Campaign contribution.

#### **COMMUNITY**

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From its inception AHEPA has been an integral part of the Greek Orthodox Christian community in America. Working hand in hand, AHEPA Chapters throughout the country have made significant contributions to build, remodel, and enhance churches by raising millions of dollars. In fact, the organization is a key component of the efforts to build the St. Nicholas National Shrine at the World Trade Center in New York City, with almost every Chapter, including ours, participating.

From **community dinners**, **picnics**, **social events**, and more, AHEPA Chapters are part of the fabric of many parish communities. Today, we support this core component of AHEPA in the following three ways:

#### HOLY APOSTLES CAPITAL CAMPAIGN PRESENTED BY DEAN ECONOMOU

In what has become a tradition, our Chapter consistently contributes towards the mission of building a permanent church campus for our parish community. In addition to our contributions to the recipients of the Education Scholarships and Awards, we are pleased to present **\$1,000** towards this historic campaign.

#### MEMORIAL SERVICE PRESIDED BY FATHER GEORGE ALEXSON

Today's memorial service is dedicated to the departed AHEPANS who were Chapter members or related to members of our Chapter. Special thanks to Athanasia Dacey for donating the κόλλυβα to honor the following souls:

- Nick Jougras Chapter 542, Sterling, VA
- Jim Rigas Chapter 542, Sterling, VA
- William Archondes AHEPA Chapter, Newark, NJ
- Petros Axiotes Cornhusker Chapter, Omaha, NE
- Angelo Caras Chapter 18, Palm Beach, FL
- Louis Cherpes Chapter 438, Falls Church, VA
- Nick Constantino Chapter 83, Richmond, VA
- Quita Constantino D.O.P. Chapter, Richmond, VA
- George Lampros Chapter 65, Bethlehem, PA
- Jack Margaros Chapter 34, Pittsburgh, PA
- George Murlas Chapter 31, Rockville, MD
- Bess Murlas D.O.P., Rockville, MD
- Anthony Orphanides Chapter 42, New York City
- Joe Verazo Chapter 296, Pensacola, FL

#### **COFFEE HOUR**

Today's coffee hour is sponsored by your home AHEPA Chapter, so we welcome you to enjoy and make sure you get a piece of the **AHEPA Sunday** dessert!





