



## GREEK ORTHODOX ARCHDIOCESE OF AMERICA

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Mr. Nick Larigakis, President  
American Hellenic Institute, Inc.  
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Washington, DC 20036

Dear Mr. Larigakis, Board of Directors, and Beloved Members and Friends of the  
American Hellenic Institute,

I greet you in the peace and love of our Lord as you gather for the 44<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
Hellenic Heritage and National Public Service Awards Dinner.

As an organization advocating to strengthen the relations between Greece and the  
United States of America, the American Hellenic Institute helps play a vital role in  
ensuring equal rights and privileges for Greece, Cyprus, and Southeastern Europe, and  
these efforts are to be commended.

I congratulate the honorees, Nicholas E. Chimicles, Spiros Spireas, Patrick Theros,  
and Eleni Bousis for the exceptional award that they receive this evening. They are  
deserving of these honors for they have proved themselves to be true philhellenes and  
Greek-Americans, achieving great heights both in their realms of work and in offering  
their contributions to the great countries of the United States of America and Greece.

With my best wishes for a gathering filled with love and Christian fellowship, I  
remain

With paternal love in Christ,

*Archbishop Demetrios of America*

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