



# Hellenic Preservation Society

## of Northeastern Ohio

### DAUGHTER OF THEANO'S 1946 HOLIDAY PARTY AT HOLLENDEN HOTEL!



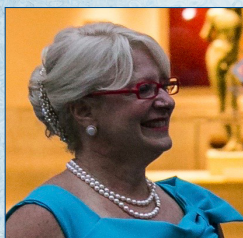
The Daughters of Theano was a popular Samian (from Samos) women's club. This photo was taken at a holiday dinner at the Hollenden Hotel in Cleveland, Ohio on December 28, 1946. Photo provided by Nick Kackloudis.

Row A.	Row B.	Row C.	Row D.
1. Louis Lekas	1. Stella Bymakos Balale	1. John Manolios	1. Kay Manolios
2. Peter Trakas	2. Jim Kappos	2. Steve Kaccludis	2.
3. Kathy Trakas	3. Rae Sevastos	3.	3.
4. Mary Mekedis	4.	4.	4.
5. Alex Mekedis	5. Art Lambros	5.	5.
6. Despina Josephine Kackloudis	6.	6.	6.
7. Steve Kackloudis		7. Dean Demas. (Back row)	7.
8. Grace Pasiadis (end of table)			

Do you spot a loved one or familiar face? Send your additional names to Editor, Effie Tsengas at [effietsengas45@gmail.com](mailto:effietsengas45@gmail.com)



## Summer 2021 Letter from the President



Our love of Greek culture and history will be replenished in NE Ohio this year! We began with a small group outing to Blossom to hear the Cleveland Orchestra play Tchaikovsky's 4th Symphony with Karina Canellakis, the Greek conductor. Then, also in August, One World Day will take place at the cultural Garden. Our Greek garden is part of that event. The annual Collis lecture will follow in September at the Cleveland Museum of Art. In December, CWRU will host a Byzantine Conference for scholars and HPS is sponsoring. Lastly, next March we hope to have an event associated with the Greek Independence Day Parade in Tremont. Our northeast Ohio Greek churches continue to have drive thrus and maybe even an in person festival that we can all enjoy. We are

actively collecting as before. With the events and festivals, it will be easier to continue to love all things Greek!!!

### HPS Future Events:

Sun. Aug. 29 - One World Day, Cultural Gardens

Sun. Sept. 26 - Collis Lecture, CMA

December 9-12 Byzantine Studies Conference, CWRU

March 2022 - Greek Independence Day Parade

I am looking for help to begin an online version of the Greeks in NE Ohio. All of the Greek organizations and NE Ohio Greeks can be part of this. The start would be gathering new family histories and photos and videos. Thanks everyone!!!

I hope everyone is well and able to enjoy some of our upcoming events!

Linda M Glynias  
HPS President

## The Dr. John and Helen Collis Lecture 2021

Presented by the Dr. John and Helen Collis Lecture Series at Cleveland Museum of Art

**Saint Catherine's Monastery at Sinai**  
**Sunday, September 26, 2021**  
**2:00 pm - 3 pm**  
**Virtual Lecture**

Speaker: Maria Vassilaki, Professor Emerita, Byzantine Art History, University of Thessaly (Volos, Greece), and Member of the Benaki Museum Board of Trustees (Athens, Greece)

Egypt's Sinai Peninsula, associated with well-known events narrated in the Old Testament, became the ultimate locus sanctus (holy place). A fortified monastery built by the emperor Justinian in the mid-sixth century at the foot of Mount Sinai, on the site of Moses's Burning Bush, remains intact to this day. In this lecture, Maria Vassilaki investigates how and when the Sinai landscape transformed from mere background set-



ting into an independent composition.

Free and open to all.

Register at:  
<https://www.clevelandart.org/events/lectures/viewing-saint-catherines-monastery-sinai>

Or scan here:



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If you aren't listed, it's not too late!  
Please send in your membership



## One World Day

**One World Day**  
**Cleveland Cultural Gardens (Martin Luther King Drive and East Blvd.)**  
**Sunday, August 29**  
**11 am - 6 pm**

Hosted by the Cleveland Cultural Gardens Federation

Since 1945, the Cleveland Cultural Gardens Federation has celebrated One World Day in the Gardens. This annual event reflects the theme of the Gardens: "Peace through Mutual Understanding."

One World Day is the highlight of summer events in the Gardens and the occasion at which all the Gardens get together to celebrate as one. Events include a Parade of Flags, a naturalization ceremony, cultural performances, entertainment, gardens exhibitors, authentic diverse ethnic food, children's activities, and more.



For parking information and how to get to the parking lot from I-90, please visit this page:  
<https://clevelandoneworlddayorg/2021/event-map/>.

Or scan here:



The 75th Annual One World Day will be produced for the seventh consecutive year by Johnny K. Wu (co-Founder of the Cleveland Asian Festival and producer of Charity Jam in Hollywood).

Please note: MLK and East Blvds will be CLOSED for ongoing traffic on August 29, 2021, from 7am till midnight.

**Please note:** Per CDC, State and City Mandate, we will be asking everyone, at this time, wear masks while participating at the Cleveland Cultural Gardens' One World Day event. Hand sanitizers will be available throughout the gardens, signage will be also visible, keeping yourself and your family safe is very important, please also keep your social distancing and wash your hands often.

## From the Archives GAPA

**Record Nbr: 1998.42**  
**Item: Boy's GAPA Sweater**  
**Donated By: Dr. Themis and Mrs. Rose Rodis**  
**Origin: Cleveland, Ohio**  
**Date: Circa 1930s**

Blue sweater with "G.A.P.A. Jrs." written in white lettering on chest. White V-neck and ends of sleeves. Holes throughout probably from moths. "Aopis Sam" stitched in light blue thread on inside, back neck line. Tag reads: "Favorite Knitting Mills, Cleveland, Ohio"



ing on the corner of Fairfield Avenue and West 11th Street. The school's purpose was to educate Greek youth in the language and customs of their homeland. The Greek American Progressive Association School usually held classes Monday through Friday for three hours, after Cleveland's public schools had dismissed for the day. The school usually had an enrollment of one hundred students and continued to serve the community through the 1930s.

The Mission of the Greek American Progressive Association (GAPA) was to assist the integration of Greek descendants into the American and Canadian way of life, to perpetuate the Tradition of the Eastern Orthodox Christian church, and to uphold and encourage usage of the Greek language. The organization was founded

after its rival AHEPA and was another organization which provided membership and activities to the community. By 1928 GAPA had organized fifty chapters, primarily in cities with large Greek populations, yet it never achieved the success AHEPA enjoyed. The Cleveland chapter formed the Greek American Progressive Association School, which was located on the second floor of the Krandis Build-





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## Byzantine Studies Conference

On Thursday, December 9, 2021, at 6:30 p.m. HPS members are invited to attend a special lecture at Case Western Reserve University. "The Work of the St. Catherine Foundation" will be presented by prominent member of the Foundation, Dimitri Dondos; Curator of Byzantine Art Emerita Medieval Art and The Cloisters, Dr. Helen C. Evans; and Scholar and head of the Orthodox Library at the Monastery of St. Catherine on Mount Sinai, Hieromonk Justin.

If you are interested in attending, please contact Linda Glynias at (216) 469-2663 or Effie Tsengas at (330) 283-2713. You must reserve a seat by Nov. 15, 2021 to attend. Space is limited.



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