

Recognizing the Consul General of Greece in Chicago

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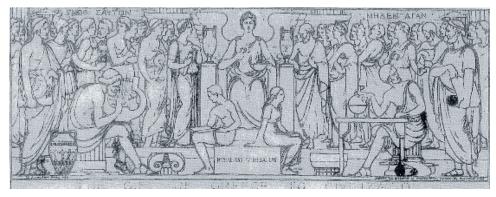
Greek Cultural Garden 1000 East Blvd. Cleveland, OH

Welcome to the Greek Cultural Garden

The Greek Cultural Garden was dedicated in 1940 by Archbishop Athenagoras, with the honorable task of cutting the ribbon entrusted to Kimon Diamantopoulos, the Greek Ambassador in Washington. Over the years, neglect had befallen the garden after the dissolution of the Grecian Cultural Garden Association. Recognizing its desperate need for care, former HPS



President Andrew Chakalis and his wife Faith, former treasurer, brought attention to this matter in 1992, prompting HPS to step in as the sponsoring organization. Since then, HPS has taken on the responsibility of restoring, replanting, and preserving the garden to this day. Originally, the garden had plans for an engraved sculptural frieze on the Parthenon Wall, which were hindered by socioeconomic reasons during its dedication. However, on September 4, 2022, HPS contracted Master Stone Carver Nicholas Fairplay to undertake the long-awaited Project 83. After diligent fundraising and research, the Garden Committee presented HPS with a comprehensive forecast highlighting the garden's sustainability. Recognizing the importance of providing dedicated and continuous care, HPS and the Garden Committee unanimously agreed to establish a separate nonprofit organization, the Greek Garden Association of Cleveland, to oversee management and funding. This collaborative effort symbolizes their commitment to preserving the garden's cultural legacy and ensuring its prosperous future. With a well-considered mission, the association aims to sustain and maintain the garden as a cherished community landmark, working closely with HPS to leverage expertise and resources for its preservation and environmental stewardship. This thoughtful transition guarantees that the garden will thrive for generations to come, fostering cultural appreciation and community engagement.



Program

Welcome

Lou Frangos President, Greek Garden Association of Cleveland

Master of Ceremonies

Jim Trakas Former Ohio State Representative

Invocation

Fr. Doukas

Anthems

The Ermidis Family

Remarks

Jonathan Cambouris President, HPS

Wael Khoury President, Cleveland Cultural Gardens Federation

Introducing the Consul General

Steve Demetriou District 35 Ohio State Representative

Honored Guest

Emmanuel Koubarakis Consul General of Greece in Chicago



Special Thanks to our Network

The Hellenic Preservation Society of Northeastern Ohio

The Greek Orthodox Church Communities of:
Annunciation GOC, Cleveland
Annunciation GOC, Akron
Archangel Michael GOC. Campbell
Sts. Constantine & Helen GOC, Cleveland
St. Demetrios GOC, Rocky River
St. Demetrios GOC, Warren
St. George GOC, Massillon
St. Haralambos GOC, Canton
St. John GOC, Boardman
St. Nicholas GOC, Lorain
St. Nicholas GOC, Youngstown
St. Paul GOC, North Royalton
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Further Recognition to:

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