



Recognizing the Consul
General of Greece in Chicago
Emmanuel Koubarakis

Sunday, July 2, 2023
3pm - 5pm



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



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Annunciation GOC, Akron

Archangel Michael GOC. Campbell

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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

Holy Trinity GOC, Canton

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