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Margo and George Behrakis. Mr. Behrakis, who received his degree in pharmacy from Northeastern University, has devoted his career to the pharmaceutical industry. He and his wife have been generous benefactors to many universities, served the Orthodox Archdiocese, and helped to found the Gorbachev Foundation of North America. Mr. Behrakis has been honored with the Ellis Island Medal of Honor and the Lifetime Achievement Award for eminent Greek Americans.

Reverend Dr. Stanley Harakas

Reverend Doctor Stanley S. Harakas, Archbishop Iakovos professor of theology emeritus at Holy Cross Greek Orthodox Seminary and former dean, received his degrees from Boston University and the Universities of Athens and Thessaloniki. Author of numerous works, he has served as a parish priest in New England and Florida, and has pioneered the theological study of ecology.

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Muse,

I begin to sing for myself

of fair-flowing Scamander

The design that partially borders the front and back pages of the program was taken from the Elgin Marbles Wing of the British Museum, and illustrates the majestic Meander of the Parthenon frieze. This Hellenic design with its characteristic blue and gold compound undulations was reserved for the most august Athenian state structures. As a variant of the classical Greek key, the meander reflects the continuity of the Hellenic Universe, through the undulating representation of waves and their interplay into the atmosphere.

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The fundamental mission of the AFGLC (American Foundation for Greek Language and Culture) is to assist in the preservation and enhancement of Greek Culture and Language in the United States through our institutions of higher learning. The Foundation was established by a group of concerned Greeks and Philhellenes across America, whose role is to make available to the present as well as secure for the future the historic and cultural role of the Hellenic tradition and language. We strongly believe that we can most effectively accomplish this by the establishment of "INTERDISCIPLINARY CENTERS OF HELLENIC STUDIES" (ICHS) at various academic institutions on a regular basis across the United States. Each of the ICHS will typically consist of five endowed professors in the following areas:

- Greek Language and Literature
- Greek History
- Greek Culture
- Byzantine History and Orthodox Religion
- Greek Philosophy

The foundation is situated as a nonprofit organization with its headquarters in the State of Florida. Its scope and patronage are envisioned as national and international with particular emphasis on the bonds that exist between Greece and the United States.

AFGLC welcomes people who share with us the conviction that the revival of interest in the Greek Language and the preservation of the Hellenic heritage are of great importance, given the role that both played in the formation of the values and ideas of our beautiful country. It will be a time to rejoice and celebrate when the students in our colleges and universities have once again the opportunity to study the wealth of meanings that have given our western civilization its solid conceptual foundations in philosophy, in language, the arts and the sciences.

We must not forget what the famous philosopher Alfred North Whitehead said: “That all philosophy is but a series of footnotes of Plato” or Sir Henry Summer Maine’s significant remark “except for the blind forces of nature nothing moves on this earth that is not Greek in its origin.”

“If we do not succeed in the rejuvenation and enhancement of Hellenism in the Americas, History will not forgive us.”

–AFGLC
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John H. Erickson, Dean of St. Vladimir’s Orthodox Theological Seminary and Peter N. Gramowics Professor of Church History, has degrees from Harvard, Yale and St. Vladimir’s. He is an eminent theologian and historian of Eastern Orthodoxy, and the author of six books and innumerable articles on all aspects of Orthodox religion and Church history.

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**Marilyn Rouvelas**

Marilyn Rouvelas, who received her degree in history from the American University, is the author of the best-selling *Guide to Greek Traditions and Customs in America* and editor of several popular books on Orthodoxy. She has done research for the Atlantic Monthly magazine and been on the production staff of WETA public television and the Discovery Channel. She is active in the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of North and South America.

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Robin Waterfield, a prolific and respected translator of more than twenty volumes of Greek philosophy, plays and histories, is also the author of a comprehensive history of the city of Athens. He has taught at Williams College and St. Andrew’s University (Scotland) in the UK. He divides his time between Great Britain and Greece.

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**Richard E. Rubenstein**

Dr. Richard E. Rubenstein, professor of conflict resolution and public affairs at George Mason University, is a graduate of Harvard College, Oxford University (Rhodes Scholar) and Harvard School of Law. An expert on terrorism, among other subjects, he is the author of numerous books, including *Aristotle’s Children* and *When Jesus Became God*.
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1. To assist in establishing and enhancing the offering of studies in the Greek language and fields of Greek literature, history, philosophy, art, society and culture at academic institutions.

2. To assist in the establishment of curricula in the Greek language and related fields, especially literature, leading to a baccalaureate degree.

3. To encourage and assist academic institutions in establishing graduate programs in the aforementioned areas of Greek studies.

4. To work with other organizations in the United States whose goals and objectives are to promote and enhance the teaching of the Greek language, Greek literature and Greek culture at academic institutions.

5. To assist academic institutions in the collection of research material and various data pertaining to Greek culture and studies in general.

6. To assist in the creation of archives of Greek American families and organizations who have played important roles in the history of America.

7. To assist in establishing and organizing (a) visiting lecture programs involving prominent scholars in Greek culture and civilization, and (b) exchange programs of prominent scholars in Greek studies between academic institutions in Greece and the United States.

8. To organize seminars, symposia and conferences for the promotion of the aims and objectives of AFGLC.

9. To assist in the publishing of scholarly works on Greek civilization and culture and all the other related fields.

10. To engage in projects and programs involving the aforementioned fields as the Trustees and Directors deem appropriate.

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As AFGLC has expanded its mission and membership to include other countries and continents, it has incorporated the International Foundation for Greek Language and Culture (IFGLC), to serve as an umbrella organization, which has the same AFGLC mission and agenda, but it applies to the global advancement of the Hellenic heritage.
“Today, as of old, Greece is of the utmost importance to every man who is seeking to find himself. And perhaps I should add that no people in the world are as much in need of what Greece has to offer as the American people . . . Economically it may seem unimportant, but spiritually Greece is still the mother of all nations, the fountain-head of wisdom and inspiration.”

– Henry Miller
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PROGRAM

Thursday - March 3, 2005
University of South Florida / Cooper Hall Auditorium CPR 103

6:30 pm - 10:00 pm
Annual AFGLC Lecture on Hellenism
Moderator: Prof. Chris P. Tsokos

6:50 pm
Mrs. Katy Decker sings the American and Greek National Anthems

AFGLC - A Global Voice for Hellenism

7:00 pm
Welcome and Greetings
Recognition of Dignitaries and Introduction of Keynote Speakers
Prof. Chris P. Tsokos
Department of Mathematics, USF, and President of AFGLC

Message from the Forum Sponsors:
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“How Aristotle can Help Resolve the Conflict of Cultures”
Dr. Richard Rubenstein
Professor of Conflict Resolution and Public Affairs, George Mason University, Fairfax, VA

9:00 - 10:00 pm
Reception & Social Hour

Friday - March 4, 2005
University of South Florida / Cooper Hall Auditorium CPR 103

8:45 am - 10 am
Registration, Continental Breakfast & Social Hour

10:00 am
Welcome and Recognition of Dignitaries
Prof. Chris P. Tsokos

“Message from the President of USF”
Prof. Judy L. Genshaft
President, University of South Florida

THEME 1 - “Progress since Pericles Funeral Oration: Hellenic Thought and Emerging Democracies”
Moderator: Reverend Dr. Stanley Harakas

10:50 am - 12:00 pm
“The Creation of Democracy in Ancient Athens: An Unseemly Scrabble for Power?”
Mr. Robin Waterfield, Writer
Translator of Plato and author of “Athens: A History - From Ancient Ideal to Modern City”, Great Britain/Greece

Coffee Break

“Democratic Institutions in the Greek/Byzantine Patristic and Canonical Tradition”
Prof. John H. Erickson
Dean and Peter N. Gramowics Professor of Church History, St. Vladimir Orthodox Theology Seminary, Crestwood, New York

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THEME 2 - "Hellenic Paideia and Democratic Institutions as Instruments for Social Development and World Peace"

Moderator: Prof. Joanne B. Waugh

12:00 noon - 1:00 pm

Panel Participants:
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"Accomplishments and Plans at the Tri-State Center"
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Mrs. Ioanna Tzanoudaki
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"The IFGLC Third International Conference: Hellenic Paideia and Classic Values"
Dr. Dennis Koutras
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Special Acknowledgments:
Prof. Chris P. Tsokos
1:00 pm - 2:00 pm Lunch
(Greek Folk Dances by the Hellenic Society of USF)
2:00 pm - 2:15 pm
Greetings from the College of Arts and Sciences*
Prof. John Skvoretz
Dean, College of Arts and Sciences, USF

THEME 3 - The AFGLC- ICHS Concept: ICHSs Accomplishments and Plans" - Reports/Panel Discussion
Moderators: Profs. Ippokratis Kantzios and John U. Balis

3:45 pm - 5:00 pm
"Overview"
Prof. Ippokratis Kantzios
Peter and Sophia Kourmolis Assistant Professor in Greek Language and Literature, USF

Reports:
Prof. William Murray
Mary and Gus Stathis Professor of Greek History and Director of the AFGLC-ICHS, USF
Saturday - March 5, 2005

University of South Florida/ Cooper Hall Auditorium CPR 103

8:45 am – 10:00 am  Registration, Continental Breakfast & Social Hour

10:00 am - 11:00 am  Welcome and Recognition of Dignitaries  

Prof. Chris P. Tsokos

"USF Support of the ICHS Academic Mission"  
Prof. Renu Khator  
Provost, USF

"Greetings from Connecticut"  
The Honorable Demetios Giannaros  
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"Greetings from Greece"  
Dr. Vassilios Protopsaltis  
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11:00 am - 12:00 Noon  "AFGLC: Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow"  

Prof. Ulysses J. Balis  
Harvard University and  
Director of AFGLC Website  
Boston, MA

Theme 4 - The AFGLC Strategic Plan

Commentaries and General Discussion -  
Moderator: Prof. Chris P. Tsokos

12:00 Noon - 1:00 pm  Panel Participants:  

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Theme 5 - "Strategies for the Support of AFGLC Educational Mission" - A Panel Discussion  
Moderator Dr. Peter Yiannos

AFGLC Gala 2005  
7:00 pm  
New Renaissance Tampa Hotel  
International Plaza, 4200 West Columbus Drive, Tampa

There is a 10-year tradition to climax the Educational Forum with a Gala Event, which has consistently provided a unique and joyous occasion for our international family to interact in a distinctly Hellenic setting. The Gala Event is also the place where we honor persons who believe in the goals and objectives of AFGLC and support the AFGLC’s noble educational mission. Please join us this Saturday March 5, 2005 at the Annual AFGLC Gala Event: 7:00 PM Cocktails; 8:00 PM Dinner; Music by the Islanders; Black Tie optional.
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