

2021 NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER

MEET THE TEAM

Dean Mihaltses, St. Michael's Home Board of Trustees

The Board of Trustees encompasses a group of very dedicated individuals from varied backgrounds who bring to the table a host of talents and expertise which have resulted in the Home responsibly embarking on this exciting relocation and expansion of St. Michael's to better meet the ever-increasing numbers and needs of our seniors. One of those very capable and talented trustees is Dean (Konstantinos) Mihaltses who contributed immensely to the development of the care-programs the new facility will offer.

Dean is the Chief Operating Officer (COO) of Queens Hospital Center, a member hospital of the NYC Health & Hospital system. He oversees daily hospital operations, inclusive of clinical & support service departments. During the height of the pandemic, he also served as the hospital's interim Chief Executive Officer (CEO). He is a graduate with honors of the St. John's University, College of Pharmacy and holds a Master's in Public Administration from Long Island University. Previously, he served as Director of Pharmacy at NYC Health & Hospitals, Elmhurst and later as its Associated Executive Director for Support Services & Operations.

Actively involved in his home parish, the Church of the Resurrection in Brookville, Dean has served on the parish council, inclusive of its presidency, been a member the choir and involved in the scouting program.



Heartfelt appreciation to the following for their magnanimous pledges/donations to the expansion:

The Vassiliou Family – 2 Memory Care Studio Bedrooms (Second Donation)

Mary & Hercules Sotos - One-bedroom Independent Living Apartment

Giorgia & Demetrios Halakos – Assisted Living Studio Bedroom

Serene & Dr. Nicholas Romas – Medical Room

ANNUAL NAME DAY GALA

In conjunction with the November 8th Feast of the Synaxis of the Archangels & All the Bodiless-Powers which is the Name Day of the Home, St. Michael's, on the Sunday following the Feast, hosts its Name Day Gala. As in years past, this year's gala was held at the elegant Metropolitan Club in Manhattan and was a "sold out event'. Honoree for the evening was Dr. George Yancopoulos, recipient of the *Archangel Michael Award*, which is presented to a member of the community who exemplifies the finer qualities and traditions of our community. Dr. Yancopoulos is a biomedical scientist who is the co-founder, President

and Chief Scientific Officer of Regeneron Pharmaceuticals. A holder of more than 100 patents and the principal developer of Regeneron's seven FDA-approved medicines, he was a most worthy recipient especially considering the pandemic therapeutics produced by the firm.

In his acceptance speech, Dr. Yancopoulos expounded on the important contributions and role of Hellenism and Orthodoxy throughout the centuries and in his own life. In his powerful presentation, he shared a poignant moment with his late father while walking the mountains of Kastoria and how his father reminded him of the great obligation he had to offer and give back in light of the tremendous sacrifices made by those before him. With great pride, he pointed out that there is a disproportionate number of Greeks represented in the scientific and medical fields.

Proceeds of the event are earmarked for the expansion and initial accounting indicates approximately \$225,000 has been raised. Winners of the raffle: First Prize – Eleni Constantinides (from NJ), Second Prize – Peter Rohlf (from NY), & Third Prize – Steve Kyriakos (from CT).

To view the commemorative Gala journal, visit our <u>website</u>. For an article, along with videos and photographs of the evening, please click <u>here</u>.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS: Our Annual Name Day Gala, which is always held on the second Sunday of November, will take place on November 13th, 2022. We hope to see you there.

2021 NAME DAY GALA PHOTOGRAPHS







NOW IS THE TIME

LEVELS OF GIVING & NAMING OPPORTUNITIES

As work continues at the Uniondale site, we share the list of *Levels of Giving* categories and remaining *Naming Opportunities*. The enthusiastic support for this monumental project is indeed encouraging for when completed the facility will impact the lives of countless individuals. This is an exciting time for the Home and no doubt, all who participate in the completion of this magnificent state-of-the-art continuum care facility will feel a deep sense of contentment and pride when it opens its doors in 2023.

For information on the expansion, its construction and the variety of ways in which you can substantively participate in this project visit: <u>www.stmichaelshomeuniondale.org</u> or contact the Development Office (<u>development@stmichaelshome.org</u>).

All contributions to St. Michael's are deductible to the extent provided by the law as the Home is a tax exempt organization under section 501(c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

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