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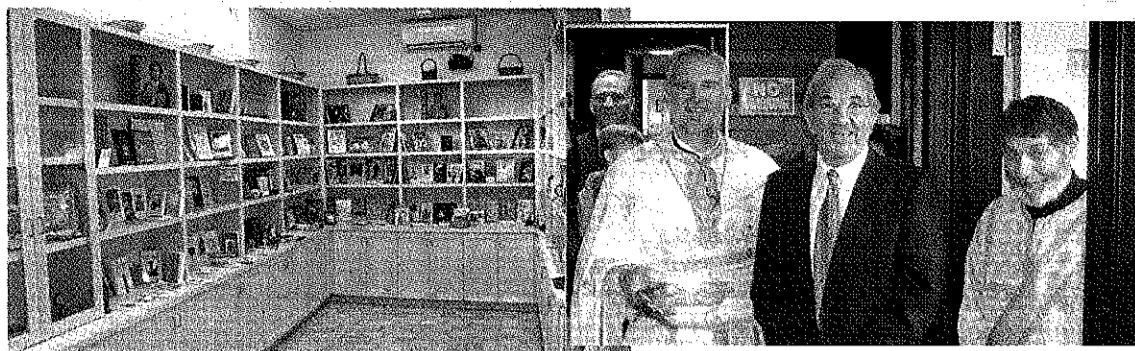


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ROUVELAS ENDOWMENT

At the recent **University of Washington Hellenic Studies Program** Celebration Dinner and Auction in Seattle, a major gift gave a boost to the Program as it continues toward its goal of funding a full-time position. Highlight of the evening was the announcement by Washington, DC, attorney **Emanuel Rouvelas** of the establishment in memory of his parents of the **Eleftherios and Mary Rouvelas Endowed Writing Prize** in Hellenic Studies. The endowment will fund a prize for outstanding writing among students in the Hellenic Studies Program. The award is in keeping with the Hellenic tradition as

recorded in *The Iliad*, ancient Olympic Games, and Athenian theater competitions. Prizes can extend Hellenic studies by incentivizing research and writing (or other activity) by providing winner recognition and financial support. Emanuel and his wife **Marilyn Rouvelas** who is author of the popular *Guide to Greek Traditions and Customs in America* are both Washington State natives and attended UW. The 12-year-old Hellenic Studies Program currently has over 400 students taking a variety of courses including a college quarter of study abroad in Athens or Ioannina. Other speakers included **Dr. Angelos Pangratis**, Deputy Head of the Delegation of the European Union to the United States; **Dr. Christine Ingebritsen**, UW Professor of Scandinavian Studies and Director of the UW Center of West European Studies; **Dr. Resat Kasaba**, Director of the UW Henry M. Jackson School of International Studies; and



The new **St. Demetrios Bookstore** (above, left) was given in memory of **Gus Sourapas** by his brother **Steve Sourapas** and family. **Steve Sourapas** (center, right) who along with his family underwrote the construction of the designated space for the bookstore, is flanked by **Proistamenos Fr. Photios Dumont** and **Deacon Spyridon (Perry) Angelos**. **Chris Pallas** (back) who worked closely on the project, looks on.
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John T. John, president of the Hellenes of the Northwest and a co-founder of the program. The Hellenic Studies Program has received generous donations from the **Governments of Greece and Cyprus**, the **Onassis Foundation**, the **John P. Angel Foundation**, the **Vidalakis family**, and numerous members of the Greek-American community. Last year, the **"300 Spartans" campaign** was launched to attract 300 people to give \$1000 each to reach the final amount needed to fund the position. Go to <http://depts.washington.edu/hellenic/> for more information on the program.

started with Orthros and Divine Liturgy followed by the blessing of the dome by **Fr. Leo Schefe**, Proistamenos of the parish, the dome-raising, and a luncheon.

OCF HOUSE

St. George Church in Eugene, OR, led by **Fr. Jerry Markopoulos**, opened **St. Nectarios House** near the University of Oregon to expand its Orthodox Christian Fellowship (OCF) ministry to college students—both Orthodox and others interested in learning about the faith. The house is a meeting place and also a residence for five young women, with **St. Vladimir's Orthodox Seminary** graduate **Ann Campbell** serving as house director. Events include a monthly community service project, a regular reading group, reader services, and socials.

NEW BOOKSTORE

Created out of thin air is the cantilevered new **St. Demetrios Church Bookstore**. It was generously donated in memory of **Gus Sourapas** by his brother **Steve Sourapas and family**. The bookstore has received rave reviews from visitors. When in the area, please stop in.

FAREWELL LUNCHEON

The **Holy Trinity Cathedral Parish Council and Philoptochos** hosted a Farewell and Thank You Luncheon for **Father John and Presvytera Anna Angelis** on December 19, as they completed their time in Portland. He was Proistamenos for over a year and transitional priest as **Fr. Jordan Brown** came to take over the reins. Parishioners gathered to pay their respects and express their love for Father John who gave so much of himself to the community.

DOME-RAISING

On December 1, 2010, the dome was raised onto the roof of the new **Holy Transfiguration Church in Anchorage**. Construction started in May. The placing of the dome took place amidst snow and cold. While much work still remains to be done, the parish's goal of enclosing the structure has been achieved before the worst of the winter weather falls on Anchorage. The day



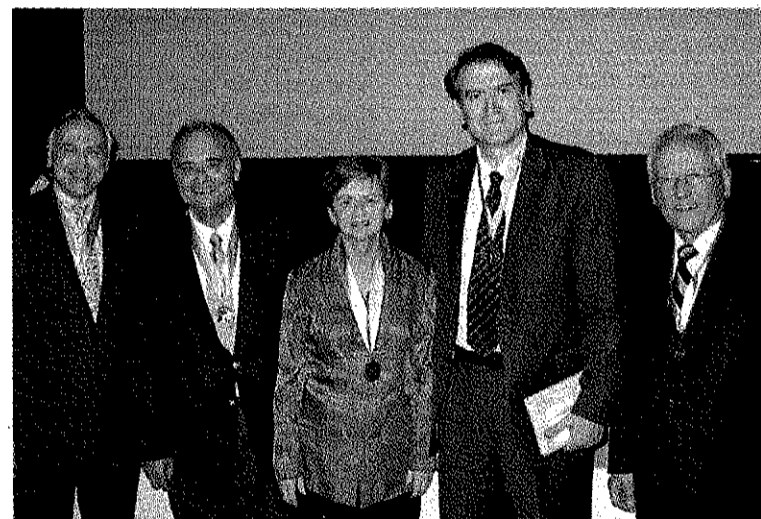
Raising of the Dome on the new **Holy Transfiguration Church in Anchorage, AK**.

PAOI DIRECTOR IN NW

His Eminence Metropolitan Nikitas, Patriarch Athenagoras Orthodox Institute (PAOI) Director, led two retreats in December on **"Understanding the Holy Nativity through the Hymnology of**

the Orthodox Church," one in Seattle at the Church of the Assumption, and the other at St. Sophia Church in Bellingham. **WITH BEST WISHES TO ALL FOR A JOYOUS NEW YEAR!!**

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Hellenic Studies Program Celebration participants (left to right): **John T. John**, president of the Hellenes of the Northwest and co-founder of the program; **Emanuel and Marilyn Rouvelas**, endowment benefactors; **Dr. Angelos Pangratis**, Deputy Head of the Delegation of the European Union to the United States; and **Dr. Theodore Kaltsounis**, UW Professor Emeritus and co-founder of the Hellenic Studies Program.

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