



"Celebrating Our Heritage. Honoring Our Legacy. Inspiring Our Future."

Dear Friends,

The National Hellenic Society (NHS) warmly welcomes you to Washington, D.C., for Heritage Weekend 2026. We gather on the momentous occasion of America's 250th Anniversary celebration of the Declaration of Independence.

The logo above symbolizes a tribute to our "Founders" the Philhellenic Founding Fathers of the United States and the visionary founders of the NHS. It serves as a reminder that the ideals that shaped both our nation and our organization—liberty, excellence, and service to the common good—remain as relevant today as ever.

We live in extraordinary times echoing the energy and dynamism of ancient Greece more than two millennia ago—a civilization that gave birth to democracy, championed innovation, pursued knowledge without limits, and inspired generations through its unwavering commitment to excellence. A culture that encouraged humanity to dream and reach beyond the horizon.

Today, that same spirit continues. We explore the far reaches of our galaxy, connect instantaneously across continents, and harness technologies once confined to the realm of imagination. Yet amid breathtaking advances and unprecedented opportunity, the enduring wisdom of Athens, Philadelphia, and Washington remains indispensable. The principles that guided our founders—both ancient and modern—provide a compass for navigating a rapidly changing world. They remind us that progress is most meaningful when grounded in virtue, purpose, and an understanding of the path that brought us here.

Heritage Weekend is designed to celebrate precisely that connection between past, present, and future. Throughout the weekend, guests will enjoy an engaging blend of *parea*, fellowship, entertainment, and thoughtful discussion.

This year also marks a significant milestone for the National Hellenic Society. Through Heritage Greece®, NHS has now sponsored more than 1,100 young people of Greek descent on a life-changing journey of cultural discovery, personal growth, and connection to their heritage. With the support of the Hellenic Legacy Fund and our generous community of members and benefactors, we look forward to creating opportunities for countless future generations.

We offer our deepest gratitude to the visionaries who founded the National Hellenic Society: George Behrakis, the late and greatly missed Dr. George Korkos, George Marcus, and George Stamas—the legendary "Four Georges." We also thank the many members, sponsors, volunteers, and friends whose dedication and generosity have helped transform a bold vision into a thriving national community.

Together, we celebrate our heritage, honor our legacy, and invest in our future.

Enjoy Heritage Weekend 2026. We look forward to welcoming you to Washington this October.

Καλή Αντάμωση — Until We Meet Again.

Heritage Weekend Classic Committee