



The Catharine Pelican
Annual Memorial Lecture in Greek Culture

**REDISCOVERING, RECONSTRUCTING,
USING THE PAST: ARCHAEOLOGY
OF THE CLASSICAL WORLD**

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Classical Greece has exercised and is still exercising a tremendous impact on modern society. In this lecture, Professor Lambrinoudakis discusses the many ways in which the legacy of Classical Greece is affecting our world, especially in terms of its usefulness, dynamics, and even misuse. Major themes of the lecture include: 1) our ability to analyze Classical Greece in an objective manner; 2) the manners in which our educational programs use Classical Greece; 3) the authenticity of modern restoration of Classical monuments; 4) the ways we create modern versions of historical “reality” to articulate our own experiences and define our social, national or cultural identities; and 5) our use of Classical Greece in literature, visual arts, architecture, theatre and film production, and athletics. What is apparent in all these areas is that perceptions of Classical Greece, even when sometimes misused, remain vividly alive and creative in the international community.

Vassillis Lambrinoudakis is Professor emeritus of Classical Archaeology at the University of Athens. Corresponding member of the *Académie des Inscriptions et Belles-Lettres*, Paris and of the *Akademie der Wissenschaften*, Vienna. Directed excavations in the Aegean islands of Naxos and Chios, in the sanctuary of Asclepios in Epidauros and in Mani in south Peloponnese. Current field research in Epidauros / Argolid and Palaiomanina / Acarnania. His publications cover a wide range of topics referring to Ancient Greece, as art, architecture, topography, epigraphy, religion and cult, theory of archaeology and management of monuments.

Wednesday 25 April 2012

7:00 pm Reception - 7:30 pm Lecture

Student Government Chamber, Century Room C, 3rd Floor

University of Missouri-St. Louis

Free and open to the public

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Associated Press
Germans pour into Crete by air

The Battle for Crete, 1941: Turning Point of World War II

By TONY KOCOLAS, Merced College
September 14, 2011 - 7:00 pm

The Battle for Crete is the only battle of World War II where the invasion was exclusively airborne; the first battle where the civilian population fought the Nazi invaders during an invasion (not guerrilla warfare after the battle, and during the occupation); in which the Nazis suffered the highest percentage of casualties up to that point, including German boxing champion Max Schmeling; and the battle which may have cost Hitler the Suez Canal and access to Middle Eastern petroleum. Professor Kocolas will discuss this most significant, if subsequently under-studied battle – what some have called the turning point of the war.

PROFESSOR KOCOLAS teaches History at Merced College, Merced, CA. He has also taught at Fresno City College and Chapman University. Kocolas is the author of “The Republicans: The Modern Party of FDR (political analysis on the changes in the American political parties) and co-author of “Streams in a Thirsty Land” (A history of Central California).

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Excavation in the Hagios Charalambos Cave

featuring

PROFESSOR PHILIP BETANCOURT
Archaeology and Art History, Temple University

Annual Report of the Greek Professorship 2011-2012

DR. MICHAEL COSMOPOULOS
Hellenic Government-Karakas Family Foundation
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Professor of Archaeology at UMSL

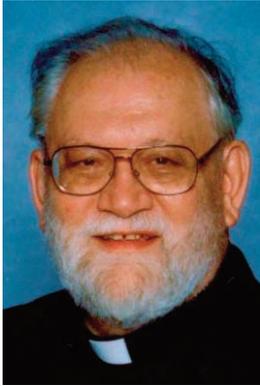
High up in the remote parts of central Crete is the tiny village of St. Haralambos (Hagios Charalambos in Greek). A small cave at the edge of this village is a remarkable example of the unusual burial customs of the Minoans, the people who lived in Crete a thousand years before the Parthenon was built. The burial cave comes from the Middle Bronze Age, about 1700 to 1800 B.C., an early period in Minoan history well before the magnificent palaces of the Late Bronze Age. It was buried when the society we call the Minoans was still forming, so its information is important for understanding the early stages of this civilization. The burials here are secondary, with the bones and burial offerings deposited years after the people died, in a great ceremony that sorted the bones, carried them and the objects left in the original tombs up to this cave, and placed everything underground. The cave was discovered by accident, and Prof. Philip Betancourt of Temple University was invited by the Greek government to form a project to excavate the site scientifically before looters could steal the objects and destroy their context. A joint Greek-American expedition under Betancourt's direction uncovered the material and preserved it for study. Among the finds are gold diadems, stone vases, seal stones, metal tools and weapons, carved figurines, and many other objects, which are now on view in the archaeological museum in Hagios Nikolaos, in eastern Crete.

Philip P. Betancourt is a professor of archaeology and art history at Temple University, in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. He is a specialist in the Minoan civilization of Crete, regarded as the earliest complex civilization of Europe. He has directed excavations at several Bronze Age sites in Crete. Among his discoveries are the earliest Minoan copper-smelting workshop at Chrysokamino, proving that Minoans were already extracting copper from its ores at 3000 B.C., an important Minoan seaport at Pseira, and an early burial cave at the village of St. Haralambos.

Thursday 13 October 2011
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**The Annual
Sam Nakis Memorial Lecture in Greek Studies**

**HELLENISM AND
ORTHODOX CHRISTIANITY:
A COMPLEX RELATIONSHIP**

Fr. Stanley S. Harakas, Th.D., D.D. (Hon)

Fr. Harakas' lecture will address the relationship of Hellenism and Orthodox Christianity in history, thought and practice, showing a close relationship in some areas and a contradictory relationship in others. The lecture will seek to lead the audience in appreciating both the connection and the divergence between these two great traditions.

Fr. Stanley S. Harakas, Th.D., D.D. (Hon)., taught Orthodox Christian Ethics for 30 years at Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology, Brookline, MA, retiring in 1995. He served as Acting Dean and Dean of Hellenic College (1969-1975) and Dean of Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology (1970 to 1980) and has been active in the Ecumenical Movement, having given a Plenary Address at the World Council of Churches Assembly in Canberra, Australia. He has authored eighteen books. In 1986 he was the inaugural appointee to the Archbishop Iakovos Endowed Professorship of Orthodox Theology. He continues to write and publish. As a priest of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America, under the Ecumenical Patriarchate of Constantinople, he served the Christ the Savior Greek Orthodox Mission Church of Hernando County, FL. from 2002 to 2011.

Thursday 10 November 2011

7:00 pm Reception, 7:30 pm Annual Report, 7:45 pm Lecture

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