

## Miltiadis (Miltos) Apostolidis



I am a first generation Greek-American born in San Francisco, and raised for the majority of my early years in Lake Tahoe. Right from the beginning, both of my parents, Jim and Maro Apostolidis, instilled into us the fundamental idea of family responsibilities, love of our culture, and the pursuit of being a good, Greek Orthodox Christian. My sister Cathy (Catherine Hatzakos) and I grew up immersed in our family business, a local motel in the heart of South Lake Tahoe. Growing up with daily responsibilities of running a family business not only developed our very strong work ethic, but it allowed us to cultivate the necessary skills that make us both useful and impactful members of our communities. Although I went to UC Berkeley and have a degree in Architecture, I ended up starting my own, local marketing and advertising firm that specializes in branding, graphic design, website development and communications.

During our time in Lake Tahoe, with the closest Orthodox Church being located in Reno, my parents would drive almost every Sunday for about an hour and a half, one way, to make sure that we were always connected to our Greek Faith. I developed bonds and friendships that I have to this day and I attribute that to the belief in something more than just what I can get for myself, but how we all can benefit as a community of helpers.

The most important lesson I learned from my time at Saint Anthony's Church in Reno wasn't truly realized until nearly three decades later. Now in my forties, married to a wonderful woman, Panorea Avdis, and blessed with two beautiful daughters, Georgia and Penelope, I have come to witness, as did my parents, the importance of our faith, and as important, a safe and spiritual home in which to cultivate that faith. In Reno, we did not have a Greek Dance program, a Greek School program, and in the early years, we didn't even have a facility to house any of our existing ministries. So when my family first moved to Sacramento when I was 17 and we began to assimilate into the community at Annunciation, I was taken aback by the services, programs and ministries that were/are available to this parish.

Now, with a family of my own, I do not take what is offered by this church, these facilities and this community for granted. I know better. So much so, that I wanted to be a part of the wonderful list of people that have come together to help make this community and parish what it is today. I was on the Capital Campaign Committee for nearly five years and had the privilege to work with a very committed group of people on raising the money needed to make *The Build* a reality. In addition, I also developed the website for the Greek School Program, headed several very successful fundraising events for the Greek School and have set my sights on assisting further with Greek Festival and Dance Group.

I have a lot left to offer and I am definitely not done yet. If elected to the Parish Council, I will bring my unique skill set and work ethic to the table, and hopefully, contribute an added dimension to an already diversely impressive group of people. Thank you in advance for your consideration.

## Nick S. Avdis



I've had the blessing of serving on our Parish Council for six years now. It's incredible how fast the time goes. Our Parish has been fortunate to have a group of capable and passionate individuals at the helm during these exciting and challenging times in our community's history and I am proud to have had the opportunity to serve with them. I am also fortunate enough to serve as president of the Hellenic Orthodox Educational and Cultural Center, Inc, as a board member of the Angelic Corporation, and the Parish Council appointee to the Annunciation Endowment Fund Board. I believe these groups have done great things the past few years, including the completion of the first phase of facilities at Hellenic Park in Lincoln. And there is more good work that needs our Parish's time and attention!

A little bit about myself for those who may not know me: after emigrating from villages near Tripoli in the Peloponnese in the early 1970s, my parents operated a cattle and sheep ranch in what is now North Natomas. Growing up, I learned many important life lessons, including the importance of hard work, selflessness, and generosity toward others. I am currently an attorney specializing in land use matters while also continuing our family's ranching traditions. My wife, Nikki, is an educator and a Sunday School teacher and the Dance Support Group President. We met while serving as camp counselors at the Archdiocese's Ionian Village summer camp program. And as you can imagine, with two young children, Spyros (9) and Vasiliki (7), we have also been very active in all that our parish has to offer our youth, including Sunday School, Greek School and Dance Ministry. The hard work of the volunteers involved with these ministries continues to be rewarded with significant enrollment and participant numbers. In addition to being very active in our parish, I am also active in the greater Sacramento community serving on the Board of Trustees for Reclamation District 1000, the Sacramento Area Flood Control Agency, the Sacramento County Natomas Community Planning Advisory Council as well as serving on the Capitol Area Development Authority.

Serving as a Parish Council member has allowed me to give back to the community that has been there for my family. I have been extremely fortunate in my life, blessed with health, family, community, and vocation. I am eager to continue my contributions to the best of my abilities for the advancement of our Parish, building on the tireless work and selfless sacrifice of those who came before us. We should be very proud of the vibrant community that they have built. It is our sacred duty to nurture and maintain this special gift for the next generation of Greek Orthodox Christians at Annunciation. It is an honor to ask for your vote once again to serve our community; I continue to be humbled by your confidence and your consideration.

## Chris S. Georgoulis



I was raised in Charlotte, North Carolina where I attended Holy Trinity with my parents and three younger siblings. I was blessed to be active in Sunday school, Goya, Greek School, and served as an altar boy into my 20s. As a young Greek adult, I was fascinated by the unity our faith and culture has here in the United States. I regularly attended YAL and AHEPA conventions throughout the US with my cousins where God's fate blessed me to meet my wife.

I became a member of the Annunciation parish in 2004 after marrying my wife, Angie Kivetos Georgoulis, who grew up here in this amazing community. We were married here by Father Dogias and lived in my home community of Charlotte North Carolina for 2 years.

In 2006, we returned to Sacramento for new career opportunities and soon started a family. Today we are married 14 years and are blessed with two sons, Stathie (8) and Daniel (5). We baptized both of our children in this parish and are active with Sunday school, dance, and youth programs. We are excited about the faith, culture, and friendships our sons are embracing.

My wife is a principal at a political consulting firm, and I own a residential construction business as a General Contractor. I also have a California Real Estate License in which I am an active Sacramento Realtor. I received a Bachelor's of Science in Business Administration with a major in Management from the University of North Carolina at Charlotte in 2003.

I enjoy traveling and building memories with my wife and two boys. We frequently swim, camp, fish, and ride bikes as young boys do. Being a father to my sons is the most rewarding journey of my life.

I have volunteered my services from 2012 to present to our Hellenic Orthodox Educational and Cultural Center in Lincoln (HOECC). I currently serve on the HOECC board as vice president and have managed the construction and completion of our park facilities. I am proud of the work HOECC has done in the past few years to the park and I have hopes and dreams of seeing a chapel on the park property for our children and future generations.

I co-chaired the gyro booth with others at this year's festival where we made exciting new changes to our recipe, processes, and productivity making us more profitable and delicious.

I am eager to serve this community as a Parish Council member and contribute to the tireless work and selfless sacrifices of previous councils. The recent Build of our Hellenic Center on Alhambra was a major milestone in our community and a sacred gift to our children and future generations to enjoy. We have a sacred duty to see that the Hellenic Center is debt free for our children and their children. I am humbled by the generosity and hard work of so many stewards. With your support, I hope to be a part of our Parish's leadership. Thank you.

## Demetri Romas



I was born and raised in Chicago, IL and spent a good part of my childhood in Athens, Greece. In 1989, I graduated from the University of Illinois with a BS in mechanical engineering and later that year moved to Sacramento.

In 1996, shortly after receiving an MBA degree from UC Davis, I married my wife Malamo. I feel very fortunate to be part of this community, to have been married in our church and to have this parish be the spiritual foundation for my family. It is my hope that in the previous years that I served on the parish council, I helped to strengthen its leadership role in fulfilling the church's mission.

Currently, I am serving as the Parish Council Secretary and in various other capacities, including on the Investment Committee, Greek School Liaison and DSG Liaison. My goal is to help our parish provide to my children, Sotiris and Evangelia, the strong cultural and spiritual experiences that are so vital in all of our lives. My focus has been, and will continue to be, to support the current efforts to re-energize the youth programs of our community.

I believe we have made great strides the last few years with the wonderful support we are receiving from many of our parishioners. Finally, we are at a crossroad and it is imperative that leadership has the skills and knowledge to deal with the many decisions that need to be made in the next few years. The choices we make will help solidify a solid economic future for our parish. I believe, with my background, that I can assist in providing guidance and understanding so we take full advantage of these financial opportunities.