

## MEMBERS OF THE COSMOS FM FAMILY



### **DR. DESPINA AFENTOULI**

Despina Afentouli is a journalist/sociologist (Ph.D.). She has taught Journalism and Media at many different universities. Since 2001, she has worked as a journalist for broadcast and print media and in the public sector. She has experience in organizing educational seminars and cultural events. She has a Ph.D. in Sociology, a master's degree in International Journalism, and a bachelor's degree in European Studies and German. She is the author of the book, "The Position of the British Press in the Greek-Turkish Relations, 1955-1965". ([www.afentouli.com](http://www.afentouli.com))



### **ALEX AGISILAOU**

Alex was born and raised in Nicosia, Cyprus. After fulfilling his military duties with the Cyprus National Guard, where he excelled as a Corporal of the Special Forces, he made the leap to the other side of the Atlantic. It was there, at Farleigh Dickinson University, that he earned his bachelor's degree in Filmmaking and a minor in Animation with Magna Cum Laude. Alex is now an established director, cinematographer and editor, and he has been involved in many different projects; from feature films with Emmy award-winning actors to award-winning documentaries and TV shows. His work has been featured on TV, in various festivals and his latest music video made an exclusive debut in The Huffington Post. He now works with various media platforms, including TV and film for both Greek and American productions, and he is also a part-time sound engineer for Cosmos FM.



### **CHRYSSA AVRAMI**

Hailing from Varkavikos in Northern Greece, Chryssa Avrami initially studied Medicine in Thessaloniki. However, her passion for the arts led her to Athens, where she pursued theater at Teatro Tehnis Karolos Koon. Chryssa enjoyed a successful acting career, performing at prestigious venues like the Epidaurus Ancient Theater and in movies and TV. She co-founded the 'Synthesis Media Company,' producing shows at renowned Greek venues. In 2002, she worked with the Greek Ministry of Culture and Sports, managing events for the Greek EU Presidency and promoting the Athens 2004 Olympics. Later, she continued her acting studies in New York but shifted her focus to motherhood in 2006. Despite this, she remained involved in the performing arts and is now a proud member of the Cosmos FM family, hosting 'Hellenes Pantou,' a show celebrating Greek achievements worldwide.



### **THANOS DAVELIS**

Thanos joined the Hellenic American Leadership Council in 2016 and serves as the Director of Public Affairs and the host of the weekly podcast, The Greek Current. He previously spent time at the Consulate General of Greece in Chicago, serving as the chief staffer to the Consul General and as point person on several issues, including those related to the Consulate's responsibilities as EU local chair. He is also currently a member of HALC's flagship Leadership 2030 program. Thanos holds a BA in History and International Studies from Loyola University Chicago.



### **AGGELIKI DIESI**

Aggeliki hails from the town of Volo, Korinthias in Greece. She graduated from the Veaki Theater Conservatory in Athens. She has since performed and directed children's theater. After arriving in New York, she took up Argentinean tango dancing, as well as performing and teaching. Her love for Greek culture and music motivated her to volunteer and produce 'Mousikes Periplaniseis' on Cosmos FM.



### **ANNA E. ELIOPoulos**

Anna was born in New York City, but has constantly been on the move, causing her to grow up in various places around the world. Despite this, she has maintained strong bonds with the Greek community. She graduated with honors from Berklee College of Music in Boston, with a double major in Vocal Performance and Music Production & Engineering. She has been living in NYC since 2009, and currently works at Fox News Radio as their Manager of Newsgathering. On her off time, she sings with a cover band in the NYC area. She is proud to be a part of the Cosmos FM family, as the producer-host of "Hellenic Voices," but also as a fill-in sound engineer, and volunteer administrative assistant.

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### DEMETRIOS FILIOS

Demetris Filios, a journalist and PR consultant hailing from Athens, Greece, holds a BA in Political Science from Athens. He pursued graduate studies in Economics in New York. His journalistic journey includes roles as a reporter, Community Affairs Editor, and Editor in Chief at PROINI, the Greek-American daily. He also contributed as a writer and Managing Editor at the Hellenic Times and served as a radio correspondent for ERT in New York for seventeen years. In PR and Marketing, he co-founded Prom Com Images Co. Demetris actively volunteers in various community organizations and currently serves as the Secretary of the Hellenic Congress of America. He has a deep passion for music, the Arts, and enjoys playing tennis in his leisure time. He has been a volunteer at COSMOS FM since its beginning and since 2002 he serves as producer host of Sunday Edition.



### IOANNA GIANNOPoulos

Ioanna Giannopoulos relocated from Athens, Greece to Brooklyn, New York in 1973 with her family. She pursued English writing courses at New York University and earned a Liberal Arts degree from Brooklyn College. At 18, she worked on the Greek radio show 'Paralikas Show' on WEVD, later shifting her focus to raising her two sons, George and Thomas. Ioanna dedicated her time to volunteering at the Three Hierarchs Parish, holding roles like PTO president, school board member, and 'Philoptochos' participant. While working at the family business, she attended evening courses in accounting and computer science. In 2001, she joined Hellenic Public Radio - Cosmos FM 91.5, initially as a volunteer and later serving as the Director of Operations since 2006. Ioanna cherishes the support and love of her family and radio audience.



### KATERINA HOUSOS Esq.

Katerina Housos is an employment discrimination attorney and the CEO of United Steps Therapy, a company that provides free special education services to infants and toddlers up to 3 years old. Katerina grew up in Patras, Greece and has studied law in Athens, London, and New York. She is the co-host of the biweekly Cosmos FM Thursday night radio show "Counterpoint," which she hosts with her friend & fellow attorney Aggeliki Psonis. Katerina is also a member of the Pancyprian Choir, the Legislative Committee of the National Employment Lawyers Association and the African Affairs Committee of the NYC Bar Association.



### FEDON KEFALEAS

Fedon, originally from Kalamata, Greece, pursued Electrical Engineering at the University of Piraeus in Athens. He holds a Master's Degree in Marketing from Hellenic American University. In Greece, he's known for co-hosting the morning program "Eleni" at Alpha TV Network and later as the host of the cultural show "tospiro.net." Faidon was also a part of the teams for "Three Wishes," "Al Tsantiri News," and "Playing Everything" on TV. In 2013, he studied Acting at the New York Film Academy, showcasing his talent in various productions. Faidon works as a Director of Operations in the hospitality industry and is a radio producer at Hellenic Public Radio, Cosmos FM 91.5, in New York.



### DR. ANGELO LAMPOUSIS

Dr. Angelo Lampousis, currently the Executive Director of the Charles B. Rangel Infrastructure Workforce Initiative at the City College of New York, has been a lecturer and academic advisor in the Department of Earth and Atmospheric Sciences since 2013, securing tenure in 2018. In 2019, he received the Professor of the Year Award from ASTM International. His latest 2023 publication delves into legacy contamination along the Northern Aegean coastline. Angelo formerly produced "Axion Estin," a Byzantine music program on COSMOS FM from 2002 to 2006, which later transformed into a successful nonprofit organization. He now hosts "MANA ΓΗ Mother Earth."



### GRIGORIS MANINAKIS

Grigoris has been a member of the Cosmos FM family since its inception. Currently in retirement, he is a Professor Emeritus of Electrical Engineering of the State University of New York, as well as a volunteer radio producer. For over thirty years, he has been involved with quality Greek music, having performed in some of the most prestigious music halls in the United States and Europe. Some of these locations include Alice Tully, Carnegie Recital Hall, the Lycabettus and Herodion theaters in Athens, as well as many university campuses such as Harvard, Princeton, Yale, St. Louis, Cornell and many others. As the leader of the Mikroskosmos ensemble, he has produced several CDs with rebetika and contemporary Greek Songs.

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### **CHRISTINE MELEGOS**

Christine Melegos was born in Astoria, Queens. She is a proud mother to Maria, who is currently attending medical school, and her son, Demitri, who attends Saint Demetrios High School. Christine enjoys helping people, dancing, music & life in general. She is the newest member of the Cosmos FM family.



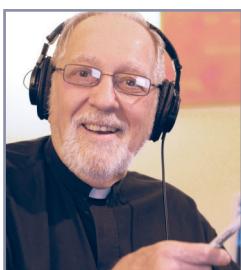
### **STYLIANOS NICOLAOU**

Stylianos was born and raised in Nicosia, Cyprus. He graduated from Berklee College of Music with a dual bachelor's degree in Music Production & Engineering and Contemporary Writing & Production where he received the 'Berklee Scholarship Award'. He is a music producer and sound engineer with years of professional experience in the music and advertising industry in New York. He now works as the sound engineer of Cosmos FM and is a proud member of the Cosmos FM family.



### **SYLVIA PAPAPOSTOLOU**

Sylvia came from Athens to New York in 2001 to pursue a master's degree in Political Science at The New School and she never left! For many years, she worked as a journalist in numerous publications and broadcasting media in Greece and the United States. She also worked as a communications consultant for the Greek Press Office of the Permanent Mission of Greece to the United Nations. In the past five years, she applied her expertise to consulting for non-profits with a focus on strategic planning, fundraising and development. She currently starting a new position as Director of major funds at Carnegie Corporation. Sylvia loves waking up early every Sunday to just to be a part of the 'Me Dika Mas kai Dika Sas Logia' morning madness!



### **REV. EUGENE N. PAPPAS**

Ecumenist, educator, missionary and social activist, Fr. Eugene currently serves as pastor at Three Hierarchs Church in Brooklyn and as the president of the Greek Orthodox Clergy Association. He serves as chaplain to the New York Fraternal Order of Police and as the President of the New York Archdiocesan Metropolitan Clergy Syndesmos. As an educator, he is the Orthodox Theological Ministry instructor at Xaverian Catholic High School. In addition, he is the Orthodox Chairman of the Roman Catholic Ecumenical Dialogue.



### **AGGELIKI PSONI Esq.**

Aggeliki Psoni is a real estate and consumer protection attorney. Born and raised in Athens, Greece, she moved to Boston for her undergraduate studies in Political Science and Music. She then came to New York, where she stayed, to study and practice law. Her passion for human rights law has led her to engage in work with the United Nations both in Geneva, Switzerland and in Colombia. Aggeliki studied piano from an early age and has been singing since she can remember. She spends her spare time performing live at various events, recording music, and directing the Saint Paraskevi Greek school children's choir. Aggeliki co-hosts the Cosmos FM bi-weekly Thursday evening show, "Counterpoint," along with friend and fellow attorney Katerina Housos.



### **DR. NICHOLAS RALLIS**

A practicing dentist and professor, Dr. Nicholas Rallis has been a long time supporter of Cosmos FM and a member of the Board of Directors of GAEPIS since 2019. Recently, he became the host and producer of the program "Se Ymnoumen".

Dr Rallis also holds a teaching degree in Byzantine and Ecclesiastical Music from Romanos O Melodos Music Conservatory in Athens, Greece.

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### **PANOS SATZOGLOU**

Panos has a rich history in Greek media, working for various national and local TV channels, radio stations, magazines, and newspapers. His roles have spanned from editor and presenter to journalist. Seeking a holistic view of media production, he pursued film direction. In 2009, Panos established 'The Business Video,' a company focusing on tourism promotion in the business sector. He excels in both on-camera and behind-the-scenes roles, crafting promotional and corporate films for traditional and online media, including social platforms. Currently based in New York, he serves as a film director and cinematographer at Antenna Satellite. He also participates in a radio show on Hellenic Public Radio COSMOS FM 91.5, a popular New York radio station.



### **MICHAEL STRATIS Esq.**

A lawyer-turned-teacher, Michael Stratis relishes the opportunity to explore his Hellenic ancestry and present his views on a wide spectrum of musical, literary, political, philosophical, theological, artistic and historical themes. He is a graduate of Fordham University (Bachelor's Degree in Political Science and Economics) and Seton Hall Law School (Juris Doctorate) and a member of the New Jersey Bar. As he enters his second decade in academia, he teaches European and Global History, as well as the Greco-Roman Classics, at Garden City High School. Though a native New Yorker, he is fiercely proud of his Macedonian roots and his Greek Orthodox faith. He is also a proud husband and father of two sons. Michael is a member and guest lecturer for the Asia Minor Christian Holocaust Committee. He is the producer and the voice of Musical Masterworks.



### **STELIOS TAKETZIS**

Born in Constantinople, Stelios grew up in Athens and came to New York in 1979 for a six-month internship. To this date, he's still here. A shipbroker by day, he switches hats easily to become a volunteer producer/host of our Sunday morning news and music program, 'Me Dika Mas kai Dika Sas Logia.' He is currently the Chairman of the Board of Directors of GAEPIS and contributes in countless other areas at Cosmos FM.



### **VICKY TSAVALIAS**

Vicky was born in New York and raised in Agrinio, Greece. She holds five degrees in computer programming, photography, design from the School of Visual Arts, and in 2016, cinematography in Greece. She has been writing poetry since she was 12 years old, writing novels, as well as making short films. In 2017, she was nominated at the Drama International Short Film Festival for her short film "Behind the Mountain." In 2012, she published her poetry book "Και οο τα οπίρτα λιώνουν φτερούγες σ' αγκαλιάζουν." She has received many awards in poetry, as well as photography. She currently works for Estiator magazine as a publishing director. She joined Cosmos FM last year.



### **THANASIS TZOUVELIS**

Alexandros Velmos (a.k.a Thanasis Tzouvelis) was born in Mystras, near Sparta. In his youth, he participated in many radio and television programs on national television in Greece as a singer of traditional folk and Byzantine music. After high school, he came to America and studied theater, radio and TV production at NYU, HB Studio and Announcer Training Studios in NYC. He worked for many radio and TV stations, as well as theater productions, as a director and light and sound designer. In 1984, he started the Greek programming on WNYE and in 1987, along with Thanasis Zessimopoulos and Kleanthis Bakalis, formed the organization GAEPIS, and Cosmos FM began. He currently produces the radio program 'Ergiani Sinantisi' on Cosmos FM.