## THE CHIOS SOCIETY OF THE GREATER WASHINGTON, DC AREA 67<sup>th</sup> National Chian Convention

JW Marriott, Washington DC \* October 11-13, 2024



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Dear Chiotes and Friends,

The 67th National Convention of the Chios Societies of the Americas & Canada will take place October 11-13, 2024 in Washington, DC. There is no better location for the convention than our nation's capital - the seat of US federal government and a cultural crossroad. The Chios Society of the Greater Washington DC Area looks forward to hosting this memorable weekend in DC at the landmark JW Marriott Hotel. This year's convention promises to be uniting, informative and educational, inspiring and entertaining! A place where we -and especially our youth- can be enlightened by the examples of fellow Chians; where the importance of supporting not only the traditions of our island and preserving our heritage, but to also supporting our youth and communities will be highlighted. Dinner, dancing and socializing will offer ample entertainment, but we hope to also provide the backdrop for encouraging a 'pay it forward' mentality - where each attendee becomes vested in helping to create a better future for the next generation of Hellenes both here and abroad. We have respectfully invited The Honorable Ben Cardin (D-MD), Chairman of the US Senate Foreign Relations Committee, where we plan to bestow upon him the United Chios Societies of America Lifetime Achievement Award.

The most famous quote about people from Chios is perhaps "Oι Χιώτες πάνε δύο, δύο", paraphrased as "Chiotes travel in twos." It's in this spirit of solidarity we must unite as friends and supporters of Chios and Hellenic causes to ensure the success of our convention. We are asking for your support as a benefactor of the convention or sponsor of an ad in our commemorative journal. The attached sponsorship form provides more information.

We appreciate your support and look forward to having you join our events this Columbus Day Weekend, October 11-13, 2024.

Please feel free to reach out to us if you have any questions.

With our deepest gratitude,
The Chios Society of the Greater Washington DC Area
(Under the auspices of the Chios Societies of the Americas & Canada)
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| <ul> <li>Ues! Count on me to Support the Chians in keeping traditions alive and preserving cultural &amp; family values.</li> <li>Unable to Attend. Accept my contribution of \$ to support student / youth programs &amp; scholarships.</li> </ul> |   |
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