WNTN Radio Needham, MA October-December 2022

1. Politics: Midterm Elections in Rhode Island and Massachusetts

Date/Time: October 11th, 2022 10:30am/15 minute

Guest: Dave Paleologos - Suffolk University

Description: Discussing the candidates and election polls for the November Election and the impact that the independent voters may have on certain senate and in stake races. Discussing how independents in certain races are leaning towards the Republican side in otherwise "Blue States."

2. History: Wars Around the World

Date/Time: October 18th, 2022

10:00am

Guest: Professor Petros Vamvakas

Description: Having a discussion about the Ukraine/Russia War. Secondly, discussing the escalating tension of the Turkish President toward Greece. Lastly, discussing the Turkish and Cyprus situation.

3. Peace Ministry: Physical & Emotional Abilities & Challenges Enhanced

Date/Time: October 25, 2023

10:00am 20 Minutes

Guest: Peter Panagopoulos

Description: Started in 2018, the Peace Ministry offer any individual with Special Needs the opportunity to come to church for a service dedicated to them. Because special needs children can sometimes be disruptive, most families are reluctant to bring their special needs children to church. The service is held after the regular church service and last between 15-30 minutes. This gives the special needs person room to move around and even receive communion, if they are able and sensory toys are provided. Everyone is welcome to attend, and some people do attend to help and volunteer. Also talked about how families of special needs children, after the

initial shock, need to get on board with raising them, actually end up feel blessed

4. History Franco-Prussian War

Date/Time: Nov. 5, 2023 8am-9am

Guests: Professors brendan McConville and Loren Samons

Description: The episode examined the Franco-Prussian War of 1870-71 that was fought between the French empire, ruled by Louis Napoleon, nephew of the great Napoleon, and a coalition of German-speaking states led by Prussia, then the leading realm in a fractured Germany that consisted on many different German-speaking polities that had, until the 1860s, often been at odds with one another. Prussia was ruled by King Wilhelm I but led politically and diplomatically by Otto Von Bismarck. The war centered on the question of who would sit on the throne of Spain and on the question of the unification of the German speaking people into one nation, which France feared. The French, operating under the Emperor Napoleon's orders, mobilized their military for war in July 1870. The Prussians, acting as the leaders of a coalition of German-speaking powers, mobilized their military and quickly defeated the French forces and capturing the Emperor Louis Napoleon. France fell into turmoil in the aftermath of this defeat, leading to the founding of the Third French Republic. We then examined how the war allowed for the creation of the German empire and shaped European history and the fate of nations between 1871 and 1945. The episode closed with our continuing feature, "This Week in Historical News."

4 . Greek American Community Services

Date/Time: November 7th, 2022

9:15-9:45am/30 minutes

Guest: Dr. Elaine Thomopoulos (Independent Scholar, Author, and Editor) **Description:** The interview with Dr. Thomopoulos began with a discussion of the Greek-American Community Services (GACS), which was located in Chicago, and offered a wide range of social service, humanities, and arts programs. The organization helped thousands of seniors maintain their

independence, initiated the committee that built the Greek-American Rehabilitation and Care Centre, strengthened pride in ethnic heritage through humanities and arts programs, and forged interethnic cooperation. The second part of the interview was on, "The Greeks of Berrien County, Michigan", a project funded in part by the Michigan Humanities Council that documented early immigrant history and culminated in a museum exhibit at the Berrien County Historical Association. The third part of the interview with Dr. Thomopoulos concerned the Greek Women's University Club of Chicago.

5. Penelope's Place Organization of Philanthropy

Date/Time: November 16th, 2022

9:15am

Guests: Daughters of Penelope Officers Elaine Kevgas and Toula Barber, and Health Imperatives CEO Julia Kehoe

Descriptions: One of the tenets of the Daughters of Penelope organization is Philanthropy. Penelope's Place was established by the Daughters in 2008, as a shelter for battered women and their children. The discussion was on the services that Penelope's place offers, and the challenge in providing these services. Services include: assistance securing long term affordable housing, crisis counseling, support groups, one-on-one case management support, safety planning, help around restraining orders, medical and legal advocacy, and health and wellness services, including programming, weekly house meals, yoga, and more.

6.Greek Current Events

Date/Time: Nov. 17, 2022 9am-10am

Guest: Greek Ministry of Development and Investment Adonis Georgiadis **Description**: Discussion oh how Greece achieved an all time high record in foreign investments as companies like Amazon, Phizer, etc. built research centers, data centers, and manufacturing plants. Investments have increased of the past 10 years, but, in the past 3 years, Greece transformed itself into a business friendly country, shedding it's reputation for no transparency, bureaucracy, and high taxation. It became the top country in the world in the past 3 years to become business friendly. Tourism, business, and exports are

at a all time high and there are increased wind and solar energy systems throughout the country Also discussed was the tensions between Greece and Turkey after comments by the President of Turkey. Greece doesn't feel like anything will happen but they have beefed up it's defense systems and it's alliances with many countries

7. Current Events-World History Update

Date/Time: Dec 3, 2023 8am – 9am

Guests: Professor Brendan McConville and Professor Jay Salmons

Description: Cost of US colleges are going up in the US, and colleges Like Lasell university in Newton are lowering prices and opening up some dorm buildings to Senior Citizens to survive. US College enrollment has dropped and colleges now have to go outside US to recruit students. Tuition so high parents may have to take out 2nd mortgages or the student will be burdened with debbt for a long time Extraordinary event in Modern China occurred in Party Congress when the former leader Tao, was picked up and removed from room by current leader Jinping. Also discussion if Chian attackes Taiwan, there will be 2 major problems-a 10 year global depression because Taiwan is one of the top manufacturers of advanced chips, and the Japanese will intervene. Japan also has called for increased defense spending in case of war East Africa-Ethiopia has seen major fighting in Tigray-conflict between Tigray and the Central Government of Ethiopia. Hundreds of thousands of people have either been displaced or killed

8. Finance: Stock Market update, review, and forecast

Date/Time:Dec. 20,2023 1:00am-11:15am

Guest: Manny Frangiadakis

Description: Discussion on events happening in December: The CPI was cooler than expected so the market did go up, and Then Chairman Powell gave his speech on the rates and markets sold off after the speech. Every year the market is down 10% heading into the year end is bad for the market. Manny feels the S&P is the biggest barometer of the market because it has the largest companies. Because of that, the markets should be down for the

first quarter of 2023, And then hopefully make some increases later in 2023 Xmas season spending was down, and markets should be down first quarter of 2023 because payroll is up, supplies chain is down and costs are up. Companies like AMAZON, Fedex, UPS aren't doing great right now and are in massive contraction and closing retail operations. Forecast for 2023-inflation goes away and cost of living goes down and we're seeing signs of that. Hopefully, Federal Reserve is able to reverse it's course although Chairman Powell said he's not cutting rates, although there is belief he could change course after the 1st quarter and markets could rise