

Olympia Dukakis To Star In *Bereavement*

Rhode Island: On Sunday Jan. 10, a Symposium of the Arts was held to raise awareness for the upcoming feature film *Bereavement* starring Oscar winner Olympia Dukakis, Louis Zorich, Sam Coppola, Armen Garo and others. Over \$100,000 has been raised thus far with the film's estimated budget to be approximately \$500,000

Bereavement is about a fatally ill man named Garvey, who thinks he has figured out how to die, but he gets a new outlook on life when his beloved wife Evelyn mysteriously goes missing on their anniversary. Wishing to rescue her, Garvey wills himself to live just a bit longer and experiences all that love, life, and bereavement have to offer.

For further information, please visit:

www.vagoproductions.com/fund.html



Olympia Dukakis is flanked by George Giovanis and Evangelos Giovanis. Photo by Jimmy James, Total Photographic Imagery

Hellenic Lawyers Association Co-Hosts Annual Holiday Party



(l-r) Mamie Stathatos-Fulgieri, Hellenic Lawyers Association; Fearonce LaLande, Macon B. Allen Black Bar Association; Susan Lee Beberfall, Brandeis Association; Guy Vitacco Jr., Queens County Bar Association; Nestor Diaz, Latino Lawyers Association of Queens County; Tracy Catapano-Fox, Queens County Women's Bar Association; Hon. Maureen Healy, St. John's Law School Alumni Association. Photo by Walter Karling.

Transfiguration Church Celebrates Anniversary

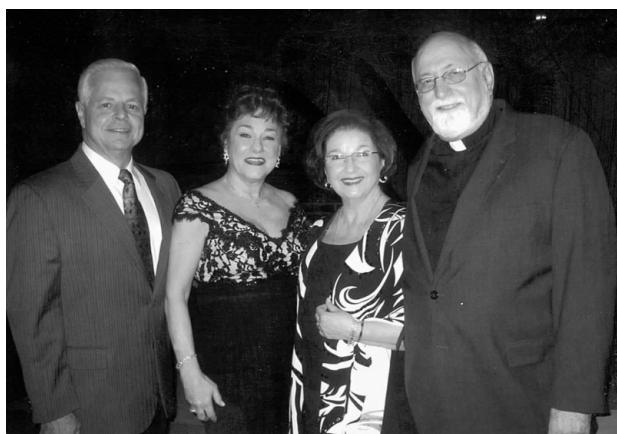
by Effie Peters George

Austin, Texas: The Transfiguration Greek Orthodox Church in Austin, Texas celebrated its 24th Anniversary at Capitol Sheraton Hotel. Special guests were The Reverend Nicholas C. Triantafiliou and his

Presvytera Diane. Father Triantafiliou is President of the Hellenic College-Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology. He was instrumental in starting the Transfiguration Greek Orthodox Church in Austin. At the event he gave a very inspiring speech on the past and looking forward to

the future of our Orthodox religion. Also present were Father Jordan Brown and his Presvytera Marika. Father Jordan Brown was the Priest for Transfiguration Greek Orthodox Church for 12 years. He is presently the priest for the Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church in Houston, Texas.

Deacon George Bithos who presently serves at Transfiguration Church was also present. The Levendia Dance Troupe from Transfiguration performed the traditional Greek dances. It was a fun evening as Greece met Texas from Boots to Bling.



Anthony & Effie George, Presbytera Diane Triantafiliou and Rev. Fr. Nicholas Triantafiliou.



Angelos & Esther Angelou, Presbytera Marika Brown, Cynthia & Sypros Kinnas.

Maroulis Voted Star Of The Year



New York: Constantine Maroulis, star of the hit Broadway musical *Rock of Ages*, has been voted 2009 Broadway.com Star of the Year by readers of the site. Maroulis was the overwhelming choice of more than 25,000 voters for the year's top honor. Nominees included Daniel Craig and Hugh Jackman of *A Steady Rain*, Gavin Creel of *Hair*, Will Ferrell of *You're Welcome America: A Final Night with George W. Bush*, Angela Lansbury of *Blithe Spirit* and *A Little Night Music*, Alice Ripley of *Next to Normal* and Geoffrey Rush of *Exit the King*.

Maroulis charmed audiences and critics as Drew in *Rock of Ages*, the tale of a rock musician dreaming of making it on the Sunset Strip, set to a score of hand-band hits from the 1980s. He received a 2009 Best Actor Tony Award nomination for his performance in the show, two seasons after making his Broadway debut in *The Wedding Singer*.

Loukoumi Goes To School



New York: Children's book author Nick Katsoris and Loukoumi the lamb recently visited the William Spyropoulos School in Flushing for a reading of the *Loukoumi* books.