

**T**he Greek Heritage Society of Southern California (GHS) was established in 1985 to preserve the rich culture, heritage and traditions of Greek immigrants in southern California.

GHS is a non-profit 501(c)(3) associated with the Basil P. Caloyeras Modern Greek Studies Center at Loyola Marymount University in Los Angeles, California, for educational and literacy purposes. Since 1985, GHS has interviewed over 400 Greek immigrants and Greek Americans in southern California. We continue to conduct oral histories of the Greek American community. Historical photos, private footage and folk art treasures have been catalogued for present and future projects. GHS is proud to have contributed photos to the Ellis Island Museum.

**Our mission is:**

- ◆ To compile historical photos and documents and develop educational materials to stimulate and maintain an interest in Greek culture, literature and heritage;
- ◆ To provide workshops and training programs focusing on the accomplishments of the Greek community and extend this knowledge to members of the community;
- ◆ To work with other cultural and educational organizations for the promotion of cross-cultural studies;
- ◆ To produce a documentary trilogy, "The Greeks of Southern California Through the Century and Beyond," that chronicles the universal Greek American experience as seen through the eyes of those who came to southern California; and
- ◆ To establish a Greek American archive and resource center that will showcase and preserve the artistic, academic, professional and athletic achievements of the local Greek community.

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## **The New Greek Americans 1960 - Present**

This documentary is part 3 and the final segment of our trilogy, "The Greeks of Southern California Through the Century and Beyond."

The history of the Greek experience in America unfolds through interviews of those who settled, raised families and made their lives in southern California. The collection of these stories rings true to any Greek American. The first, second and third generations, fully integrated in the California dream, blend their Greek roots with their American childhood. The bonding of strong traditions from Greece with the modernization of America created a new breed: not just Greek, not just American, but Greek American!

Beginning with the Baby Boomers, Greek American regrowth continues with the building of new Greek Orthodox churches and schools, and the expansion of Hellenic organizations. How did the Second Wave of Greek immigrants affect communities? How did the 1974 invasion of Cyprus bring our communities together? How did the nomination of Michael Dukakis strengthen the Greek populous? Can Greek America survive?

**The New Greek Americans** will explore the influences of successful Greek Americans in business, education, sports, social media and the arts; how dating and intermarriage affect new generations; the expanding Greek communities in suburban areas; and the military experience from Vietnam to Afghanistan.

At long last, the trilogy will be complete as we come full circle with Greeks in America. Will our heritage survive, embedded in the framework that we know and love so well as Americans?

As we reflect and celebrate those before us, the answer still remains a question. Come live a century of life stories of the Greek American experience in southern California.

*The Pioneers 1900 - 1942*

*The Promise of Tomorrow 1940 - 1960*

*The New Greek Americans 1960 - Present*

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