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CONSULAR INFO SESSION & VASILOPITA - in the presence of Canadian embassy consular staff

The Consulate of Canada in Thessaloniki, in cooperation with the Hellenic Canadian Friendship Association, invite you to the **traditional vasilopita cutting**, on Sunday, **January 26th**, 2020, at **18:00**, at **“Le Palace Art Hotel”** in Thessaloniki (<https://lepalace.reserve-online.net/about>).

In addition, the Consular staff of the Embassy of Canada in the Hellenic Republic will also hold an **open information session** for the Canadian citizens who reside in Thessaloniki and the rest of Northern Greece: **‘Travelling abroad? Travel smart, travel safe!’**

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Entrance is free. RSVP is required – please email your name (and the names of your guests) to friendsofcanada.greece@gmail.com by Wednesday, January 22nd.

We're looking forward to your participation!

For information, you may contact the Consulate of Canada in Thessaloniki at 2310-256350.

UPDATE:

Co-hosts Pantelis Petmezas (Canada's Consul in Thessaloniki) and Kathryn Lukey-Coutsocostas (Hellenic Canadian Friendship Association's coordinator) greeted yet another packed room at the Vasilopita Cutting & Consular Information Session at the Le Palace Art Hotel, Thessaloniki, on January 26, 2020.

Next, the Canadian embassy consular staff Karen Krakow (Canadian Embassy Counsellor [Administration] & Consul), and Areti Velissariou (Canadian Embassy Senior Consular Program Officer) presented the information session 'Travelling abroad? Travel smart, travel safe!' After that, the large vasilopita was cut, with our Athens sister organization Friends of Canada winning the flouri (lucky coin); the flouri was awarded to Janet Koniodos. As for the individual vasilopitas, first-timer Constantinos Dagkalidis was the lucky recipient! Guests included a representative from the Greek Canadian Multicultural Association of Kastoria.

The Hellenic Canadian Friendship Association - Friends of Canada would like to thank and acknowledge:

FELLOW COLLABORATORS: *the consular staff of Canadian embassy and the Canadian Consulate of Thessaloniki*

SNACKS & PRESENTATION: *the Canadian embassy in Greece*

VASILOPITAS & TWO 2020 MEDALLIONS: *the Canadian Consulate of Thessaloniki*

VENUE: *Le Palace Art Hotel*

PHOTOS: *Vasilios Karpathios (for the Consulate of Thessaloniki), Elizabeth Adamidis, Kathryn Lukey-Coutsocostas*

VOLUNTEERS *(for set-up/clean-up/distribution), alphabetically: Elizabeth Adamidis, Katherine Bash, Vassiliki Daskalaki, Janet Koniodos, and Maria Stefanidou*

Report by Kathryn Lukey-Coutsocostas, Hellenic Canadian Friendship Association - FoC Coordinator

EVENT PHOTOS

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Lukey-Coutsocostas for taking the photos!