## HELLENIC ASIA MINOR HISTORICAL AND CULTURAL SOCIETY invites you to

## Its Inaugural Presentation

## Asia Minor Catastrophe - The Biggest Tragedy in the History of Hellenism

Η Μικρασιατική Καταστροφή – Η Μεγαλύτερη Τραγωδία στην Ιστορία του Ελληνισμού By Panos Stavrianidis, Ph.D.

A multi-media presentation accompanied by a narrative by the presenter, taking the audience through a journey of the Asian Minor history and the perplexed circumstances that led, the victorious from the Balkan wars Greece, to get involved in such a dire military campaign. The presenter will describe the personalities of the main characters of those events emphasizing the protagonist, Eleftherios Venizelos. National disunity and unfortunate and pointless political and military decisions led to a series of tragedies including genocide and the loss of the historical presence of Hellenism in Asia Minor.

Dr. Stavrianidis is a lecturer on issues relating to Hellenism and especially on Asia Minor. He is an Archon of the Ecumenical Patriarchate and has served in many positions in the Hellenic community. Currently he serves as president of the Hellenic Federation of New Jersey.

## Sunday October 1, 2023 at 12:30 p.m.

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