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Fifteen years have come and gone since millions of people around the world, most profoundly Americans, were glued to their television screens, waiting and barely breathing for the next update on the saga of the World Trade Center’s twin towers. We have fought wars. We have won elections. We have lost elections. We have walked in the snow. We have flown in the summer. We have done it all. Yet, time never heals the scars of 9/11.

The attacks on both Towers, first on the North Tower and then on the South, have left a lasting impact on our society. The events of that day have changed the way we live, work, and think as a nation. Yet, even in this era of constant change and uncertainty, one thing remains clear: we must never forget.

A tribute in lights to the World Trade Center’s fallen Twin Towers. Another important way to never forget is to respect the power and influence of language.

Language is a powerful tool that can bring us together or tear us apart. When we use language responsibly, we can create a sense of unity and understanding. When we use it carelessly, we can cause division and misunderstanding.

In the wake of 9/11, there was a push towards what was called “multiculturalism.” However, this movement often came at the expense of language and identity. Terms like “illegal immigrant” or “undocumented worker” were used to describe those who had entered the United States without proper documentation.

For example, the term “illegal immigrant” is often used to describe anyone who has entered the United States without authorization. However, this term is problematic. It suggests that everyone who has entered the country without proper documentation is somehow “illegal.” This is not the case. People may enter the country without proper documentation for a variety of reasons.

The use of this term can be harmful. It can create a sense of shame and guilt among those who have entered the country without authorization. It can also be used to justify discrimination and marginalization.

On the other hand, terms like “undocumented worker” or “illegal alien” are similarly problematic. They suggest that those who have entered the country without authorization are somehow “bad” or “unworthy.” This is not the case. Many people who have entered the country without authorization have done so because they were seeking a better life for themselves and their families.

The use of these terms can be harmful. It can create a sense of fear and mistrust among those who have entered the country without authorization. It can also be used to justify discrimination and marginalization.

In the end, language is a powerful tool. We must use it responsibly. We must use it to bring us together, not to tear us apart. We must use it to respect the power and influence of language.
"Didyma, Get Up!"

By Chris Krimitsos

"I remember it clear as day. How things would change after that."

On September 11, 2001, the terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon destroyed the dreams of many. It was a moment that would change the course of history.

As I walked through the Smurfit-Stone building, I couldn't help but feel the weight of the event. I knew that we were all going to be changed by it, but I didn't realize how much.

I remember standing in front of the Lincoln Memorial. The sun was shining, but the air was thick with the smell of smoke.

"It's like nothing I've ever seen," I thought to myself. "It's impossible to imagine how this will affect us."
By Maria Margarites

When there’s a good movie and a good cause linked by a common theme – in this case, Hellenism – it makes sense to put the two together.

A Seattleite’s Time to Come Home

By Elizabeth M. Economou

A native Seattleite and New York City transplant from 1997–
2003, I was three months into a new job at Midtown Manhattan’s Time Warner Center when I heard the first of two airplanes bursting through the blue sky.

“Are you watching the news?” I asked my co-worker, a smallish, short-haired woman who had lost her brother on 9-11.

“I’ve got to go,” she said firmly, as she reached for my hand. “Come home,” he pleaded over the telephone. “I’m coming,” I whispered. And I thought, “America the free,” my father’s words were ringing in my ears and I thought, “How can this be happening?”

I breathed a deep sigh of relief. “It’s just a movie,” I thought. “It’s just a movie.”

For three nights, I slept on my couch, after all.

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We will never forget

9/11/2001: 15 Years Later

Let us see St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church rise again

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United we stand remembering, honoring and paying respect to all the Greek Americans and all others that we lost.
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We will never forget
God Bless America

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