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### Oxi Day

**Mr. Aris Babikian:** Every year, on October 28, Greeks all over the world celebrate Oxi Day—No Day. It is the day the Greek people and Greek Prime Minister Ioannis Metaxas rejected the ultimatum made by Benito Mussolini in the 1940s, hence refusing to be subjugated to the tyranny of fascism, and defending their freedom and democracy.

Oxi Day has a special place in modern Greek history. In addition to being the cradle of democracy—it is the destiny of the Greek people through the ages to be the vanguard of the ideas and the principles ancient Greeks gave to humanity. That legacy has continued for the last 5,000 years and has left its indisputable impact on our way of life.

I had the honour of participating in the gala dinner on October 29 and the October 30 parade on Danforth Avenue.

I would like to congratulate the Greek community centre of Toronto, the participating GTHA Greek organizations, thousands of volunteers and the audience for keeping the memory and flame of Oxi alive and passing it to the next generation.

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