

Trump honors Greek Independence Day at annual White House event



US President Donald Trump on Monday afternoon hosted the annual White House event in honor of the March 25th Greek Independence Day.

At a standing-room only event held at the White House's East Room, and in the presence of many distinguished Greek-Americans, Cabinet members, US lawmakers and the ambassadors of Greece and Cyprus to the United States, the American President noted:

"Today, we commemorate the Greeks' long struggle to regain their independence from a foreign empire. On March 25th, 1821 Greek patriots rose up and fought to liberate their country, restore their sovereignty, and reclaim their destiny," he said, adding:

"This evening, we also celebrate the countless ways Greek Americans strengthen and uplift and inspire our nation. You live by the values that are the foundation of

America's greatness... You honor hard work. You love your families. You enrich your culture. And you embrace the American Dream and you keep faith in the blessings of Almighty God...

The United States — and all of Western civilization — has been profoundly shaped by the extraordinary achievements of the Greek people, stretching all the way back to ancient times...

"I want to thank you. God bless you. And again, I want to wish all of you a joyous Greek Independence Day. (Applause.) Thank you."

On his part, Archbishop of America Demetrios thanked the president for his continued support and said it was an honor to again be at the White House, which he emphasized symbolized a nation of freedom for all.