

## "Greek Daily Life in the 16<sup>th</sup> Century Ottoman Empire"

An illustrated lecture by  
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This illustrated presentation will describe what life was like for the average Greek living in the Ottoman Empire at the height of Ottoman power and strength. By the sixteenth century, the Ottoman Empire had become a world power that encompassed most of the Balkans and the Middle East. As a result of this expansion, the Ottoman Empire had to contend with large populations who were diverse in religion, language, and tradition. Among the most important of these populations were the Greek Orthodox people who were prominent not only in the mainland of Greece, but also conspicuous in the capital of Istanbul/Constantinople, spread throughout Anatolia, the islands, and even residing in the Levant and North Africa. The economic activities of Greeks made them extremely useful to the Sultan, but they also were active socially, religiously, and politically in their own right.

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Dr. Tom Papademetriou is Assistant Professor of Historical Studies at The Richard Stockton College of New Jersey. A graduate of both Hellenic College (BA, 1988) and Holy Cross School of Theology (M. Divinity, 1992), Dr. Papademetriou received his Ph.D. in 2001 from Princeton University's Department of Near Eastern Studies. He was awarded research fellowships by the Social Science Research Council and the American Research Institute in Turkey to conduct research in the Ottoman Archives and the Archives of the Ecumenical Patriarchate in Istanbul, Turkey. His research focuses on the history of non-Muslims under Ottoman rule, and he is currently working on a book on the history of the sixteenth century Greek community in the Ottoman Empire. From 1999 to 2000, he was in residence as a Junior Fellow at Harvard University's Dumbarton Oaks Byzantine Research Center and Library, Washington, DC and from 2000 to 2001 served as Lecturer at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI. As a member of the Historical Studies faculty at Richard Stockton College since 2001, he is actively engaged in building a strong Hellenic Studies program in which he teaches courses on the history of the Tourkokratia, Modern Greece, the Balkans, and the Middle East. He lives in Linwood, NJ with his wife Dorrie, and two sons, George and Romanos.