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Friends of Canada is delighted to be co-hosting another **vassilopita cutting** in cooperation with the Consulate of Canada in Thessaloniki.

COME JOIN US at **18.00** on **Wednesday, March 6**, at '**Le Palace Hotel**' in Thessaloniki ( <https://lepalace.gr/en>

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But there's more, of special interest to our Canadian members: the consular staff of the embassy of Canada in the Hellenic Republic will also hold an open **information session** for the Canadian citizens who reside in Thessaloniki and the rest of Northern Greece:

### **'News on Consular Services'**

. There have been many changes, and they will update us on the latest developments.

Entrance is free, but **RSVP is required** – please email your name (and the names of your guests) to [friendsofcanada.greece@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofcanada.greece@gmail.com) by **Monday, March 4**

. For further information about the event, you may contact the Consulate of Canada in Thessaloniki at 2310-256350.

### **UPDATE:**

*What a vibrant evening: No empty chairs, and no extra vasilopita buns! Co-hosts Pantelis Petmezas (Canadian Consul in Thessaloniki) and Kathryn Lukey-Coutsocostas (Friends of Canada coordinator) greeted the guests at the Vasilopita Cutting & Consular Information Session at the Le Palace Art Hotel, Thessaloniki, on March 6, 2024. Amongst the many esteemed guests, Friends of Canada was pleased to welcome its website sponsor, Mihalīs*

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*Polyrakis from Advision.*

*Then, the Canadian Embassy consular staff -- Veronique Nobert, (Canadian Embassy Management and Consular Officer) and Areti Velissariou (Canadian Embassy Senior Consular Program Officer) -- presented recent developments in the information session 'News on Consular Services'.*

*After that, a large vasilopita was cut, with CANADA winning the flouri (lucky coin); a 2024 medallion was awarded to Veronique Nobert. As for the individual vasilopita buns, Soti Stefanidou was the lucky recipient of the flouri – plus a Canada Goodie Bag. Three fortunate winners also received a ticket from the embassy to watch an online film at the International Documentary Festival in Thessaloniki – seven Canadian documentaries are currently being featured ( <https://www.filmfestival.gr/en/documentary-festival> ).*

*Afterwards, the embassy staff commented on the positive Thess vibe and the cohesiveness of the group!*

*Friends of Canada would like to thank and acknowledge:*

**FELLOW COLLABORATORS:** *the consular staff of the Canadian Embassy and the Canadian Consulate of Thessaloniki*

**VENUE, SNACKS & PRESENTATION:** *by the Canadian Embassy in Greece*

**VASILOPITAS, A 2024 MEDALLION & A CANADIAN GOODIE BAG (T-SHIRT-BAG-KEYCHAIN):** *by the Canadian Consulate of Thessaloniki*

**VENUE SERVICES:** *by Le Palace Hotel*

**PHOTOS:** *by Vasilios Karpathios (for the Consulate of Thessaloniki), Katherine Bash, Kathryn Lukey-Coutsocostas*

**VOLUNTEERS** *(for set-up/clean-up/distribution), alphabetically: Elizabeth Adamidis, Katherine Bash, John Coutsocostas, Vassiliki Daskalaki, Effie Nabhan, Rania Samartzidis, Maria Stefanidou, Joanne Xilourgidou*

**Report** *by Kathryn Lukey-Coutsocostas, FoC Coordinator*

### EVENT PHOTOS

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*Thanks to Vasilios Karpathios (for the Consulate of Thessaloniki), Katherine Bash, Kathryn Lukey-Coutsocostas for taking the photos!*