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PRESS RELEASE

**Celebration of the National Anniversary of March 25 at the Aristotle
University**

Thessaloniki, 16/3/2026

The official celebration of the anniversary of the Greek War of Independence will take place on Tuesday, March 24, 2026, at 18:00, in the Ceremony Hall of the Aristotle University.

Following the welcoming address by the Rector of the Aristotle University, Professor Kyriakos Anastasiadis, the keynote address of the day will be delivered by Emeritus and Honorary Professor of Linguistics, former Rector of the University of Athens and President of the Arsakeia–Tositseia Schools, Georgios Babiniotis. His lecture is titled: “The Influence of the Modern Greek Enlightenment on the Awakening of the Nation in 1821: Adamantios Korais and Rigas Feraios.”

The detailed program of the musical part of the ceremony is as follows.

Program

Th. Papadimitriou (b. 1978): *Kageleftos Dance*

N. Skalkottas (1904–1949): *Dance of Zalongo*

M. Theodorakis (1925–2021): *Temples in the Shape of the Sky*

Th. Papadimitriou: *Captain Loukas Dance*

“Giannis Mantakas” Choir of the Aristotle University and the Choral Workshop of the Department of Music Studies of the Aristotle University

Instruction: Erifyli Damianou

Symphony Orchestra of the Aristotle University
Music Director: Vladimiros Symeonidis, Associate Professor, Department of Music
Studies, Aristotle University.

The ceremony will begin with the Kontakion of the Akathist Hymn “Ti Ypermacho”,
arranged by Christos Samaras, and will conclude with the Greek National Anthem.

The event will be broadcast live via live streaming at the following link:
<https://audiovisual.auth.gr/video/116667>

We kindly request that this event be published, broadcast, and covered by the media.