

ΜΝΗΜΗ ΙΩΑΝΝΟΥ ΘΕΟΔΩΡΑΚΟΠΟΥΛΟΥ

Στις 20 Φεβρουαρίου 1982 συμπληρώνεται χρόνος αφότου ἔφυγε ἀπὸ τὸν κόσμον ὁ Ἰωάννης Θεοδωρακόπουλος σὲ ἡλικία 81 ἐτῶν.

Ἀκαδημαϊκός (ἀπὸ τὸ 1960), Γενικὸς Γραμματεὺς τῆς Ἀκαδημίας (ἀπὸ τὸ 1966 ἕως τὸ θάνατό του), Πρόεδρος τῆς Ἐφορευτικῆς Ἐπιτροπῆς τοῦ Κέντρου Φιλοσοφίας τῆς Ἀκαδημίας, ἰδρυτῆς τοῦ περιοδικοῦ «Φιλοσοφία», δίδαξε ἐπὶ μακρὰ σειρὰ ἐτῶν Φιλοσοφία στὰ δύο μεγάλα Πανεπιστήμια τῆς χώρας, ὑπῆρξε Ὑπουργὸς τῆς Παιδείας, ἀντιπρόσωπος τῆς Ἑλλάδος καὶ τῆς Ἀκαδημίας σὲ πολλὰ συνέδρια καὶ ἐπιστημονικὲς συναντήσεις τοῦ ἐσωτερικοῦ καὶ τοῦ ἐξωτερικοῦ, δόκιμος συγγραφεὺς (στὴν ἑλληνικὴ καὶ στὴν γερμανικὴ) σπουδαίων φιλοσοφικῶν καὶ φιλολογικῶν πραγματειῶν, ἀνὴρ σοφός, προικισμένος μὲ ἐμβρίθεια πνεύματος καὶ εὐροια λόγου, πὺν μὲ τὴν πολλαπλὴ δράση του σὲ πολλὰ ἐπίπεδα τῆς κοινωνικῆς μας ζωῆς ἔδειξε ὅτι στὴν Ἑλλάδα ἡ πνευματικὴ παράδοση συνεχίζεται ἀδιάκοπα. Τὸ 1974 ἰδρυσε στὴν Μαγούλα τῆς Σπάρτης κοντὰ στὸν Μυστρά τὴν «Ἐλευθέρα Σχολὴ Φιλοσοφίας ὁ Πλήθων». Ἔτσι ἀπὸ τὸ βῆμα ἐκεῖνο μετέφερε καὶ στὴν ἑλληνικὴ ἐπαρχία τὴν Φιλοσοφία. Τὸ κενὸ πὺν ἀφήνει ὁ θάνατός του γίνεται κάθε μέρα περισσότερο αἰσθητό. Καὶ ὀδυνηρό.

Οἱ συνάδελφοι, οἱ μαθητὲς καὶ οἱ φίλοι του ἀφιερώνουν σήμερα τὶς μελέτες, πὺν περιέχει αὐτὸς ἐδῶ ὁ διπλὸς τόμος τῆς «Φιλοσοφίας», στὴ μνήμη του. Ὁ Ἰωάννης Θεοδωρακόπουλος ὑπῆρξε ἄξιος τῆς Ἑλληνικῆς Ἐπιστήμης. Τὸ παράδειγμά του θὰ καθοδηγεῖ τοὺς Νέους.

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JOHN THEODORAKOPOULOS IN MEMORIAM

On February 20, 1982 one year will have been completed since the death of John Theodorakopoulos, aged 81.

Member of the Academy of Athens (since 1960), General Secretary of the Academy (from 1966 until his death), President of the Advisory Board of the Philosophical Research Center at the Academy, founder of the yearbook «Φιλοσοφία», John Theodorakopoulos taught philosophy at the Universities of Salonika and Athens for over thirty years; he became Minister of Education, and represented Greece and the Academy of Athens at many congresses and scholarly conferences at home and abroad. An established author of important philosophical and literary works (both in Greek and in German) he was a man of wisdom, endowed with erudition of mind and eloquence of speech. Through his manifold activity on many levels of our social life John Theodorakopoulos exemplified the continuous vitality of Greek intellectual tradition. In 1974 he founded «Pletho: A Free School of Philosophy» at Magoula in Sparta close to Mystras. And from that rostrum he transmitted philosophy to the provinces of Greece. The gap left by his death becomes day by day more perceptible - and painful.

Today his colleagues, pupils and friends dedicate their contributions, contained in this double volume of «Φιλοσοφία», to his memory.

John Theodorakopoulos was worthy of Greek Scholarship. His example will continue to guide the young.

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