



## **THE STORY OF THE 300:** **The Battle of "Thermopylae" in Herodotus and in C.P. Cavafy**

***An Illustrated Presentation by Dr. Lena Hatzichronoglou***



*King Leonidas*

*The heroism of the 300 Spartans and their king Leonidas, who fought against countless Persians at the Greek location of **Thermopylae** in 480 B.C., was recorded by the Greek historian Herodotus, and, ever since, it has become a legend of inspiration. It is a story of patriotism, of betrayal, of the spirit's victory over fear, of freedom, of heart, of high ideals. It has changed the course of history of the entire West, and has become the symbol of achievement, audacity, civility, as well as of the human triumph over any kind of tyranny or darkness.*

*In this illustrated presentation we will look closely at the history behind this event, and we will examine the reason why this story continues to be inspiring and pertinent in the world of today. We will see how the twentieth century Greek poet C. P. Cavafy uses **Thermopylae** as an illuminating metaphor for our own humanity; and we will understand why the movie "**300**," which was inspired by this story, keeps exciting young people in the "here" and "now."*



*The Movie*

**When:** **Sunday, November 1, 2009 at 3:00 p.m.**  
**Where:** **Assumption Cultural Center**  
21800 Marter Road, St. Clair Shores, MI 48080  
**Fee:** **\$20.00**  
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*Thermopylae by Jacques Louis David*