In collaboration with Le DIVE our Society ended our Social 2019 on a very festive note with our wonderful annual Festa di Natale and the visits by Babbo Natale and La Befana. The winner of the Young Pianist Award, Cao Linh Pham, introduced by Ingrid Mongini, performed musical masterpieces from Beethoven, Chopin and Bach and accompanied our singing of Christmas Carols. The children, emceed by Claudia Borghini, offered wonderful example of their recitational repertoire and, as an orchestra of percussionists, performed very exciting musical pieces guided by their Music Director, Felicia Toscano. The coming of Babbo Natale and La Befana, facilitated and energized by Carola Mamberto and her husband Alex Steever was momentous. DIVA Fiorenza Castelli has been very good over the years keeping the children busy with interesting and challenging games while they await the arrival of Santa loaded with gifts. Community spirit and pride of descent were evident in the generous and delicious contributions of culinary creations contributed by the members and arranged in a 20-foot long display of Italian as well as international cuisine. I would be remiss here if I did not express our gratitude to the members of the Board of Directors and to our Executive Director, Francesca Casazza, and Lucy Fonseca for their enthusiasm and hard work that makes it possible for us to maintain high the spirit of participation and enjoyment. Elves and other helpers were equally important, thanks to all of you! (Page 4-5).

On Friday January 17th, in the Lohrfink Auditorium at Georgetown University, we will honor the victims of the Holocaust with a theatrical performance preceded by video interviews and testimonial. Details of the event on page 6.

On Sunday January 19 we have a most interesting speaker, Sister Maria Theotokos Adams, a Ph.D. student at the Catholic University of America, who will be speaking on the mathematical/astronomical issues of calculating time (as opposed to merely recording it), as well as the development of particular liturgical pressures in early Christian history, which accelerated the work. Special attention will be given to the work of the 13th century Genoese archbishop Jacobus de Voragine who composed the Legenda aurea and the 16th century Italian scientist Aloysius Lilius who worked out the 1582 calendrical reform known as the Gregorian Calendar (page 3).

Have a very rewarding 2020!

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MAKING TIME IN WESTERN THOUGHT: AN INTRODUCTION TO CALENDAR STUDIES AND LITURGICAL CALCULATIONS

In our January Social Meeting, Sister Theotokos will address the mathematical and astronomical issues of calculating time, as opposed to merely recording it, as well as the development of particular liturgical pressures in early Christian history which accelerated the work. Special attention will be given to the work of the 13th century Genoese archbishop Jacobus de Voragine who composed the Legenda aurea (“Golden Legend”) and the 16th century Italian scientist Aloysius Lilio who worked out the 1582 calendrical reform known as the Gregorian Calendar.

Sr. Maria Theotokos Adams, SSM, a native of Washington, lived abroad in Lausanne (CH) as a child making frequent trips to the north of Italy (Acqui, Milan, Portofino) with her family. Returning to the United States for school, she grew up near Charlottesville, Virginia, before attending Columbia University in New York. While pursuing her BA in Ancient Studies, she spent a semester at Hebrew University in Jerusalem also attending courses at the École Biblique.

Sr. Theotokos entered religious life in 2001, and professed her perpetual vows in 2008. She is a member of the missionary community the Servants of the Lord and the Virgin of Matará (SSVM)—female branch of the Religious Family of the Incarnate Word(INO). In 2004-2005 she completed her studies in Segni (RM) south of Rome before returning to Washington, DC to serve as an instructor in the house of studies for younger sisters.

Sr. Theotokos completed her Master’s in Church History at The Catholic University of America in 2016 with a focus on Bede’s reception of The City of God and his role in transmitting the legacy of Augustine. Venturing back to the earliest systematic Christian historiography, she is now pursuing her doctorate in Church History on Eusebius of Caesarea and liturgical time.

SUNDAY, JAN 19 AT 3-5 PM

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On Saturday, December 14th, the Italian Cultural Society hosted the traditional Festa di Natale. Families, children, and friends came together to celebrate the magic of Christmas.

Awarded pianist Cao Linh Pham opened the festivities with a superb piano performance, playing music by Bach, Beethoven and Chopin, followed by Christmas carols.

Meanwhile, children were entertained by Maestra Fiorenza Castelli and Le D.I.V.E in the adjacent room with a Christmas-themed workshop.

After the piano performance, children took the spotlight for some Christmas poetry recitals. Bravo! to all our little students who stood in front of the large audience and very bravely presented some of the most famous poems from the Italian Christmas tradition.

Then it was the time of our little musicians, who entertained the public with music performances beautifully coordinated by Maestro Felicia Toscano, Director of the ICS Music School.
The moment that everyone was expecting finally arrived, with a special visit from Babbo Natale, la Befana and the Elves. Babbo Natale brought many sacks and needed the help of the Elves and la Befana to distribute all the Christmas gifts to the astonished and excited children.

The evening then continued with a potluck dinner, filled with home-made delicacies and the traditional Italian Christmas desserts Pandoro and Panettone.

After dinner, the fun Christmas Raffle begun, with special prizes kindly donated by our sponsors, that we hereby would like to thank: Domenico D’Addario - Officina d’Arte Orafa, Jewelry Link, Eyma Salon & Spa, Framore, Pizzeria Da Marco and Balducci’s.

And a big thank you is much needed for the main sponsor of our event: FRAMORE Thank you for donating so many wonderful products of Italy to the ICS!

The evening ended with joy and a lot of good memories, and we are already counting down the days to next Christmas!
DAYS OF REMEMBRANCE OF THE VICTIMS OF THE HOLOCAUST

The Italian Cultural Society, in collaboration with US-Italy Global Affairs Forum and The Department of Italian of Georgetown University, presents the duo Heartstrings performing words and music from Auschwitz “We have been separated”. The theatrical performance is preceded by brief video interviews and testimonials presented by journalist Antonella Ciancio.

The event will take place on Friday January 17 at 7:00PM, at Georgetown University, Lohrfink Auditorium, Hariri Building West Road - Washington D.C. 20007.

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REPORT OF THE ITALIAN LANGUAGE PROGRAM

BY FRANCESCA CASAZZA, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Carissimi,

I hope you had a nice winter break and you are as energetic and motivated as ever to start a new year learning with us. We are!!

One of our accomplishments this year is the renewal of our authorization to offer CELI exams, now even more important than in the past, as to become Italian citizens, applicants must prove their Italian competence at the level B1, according to the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR). The ICS is one of the official examination centers. The first exam is scheduled on March 9th. More information on our website.

Winter Term just started and I had the pleasure to welcome back almost all of you. I look forward to seeing students from the few classes I missed the first week.

A few courses are waiting for more students to enroll: Listening to music in Italiano, by Maestro Felicia Toscano, How to read and critique a novel, and Laboratorio di Scrittura by writer Sofia Caligiuri, The Art History of Italian Renaissance (in English) by Prof. Annelise Brody Morani; Roman History and Archeology, by Archeologist Dario Penzo; and other interesting courses listed on the Winter schedule have room for more students, including Yoga, Guitar lessons, Cooking and Latin.

We started the year celebrating La Befana and I Re Magi, with a fun workshop designed by Maestra Fiorenza Castelli. A few fun pictures of it follow. Do not miss the next one for La festa del papà (San Giuseppe). On January 25th, from 10:00-3:00pm, at Roosevelt High School, 4301 13th street, we will be attending again the Multilingual Education Fair of DC, together with Casa Italiana.

I look forward to seeing you soon in class; at the Lohrfink Auditorium at Georgetown University, Jan. 17th for the Victims of the Holocaust Remembrance event; and at our first social meeting of the year on the 19th, when we will also present our recommended contacts in Italy to travel, to study, to enjoy music and sport (see page 8 of this Poche Parole).

Auguri di cuore per un nuovo anno sereno e in salute!
OUR SUGGESTIONS TO TRAVEL IN ITALY AND STUDY ITALIAN
INFO SESSION JANUARY 19, AT 1:30PM

Join our Info Session on January 19th from 1:45PM to 2:45PM, right before our January Social Meeting, at the Bethesda headquarters, to learn more about a few selected language schools in Italy, which we know and trust. We will also connect with Francesca Memoli, Director of the Accademia Italiana Language School, located in Salerno, who is offering a scholarship for a 2 week Italian Course (50% course + enrollment) to the winner of a quiz on her presentation on History, Art, Music, Theater, Cuisine of Campania region, that you can find in the next pages.

So far we selected a few schools in different towns from North to South:

• **STUDY IN ITALY**: Located in Genova, Liguria; Siena, Tuscany.
• **REGGIO LINGUA**: Located in Reggio Emilia, Emilia Romagna.
• **ITALIAN ME**: Located in Florence, Tuscany.
• **LA LINGUA LA VITA**: Located in Todi, Umbria.
• **DIVULGAZIONE LINGUA ITALIANA**: Located in Rome, Lazio.
• **ACCADEMIA ITALIANA**: Located in Salerno, Campania.

We also have a partnership with [FB CAMP ITALY](https://www.facebook.com/FBCampItaly) for sport oriented summer camps for kids; and [FIUGGI GUITAR FESTIVAL](https://www.fiuggiguitarfestival.it) for adults and kids music lovers.

If you are interested only in travelling, and you want to experience the Italian culture and lifestyle as an insider, we suggest customized trips in different regions, tailored to your interests. Below you can find some of the tours/agencies that we suggest:

• **BEAUTIFUL LIGURIA**: Liguria and Piemonte
• **FANDANGO TOUR**: Veneto and Lombardia
• **SOLART**: Puglia
• **IMPERATORE TRAVEL WORLD**: Sicilia
• **YOUR ITALIAN EXPERIENCE**: Lazio
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Oggi vi presento la Campania, regione situata nel Sud-Italia che ha come capoluogo Napoli.

La Campania è tra le regioni italiane a vantare il maggior numero di beni e siti riconosciuti dall’UNESCO, ponendosi al 4 posto con i siti appartenenti esclusivamente al suo territorio.

I patrimoni materiali dell’Unesco in Campania includono 6 luoghi con aree molto vaste che comprendono al loro interno numerosi siti archeologici e interi comuni: – Centro Storico di Napoli – Costiera Amalfitana – Aree archeologiche di Pompei, Ercolano e Torre Annunziata – Il Palazzo Reale del XVIII secolo di Caserta con il Parco, – Parco Nazionale del Cilento e del Vallo di Diano con i siti archeologici di Paestum e Velia e la Certosa di Padula – I Longobardi in Italia, i luoghi del potere (provincia di Benevento).


Salerno e la sua provincia: arte, storia e tradizioni immerse nella vita moderna

Salerno, è la seconda città della regione, che comprende la provincia italiana più estesa. E’ destinazione di carattere tradizionale e mediterraneo, città a misura d’uomo, sincera, non meta di turismo di massa, dove esiste il contatto quotidiano con la gente locale e dove si può vivere un’esperienza autentica italiana di cultura, arte, cucina e vino ad un costo della vita che rimane ancora economico. La città ospita circa 200 mila abitanti.

Salerno si trova in un territorio paesaggistico famoso in tutto il mondo: a nord c’è la meravigliosa Costiera Amalfitana con Amalfi, Positano, Ravello, Sorrento; il suo golfo guarda le isole famosissime di Capri, Ischia e Procida; a sud si estende il Cilento con località famose per la loro importanza archeologica, come Paestum e Agropoli e per la loro bellezza paesaggistica come Palinuro. A pochi minuti con i trasporti si trova Pompei con i suoi scavi archeologici e la città di Napoli con la storia e l’arte di una capitale storica. La città si serve di un grande porto commerciale e di un attivo porto turistico che costituiscono base per le linee marittime verso la Costiera Amalfitana e Cilentana e per le isole di Capri ed Ischia. E’ ben servita inoltre da una grande stazione ferroviaria per tutte le destinazioni nazionali e da due aeroporti (Salerno e di Napoli) che la collegano a tutta la rete aerea nazionale ed internazionale.

La Costiera Amalfitana ospita Positano, Ravello e Sorrento con le case arrampicate sulla montagna e comprende Amalfi, regina della riviera famosa per i limoni e per il suo Duomo arabo-normanno. Vietri poi è famosa per la cupola di ceramica della settecentesca chiesa Parrocchiale che ci ricorda che siamo nella patria della ceramica.

Il Cilento è la terra a sud di Salerno dove la natura selvaggia caratterizza un paesaggio tra i più incontaminati d’Italia. Una terra abitata fin dall’antichità dalle grandi popolazioni della storia come testimoniano le famose zone archeologiche quali la città di Paestum, con i templi greci.

Ischia
Capri

SALERNO OGGI
La prima caratteristica che salta all’occhio del turista è che Salerno si presenta come una città poliedrica che interessa tutti, nel passato e nel presente, tanto che tutti vi possono trovare qualcosa di stimolante. La città non si presenta come una metropoli caotica e mantiene la sua dimensione “a misura d’uomo” con percorribili distanze a piedi, evitando quindi l’anonimato dei cittadini. E’ la tipica città del Sud, con il calore della gente locale, il clima mite e il ritmo di vita rilassante. È anche una città turistica per le sue incomparabili bellezze paesaggistiche, e grazie alla sua posizione geografica, Salerno gode di felici condizioni climatiche durante tutto l’anno con inverni molto miti e temperature estive addolcite dal vento del mare.

Il centro storico di Salerno è uno dei più interessanti centri medievali del Mezzogiorno. Esso è chiuso tra mare e colline e conserva ancora intatto il suo fascino con i bei palazzi che si affacciano sul golfo, come il palazzo dell’Accademia Italiana. Il celebre Lungomare, tra i più lunghi e belli d’Italia, rappresenta un suggestivo punto d’incontro lungo il mare: sempre popolato di giorno e di notte e ricco di numerosissimi bar e ristoranti, dove i forestieri e i salernitani possono facilmente entrare in contatto e quindi godere della tipica vita del sud. Al centro commerciale della città è possibile fare lo shopping più elegante.

VIVERE A SALERNO
Salerno è fortemente amata per il suo spiccato “carattere mediterraneo”, che porta a vivere tutti i momenti quotidiani della vita cittadina all’aria aperta, in un forte spirito di aggregazione (= stare insieme), facilitato dal clima mite e dal carattere aperto della gente. Un forestiero riesce così ad inserirsi facilmente nel tessuto sociale e ad approfondire usi e costumi di questa cittadina, che rimane famosa in Italia per il suo grande spirito di ospitalità.
E’ una città ricca di occasioni e di iniziative artistiche e ricreative che per tutto l’anno offre ai suoi benvenuti ospiti quali festival di teatro e di cinema internazionali, festival musicali, stagioni operistiche, concerti, sagre e feste religiose, mercati tipici all’aperto, manifestazioni enogastronomiche, concorsi di bellezza, tornei e campionati sportivi.
LA CUCINA E I VINI
Tutta la provincia di Salerno è rinomata nel mondo non solo per l’incanto dei luoghi ma anche per i prodotti veramente unici e per la sua saporitissima cucina a base di pesce e frutti di mare.
Dal limoncello alla famosa mozzarella di bufala, dall’olio DOP (Denominazione di Origine Protetta, al pomodoro San Marzano), tutti prodotti tipicamente Campani famosi nel mondo.

STUDIARE A SALERNO
Studiare l’italiano a Salerno rappresenta quindi un’occasione unica per chi vuole apprezzare il fascino della vita italiana più tradizionale, lontano dalle metropoli e dal turismo di massa. L’ospitalità, la cortesia e la gioia di vivere della gente permettono agli studenti il loro facile inserimento nella tipica realtà viva e brillante. Il clima mito permette tutto l’anno una dinamica vita all’aperto che insieme alla dimensione a misura d’uomo porta gli studenti ad un facile approccio con la gente locale ed ad un frequente rapporto di relazioni con loro, trascorrendo un’indimenticabile parentesi di vita italiana. Salerno è il luogo ideale per mescolare studio e vacanza perché grazie alla sua favorevole posizione offre la possibilità di visitare in pochi minuti tutte le meraviglie ed i tesori storico-artistici della Campania vivendo allo stesso momento in una tipica realtà del Sud-Italia. L’Accademia italiana offre un ampio ventaglio di programmi di lingua e cultura per giovani, adulti, famiglie, studenti da brevi a lunghi periodi.
Vi aspettiamo quindi tutti a Salerno a braccia aperte!

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