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***Saint Irene's* debuts bringing faith and the obstacles of community to the forefront at Zeiders American Dream Theater**

Virginia Beach - Zeiders American Dream Theater (ZADT) in Town Center under the leadership of Artistic Director Bart Kuebler and Executive Director Terry Flint, is pleased to present this stage reading of *Saint Irene's*.

Saint Irene's Greek Orthodox church is in crisis. The church leaders realize that they have the opportunity to pull themselves out of debt, but by the use of dubiously acquired funds. This leads to a debate between legacy and faith as the church leaders must choose between what is right and what is reasonable.

Playwright Manoli Kouremetis wrote *Saint Irene's* because he wondered "how individuals would react if an institution that seemed unending was suddenly in jeopardy. Many people have chosen to leave the church for many different reasons, but what if because of financial reasons your church was on the brink of leaving you?". He also added "The play takes place in the present, but involves people from the past and the decisions they made during the church's more solvent times."

Audience members attending this staged reading can expect to see not a play about church, or about denominational differences, or who has more faith, but about the lengths that we go through to preserve memory, and what it takes to resuscitate community.

Saint Irene's runs March 31 - April 2, 2017. Friday and Saturday at 8pm and Saturday and Sunday matinees at 2pm. Tickets are \$23 at the door or online at AmericanDreamTheater.org

Zeiders American Dream Theater is located at 4573 Bank Street, Virginia Beach, VA 23462

ABOUT ZEIDERS AMERICAN DREAM THEATER

Zeiders American Dream Theater develops the potential we have to foster local and emerging talent and provide them an opportunity a stage, a voice to do what they are passionate about doing and hopefully, in the process, inspire others to do the same. Currently Zeiders American Dream Theater is a nonprofit theater with an 80 seat theater in the Block 6 area of Town Center in Virginia Beach. In 2018, we will be moving to Block 9 of Town Center with new facilities which

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will include a 300 seat thrust stage, 100 seat cabaret space, recording studio and spacious new lobby facing the plaza. Learn more at AmericanDreamTheater.org

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