HAPPY NEW YEAR from

Hopkinton, Massachusetts
where the spirit of Marathon, Greece
resides in the United States.
Once a year it makes its way to
Boston, only to return to Hopkinton for safe keeping.



Many Blessings in 2011!

"Spírit of the Marathon" Sculpture

The Mico Kaufman sculpture is located at the 1 mile marker on the Boston Marathon course in Hopkinton, Massachusetts.

The bronze sculpture honors Greek marathoner Stylianos Kyriakides and his 1946Boston Marathon Victory. An identical sculpture can be found in Marathon, Greece the site of the Battle of Marathon and the start of the first Olympic Marathon. Both sculptures were commissioned by New Balance Athletic Shoe, Inc.

In addition to Kyriakides the sculpture includes the figure of Spyridon Louis, the winner of the first modern Olympic Marathon run in 1896.

The heroic story of Kyriakides can be found in the book by Nick Tsiotos and Andy Dabilis entitled <u>Running with</u>

<u>Pheidippides: Stylianos Kyriakides, The Miracle Marathoner.</u>