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# KARYES

## Lakonias



The Stone Bridge with the Monument of Caryatids

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## SUMMER IN KARYES!

### KARYES 2016: THE SUMMER SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

In a difficult time our Association in cooperation with the local community and local bodies keeps our village alive and strong!

After relevant consultations between the Board of our Association and other bodies of our village the program of summer cultural events was finalized.

#### Sunday, July 24: Event for Grand Benefactor Athanassios Matalas at the grove of Agia Paraskevi - School



The event, will begin with a **memorial** to the great benefactor of Karyes and Laconia and will accompanied by lectures on his life and activity.

On the initiative of the Cultural Organization of the Municipality of Sparta, **dance groups** from the places that Athanassios Matalas lived (Eastern Rumelia, Argos, etc.) were invited and will enrich the event with local traditional dances.

All residents and guests are invited to honor with their presence the event which will be a milestone for this summer for the whole Laconia.

#### Tuesday July 26: Holy feast of Agia Paraskevi Square of Rachi

#### Wednesday, July 27: Holy feast Agios Panteleimonas Central Square Karyes

As every year, the **best traditional festivals of Laconia** invite the compatriots to meet again and the visitors to enjoy Karyes fun until the morning.



#### Saturday, July 30: wine and grapes tasting Event and musical spectacle in Central Square Karyes

In the afternoon at 19.30, the **Municipality of Sparta** and the **Karyates Association** invites everyone on Karyes and in the neighboring villages to an evening dedicated to Wine.

Winemakers from Laconia and Arcadia will present their wines in a beautiful event, which will be accompanied by video projection film on Wine, live music with songs inspired by the long-term relationship of our people with the vine!



#### Saturday, August 6: Karyates Association Reception in the Community Building of Karyes.

Our **Association** invites, as every year, that afternoon at **19.30** all residents, expatriates and holidaymakers, in our village gathering.

Sweets and coffee will be offered and the actions of our Association and general issues facing our village will be discussed.



Be there!

#### Saturday August 13: Summer Dance of Karyates Association at the grove of Agia Paraskevi Church-School

Summer events will be completed, as every year, with the annual dance of our Association. The Association's Board **invites all the compatriots to meet and have fun under the pine trees and the stars** with traditional music by our compatriot DJ and music producer, Leonidas Chondropoulos.



#### 2nd Greek and foreign song Festival

Summer events in our village begin with the two-day song festival at the hotel "Arhontiko tou Parnona" which was organized for the second consecutive year.

In collaboration with the Conservatory "melodia" of Sparta, attendees will have fun **Monday 18 July** with Greek music and **Tuesday July 19** foreign. The event takes place in the beautiful cobbled courtyard of the hotel.

## HAVE A NICE SUMMER IN KARYES!

EDUCATIONAL EXCURSIONS OF KARYES PRIMARY SCHOOL



On Tuesday, April 19, 2016, the Primary School of Karyes in cooperation with the Primary School of Sellasia held a teaching tour in Athens. Specifically at **Badminton theater** to watch the play of "Jason and the Golden Fleece", from where the photos we publish. Then followed a visit to **Attica Zoological Park**.

These excursions offer the children of the village a chance to broaden their educational horizons and in any case the Karyates Association supports financially relevant initiatives whenever requested.

So after the request made by the Director of Primary School of Kares, we funded an excursion of pupils of the Primary school in cooperation with the Kindergarten of Karyes, to the Traffic Education Park in Sparta and in the area of Ancient Sparta (Acropolis, theater).



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EXERCISE OF FIRE "DIA PYROS" IN KARYES

On Thursday, May 12th, 2016 at 09:00 an exercise as a response for a **major forest fire in real conditions** took place at the care of the Fire Department, codenamed "Dia Pyros 2016", in the area of "**Tsouka-Mavroyiannis**" at the **Karyes Local Community** in Laconia. The exercise was under the supervision of Operational Deputy Chief of the Fire Brigade, Lieutenant **Athanasios Serentellos** and the Governor of Peloponnesus Fire brigade Administration, Brigadier **Charalambos Chionis**.



The area was chosen because of the intense physical surface, its proximity to wildlife refuge and oak forest of Karyes and the livestock that grazes there during the summer months.

The exercise used seven vehicles of the **Fire Service of Sparta** with 15 firefighters, a group hiker part of **PE.PY.D. Pelloponissos**, the **Greek Rescue Team - Annex Laconia**, voluntary group "**ETOIMOKLIS**" and the **Karyes Fire Protection Unit**.



The Board Members of our Association and the editorial team of the News Bulletin wishes to all compatriots **AN ENJOYABLE SUMMER !**

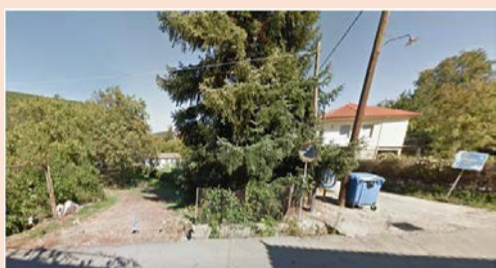
**THE ILLEGAL COLLECTION AND THE RISK OF THE EXTINCTION OF OUR MOUNTAIN'S AROMATIC VEGETATION**

**An interesting workshop in Karyes**

On Saturday June 11, an interesting discussion on herbs took place in the central square of our village. This event was part of a series of events organized by the **Directorate of Environment of Sparta Municipality** in cooperation with the **Legal Entity of Culture and Environment**.

On the occasion of June 5, a day designated as World Environment Day, the Sparta Municipality held various activities aimed at informing, raising awareness and mobilizing citizens in environment-related issues. As many young people in Karyes have in recent years engaged in the systematic cultivation of aromatic plants, the particular event was a good opportunity for further information and discussion

**SPACE ACQUISITION BY KARYES LOCAL COMMUNITY TO CREATE A PARKING AREA**



The Sparta Municipality announced the direct payment of notary Athanasoulia - Dempegiotou Georgia, based on a contract for the purchase of plot of land in the Karyes Local Community by the Municipality of Sparta.

This is related to the 70/2016 decision approved by 09.03.2016, to obtain a the plot of land in the center of Karyes to create parking space. The land was owned by Christos K. Voukidis and Panayiotis K. Voukydis and was bought in the amount of **€15.000,00**.

**KARYES IRRIGATION NETWORK EXTENSION**

The City of Sparta posted on "Diavgeia" website on July 12, 2016 the approval of a credit commitment amounting to **€25,000.00** for expanding Karyes irrigation network

**ULTRAMARATHON RACE "KRONION PERASMA" IN AGIOS PETROS OF KYNOYRIA**

The ultramarathon race "**KRONION PERASMA - RUN THE HOLY MOUNTAIN OF KRONOS - FATHER OF GODS**" held this year on **Saturday, July 16, 2016** with great success like the year before. Bodies of the event is the Municipality of North Kynouria, the **Local Community of Agios Petros of North Kynouria**, the **Mount Parnon Management Agency - Wetland Moustos**, the site [www.ultrarunning.gr](http://www.ultrarunning.gr) and the Association "**A.P.S. Apollo Dyt.Attikis**" as a technical adviser to race. In the race participated as body involved and the **Sports Club of Karyes "O KARYATIS"**.

With many participants, the race started from **Agios Petros Kynouria** of Arcadia headed for Parnon shelter, passed through the villages **Vamvakou - Varvitsa - Karyes - Vourvoura** and finished again in Agios Petros, making a circular 70 km long route.

This annual race is a great opportunity for a last training test for runners that will run on "Feidippideios Race" or "Spartathlon" next September and it also addresses to all runners who want to take part in a race ultramarathon of 70km.

**KARYES CULTURAL ASSOCIATION NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**



The Board the Association informs that, due to the absence of quorum required by statute (1/3 of members), the ordinary General Assembly will resume on **Sunday, July 17, 2016 at 11:00** in the hall of the community building of Karyes, for discussion and decision on the following issues:

**AGENDA**

1. Annual Report of the Board of Directors and assessment of Revenues and Expenses.
2. Election of the Election Commission and conducting elections to elect a new Board and new Auditing Committee.

In case of no quorum (1/4 of members), the General Assembly will resume Saturday, July 30, 2016 at 20:00 in the hall of community building of Karyes.

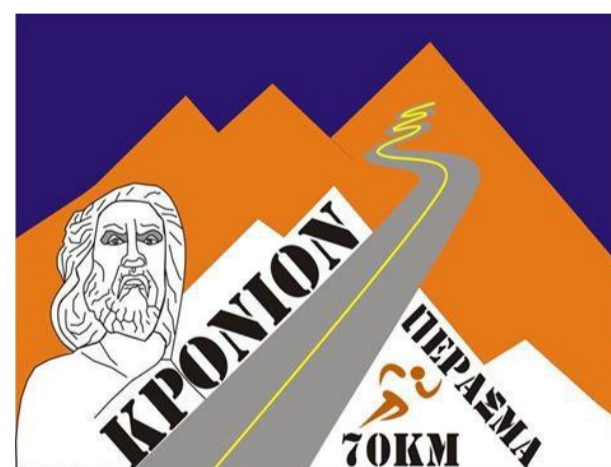
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Chairman of the Board Ioannis Mentis



**THE CONDITION OF HAGIOGRAPHIES IN APOSTLE ANDREAS CHURCH**

On the **initiative of the Karyates Association**, a conservator expert proceeded to autopsy the interior of the Karyes' metropolis. The conclusion reached is that the deterioration of paintings is caused by the candles and there is a solution. First a special **absorber** must be purchased and placed above the point where the candles burn, as it exists in many churches of our country. Second there should be a **special cleaning in the paint by a specialist workshop**.

Based on the above, the **Council of Karyes Church** invites anyone compatriot wishes to contribute to the project.



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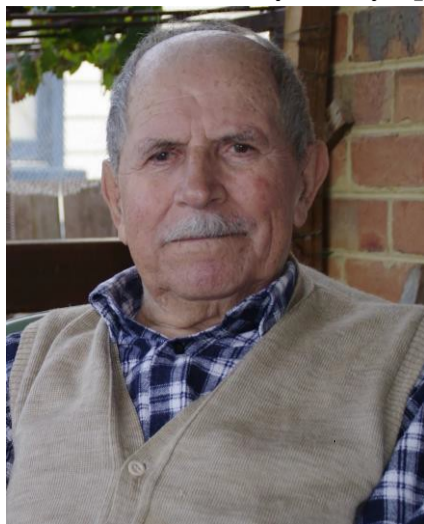
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## SOCIAL NEWS

**Died on Holy Friday April 29 in Melbourne, Australia by ANDREAS P. NTARMOS (96, from Karyes Lakonias)**



*Following is the text of his children as it was posted in karyes.blogspot.com.*

Our father **Andreas Darnos** was born in Karyes Laconia Greece on 20/02/1920. He is the son of **Panagiotis Darnos** and **Helen Kolovos**. He was the youngest of thirteen children of his family. At the age of 3 years old his mother died and he was left orphaned. He was brought up by his father Panagiotis and his other siblings. He grew up in Karyes and during the winter months in Troupolaka Laconia (a sacred place for the Darnos families).

After finishing primary school in Karyes for the next eight years he worked as a farmer and shepherd in the fields and looking after the flocks of the family.

The childhood experiences gained growing up in the beautiful area of Karyes close to nature, was a catalytic influence in the formation of his personality and his outlook for the environment and love of fellow man.

During second world war and in 1941 Greece is under the German occupation. With help by Greek collaborators he is arrested and held captive by the Italians. He escapes and in September 1943 he becomes a hostage of the German occupiers and becomes a prisoner in the concentration camps of "Goudi" in Athens and "Pavlos Melas" in Thessaloniki, he regains his freedom in 1944. After the WW2 he does not find peace as the Civil war in Greece he along with most Greeks try to survive from the atrocities of the civil war.

In 1950 he marries **Yiannoula Sarris**, a girl from the same village. In 1951 comes the birth of their first son Panagiotis and in 1954 their second son George. After a year and several months of prolonged illness they lose their little son George and fall in a long period of mourning. Life continues and in 1958 comes the birth of another little boy who gets baptized in the name George. The struggle for survival continues with hard work in the family fields and with day labour jobs in the village. In August 1962 comes the birth of their daughter Eleni. It is a happy time for the family but a year later, due to financial difficulties and the struggle for survival our father decides to migrate to **Australia**.

The trip to Australia with the ship Patris lasts 25 days. On his arrival in Melbourne he is met by other Karyates and he is offered residence by his cousin Paraskeva and Maria Kolovos.



Paraskeva finds him a job at the same factory that he works at in "Adams Cakes" in Bosisto street Richmond. There he finds that a large number of other Karyates also work there. Almost nine months later the rest of the family migrates to Australia where we meet up with our father in Melbourne.



Together with two other families from Karyes our father rents a small weatherboard house in Richmond. Within this small wooden house of three bedrooms lived three families. (12 people)

After much hard work in two different employers and with the assistance of our mother Giannoula in 1965 he manages to put a deposit and buy a small house with two bedrooms in 211 Burnley Street Richmond. This was the base we needed for the family to start a life in Australia.



He continued working two jobs for another six years and in 1971 he manages to pay off the loan on the house in Burnley street Richmond. He has also saved enough to purchase a second larger house for the family in Box Hill. Relocating to the new home allowed our father to stop his employment at the two jobs and he found a new job in a factory near the new house in Box Hill. This change gave him time to be able to be close to his family and spent more time with his children. The new house had enough back yard for the establishment of garden and so he was given the opportunity to return to his roots as a farmer, and planted several fruit trees and established a new vegetable garden.



The same period of time a large number of relatives bought homes in Box Hill and Blackburn within walking distance from our new home. It was a time that everyone was young and starting new families. After the long week of work and in order to unwind they arranged frequent picnic trips to Maroondah Dam, to the beach and numerous other locations. It was perhaps the best period in the lives of these new migrants as they were all young people with young families, with a thirst for life attending engagements, weddings and a lot of other happy functions.

Our father's decision to migrate to Australia proved correct. Australia offered him the opportunity to achieve whatever he hoped to accomplish in life for his family and for this reason he loved Australia. This love for Australia was not enough to extinguish the hope he had to one day visit his homeland in Karyes Greece. After a period of 13 years in Australia (in 1976) he decided that it was time for a holiday in Greece. This was the beginning for a series of 13 trips back to our village Karyes Laconia. Every trip back to Greece became a promotion of Greece to us. The stories and descriptions of what happened during their vacation in the village, the gatherings with their relatives, promoted their love for our village to all their children and grandchildren.

Another of the loves of our father was reading and storytelling. Whenever he had a little time at hand we always found him stooped over a book or a newspaper. He read endlessly at least one or two books a week.



From our very young age as small children he would always read to us or would tell us fairy tales and stories from his life when he was a shepherd, stories about the very large Darnos family, stories of his arrests by the Italians, and his imprisonment in the concentration camps by the Germans and many other stories. He was always on the move and always had something to do. But he also had time for involvement with the local Greek Community of Box Hill, sometimes as a volunteer and at times in the Community Council. Another love was growing his garden and cultivating in our brother George farm in Silvan. For many years he cultivated and planted chestnut trees, olive trees, pear trees, apple trees and many other trees. Every year many Community members in Box Hill waited for him to bring Chestnuts.



In recent years our father's memory and health started to deteriorate, and because of that his will for work and other activities waned and he retired from active involvement in our brother's farm. The big blow for our parents came two years ago when we lost our brother George after a prolonged illness. This had a very negative impact on both our parents and our father lost any appetite he may have had for any activity. From what we remember our father has never said a bad word for another person and has never berated any man, he was loved by all the relatives, villagers and all the people that he came in contact with.

He felt very lucky to have so many nephews and friends who in the last years of his life they never ceased to visit him at home. After the constant presence in our lives and all his love, his leadership, his support, his stories, etc it is difficult to express how much we miss him but will always be very proud of him and will always remember him and what he has given to us during his lifetime.

**God rest his soul**

Wife: Yiannoula Darnos

Grandchildren: Andrew and Alexandra

Children: Panagiotis and Anastasia

Ioanna and Johnnie

Eleni and Scott

Zoe and Jackson

Georges (deceased.) - Jenny

Great grandchildren: Theodoros and Anastasia

## SOCIAL NEWS

### WEDDING OF A FINE KARYATID



On Sunday 19 June 2016, **Konstantina** daughter of Mr. **Nicholas G. Trakas** (member of the Association Board) and **Eleni** (also for many years a member of the Board) got married.

The wedding took place at the Church of Panagia Misosporitissas in Peania. Konstantina is a graphic designer and the groom, **Alexandros Davis**, is a bank clerk. Their parents after the Mystery had a reception for guests in the Argitheia estate.

Board members Our Association wishes the newly married couple, congratulations, a happy life with many offsprings!

### OUR YOUTH AND THEIR STUDIES

**Thekla G. Gkioni** (daughter Evangelia Kopsiafti) who graduated last year from the Department for **Food Nutrition and Dietetics of Harokopio University of Athens**, was accepted to the graduate Department of **Clinical Dietetics and Nutrition, University UCL of London** and graduated successfully. She is now a postgraduate degree specializing in **food anorexia and bulimia**.

Congratulations and a good professional career!

The Karyates Association and the editorial team of the Bulletin is willing to publish social news (Births, christenings, weddings, awards and deaths) of our compatriots.



### THE PROGRAM SUMMER EVENTS OF THE ARAHOVITON BROTHERHOOD OF TORONTO

The beautiful park "KARYES" of the brotherhood opens for the summer and will host two events.

On **30 and 31 of July**, the two-day annual meeting-festival will take place to celebrate the patron saints of the village of Agia Paraskevi and Saint Panteleimon.

On **18 September**, the annual "popped corn" picnic will take place. As stated in the announcement of the brotherhood website, fresh corn and potatoes of Ontario will be offered to all guests.



Anyone can bring food, drinks or sweets.



### BOOK PRESENTATION WITH SPARTAN SHORT STORIES

By **Annita Gkleka-Prekeze**

The chairman of the "Association of Attica Lacedaemonians", **Mr. Dimitrios Kastanis** invited Association's members and friends, on Monday, June 27 at 7.30 in the Matalaio foundation's Hall, on Hamilton Street 6 in Athens to a book presentation of **Demosthenes A. Matalas**, lawyer and former Mayor Spartans, entitled "**Istories gia agrious (Stories for Savages)**", published by "Idiomorfi".

Despite the heat, the attendance was good. The presentation of the book was made by Dr. **Georgia Kakouris-Chronis**, museologist and art historian and Mr. **Kastanis Dimitrios**.

Both speakers praised the book. Ms. Georgia Kakouris-Chronis analyzed the contents of four short stories, the one of the last century in Sparta and the other with various contents. Mr. Dimitrios Kastanis showed once again his literary skills, his love for books and for every expression of our cultural identity and heritage.

On behalf of the Karyates Association, chairman Mr. **Michael Repoulis** with his wife and Vice-President **Annita Gkleka-Prekezes** attended the presentation.



## EASTER 2016 IN KARYES

A saying among Greeks is "Christmas in the city and Easter in the village" and based on it many of our compatriots and visitors flooded Karyes the holy days of Easter to commemorate traditionally the largest celebration of Orthodox Christianity.



The Crucified Christ on Holy Thursday

During the **Holy Week**, the church of Apostle Andreas was filled with those, who watched the sequences of the Passion of the Lord. From the **Mass of Holy Thursday**, the attendance grew after the holidays began and guests arrived from big cities.

The priest of Karyes, Father Efstratios, and the Church Council with the help of several volunteers from Karyes made all the necessary arrangements for the church both internally and externally (decoration and cleaning) to display a flawless image. Touching was the presence of children who actively participated in divine service.



The procession of the Epitaph

Because this year the Resurrection liturgy would take place at the **Church of Apostle Andreas** in the upper village, like in every even year (*in odd years is celebrated at the church of Agia Paraskevi in the lower village*), the decoration of the Epitaph was made in **church of Agia Paraskevi**, from where started the procession of the Epitaph.

So the evening of Holy Friday, followed by the crowd, the epitaph took the main road and made the four traditional stops (in Rahi Square, at the bottom of Steno, in the building of the former post and under the plane in Central Square) ending in the Church St. Andreas where the liturgy continued.



The congregation outside the Church St. George



The procession of the Epitaph

This local tradition for Karyates who spend the Easter holidays in the village, is considered normal, but it surprises guests, because nowhere else in Greece the liturgy ends in another church than it starts.

On **Saturday** it was springtime and people spent their time in the square drinking coffee. The evening after the Liturgy of the Resurrection and the "**Christos Anesti**", the village roads were filled with candles carrying the Holy Fire in village houses.

On the day of **Easter** in many homes the traditional lamb was cooked or roasted with traditional music and dancing.

On Monday of Easter, **St. George** was celebrated and Karyates gathered and attended the Divine Liturgy in the church in Karyes plateau. The Cultural Club and the Local Community of Karyes organized an **outdoor celebration** and after the completion of the Divine Liturgy where roasting souvlakia accompanied by traditional music from our compatriot and music producer (dj) **Leonidas Chondropoulos**.

The weather was little wind but nice and visitors ate, drank and danced until late afternoon. By afternoon the weather changed and began drizzle.



The Resurrection Liturgy



The feast after Mass



In the evening of Karyates had the opportunity to have be entertained again, since Maria Bakirtzi in "**ARACHOVITIKAKALYVIA**" had prepared an evening with rebetiko folk and art music by a well-known band from Tripoli. People flooded the hotel and the party lasted until the early in the morning.



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