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View of Rachi from the Karyes Forest

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A BEAUTIFULL SUMMER IN KARYYES

Another summer has come to an end at our beautiful village. However, this year we reached a high record of visitors; hundreds of expatriates and their families decided to visit their homeland, and more specifically the beautiful village of Karyes, the birthplace of their ancestors. The first visitors arrived in the beginning of July, while by the time of the festivals (panigyria), towards the end of the month, our village was full of people. Along with the Karyates who live in Athens and other parts of Greece but spend their summer vacation here every year, the residents opened their houses and crowded the restaurants and the cafes of the village day and night. Over the past years, the village became relatively quiet after the festivals until the 15th of August; however, this is no longer the case. The main square was never empty during the whole month of August!

Another feature of this summer was the many friends who were invited and hosted by the Karyates to spend several days in our village. They were enchanted by the beautiful scenery, the village and its liveliness, and the nice climate.

Let us not forget that Karyes can now be the base for daily excursions up the beautiful Mount Parnon with its untouched forest, the villages and monasteries, as well as the beautiful sites of Laconia and Arcadia, Mystras, Mani, Monemvasia, Mainalo, Taygetos, Gortynia, and Megalopoli, to mention a few. Moreover, with the improvement of the road network anyone can easily access the beaches of Gytheion and Astros for a morning swim! Finally, it is important to note that there is a modern grocery store and a pharmacy which can attend well to the visitors immediate needs, while the two big cities Sparta and Tripoli are less than half an hour away!



The Kids play in the renovated playground



Photos from the passage of the sacred icon of Saint Paraskevi

JYLY

As mentioned in the previous issue of our newsletter, the local associations as well as the professionals of our village organized events, which started in early July and lasted until the end of August, giving the locals, visitors and people from the nearby villages an opportunity to have fun and enjoy themselves. On July 8th, a folk music evening took place at the "Platanos" tavern Th. Koutsogiorgas, and on the 12th, the Cultural Club of Karyes organized an excursion to Argolida to visit the sites of Mycenae, Nafplion, and Tolo.

The celebrations of Aghia Paraskevi and Aghios Panteleimonas that take place on the 26th and 27th of July are traditional and famous festivals that once again gave the Karyates from all over the world the opportunity to gather together with hundreds of visitors from Laconia and Arcadia to dance and have fun until the morning hours.

July ended with the annual reception of our Association at the Community Hall, which took place on July 30th in the afternoon. The chairman and the members of the Board of Directors attended the event and briefed all the present patriots on the actions and work of our Association.



Photos from our Association's Reception. The President, Mr. Repoulis (sitting), Vice-President Ms. Meringa and Secretary Mr. Konstantopoulos (standing)



The members of the Karyates Association Board of Directors and the editorial team of our Bulletin wish to all our compatriots

A PLEASANT AUTUMN

AUGUST

The month of August began with a puppet theater show which took place in collaboration with our Association and the Municipality of Sparta in the main square on August 4th. Both children and adults crowded St. Andrew's Square to attend a truly wonderful and breathtaking show.



On August 6th, in the courtyard of Karyes Primary School, in the grove of Aghia Paraskevi, the Cultural Association of Karyes organized a musical evening with the well-known performer/composer Panos Boussalis.



On August 12th, the well-established annual summer dance of the Karyates Association took place in the same venue. As every year, hundreds of patriots responded positively to our Association's invite to mingle, have fun and strengthen the bonds amongst its members. It was a pleasant evening with nice live music as well as music by the well-known DJ Leonidas Chondropoulos.



Treats were offered by the members of the Board of Directors, Ms. Dimitra Kakari-Repoulis and Ms. Evangelia Kopsiafti. The Association would like to extend a warm thank you to all the donors for their offers and all the people who participated in this event.



The results of the of the Karyates Association lottery

The lucky draws from the draw of August 12, 2017 in the annual dance of our Association are the following:

A/A	GIFTS	DRAW NUMBER	DONOR
1.	MOUNTAIN BIKE BICYCLE	1147	KARYATES ASSOCIATION
2.	€ 100-	674	STAVROS MERMIGHAS
3.	€ 100-	1224	STAVROS MERMIGHAS
4.	€ 50-	232	GEORGIOS VASTIS
5.	€ 50-	1180	GEORGIOS VASTIS
6.	€ 50-	1171	MICHAEL BINIS
7.	€ 50-	12	MICHAEL BINIS
8.	COFEE MACHINE	1325	KARYATES ASSOCIATION
9.	SET OF JAR CANDLESTICK	278	DIMITRA MERMIGHA
10.	SET OF FRAMES	107	DIMITRA MERMIGHA
11.	CRYSTAL SALAD DISC	1315	ANNITA PREKEZES
12.	Set of cups of tea 8 PIECES	689	ANNITA PREKEZES
13.	HANDMADE NECKLACE JEWELRY	1081	HELEN TRAKAS
14.	HANDMADE NECKLACE JEWELRY	13	HELEN TRAKAS
15.	HANDMADE NECKLACE JEWELRY	66	HELEN TRAKAS
16.	HANDMADE NECKLACE JEWELRY	636	HELEN TRAKAS
17.	HANDMADE NECKLACE JEWELRY	1025	HELEN TRAKAS
18.	SILVER EARRINGS	191	HELEN TRAKAS
19.	SILVER EARRINGS	90	HELEN TRAKAS
20.	SILVER EARRINGS	736	HELEN TRAKAS
21.	HANDMADE BRACELET	236	HELEN TRAKAS
22.	HANDMADE BRACELET	1422	HELEN TRAKAS
23.	SAUSAGES 1,5 KILOGRAMMES	455	"AGHIS" BUTCHER SHOP SPARTA
24.	SAUSAGES 1,5 KILOGRAMMES	1009	"AGHIS" BUTCHER SHOP SPARTA
25.	GARDEN LANTERN	1270	DIMITRA MERMIGHA
26.	BATHROOM COSMETICS	1164	MICHAEL BINIS
27.	BATHROOM COSMETICS	525	MICHAEL BINIS
28.	WOMEN'S BLOUSES	1156	LEFKOTHEA LATSIS
29.	SILVER HOLLY PICTURE	1024	KONSTANTINA TRAKAS
30.	TRADITIONAL NOODLES (CHILOPITTES-TRACHANAS)	845	VOULA DALAKOURAS



The lucky winner



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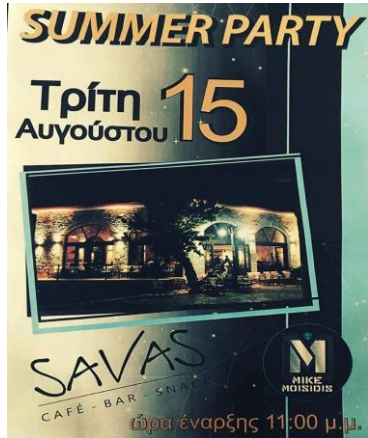
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AUGUST

The events culminated on the Feast of Virgin Mary on August 15th. The liturgical feast was celebrated in the morning at the Holy Church of the Assumption of Virgin Mary with the presence of many people (see photos below).



In the evening, Savas Cafe organized a Summer Party where DJ Mike Poisidis was on the decks until early morning.

During the week of August 15th, a football match was organized between the Sport Club Karyati and the Sports Club of Vresthena. The game ended with a triumphant score for our team. It is worth noting that throughout the summer several training sessions took place at the football field with the participation of about twenty players from our village. It is our goal to complete the works in the football field so that football matches can be held there and the team can rejoin the local championship games in 2018-19.



SEPTEMBER

The 2nd round of the 2017 Dirt Games Challenge, an event jointly organized by the Racing Club of Sparta and the Racing Club of Corinth, was completed with great success in Karyes.

The 2nd round of the Timed Rally Challenge (TRC) and Dirt Games Challenge (DGC) was held in Karyes on Sunday, September 24th, 2017, under the auspices of the Racing Club of Sparta. The Municipality and the Athletic Organization of Sparta, the Local Council of Karyes as well as the Sports and Cultural Clubs supported the event. The event was held on an area of 400 acres where a 2km long by 10m wide track with all different kinds of curves has been built, taking into consideration the safety of the competitors, the spectators, and the vehicles. The track is flat with excellent surface and allows the spectators an open view to the racing cars.



The technical circuit hosted 44 contestants with dirt formulas and cars, who enjoyed a racing game that gave thrills and excitement to the spectators. The results in the individual categories were based on the details, while given the fact that the dirt formulas were racing on this track for the first time, it wasn't the only the speed that made the difference. The reliability as well as the credibility played an important role in the final results, always in combination with the time. It is important to note that the participants had a total of four rounds, with the final winner being judged on the total time on all four, thus allowing no room for even the slightest mistake. Likewise every race, a service crew on behalf of the sponsor Cosmote TV was in Karyes recording astonishing shots of the race shown later on CosmoteSports 5HD.

This initiative of the local organizations proved to be very successful as a second race has been organized in just a few months timeframe. The track as well as the motor racing events organized on the dirt routes in Parnon help promote the village of Karyes and boost the tourist economy, while setting an example of what can be accomplished at a place when the residents and organizations cooperate and support each other. We look forward to more such initiatives in the future.

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The Modern Karyates for the Karyatids Monument

The response of the Karyates to the appeal of our Association for the maintenance and completion of the Caryatids Monument continues persistently. The Karyates Association would appreciate even the smallest contribution for this project. For this purpose, the Association opened an account at the National Bank of Greece where everyone can deposit the amount they wish. The **IBAN** of the account is:

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The Karyates Association
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NATIONAL BANK OF GREECE

Following the list of names of our compatriots who made donations in the spring, in this issue, we would like to publish the list of the summer donors.

- KOLOVOS KONSTANTINOS € 50
- KOLOVOS GEORGIOS € 50
- KOLOVOS PANAGHIOTIS € 15
- KOLOVOY MARIA € 50
- TRAKAS NIKOLAOS, KONSTANTINA AND DEMETRIOS JIMMY € 60
- MOLTEZATOU KAMELIA € 15
- DELI JENNY € 10
- ALATSI VASSILIKI € 30
- PITSIS TOULA € 20
- KERHOULAS ATHANASIOS € 30
- NOUKIDES CHR. KONSTANTINOS € 10
- DALKOURA KONSTANTINA € 10
- MELEHES NITSA (ONTARIO) € 20
- VASTIS GEORGHIOS € 50
- KARYGIANNIS KONSTANTINOS AND PITSA € 40
- TRAKA PANAGHIOTA € 50



A small contribution of € 10- to € 20- from everyone should be enough. It is self-evident that larger amounts of money would be welcome as well. All the donations will be published on the **Karyes website**, **Facebook page**, and the **Association's Newsletter**.

Marriage and Christening Announcements



On July 29, 2017, **Maria Eleni Kolovos**, daughter of **George Kolovos** from **Los Angeles, California**, and her husband, **Brett Mark Wintown**, baptized their twin children, **Akyla and Ioni** at the Holy Church of the Assumption of Virgin Mary in Karyes.

We would like to extend our heartfelt congratulations to them!



On July 16, 2017, **Yiannis P. Koutsogiorgas** along with **Sofia Meleshko** got married at the Holy Church of Aghia Paraskevi in Karyes.

Yiannis is the owner of two family businesses, the hotel "ARCHONTIKO OF PARNONA" and the restaurant "ARETI", situated in the square of Rachi, and has an active role in the organization of the events at our village.

We wish our dearest Yiannis a lifetime full of happiness!

Death Announcements

According to Bishop Karyon Father Eustratios, these are the names of our compatriots who passed away this summer:

On June 10th, **Angeliki Koutsogiorga**, widow of Paraskevas, 88 years old

On July 12th, **Panagiotis Trakas**, 87 years old

On July 28th, **Melpomeni Papastavrou**, 93 years old

On September 13th, **Marina Dima-Koutroulaki**, 67 years old

We would like to extend our most sincere condolences to their families.

All the previous news bulletin are at your disposal in digital form at **WWW.KARYES.GR**





Debt settlement Municipal fees

The Municipality of Sparta has announced that it is now possible to settle debts which have been established or will be established within two months after the entry into force of the relevant law. The deadline for submitting applications for inclusion in this law is November 30th, 2017. By arrangement, it is possible to settle all debts, which can be paid either as a lump sum with full exemption from penalties and fines due to late submission or non-submission or inaccurate declaration or non-payment of a fee, or in installments (on the number of which the discount rate is depending).

The monthly installments, except for the last one, cannot be less than 20 € each, while their maximum number may not exceed 100. For more information, please contact the Tax Office of the Municipality.

Allowance for the population of Mountainous and Less Favored Areas

The application process for the allowance for the population of the mountainous and less privileged areas has started. The village of Karyes has been included in this scheme. This fund of financial support will be paid starting on September 1st of each calendar year upon submission of pertaining documents.

More information will be provided by the KEP (Citizens' Service Center).

" The Trust of P. Kerchoula" Publication of financial information

The Urban Non Profit Company "Trust of P. Kerchoula" has had its financial data published, namely balance sheet for the fiscal year 2016, **tax obligation payment receipt**, as well as copies of **invoices** and **transaction documents**.

This information has been uploaded on the website www.karyes.gr so that all Karyates may have access to it.

Project study for the new Archaeological Museum of Sparta



The following announcement was made by the office of the Vice – Regional Governor Mr. Tzaneteas:

*"By virtue of ministerial decision of the Hellenic Ministry of Culture and Sports/356100/232509/4493/ 7.9.2017, the Ephorate of Antiquities of Lakonia assigned a preliminary museological study of the **new Archeological Museum of Sparta** in the area of CHIMOFIX, with an approved budget amount of € 15,000-*

This decision is another important step towards the completion of the new museum".

The Regional Governor of the Peloponnese, **Petros Tatoulis**, and the Vice – Regional Governor of Lakonia, **Mrs. Adamantia Tzaneteas**, in their statements welcomed the assignment of the study and emphasized that they are "in good cooperation with the Ministry of Culture which will soon fulfill all the requirements as described in the programmatic agreement so that the Regional Directorate proceeds to auction the study for the new archaeological museum".

Athanasios Matalas Foundation Scholarships



Athanasios Matalas Foundation has announced a 2017-2018 recruitment of scholars competition to be held at the Night High School in Sparta on Saturday, December 23, 2017 at 8:30 a.m.

The announcement for the competition has been posted on our website www.karyes.gr



By Theodoros Mentis, Chairman, Board of Directors of "Karyatis" Sports Club



The residence of G. Th. Skiouri houses the offices of the Sports Club

As everyone knows, the offices of the Sports Club and the Cultural Association are housed in the residence of the great donor G. Th. Skiouris, while the Dancing Group keeps a significant number of traditional costumes stored in a separate room in the building. The Sports Club has invested a large amount of money to renovate the space. The only thing remaining to be constructed is an exterior covered stairwell for easy access to the building. As we have mentioned in the past, this issue is of paramount importance and first priority of the Sports Club. We are pleased to inform you that currently we are evaluating offers in order to complete this project.

Former Warehouse of the Agricultural Association

The space was provided to the Sports Club "Karyatis" by the Agricultural Association of Karyes. The expatriates donated the amount of \$13,150 and the Sports Club the amount of € 9,364.86 to renovate the space. It took 2.5 years of effort to get rid of all the useless objects from the interior and exterior of the building. Then, the interior was painted. The Sports Club is planning to install equipment for gymnastics, basketball, table tennis, chess and other athletic activities.



Basketball Court

The area has been formed at the expenses of the Sports Club as well as with an offer made by the expatriate Mr. Kostalas. In 1995, the Club managed to integrate it into the European Leader Program and through the Parnon Development Company to complete its construction (basketball, volleyball, and tennis courts). At the time, our Club contributed the amount of 13,585,575 drachma. Unfortunately, after 20 years these athletic facilities have undergone severe damages in the concrete elements and the turf. An amount of money is definitely required for the maintenance of the facilities.

Changing Rooms - Football Field

The locker rooms that are being used today were built in 1958 and 1981 with donations made by **G.Th. Skiouri** and **D. Th. Kakkari** respectively, and were renovated in 2013 with the amount of € 10,000- offered by O.P.A.P., owing to the initiative of our compatriot **N.G. Trakas**. Now, in the summer of 2017, the Sports Club has taken all the necessary actions to provide electric lighting in the changing rooms, the basketball court and the football field area in front of the bleachers. Permission was granted in September and we hope that the project will be completed within the next few months. Moreover, the Department of Town Planning has issued a construction permit No. 24/2017 for the expansion of the changing rooms, though at the moment funds are lacking for the implementation of this project.

Lastly, in August, construction work was carried out to remove stones and dirt that had accumulated due to landslides in the bleachers area.



Athanasios Matalas

by Archpriest Father George K. Blathras
Chief Archbishop of the Holy Metropolis of Monemvasia and Sparta and
Secretary of the Board of Directors of ATHANASIOS MATALAS FOUNDATION

Athanasios Matalas was born in the beautiful land of Karyes (Arahova) of Lacedaemon, on January 30th, 1836. He is a descendant of the great generation of the Matalas family, with roots in Byzantium, whose ancestors participated in the Greek War of Independence in 1821 demonstrating their noble origin and the splendor of their own personal achievements. His father was Anagnostis Matalas. He received his first education in his village and continued his studies at the Greek School of Aghios Petros Kynourias and Sparta. Later he attended the Gymnasium of Tripoli. His intellectual curiosity led him to pursue higher education and broader studies. He studied at the Law School of the National University of Athens during the years 1859-1863, where he was taught by Professors Paparigopoulos, Kalliga, Soutsos, Ralli, Ioannou, Stromos, and many others.

At the age of 26, Athanasios Matalas had already begun his career in a prominent place that young people of his time, as well as ours, would envy. For twenty years, between 1862 – 1882, Athanasios Matalas worked at the Greek Consular Office. He started his career as the Consular Secretary, later he became a Vice – Consul, and lastly he was appointed Consul, where he demonstrated a strong character and significant action in the history of the diplomatic corps. Athanasios Matalas left the mark of his dynamic personality, unwearied energy, and excessive patriotism in the Greek Consular Office that he served for 20 years with great ethos. The Nation, recognizing his productive action, honored him with the medal of the National Services. He served briefly as Secretary and Vice-Consul in Alexandria, Egypt and then in Thessaloniki (1862-1863). In Thessaloniki, the so called “Nymph of Thermaikos”, his national action peaked as he worked endlessly on the side of the enslaved Greeks to constitute self – governed pure Greek communities, become stronger and get prepared in all aspects to demolish the Turkish domination. At the same time, he worked hard to preserve the national morale, which was mortally threatened by the Bulgarian *komitas* (*members of the Bulgarian Revolutionary Committee*). He managed to get permission to correspond with the local authorities in the Greek language and made efforts to counteract the Bulgarian actions in the region of the Greek Consulate and refute the propaganda of the Slavs. Thus, in the Greek North, Athanasios Matalas continued the fights that his family consecrated with their own blood in the Greek War of Independence in 1821.

During the year of 1864 he served in the Consulates of Chania and Heraklion in Crete and then, between 1864 – 1866, he offered his services in the Consulate of Constantinople. In August 1866, Athanasios Matalas was appointed Vice-Consul in Sulina, Eastern Rumelia, where a Greek community was flourishing. There, he was successful in acquiring tax exemptions for the Greek ships, which was highly beneficial for the Greek shipping. On to his own initiative and actions, a Greek church was built in the city and a fundraiser was raised among the Greeks in the area to support the Cretan Revolt (1866-1869). Athanasios Matalas finished his career at the Consular Office in Philipoupolis (1874-1881), the city with an ancient Greek name and a flourishing new Hellenism. In the Russo-Turkish War of 1877, the city of Philip was in great danger. Athanasios Matalas, with his skillful diplomatic maneuvers, managed to prevent the entry of the Russian army into the city, thus saving the civilian population from bloodshed and destruction. Later, he was honored once again for his strong ethos and indomitable will as a caring diplomat, when his name was given to one of the main streets of the city. He was very concerned with the general problems of Hellenism. Thus, apart from his action in Eastern Rumelia, he had an active role in the Macedonian Struggle for which he was awarded an honorary diploma by the Central Macedonian Association in 1905. Moreover, there is evidence that in 1910 he sent a memorandum "On the measures needed to be taken in order to improve the state of the country" to Eleftherios Venizelos.

Along with his consular service, Athanasios Matalas dealt with commercial businesses successfully. While he was still working at the Consular Office in Filipoupoli, he was successful in importing Greek yarns to Bulgaria and Eastern Rumelia, while he was at the same time involved with the trade of tobacco, timber and grains. He continued his commercial businesses when he returned to Greece in 1882 and settled in Piraeus. From this point on, Athanasios Matalas, who in the meantime had become very wealthy, limited his operations to his flour mill, located in Nafplio, and got involved with charity work.

Later, the Nation needed his precious services once again and Athanasios Matalas served for many years (1895-1899), successively as the Prefect of Argolidokorinhia, Fthiotidofokida, and Arcadia. He left his mark in these areas, where he served his duty as a Public Officer with missionary zeal and admirable dignity. His devotion was such that the late Prime Minister Georgios Theotokis praised him for his unwearied and successful service in the position of the Prefect of those areas, in a speech that he gave at the Greek Parliament. He still had the desire to serve his homeland, which he loved and greatly missed during the years of migration. In 1900, he was elected Mayor of Oinounta, where he committed himself for four years. There, his creative spirit embraced all areas to such an extent that his beneficial impact is evident even today. He demonstrated sustained action in the entire Municipality, especially in his birthplace, Arachova of Lacedaemon. The main areas of his activity involved transport, education, agriculture, mainly forestry and local government. During his years of service as Mayor, along with the residents' personal work, there was big road construction of approximately 30 km: Vresthena - Karyes, Vassaras - Veria, Karyes - Varvitsa - Vamvakou, Karyes – National Road of Tripoli – Sparta (Bakourou Hani site). The latter was one of the first car streets in Laconia.

In 1882, it was under Athanasios Matalas initiative that a Greek School was founded in Karyes, which he subsidized for a year. The teaching of Ancient Greek language began at this school. It was a three-year course between Primary School and Gymnasium. Moreover, in 1886, he took action in building a Primary School in Agia Paraskevi (today's Primary School of Karyes).

Athanasios Matalas' special interest in forests and arboriculture was also evident in his efforts to persuade the residents of Barbitsa, Lacedaemon to plant chestnut trees in their land, as well as the appointment of a forest ranger in the forest of Karyes, whose salaries were paid by him personally between the years 1898-1909 and since then they have been covered by **Athanasios Matalas** Foundation. Owing to his own initiative, committees of local self-government were established in the communities of the Municipality of Oinounta, which include Vresthena – Karyes (Arahova) – Varvitsa – Vamvakos – Megali Vrissi - Vassaras – Veria and Koulouri, in 1900.

Athanasios Matalas, who, as mentioned before, had served as a consular officer in communities of the Glorious Hellenism and Hellenic Diaspora, believed strongly in the institution of local self – governed communities. This is very clear in a letter that Ion Dragoumis, a warm devotee of this idea, sent to Georgios Fykioris, a Member of the Parliament, who also believed in the institution of local self – government. In 1905, he submitted a law proposal on Communities, to the Ministry of Interior. In 1909, he became President of the Association "ENOSIS (UNION) OF LAKEDEMONION IN ATTICA". In 1910, he participated as a representative of Karyes (Arahova) in the Panhellenic Association of Productive Unions, which was established on March 28th of the same year.

The crowning achievement of Athanasios Matalas' efforts and the zenith – point of his love for Lacedaimon was his testament on March 27th, 1919. With his testament, which constitutes an exquisite teaching on love for man and the youth, the late testator, constituted the **Athanasios Matalas Foundation** and defined, with the resources of his great estate, the granting of scholarships for education in all sciences, to promote education among young people from Lacedaemon and those who belong to the Matalas family. He even defined grants for the doctor, priest, and the forest ranger of the Community of Karyes, thus wishing to help his hometown and fellow citizens.



At the next issue of our bulletin there is going to be an extend presentation of the activities of our ASSOCIATIONS

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