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BEAUTIFUL AND BURSTING WITH LIFE THE SUMMER IN KARYYES

Another lovely summer passed at the beautiful village of Karyes. All the "Arachovites//Karyates" living in big city centers managed to spend some time during their vacation in the place of their ancestors. Many of them, expatriates visiting their motherland. Others, visitors from nearby cities and villages who often come to our village as it is considered, owing to its natural beauty, monuments, hotels, cafes, and restaurants, to be the liveliest resort in the area and the ideal place for a day trip. Green and picturesque, the village was ready and the locals were more than happy to welcome them. It was a pleasure for everyone to host them.

This summer, though cool and breezy due to the unprecedented rainfalls that occurred mainly in July, was stigmatized by the devastating wildfires in eastern Attica, where many people lost their lives. In the face of such disaster, it was decided by the Municipality of Sparta to cancel all the festivals (panigyria) that coincided with the three-day mourning ordered by the Greek government between July 24th and 26th. The decision was well respected by the businessmen of the village, although they had already made the necessary preparations for the Feast of Aghia Paraskevi, planned to take place on July 26th in Rachi. After careful consideration and much thought, it was decided that the Feast of Aghios Panteleimonas at the main square would take place as planned on July 27th, as many expatriates were visiting our village those days, some after a long time, especially for the festivals, which aim not only to the fun but to the pleasure of meeting and celebrating with beloved ones, as well. At the same time, it would not be an exaggeration to say that during the week of August 15th, the village was bursting with life; all houses were filled with people, and the hotels were almost fully booked.

KARYYES 2018: RELIGIOUS CELEBRATIONS

July 26: Saint Paraskevi



July 27: Saint Panteleimon



August 15: The Assumption of Holy Mary

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SUMMER TIME AT KARYES 2018: CULTURAL FESTIVITIES



Shadow theater and fairy tales

A two-day event on Fairy Tales and Shadow Theater (Karagiozis) was organized on Monday 23 and Tuesday 24 July, under the auspices of the Municipality of Sparta and the Karyates Association.

The program included:

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- Seminars for writing and storytelling for adults,
- children's and adult storytelling,
- Educational program for acquaintance with the traditional shadow theater and of course
- two Karagiozis performances on Monday and Tuesday evening.

Mr. Dimitrios Avouris, author and poet from Vamvakou "ACADEMY OF POETRY AND FAIRY TALES", and Mrs. Natassa Michaelidou, archaeologist, museologist and guide from the Shadow Theater "THE KARAGIOZIS FAIRY TALES", were the organizers of the events.

Generally speaking, there were a high quality events and all the children that were in those days in the village really enjoyed it.



A painting and jewelry Exhibition from Mr. Pantelis Kontakis and Mrs. Mata Floros



The exhibition of painting and jewelry of the painter **Ms. Mata Florou** and the craftsman **Mr. Pantelis Kontakis** took place from 3rd to 5th of August on the ground floor of the Karyes Community Building.



The artwork was inspired and impressive, as one can see from the published photos.

Generally speaking, the event was an artistic breath in the Karyes' summer and should act as a guideline for future similar events.



The organizers:

At the back row: **Mr. Theodoros Mentis** (President of the "KARYATIS SPORTS CLUB"), **Mr. Michael Repoulis** (President of the Karyates Association), **Mr. Pantelis Kontakis** (jeweler) and **Mr. Harris Konstantopoulos** (Secretary of the Karyates Association).

At the front row: **Mrs. Mata Florou** (painter), **Mrs. Lefki Latsi** and **Mrs. Evangelia Kopsiafti** (Karyates Association public relations members), **Mrs. Dimitra Mermiga** (Vice President of the Karyates Association), **Mrs. Dimitra Repoulis-Kakaris** and **Mrs Helen Mentis** (Sparta's Municipality city's council member).

A music night at the Karyes central square



A music-night took place on Sunday **August 5th** at the Karyes Central Square.

Under the title "From **Grigoris Bithikotsis** to **Vicky Moscholiou**" the singers **Spiridon Koutsovassilis** and **Erin Christofilakis** with their 4 member's music band

present a music program full of greek "rabetico" and "laico" traditional music.

Many Karyates and visitors attended the enjoyable event.



A class reunion

A beautiful reunion of old students of the Karyes Primary school took place at the restaurant-tavern "The **Parnon Mountain**" at the Karyes Central Square. We copy a post of **Mr. Nick Trakas** as it was published at the group "KARYES" at FB.

*"Dear colleagues, our meeting took place on **August 12th 2018**. Many of us managed to be present: **Nick Vrinios, John Goydes, Kon Diamantouros, P. Karagianni, Sp, Karigiannis, Sp. Kollangianos, T. Kokkinou, Evagelia Koutris, Demetra Papastavros, Helen Prekezes, Jim Prekezes, Helen Par. Skiouris, Nick Trakas, John Harakas, Fotini Kontalonis and Efstratia Prekezes.***



*Our teacher **Mr. Nick Doulos** with his family honored this reunion. He remains still strong and we thank him for everything. There were also many husbands and wives of our colleagues and it was really nice and touching that we managed to*



The retired teacher with the gift of his old pupils

reunite almost 50 years after we graduate from the Karyes Primary School. We remembered the past and we exchanged memories. No one can imagine what is engraved in each one's memory.

Greetings to all who managed to come to those who could not. We remembered all of them from the photos and the list. Good luck to everyone and we expect to see you all in 10 years in the same place".



KARYES CHURCH COUNCIL / TEAM OF VOLUNTEERS

On **Sunday July 11th** at the Karyes Community Hall there was a “coffee meeting” and a presentation from the **voluntary team for the support of the Karyes Church Council and the preservation and reconstruction of the Village’s churches**. As you may understand by reading the above report, it is a beautiful initiative and therefore we publish the speech of its member **Ms Panaghiota (Pitsa) Kyriazis**.

Your Reverence, dear President, dearest expatriate compatriots, ladies and gentlemen, we would like to welcome you all and express our sincere thanks for your presence today at this meeting, the reason of which is to inform you of who we are and what we do.

Our group consists mainly of women, and has the full support and assistance of the male population of the village.

HOW WE STARTED

It has always been our favorite summer pastime to meet at the village main square and have discussions over different issues, but it is common knowledge that the conversations always end with complaints about everything we can think of, from the government to the civil services, to things going from bad to worse. Eventually, in the course of those gatherings, we started to think about what we can do and how we can help to improve things. We concluded that a sector that is closely tied to our traditions and history and needs support is the church; churches and chapels that over the years have been abandoned, more or less, and at risk of suffering severe irreversible damages.



We started our initiative last year and today, we are in the pleasant position to present you the small but important outcomes of our effort, which we could not even imagine would be successful. Nevertheless, we must acknowledge the fact we owe this success to the village residents as well as the expatriate Karyates who supported us, both financially and morally, keeping their doors open for us. Their collaboration gave us strength and encouragement to continue our work.

We have undertaken the task of cleaning and decorating the church interiors as well as the courtyards, on our own expenses, to save money in our funds. We clean the church on the eve of the celebration, to be in impeccable shape on the day of the feast. At the same time, we have undertaken the organization of the lotteries, traditionally taking place during church celebrations, in order to raise money, as a form of revenue, for any upcoming expenses.”

WHAT HAS ALREADY BE DONE

We are going to present the work done for each Church.

I. AGIA KYRIAKI

In one year grace at the drawings and micro-donations, we gathered the sum of approximately € 5,000- and almost entirely consumed for the repair of Agia Kyriaki that was about to collapse.



The Works in detail: Roof replacement, placement of a new ceiling and a new shed, inside and outside painting and new floor tiles inside the temple and plates outside the temple.



II. AGHIOS ANDREAS (SAINT ANDREW)

- The marble stairs of all entrances were repaired (donors **Panaghiotis Skiouris** and his wife **Noula**)



- All the entry doors which had rotted were repaired and painted (donors **Frideriki Prekezes**, **Pitsa Prekezes** and **Panaghiotis Koutsogiorgas-Couchel**)
- The central manulet was built and placed at the entrance of the Temple so as not to blacken the hagiographies of the candles flame (donor **Frideriki Prekezes**)
- The carpets were cleaned (donor **Toula Diantzikis**)
- Two new carpets were purchased, the cost of which was covered by ourselves, each having their own capacity, as well as by other women's offers,
- Support railings were placed on the stairs of the main entrance. The cost was covered by the first drawing made on the St. Andrew's celebration in 2016 and the other small dots. After that an anonymous patriot, placed the railings along the road leading to the courtyard of the Temple (behind the Community Building).

III. AGHIA (SAINT) PARASKEVI

- Railings for elder people were built, the cost covered by our expenses and
 - the carpets were cleaned (donor **Ms Toula Diazikes**).
- We should mention here that **Ms Dina Christopoulos**, on her own initiative and at her own expenses, without our own participation, repaired the roof of the Temple and placed the railings on the road and on the steps leading to the cemetery, We would like to thank her very much.

IV. AGHIOS IOANNIS (SAINT JOHN)

The roof was repaired at a cost of € 700 – by our expenses (not yet been paid of).

The temple was painted:

- externally (the cost of the materials was donated by **Ms Voula Kopsiaftis** and the works have been done from the brothers **Demosthenes** and **Panagiotis Kolovos** free) and
- inside, the work that was undertaken by **Constantine Kolovos**, who planted oleanders in the courtyard of the temple.

V. AGHIOS DIMITRIOS (SAINT DEMETRIUS)

- The floor at the entrance of the temple was repaired and
- all the broken glasses of the windows were replaced.

VI. AGHIOI (SAINTS) TAXIARCHES

- The door was repaired,
- The windows' broken glasses were replaced,
- a carpet was purchased (donor **Ms Alkistis Ardamis**) and
- the outdoor area was planted with trees by **Ms Nina Ardamis-Koutsogiorgas**.

VII. PANAGHIA-KIMISIS THEOTOKOU (ASSUMPTION OF HOLY MARY)

Mr Spyrakis the contractor, who repaired the St. Andrew's marble stairs, was polished on the floor tiles.



WHAT HAS TO BE DONE

The pending and the necessary works are:

I. AGHIOS ANDREAS (SAINT ANDREW)

This splendid church, our treasure, is in imminent danger; the roof tiles have been destroyed for the most part, allowing for excessive dampness inside the church which can be harmful to the icons, while they also pose a significant risk of injury. Admittedly, this is big project that goes far beyond our financial capability, as we need to build a new roof completely from scratch. We estimate the cost to a minimum amount of € 150,000. We asked Ms. Tzaneteas, Deputy Regional Governor to financially support the project, but unfortunately, she stated very clearly that she has no funds available for this. Therefore, our only resource is our compatriots, near and far.



II. AGHIOI (SAINTS) ANARGIRI

The problem is great as the walls, the iconostasis and the floor have been severely cracked, possibly from tree roots. For the work to be done, we are in contact with a competent engineer who has drawn up a technical report of the necessary work and has already been promoted in the State officials. There are already donations amounting to € 2,300 - for the works, by **Ms Maria Diatzikis**, **Ms Amalia Koutsogiorgas**, **Mr. Georgios Vastis** and **other anonymous donors**. In addition, our fund now has a balance of € 342-.

III. PANAGHIA-KIMISIS THEOTOKOU (ASSUMPTION OF HOLY MARY)

There are serious damages to the icon temple.

IV. AGHIOS DIMITRIOS (SAINT DEMETRIUS)

There are damages to the dome and the walls inside the temple, possibly from humidity.

In all chapels, doors and windows need maintenance, while there are damages from the humidity everywhere. Also, we would like to thank everyone, present and absent, who support us and help us. Finally, let me introduce you to the core of our team: **Ms. Alkistis Ardamis**, **Ms. Evgenia Kourvaris**, **Ms. Anna Kolovos**, **Ms. Maria Kolovos**, **Ms. Vassiliki Yfantopoulos-Macheras**, **Ms. Panagiota Kyriazis** and of course there are many who help us occasionally and depending on their strengths. Thank you very much, and never to forget our village.

According to Ms. Kiriazis since that speech and during the summer for the Church of PANAGHIA-KIMISIS THEOTOKOU (ASSUMPTION OF HOLY MARY), the following amounts were gathered : **€ 500-**, **US \$ 500-** and **CAN \$ 1,000-**, by anonymous donors. Also, another anonymous donated **€ 400** - and the church' s reredos was repaired, while an amount **€ 400** - also from anonymous was deposited for the AGHIOS KONSTANTINOS (St. Constantine's church) reredos located in the Sakali spring.

KARYATES ASSOCIATION MESSAGE

The Board of Directors of the Karyates Association warmly welcomes the initiative.

Besides at the past and through its Bulletin (Issues 3 and 5) the Association has pointed out the necessity for the maintenance and repair of the Karyes Parish's Holy Churches.

Finally, the Board states that, in any case, will support the compatriots who, with personal effort and money assets, are fighting for the preservation of the temples and for the welfare of our beautiful village.

KARYES CLUB'S NEWS

KARYES CULTURAL CLUB

With the unprecedented participation, the elections for the Karyes Cultural Club's new Board of Directors were completed on **Sunday July 29, 2018**. The General Assembly took place in the morning at the event hall of the Karyes Community Building. An account of the previous Administration was stated and the elections followed. **102** members voted. All the participants stated their will for a **meaningful** and **dynamic** activation of the Club. Upon completion of the vote, the meeting of the newly elected Board of Directors followed, in order to decide the distribution of offices.

Thus the new Board consists of:

President: Christos Dem. Leventakis

Vice president: Efstathios Meleches

Treasurer: Demitrios Koutsogiorgas

Secretary: Theodora Tsakona

Member: Achilleas Sioutos

Alternate members: Konstantina Tambakis, Demetrios Ardamis and Sofia Malesko-Koutsogiorgas

The new Executive Committee consists of:

Regular members: Stefanos Meleches, Andreas Sioutos and Venetta Theodorides

Alternate members: Calliope Darnos and Maria Bakirges

The newly elected Board of Directors, following its appointment, made the announcement: *"Your participation in the elections for our association, which was beyond all expectations, gives us the courage to continue our work towards achieving our ambitions. In cooperation with the other local associations, we will make every effort to accomplish our common goal, which is nothing else but the prosperity of our village."*

Finally we would like to inform you that our new e-mail address is: poitistikos@karyes.gr

KARYES PRIMARY SCHOOL

As every year, the Karyates Association has taken over the expenses for the annual excursion of our village's school. The young students visited the Tegea Archaeological Park and the Museum.



Then, they traveled to Tripolis, where they visited the sports facilities of the "Asteras Tripolis" Football Club, which participate in the Greek Football Super League Championship.

"KARYATIS" SPORTS CLUB

A REPORT PRESENTATION



As noted in our previous issue, **Mr. Theodoros Mentis, President of the KARYATIS Sports Club Board of Directors**, presented the financial report for the years **2015, 2016** and **2017** on the morning of **Sunday, August 12, 2018** in the event hall of the Karyes Community Building. There was a presentation of the work of the Board during those years followed by a discussion concerning the future of the Sports Club.

Economic summary report

2015 (€)	
Previous year balance	40.554,96
Skiouris Foundation grant	15.000,00
Interests	2,99
Total revenue	55.557,95
Expences (43 documents)	9.790,64
BALANCE	45.767,31

2016 (€)	
Previous year balance	45.767,31
Matalas Foundation grant	149,97
Skiouris Foundation grant	15.000,00
Interests	7,85
Total revenue	60.925,13
Expences (32 documents)	4.822,60
BALANCE	56.102,53

2017 (€)	
Previous year balance	56.102,53
Skiouris Foundation grant	15.000,00
John Vastis subsidy	100,00
Interests	10,66
Total revenue	71.213,19
Expences (56 documents)	20.106,73
BALANCE	51.106,46

WORKS AT THE SKIOURIS HOUSE



The works for the construction of a scale and shelter of the Skouriris Foundation building, housing the offices and wardens of the **"KARYATIS" Sports Club, the Karyes Cultural Club** and the **Traditional Dances Group**, were completed.

As anyone may see from the photo we published, the result is very beautiful. The building together with the renovated playground located in the courtyard presents a very beautiful picture!

SOCIAL NEWS

THEY PASSED AWAY

On July 15th at Karyes

Ioannis Kolovos

died at the age of 82

His funeral took place at St. Andrew Church in Karyes on July 19th

On July 28th

Demetra Pouloukefalos

died at the age of 92

Her funeral took place at St. Andrew's Church in Karyes.

Mr. George Pouloukefalos (her son) post a funeral speech in fb: *"Hasting as always, proud and with the distinctions of virtue and dignity Mrs. Demetra decided to pass Acheron river! Quiet and brave to the end! She did not want to tire anyone in her last moments. An authentic example of the old generation, the tired generation who had nothing and had it all. A tired mother, like so many of the village's mothers that went through their life in an incredible survival struggle. And they had seen it all! Occupation, orphanages, poverty, hunger, civil war! And they stood up. Determining their life in a contour with Principles and Values! Glory and honor to the Tired Mother!"*

On August 3rd

Georgios Mavraides

Died at the age of 74

His funeral took place at Saint Paraskevi the church in Karyes.

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BAPTISM

On Saturday, June 9, **Konstantina Trakas**, daughter of **Nikos**, member of our Association's Board of Directors, and **Helen Traka**, along with her husband Alexandros Davis, baptized their daughter in Athens. Her name **Polyxeni (Xenia)**. Good Christian!

MARRIAGE



We wish every happiness in their common life!

On **August 25th**, the marriage of **John Mentis** and **Maria Tsopelela** took place at the **church of the Assumption of the Virgin Mary (Panaghia)** in Karyes. A beautiful young couple whose presence gives life to our village since the groom was for many years the president of the Karyes Cultural Club.

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

BAPTISM

On July 7th, **Bety Ardamis** and her husband **Emmanuel Papamanolopoulos** baptized their daughter at the **church of Virgin Mary's birth** in Karyes (**Fotinou** settlement). Her name **Ekaterini (Catherine)**. Congratulations!

WEDDING AND BAPTISM

On **August 18th**, the wedding of **Georgios Zisis** from Lamia and **Kyriaki Ant. Meleche** from Karyes took place at the **church of Saint Andrew at Karyes**. We wish them a wonderful married life!



After the marriage the couple baptized their son. His name **Evangelos**. Congratulations!

THE KARYATES ASSOCIATION'S NEWS

THE SUMMER RECEPTION

A beautiful tradition, the Association's annual summer reception was held at the Karyes Community Hall on Saturday, July 28, 2018. Nearly all Karyates, from all around the world that was in our village that summer were present. At the reception the members of the Association's Board of Directors headed by the president and Michael Repoulis welcomed them and thanked them for their presence.



The members of the Board with the special conservator Mr. Athanasios Tzamalīs

A short presentation of the Association's work for the past year and a report on the next year's planning followed.

The meeting was attended by the special conservator, **Mr. Athanasios Tzamalīs**, who has undertaken the **project of preserving the statues of the Monument of the Caryatids and the Muses**.

Mr Tzamalīs, made a reference to how lucky the village is having such a monument. Then, he made a detailed presentation of the project, which will begin in September and will be completed within two months.

Afterwards, the general secretary **Mr. Harris Konstantopoulos** presented the study of the **construction of the stepped path** that will start from the Statue of the Urania muse on the Central Road and will lead to the Monument. The study was offered by our compatriots **John Pan. Karachalios** (architect engineer) and **Vas. Voukides** (civil engineer).

At the same time, the information signs were presented. Their purchase and placement was made in collaboration of our Association with the Karyes Cultural Club, the "Karyatis" Sports Club and the Karyes' Ecclesiastical Council.



The Association's secretary Mr. Harris Konstantopoulos presents the new information signs (the president Mr. Michael Repoulis is sitting)



THE DANCE

On Saturday, **August 11th, 2018**, in the courtyard of Saint Paraskevi Church – Karyes Primary School our annual summer dance took place. It is an event that has been organized every year for almost two decades. This year despite the dew - since the previous days had enough wind- there was a record in attendance as almost all the Karyates came to revel with their compatriots in a greek "glenti".



The Arachovites-Karyates gathered to meet, dine with the food prepared by the Areti Koutsogiorgas tavern, have fun at the sounds of live Greek music, from the music complex of the Melodia Conservatory of Sparta and our compatriot Andreas. G. Dalakouras and to commemorate young Karyates for their studies and their offer in the village.

On the occasion of the event, the Board of Directors of Karyates Association honored the following compatriots:

- **Mr. Ioannis Pan. Karachalios**, architect engineer, who created the architectural plan for the "Memory and Culture Center of Karyes, Lakonia". At the same time, he completed, free of charge, a plan for the construction of a path that leads to the Caryatids Monument. In his absence, his father, Mr. Panagiotis Karachalios, received his award.
- **Mr. Panayiotis Kyriazis**, who received his Master's Degree in Economics with Honors from Athens University of Economics and Business and has been offered **full scholarships** by top-ranked universities in the US to continue his studies at doctoral level. He has chosen to attend Northwestern University in Chicago, Illinois. In his absence, the award was received by his mother, Ms. Jenny Deli.
- **Mrs. Konstantina Tampaki**, for her master's thesis on the museological study for our association's great-scale goal, namely the "Memory and Culture Center of Karyes, Lakonia". Following is a message from **Dr. Maria Kouri**, Lecturer of Cultural Administration at the Department of History, Archeology and Cultural Resources Management, School of Humanities and Cultural Studies of the University of Peloponnese:



"Dear President of the Karyates Association, Dear Members of the Board of Directors,

As much as I would like to attend this very special ceremony, where Ms. Tampaki was offered an award in recognition of her museological study, other commitments kept me away. Nevertheless, it is my great pleasure to welcome this noble initiative of the Karyates Association to honor our former student and graduate of the University of the Peloponnese on her museological study, which she prepared in the framework of her graduate thesis, under my supervision. This award is a significant moral recognition of the efforts that Ms. Tampaki made, showing sensitivity, love, and great zeal, to design a modern museum that honors the Karyates, but is also

addressed to the whole world, bringing the great history and cultural contributions of Karyes over the centuries to the national and international scene. I wish you from the bottom of my heart to accomplish this very important project successfully. I am confident that Ms. Tampaki will be on your side, deservedly assisting you with her scientific knowledge, creativity, and experience in the construction of the new museum.

Congratulations to your association and Ms. Tampaki and good luck with your precious project! "



The Board members of the Karyates Association
From the left: **Mr. N. Trakas**, **Mr. Chris Prekezes**, **Ms. Evangelia Kopsiaftis**, **Ms. Demetra Mermigha**, **Ms. Lefkothea Latsis**, **Mr. Michael Repoulis** and **Mr. Harris Konstantopoulos** (Dr. Gregory Matalas was absent)

The Karyates Association Board of Directors wish to thank all the compatriots who honored its dance event and those who at the last moment could not managed to attend it.

The board members also wish to thank all those who bought lottery tickets in order to support financially the effort of the Association.

This effort aims exclusively at the progress of our beautiful village during these difficult times we are living in.

The results of the of the Karyates Association lottery August 11, 2018

- € 500: No 42 (Antonia John Goudes)
- € 200: No 2343 (Vasilios Kerchoulas)
- € 200: No 3078 (Vasilios Panopoulos)
- € 100: No 323 (Father Efstratios)

THE CARYATIDS MONUMENT: The modern Karyates honor the Ancient Karyes

Throughout the summer time, our compatriots continued with their generous monetary contributions towards the maintenance and completion of the Caryatids Monument. Their response to our association's appeal has been really touching. At the start of this project, many said it would not be successful. But this was not the case. They underestimated our love for our village. The association's goal was not to cover the cost by big amounts of money contributed by a few people, to the contrary, we would like to see smaller amounts contributed by more, so that everyone could participate in the effort and feel proud to say: *"I, too, contributed my share in the maintenance and completion of the monument!"*

So, here we are, just a step away from reaching our goal! The restoration works are well underway and expected to be finished before winter hits. The amount raised comes to € 7,500, while an amount of approximately € 3,000 is still pending. As we have repeatedly stated, all monetary contributions will be announced on our website www.karyes.gr, Facebook, and our association's Newsletter.

During the summer time there were following contributions:

- Therore Mentis € 50
- Helen Fotiou € 20
- Nina Ioannides € 180
- Takis Trakas € 50
- Teti Leventakis € 500
- Arthur Bill Kakaris € 100
- Toula Pitsios € 85

The account number is:

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A RAINY BUT GREEN SUMMER

Nature, scientists say, always has a way to find its balance. Based on this theory, after a mild winter and a dry spring, the summer of 2018 was characterized by unprecedented rainfalls across Greece. In July, for the first time in decades, the rains were not only numerous but also intense. More specifically, a rather small heat wave between July 20th and 24th was followed by a five-day rainy period which lasted from July 25th until 30th, where we counted a total of more than ten rainstorms! Excluding the day of the festival, July 27th, when it rained twice in the afternoon only, all the other days, storms began early before noon time and lasted until late in the afternoon. There was also a hail-storm, luckily not destructive, on the day of the celebration of Aghia Paraskevi, July 26th, at noon, and a terrifying storm on Sunday, July 29th, in the afternoon. It is very important to mention that the waters of Deiros river (Panagia's river), which had been dry since Easter time, rose dangerously and the flow was such that the road to the village of Aghios Petros became very dangerous for a while.

August is, admittedly, a month with frequent rain showers, which we have gotten used to. Therefore, we were not surprised by the several rain showers, especially during the afternoon hours, throughout the month. As a result, the water level in the water reservoirs, which had been alarmingly low in early July, rose and there were even times of overflow. The pictures depict the beautiful, green landscape.



View of Rachi



View of Rachi and Koytsomachalas



View of Vergatsoula and Koutsomachalas



View of Pinighoura



The Panaghia spring overflowed



View of Aghios Andreas



View of Aghios Ioannis

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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