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PROGRAM "OUR ANCESTORS' ROOTS"

An initiative of the Karyates Association
in view of the Karyes Laconia Memory and Culture Centre completion and operation

The Karyates Association on the occasion of the creation of the Karyes Laconia Memory and Culture Center inaugurates the program "OUR ANCESTORS' ROOTS". The Program's purpose is to collect data and information on the large migration flow of our compatriots during the 20th century from their homeland, Karyes Laconia to the U.S.A., Canada, Australia, etc.

Our hope is with this program to record the historical path of the Arachovites / Caryates and their families over the last 150years, so that through it the third and fourth generation descendants will be able to reconnect with the place of origin of their ancestors and come in contact with modern Greece and more specifically with the beautiful place of Karyes, Laconia, their ancestors homeland.

For this purpose, the Association appeals to all compatriots, wherever they are, to **reminisce about their historical family memories, to record and send us a brief history of their family.** This story will start from the their **first Arachovite / Caryatian ancestor** who emigrated, will narrate his own course in the new place he settled and will continue unfolding the story of his descendants in the new homelands. Furthermore the description of events or incidents that highlight the **social contribution of the ancestors in the new homelands, but also in Karyes** will have an additional historical value.

These recordings can be sent to the email address karyates.association@karyes.gr in order to be recorded by the Association and used for the purpose of the vision of the Karyes Laconia Memory and Culture Centre. You may post it in Greek or English language too.

It is the Association's commitment that all this material will be **collected, digitized and made available to every visitor** of the Memory and Culture Centre. In this way any young Karyates, by visiting this beautiful place, will be able to seek the record of his/hers family course through the past decades and eventually be able to connect with his/her family history through these stories.

The projects for the Memory and Culture Center are progressing thanks to the help of all of us



After many years and a lot of effort, the Karyes Memory and Cultural Centre is nearing its completion. Unfortunately, an amount of € 60,000- is still missing. As we have mentioned many times in our previous issues, this is the amount has not been approved by the Parnonas Development Company.

In order to avoid the danger to remain the building unfinished the Bod of the Karyates Association make a plea to all the compatriots to help us finish the project. We should mention that by decision of the Bod, the name of **any donor who will offer an amount over € 10,000- his/her name will be written on a special commemorative plaque at the Centre's building.** Furthermore, the Association announces its will to **accept any amount given by the terms of an interest free loan** in order to help us finish the works.

However we know that times are tough for many of us. For this purpose we appeal to everyone to **participate in the lottery organized** by the Association. The price of each lottery ticket was set at a small symbolic amount of € 5.00 or US \$ 6.00. **It is our desire for everyone to participate.** Even the purchase of a solely lottery ticket is a message of support for the Karyes Memory and Culture Center.



Due to the extraordinary measures of the pandemic, the purchase of the lotteries can be also done by depositing the amount that everyone wishes in the bank account of the Association in the National

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200 YEARS (1821-2021) CELEBRATING THE GREEK REVOLUTION

The history of two illuminated Karyates: The forgotten Lambrides brothers

Few of us know that the historic Arachova was fortunate to give birth to two of the most enlightened minds in Greece during the prerevolutionary period the **Lamprides brothers**. Charalambos and Demetrios Lambrides played an important role in the Greek Revolution. Although they were educated people with progressive ideas, they did not hesitate to take part to the battles of the Greek Revolution to defend their ideas for the freedom of the Greek Nation. They were brave Arachovites, who despite the fact that they had emigrated in order to escape from the Sultan's depression, they always had their minds to their beloved homeland and their main concern was their compatriots' prosperity.

The first years

Charalambos was born in **1780** and **Demetrios** in **1785** in **Turkish-occupied Arachova**. Both students were thirsty for knowledge. Initially, the older brother Charalambos made some studies in various monasteries in Laconia, hence his nickname "**monk**". Then he returned to the village and taught writing, reading and arithmetic to the children of the village in Panagia. But his thirst for further knowledge was unlimited. So, when his brother Demetrios grew up, they decided to leave in order to study at the famous Greek school in the city of **Kydonia** in Asia Minor.



Old photograph of the Kydonia Academy school in Asia Minor
At the beginning of the 20th century

There at 1773, the clergyman **Ioannis Demetrakellis**, also known as the Treasurer from his ecclesiastical office, succeeded, with the help of the ruler of Wallachia and fleet leader **Nikolaos Mavrogenis** (1770-1786), in granting privileges to the city recognized by the Sultan as a pure Christian community. In this context, from 1780, the Greek School operated, with a library of ancient Greek authors and philosophical and theological works. The school from 1792, was reorganized, housed in a new building, took on the character of a high school and was named Academy.

So the **Academy of Kydonia**, became one of the most valuable educational institutions of Turkish-occupied Hellenism. **Benjamin Lesvios** taught philosophy, mathematics and natural sciences, courses "new" for the time. In 1811 the Academy was run by the also famous scholar **Theofilos Kairis** who taught until the beginning of 1821, when he was initiated in the "**Filiki Eteria**" ("Secret Society") and left Kydonia to take part in the Greek Revolution of 1821. At the same time, **Gregorios Sarafis** taught, while its students Academy, mainly Greeks, later honored Greek letters.

In this school, the Lamprides brothers from Arachova, were taught **Philosophy, History** and **Mathematics** and came in contact with the ideas of the **European Enlightenment**.

After finishing their studies, they move to **Constantinople**, where Demetrios will be involved in trade. But Charalambos, thirsty for further knowledge, followed the path of the other enlightened Greek slaves, traveling to the big cities of Europe to get to know the Western Culture that excited them so much through the books they studied: he visited **Rome, Venice, Pisa, Padua** and finally **Paris**, where he met the great teacher of the Greek nation **Adamantios Korais**.



The regions of Moldavia and Vlachia

The arrival in Moldovlachia

After those trips, they went to **Moldavia** and **Vlachia** in present-day Romania. There were the two **autonomous regions** where after the Russo-Turkish war, the Sultan was forced to recognize **special rights to Christians** and **Greek Christian rulers** were appointed. So many Greek schools were operating and many Greeks from all around the Ottoman Empire had emigrated to live more freely. Initially, Charalambos was appointed a teacher in a Greek school and soon he was followed by his younger brother Demetrios.

In this environment of freedom from the Sultan's oppression, the two brothers advanced and unfolded their value as teachers.

It was therefore a matter of time before they were initiated into the cause of the liberation of the Nation through the "**Filiki Eteria**" and sworn with enthusiasm to give **their blood for the Freedom of their Homeland**.

For these reasons, as we know in the history of the Greek Revolution, the uprising of our Nation began in these two autonomous regions known as the "**Danube Hegemonies**". Immediately Demetrios Lamprides was presented as volunteer to the body of Greek students: the "**Hieros Lochos**" ("**Holy Corps**") and took part in all the battles.

However the Russians did not help the revolution and the Turkish army invaded. After the heroic final battle in **Dragatsani**, the two brothers managed to escape in Austria.



The battle in Dragatsani

From there they continue to the port of Trieste on the Adriatic Sea, where they look for and finally found a ship to transport them to the rebellious Peloponnese and to their homeland Arachova.

Their arrival at Peloponnese and their contribution at the Greek Revolution

Immediately after their arrival, they enlist at the Greek Army and then the star of Demetrios Lamprides shined. He participated almost at all the battles for the liberation of the Peloponnese with the armed corps of the Arachovites. Then, with the consolidation of the Revolution, he was elected **MP** in the **National Assemblies** of **Troizina** and **Epidaurus**, representing his compatriots.

Meanwhile, the Turks, facing a total defeat by the continuous Greek successes, decided to ask for the help of the **Egyptian Pasha**, who agreed to send his son **Ibrahim** as the leader of an organized expeditionary force trained by French officers. Indeed, he landed in the port of **Methoni** in the Ionian coast of Peloponnese and after a series of battles he managed to occupy the cities of **Kalamata** and **Tripolis**. From Tripolis Ibrahim started his campaigns to **Laconia**. Initially he campaigns through the valley of the **Evrotas river** to **Mystras** and he managed to reach **Monemvasia** destroying everything. However, the villages situated in the mountains of **Parnonas** and **Taygetos**, well fortified, resisted and after heavy pressure from the people of Mani, the Egyptian forces returned to Tripolis.

Then he decides to campaign himself from Kalamata to Mani and at the same time to send an expeditionary force to Parnonas (2nd Laconian invasion). This body, started its move on May 11, destroying the villages of **Kastri, Aghios Petros, Vervena** and **Doliana** and on **May 12** the army reached **Karyes/Arachova** and totally destroyed the village. All the inhabitants had taken refuge in the hills and mountains and almost all the houses were burned. Only 6-7 houses are saved and fortunately and the Aghia Paraskevi chapel, where only the iconostasis was burned. The Lamprides brothers together with many Arachovites took refuge at the peak of mount Parnon (**Kronio**). But something unexpected happened there: Demetrios Lamprides was hit by lightning! He managed to survive, but he was deemed incapable of further military action.



Ibrahim Pasha of Egypt

However Ibrahim's campaign failed again since his main army that had moved from the west was defeated in **Almyros** (June 22), and the other body, that burned the villages of Parnon from the east, was defeated in **Dyros** (June 25) too.

Returning to Tripoli, he planned to attack Mani from the east. But the Laconians have re-established the camp at Vervena and his attempt to pass through there, caused his army heavy losses with two hundred dead. For this purpose, in July he proceeded through the villages of **Kastri** and **Aghios Petros** to **Astros**, where he found strong resistance from the Greek army captain **Nikitaras**.



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From Astros he decided to divide his army into three parts in order to burn as much as he could through the Parnon Mountain and to reach Mystras (3rd Laconian invasion). The first part proceeded to **Tsakonia region** destroying the village of **Prastos**, the second moved through the village of **Vamvakou** and the third, led by Ibrahim himself through the villages of Aghios Petros and Karyes/Arachova, which was already totally destroyed and so the army reached the valley of Evrotas.

The inhabitants of our villages, although living chased with their houses burnt down, continued to enlist in the Revolution by striking the rearguards of the Egyptian army. So first a detachment of one 150 cavalry was stroked near Karyes and then the rebels stroked decisively, on August 19, near the village of **Vassaras**: they attacked a detachment of the army, killing 185 and capturing 17 Turkish and Egyptian soldiers. At the same time, they managed to release 10.000 goats and sheep, 300 oxen and 200 horses and mules.

Ibrahim's army, without supplies, was defeated again by the Maniats in **Polyaravos** and, humiliated, he withdrew to Tripolis and then to Methoni.

With that withdrawal of the Egyptian Army, Arachovites rushed to help **Captain Karaiskakis** in the **siege of Athens** against the Turkish troops, while Demetrios Lamprides went to Mystras, where he was appointed **Secretary**. From there, his main role was to spread the information about the events of the revolution to all the inhabitants of Laconia and Tsakonia, acting essentially as a kind of **official correspondent-journalist**. At the same time, his brother Charalambos went to the village of **Sellasia** (Vourlias) to teach the Greek children.

The first years of freedom and the Mitsokontogianeika incident

After the naval battle of **Navarino** and the destruction of the Turkish-Egyptian Fleet, Arachovites returned to their ruined village to rebuild it and finally live free. But after five years of relative silence, Greece is in turmoil as the Governor **Kapodistrias** was assassinated and there is anarchy until the arrival of **Otto**, the new king of Greece. An interim government was formed which decided to send military corps consisting of soldiers from central Greece among with Albanian muslim soldiers to Peloponnese led by captain **Demetrios Kontogiannis**. After passing through the village of Milli, the captain reached to the village of Aghios Petros in order to descend to Mystras.

From all the villages he passed through, he demanded from the local population food and money with the excuse of feeding his army.

Arriving in Arachova, which has just recovered from the Ibrahim's destruction, he settled down asking for money. Arachovites and the inhabitants of the neighboring villages could not afford it. So they decided to resist and under the leadership of their local captains **Paraskevas Matalas** and **Petros Barbitsiotis** after serious fights within the village they managed to drive them away. These are the well-known events called "Mitsokontogianeika" which have been sung by the popular local Muse with the song "**Ena poulaki engine apo ton Aghio Petro**" ("**A bird came out of Agios Petros**").

However, the village suffered great damages and among them was unfortunately the house of the Lamprides brothers in Rachi, which was burned along with their famous library.

The peace finally arrived and Arachovites made their first efforts for the education of the village's youth. Arachova was therefore fortunate to have two of the most enlightened minds in Greece, the Lamprides brothers. Although their library in "Mitsokontogianeika" incidents were burned down, they teach the young Karyates in the church of Aghios Andreas.

Charalambos was then 53 years old and Dimitrios 48 years old. Due to their participation at the Greek Revolution, they did not have time to start a family but then was the time.

Unfortunately, then an event took place that deprived Arachova from one of his two enlightened children.

The history of Charalambos and his family

Charalambos decided to get married and he engaged to an orphan girl (probably from the Voukides family). A few days before the wedding, however, the girl was "stolen". Unable to bear the shame, he packed his things and decided to leave for **Nafplio**, the then capital of Greece.

Arriving at **Astros**, however, the local inhabitants, learning of his arrival, were upset and immediately formed initiatives to keep this enlightened man in their place. Therefore they found him a girl to marry, Sofia the daughter of the local captain Digenis who had lost his life in Tripolis and beg him to stay. Indeed, Charalambos Lamprides settled in Astros and served there, instead of his beloved homeland Arachova, as a teacher. He also serve as Headmaster of Astros School and until his death in **1841**, creating a large library and he had two sons **Vassilios** and **Demosthenes** and two daughters **Athena** and **Areti**.

His daughters, **Athena** will marry the doctor G. **Stavridis** in Nafplio, while **Areti** will marry one of the **Iliopoulos** brothers from Karyes, **Nikolaos**, and will have two sons, both teachers **Kleomenis** and **Lykourgos**. The latter will even serve as a teacher in Karyes at the beginning of the 20th century.

Charalambos' sons Vassilios and Demosthenes will become doctors. The first will die at a young age, but the later will serve as a doctor first in **Kyparissia** region and then in Astros until his death in **1920**. He will have three sons and three daughters. (grandchildren of Charalambos) who will also be distinguished: **Konstantinos** as a Greek Navy officer, **Michael** as an executive of the National Bank of Greece, while **Theocharis** together with the rest of the Arachovites of North Carolina will create the "Southern Fruit Company". At the same time, his daughters will be restored with good marriages: **Sofia** (wife Pantelopoulou), **Maria** (wife Karali) and **Theodora** (wife of Athanasios Kosmopoulos, military judge).

The history of Demetrios and his family

Back in Karyes, Demetrios will remain, although disabled and poor and he will teach the Karyatic youth for more than twenty years, at the school of Aghios Andreas "higher mathematics", assisted by **Andriannis Vastis**. Among his students will be the later great benefactor **Athanasios Matalas**. He will marry and have four boys and four girls. Although he will live in great poverty with his large family, his children and grandchildren will follow his example become educated and offer to the village of Karyes from various places.

His daughters will marry Arachovites, **Panaghiota** will marry Paraskevas N. **Matalas**, **Helen**, will marry **M. Drougas**, **Paraskevi** will marry **D. Harakas** and **Athena** will marry A. **Voulgaris**.

Of his three sons, **Panagiotis**, **Nikolaos** and **Georgios** will move to **Athens**. In fact, Panagiotis will study foreign languages and will serve as an interpreter first to the **King of Egypt** and later to the **Greek Palace**, helping many compatriots (he will die without descendants).

However the members of the family that his last son, **Theodoros** would create by marrying **Athena Georg. Matalas**, will serve the village of Kayes significantly. Specifically, they will have three children (grandchildren of Demetrios): a son **George**, who will become a teacher in Karyes following in the footsteps of his grandfather and two daughters **Marigo** who will marry **Panagiotis N. Agglezis** and **Panaghiota** who will marry the son of Papa-Georgos Drougas, **Stavros Papastavrides**. This man, grandson of Demetrios, will serve as President of the Karyes Community during the period 1921-25 and will become one of the main co-shapers of the pre-war transformation of the village with his own children: **Demetrios**, **Andreas**, co-founder of the Brotherhood in America, **Theodoros**, community counselor from 1938-1942, and **Georgios** (lawyer, President of the Matalas Foundation).

Homage

We are almost sure that many of us reading this tribute will wonder how all these incidents had taken place in our village's history without we had even listen anything about.

Perhaps the main reason is that, unfortunately, the surname Lamprides has been disappeared in Karyes for many decades.

However this may be a convenient excuse. We believe that the time has come, on the occasion of the 200th anniversary of the Greek Revolution, to recapture the thread of history and to highlight these enlightened examples of heroic men and women.

It is our obligation to honor our brave ancestors, who rise against a despotic empire and managed to win and create a reborn free democratic nation.

All the above information was acquainted by the books of "**KARYATIKA**" (vol. I, 1950) and the "**KARYATIC GOLDEN BIBLE**" (1927).



ANNOUNCEMENT

The Karyates Association announces its intention to exploit the ground floor of commercial stores in its property building, located at Karyes Central Square, which will house the Karyes Memory and Cultural Center.

We invite anyone interested in leasing the property to please contact us

- either by e-mail at info@karyes.gr,
- or by calling +30 6944 784563, +30 6974 720909.

The Board of Members

TRADITIONAL KARYATIC PRODUCTS

By consuming healthy traditional local Greek food products

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It is a great pleasure for all the members of our Association watching the engagement of the Youth of Karyes in the production of **traditional local food and herb based products**. Many of them are engaged in agriculture and animal husbandry towards the **organized standardization** of their products. The new generation is turning more and more to the modern business agriculture and animal husbandry, which presupposes **quality production, standardization** and **promotion** through modern forms of advertising of the **admittedly excellent products of the Caryatic land**.

The amazing organic products of a **truly virgin place** deserve to be promoted properly: as products of a **special high nutritional value** that, in addition to their **amazing taste**, protect our health and help us enjoy a higher standard of life quality.

Therefore, our Bulletin tries to make known to all Karyates and to the friends of Karyes the results of these efforts, bringing in contact those who are interested in buying these pure products for their family with the local producers.

“PARNON HERBS” (VOTANA PARNONA)

Recently, a company was created in the village by local producers called "**PARNONA HERBS**".

For this purpose, 65 acres were rented where herbs like **oregano, thyme** and **tea** were planted. It was a painful process since the fields that had been uncultivated for many years had been afforested. However, this was also an advantage as the soil was completely pure clean. Local seeds that were grown in a “nursery” were transplanted. The plants are perennial and in each acre 4,000 plants were planted under the supervision of an agronomist at all stages.

The company has made serious investments in mechanical and other equipment. For example a special machine that rubs oregano has been purchased, two warehouses have been rented where the natural drying of the herbs takes place, while a 750 cubic meter water tank has been constructed for the irrigation of the fields.



However, all production is **completely organic** with absolute respect for the environment. It has been certified by "VIOHELLAS" which monitors the production at all stages, such as weeding and harvesting by hand.

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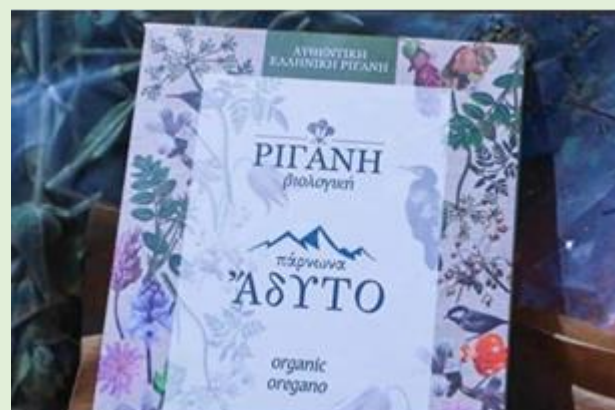
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“PARNON SANCTUARY” (PARNONA ADYTO)

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The renovation of the Trakas coffee shop

Following the closure of the barber shop in the main square and on the occasion of the temporary closure of the restaurant and coffee shops due to the pandemic, the family of Pota Traka proceeded with the expansion and radical renovation of its café.



The image of the coffee shop is now even better, while the interior space has been expanded too. We believe that given the well-known professionalism of Pota, the result will satisfy even the most demanding clientele.

SOCIAL NEWS

They passed away

On November 6, 2020,
Nikolaos Galanis,
husband of Demetra Roupa died in Athens.

On May 8, 2021
Georgia Diamantouros-Andriopoulos
died in Karyes at the age of 87.
She was mother of mr. George Diamatouros,
headmaster of Karyes elementary school.

On may 23, 2021,
Eugene Stratigakis widow of Bill (Vasilios) Kakaris
died in Las Vegas, Nevada, U.S.A., at the age of 92.
She was born in the village of Voutiani, Lakonia, Greece.

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The “**Arachovitiko**” Cheese Factory is a family business in Karyes (Arachova) Laconia, the place of origin of the Caryatids.

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Rachi Square: Project completed



With great joy all the Karyates enjoy the new Rachi Square. The renovated historic square of the lower settlement, has finally become a real square and can make proud all the Arachovites.

The expansion of the space furthermore to the west and its elevation, among with the fact that it is no longer crossed by cars except for two lanes, provides a large space for kids to play and pedestrians. The beautiful marble paving and the new stone benches along with the movement of the stone fountain to a more central position, completely changed the image of the space. Meanwhile traditional lighting poles were also installed and new trees were planted too.

We hope that the coffee shop and the tavern which operated at Rachi will take advantage of the new "platia" in order to create a second leisure space in Karyes.



The completion of the pavement



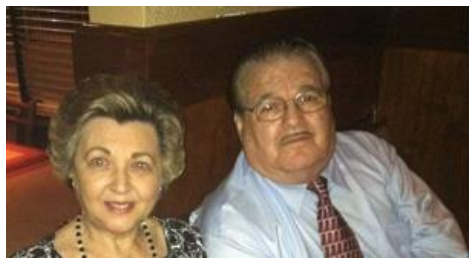
The placement of the marble surfaces on the terraces on either side of the fountain.
In front the space for the panygiri.



The placement of the lighting poles

NEWS FROM OVERSEAS

A fellow compatriot passed away



Perry with his wife Pepitsa

Perry George Kerhoulas,

86, resident of Greenwood, husband of **Pepitsa Ardamis Kerhoulas**, passed away **Saturday, April 17, 2021** at Hospice & Palliative Care of the Piedmont.

Born **December 24, 1934**, in **Karyae, Greece**, he was the son of the late *George and Paraskevi Kerhoulas*. He was a graduate of Second High School of Athens, Greece and served in the Greek Army in 1956 and 1957. He was an avid soccer player and a member of the "Karyatis" soccer team. Perry enjoyed many outdoor activities, including hunting.

Perry came to the United States on December 22, 1963 and began his new life here. He was a member of **Saint Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church** in Spartanburg and the **Adelphotis Arahoviton, Karyae**.

Perry began his restaurant career as soon as he came to the United States. He owned the *Elite Drive In* in Spartanburg from 1970-1977. He then joined his beloved brother *Pete* at the *Dixie Drive In* in Greenwood from 1977 until Pete's passing in 1990. Perry continued sole ownership until his retirement in 2009. Over the years, Perry developed so many priceless friendships. He was a friend and mentor to all. His community support was unending. Perry had a deep passion for his Greek culture but was so proud to become an American citizen. He was famously quoted as saying "I never forget where I came from – never. You put that somewhere in your story – God Bless America."

Surviving, in addition to his loving wife of 52 years, are a son, *George Perry Kerhoulas* and a daughter, *Joanne Kerhoulas McCravy* (Scott), all of Greenwood; one sister, *Maria Siachos* (Tom) of Greenville; two brothers, *Gus George Kerhoulas* (Teta) of Greenwood, and *Tommy Kerhoulas* (Anna) of Concord, NC; two grandchildren, *Micah* and *Khari Kerhoulas*; brother-in-law and sister-in-law, *Jon* and *Kiki Couchell* of Spartanburg; and numerous sisters-in-laws, nieces and nephews. Perry was predeceased by three brothers, *Ted Kerhoulas*, *Pete Kerhoulas* and *Alex Kerhoulas* and one sister, *Pitsa Kontalonis* (Chris).

The family received friends Wednesday morning from 10:00 to 11:30, at Blyth Funeral Home, followed by a Trisagion service. The funeral took place after the Trisagion with Father Tom Pistoris and Father George Nayfa officiating at Oakbrook Memorial Park.

A Karyatic enterprise celebrates its' 60 years of life



The catering business (restaurant) of the Kopsiaftis and Stathakis families celebrates its operation for six decades. The restaurant opened on January 2, 1961 and has been operating continuously ever since, having become part of Spartanburg's living history. Congratulations!

A tribute to Karyes, Laconia from a well-known Greek travel magazine

Perhaps the most famous Greek travel magazine the "HELLENIC PANORAMA" presented in its last issue an extensive tribute to our village. The article was edited by Mr. Stefanos Psimmenos, who was the leader of the team that designed and marked the paths. Thanks to his work, there was a beautiful presentation of the paths' routes, as well as of the village itself.

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