

REPUBLIC OF CYPRUS HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES



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2ND LATIN COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

Dear Latins.

I would like to inform you of the following Events and News that affect our Community:

1. All Saint's Day - 01 November 2016

On November 1st, we celebrate All Saints' Day. The religious services will be:

Nicosia:

06:30 pm

Limassol:

06:30 pm

Larnaca:

06:30 pm

Paphos:

12:00 noon

2. Visit to our Cemeteries - 02 November 2016

I have made arrangements with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the United Nations to visit our cemetery in the Buffer Zone.

The bus will depart from the round about of Marcou Drakou (near our Holy Cross Church) at 09:45 am.

Please contact our Church on 22-662132 to reserve a seat on the bus.

Also in Nicosia, the blessing of tombs at the new cemetery at Tseri will be at 3.30 p.m In Limassol cemetery this will take place at 3.30 p.m In Larnaca cemetery this will take place at 3.00 p.m In Paphos cemetery this will take place at 3.00 p.m

3. Community's News

I attended the following meetings concerning the Latin Community:

- A) Meeting with the Chairman of the Board of Cyprus Broadcasting Corporation (CyBC): In June all three Representatives of Religious Groups had a joint meeting with the Chairman of CyBC. We discussed ways of upgrading our coverage by the state media channel and I then submitted my suggestions in writing to the Chairman on how to achieve this.
- B) Meeting with the Presidential Commissioner: In June I met the Presidential Commissioner Mr Photiou for an exchange of views on issues concerning our Latin Community. There followed a joint meeting with him in July together with the Representatives of the Maronite and Armenian Communities.
- C) Meeting with the Director of Secondary General Education & Coordinator for issues of Religious Groups in the Ministry of Education & Culture: An important meeting with Dr. Kypriano Loui in July when we discussed ways for better coordination and exchanged views on issues and matters concerning our Community.

- <u>D) Meeting with the Mr. Yiannis Yiannaki, Commissioner for Volunteering & NGOs:</u> In August met with the Commissioner for Volunteering & Non-Governmental Organisations to exchange information regarding the work of his office and the charity work of our Community
- <u>E) Meeting with the Ambassador of the United States of America in Cyprus Mrs. Kathleen Doherty:</u> In September I had a formal meeting with the Ambassador of the United States of America at its Embassy where I presented the Latin Community of Cyprus and our views for the future constitutional rights of our Community in the event of a settlement of the Cyprus problem.
- <u>F) Meeting in the Terra Santa College:</u> This month (October) I had a meeting with new Director of the Terra Santa College where I was briefed on issues relating to the school. I assured him of my continued support and willingness to take up any important issue with the appropriate Government department/authority.
- G) Meeting with the Advisory Committee of Private Education: As a Representative of the Latin Community, I am a member of the Advisory Committee of Private Education of the Ministry of Education & Culture which held its first meeting in early October.

I take this opportunity to invite you to inform me of any important Community events you may be organising by writing to me on the following email: amantovani@parliament.cy

I will continue to keep you informed, my best regards,

Antonella Mantovani