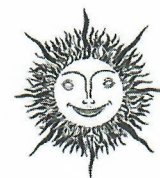




REPUBLIC OF CYPRUS

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27th LATIN COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

Dear Latins,

I would like to inform you of the following regarding the Latin Community:

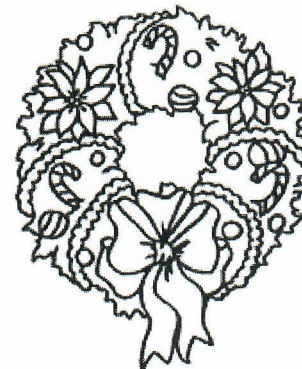
EXHIBITION “ARMANDO JOSEPHIN” BY THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION

On the publication of the book “*Αρμάνδο Τζιοζεφέν 1931-2011*”, the Ministry of Education & Culture is hosting an exhibition of some of his paintings, music sheets and personal belongings at the Museums of the Pancyprrian Gymnasium in Nicosia.

The exhibition will remain open until the 12th January (free entrance)

Address: Thiseos Street, Nicosia

Opening hours: Mon, Tues, Thurs & Fri 09.00-14.30, Wed 09.00-15.30, Sat 10.00-13.00



INVITATION TO CHRISTMAS CONCERT – LARNACA

The choir of the cultural association “Προοδευτική Κίνηση Λάρνακας” is hosting a Christmas Carols concert on Tuesday 21st December at 20.00 hrs at the Catholic Church of St Mary of the Graces in Larnaca.

The concert is held under my auspices and entrance is free (Safe pass and use of facemasks is obligatory).

TRACING THE GENETIC HISTORY OF THE LATIN COMMUNITY

The collection of genetic data from members of the Latin Community has begun for the purpose of tracing of the ethnic background/s of the Community. The research is being undertaken by the Institute of Neurology & Genetics. Those interested in participating are requested to please get in touch with me.

SUMMARY OF EVENTS DURING SUMMER – AUTUMN 2021

- The association “Thriskeftiki Omada Latinon Kyprou” held its Annual General Meeting at “Σπίτι των Λατίνων” on 7th July. On the same date, it organised a dinner with music at the taverna Tshipouraki Mezedaki – the singer was Vanessa Megaleμου, member of our Community.
- On 4th September, a representation of Latin women was invited by the Women’s Section of the association “Thriskeftiki Omada Latinon Kyprou” to participate in the project «*Unifying Women’s Voices for Social and Political Change*». The project was organised by the Steering Committee of the Gender Advisory Team which aims to develop and strengthen the voice of women in Cyprus.
- On the 19th September, the Youth Section of the association “Thriskeftiki Omada Latinon Kyprou” co-organised the public lecture: “*Children & electronic devices: Understanding and dealing with the new reality*” in collaboration with the “KEPAKY” Foundation and the Cyprus Institute of Technology. The event was under the auspices of the Cyprus Police (Cybercrime Unit).
- Presentations of the publication “*UNUS PRO OMNIBUS ο Sylvain Beraud και οι Λατίνοι της Κύπρου*” were held on 17th September in Limassol and on 15th October in Larnaca. The book was written by Dr Iosif Hadjikyriakos and published by the Press & Information Office.

- During NICOSIA BOOK FEST 21 the Press & Information Office hosted a presentation of the two publications “UNUS PRO OMNIBUS ο Sylvain Beraud και οι Λατίνοι της Κύπρου” and “Αρμάνδο Τζιοζεφέν 1931-2011”

*** Please contact me if you would like a copy of these books (only in Greek) ***

- A concert of “An Evening of Art Song with Andreas Aroditis” was performed in Paphos, Nicosia, Larnaca and Limassol between 4-7 November. Andreas is a distinguished tenor and member of the Latin Community. The project was supported by the Cultural Services of the Ministry of Education & Culture.

- On 12th November the Ministry of Education & Culture presented the publication of the book and the exhibition «Αρμάνδος Τζοσεφέν 1931-2011» at the Museums of the Pancyprian Gymnasium in Nicosia.

- Five short films were shown on CyBC TV under the heading «Οι Λατίνοι της Κύπρου», each one presenting a different topic about the Latin Community: History, Educational institutions, Monuments of cultural heritage, Places of prayer & worship, Influence of French and Italian on the Cyprus dialect and place names.

The short films were produced by CyBC following an initiative by the Ministry of Education which was also supported by the office of the Presidential Commissioner.

As Representative, I also took an active role in the production of the films about the Latin Community.

On the 19th November the Ministry of Education hosted a press conference with all the participating parties in order to present this project.

The films can be seen on the CyBC website– Videos on Demand <http://cybc.com.cy/video-on-demand/>

- Terra Santa College inaugurated the final phase of its renovation on 8th December 2021. The event was presided by Reverend Fr. Francesco Patton, Custos of the Holy Land as well as the General Director of the school Fr. Zacheusz Dulniok and the Vicar General Fr. Jerzy Kraj. The Minister of Education also spoke at the inauguration, which was attended by the Mayor of Strovolos, the Ambassadors of Italy and Poland, the Chargé d’Affaires of the Holy See, myself as Representative and other members of the Board.

The visit of His Holiness Pope Francis brought us together in joy and reflection which was also experienced by the broader society of Cyprus. I would like to extend my thanks to all those who worked to make the visit such a success.

I had the opportunity to briefly meet His Holiness and to thank him on behalf of the Latin Community for his visit as well as to present him with a gift as a souvenir of his visit.

My wishes for a
MERRY CHRISTMAS
 and
HAPPY, HEALTHY AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR 2022
 to you and your families

