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32nd LATIN COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

Dear Latins,

I would also like to inform you as follows:

<u>Visit to our Cemeteries – 2 November 2023</u>

In Nicosia

I have made arrangements with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the United Nations to visit our cemetery in the Buffer Zone on Thursday 2nd November.

The bus will depart from the roundabout of Marcou Drakou (near our Holy Cross Church) at 09:30 hrs.

Please telephone the Church at 22-662132 to reserve a seat on the bus.

The Holy Mass and blessing of tombs at the new cemetery at Tseri will be at 4.00 p.m.

In Limassol

Holy Mass and blessing of tombs at the Latin cemetery on Griva Dighenis Str (near Fire Station) will take place at 3.00 p.m.

At Sfalagiotissa cemetery blessing of tombs at 10.00 am

In Larnaça

Holy mass and blessing of the tombs will be at 3.00 p.m.

In Paphos

Holy Mass and blessing of the tombs at Mesa Chorio cemetery will be at 3.00 pm

Coming soon:

A celebration of the centenary of St Mary's School in Limassol is being organised by the Franciscan Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

The event will take place at the school on Fri 24 Nov at 18.00 hrs. All Latins are invited to attend.

In addition, a book in English on the school's 100 years of operation is being authored by Dr Salomi Papadima-Sophocleous. It will be published for the centenary celebration with the support of the Press & Information Office.

Announcement:

 Our Patriarch in Jerusalem, His Beatitude Pierbattista Pizzaballa was elevated to Cardinal by decision of the Holy Father. I have sent a letter of congratulations on behalf of our community.



Completed:

Series of short videos "Latins of Cyprus"

I am continuing with the loading of short videos which feature a member if the Latin Community presenting the history of their respective family in Cyprus. The videos are posted on the You Tube channel "Latin Catholics of Cyprus" and on the Facebook group "Latin Catholic Community of Cyprus"

https://www.youtube.com/@latincatholicsofcy/playlists

In addition, work has started on the preparation of a documentary film based on the material in these short videos (with the support of the Press & Information Office).

Pancyprian Student Arts Competition titled
 "The lasting impact of Latins on contemporary Cyprus"

For a second consecutive year, the Ministry of Education, in collaboration with the Youth section of our association "Thriskeftiki Omada Latinon Kyprou" is running a student arts competition which will encourage students to learn about the (cultural and historic) contribution of the Latins in today's Cyprus.

The competition is open to pupils from the ages of primary and secondary education, whether they are attending state, private or technical schools. Individual or group submissions can be in either a literary form (e.g. poem, story, narration) or a figurative form (e.g. visual art work, video, musical composition, illustrated story etc)

The award ceremony for the winning submissions was be held at «Σπίτι των Λατίνων» on 15 June 2023

- Musical evenings "Songs from our Shared Heritage"

I organised the musical evenings "Songs from our Shared Heritage" on 27 Sept at Pallas Theatre in Nicosia and on 27 Sept at Mikri Salamina theatre (Philippos Yiapanis) in Fasoula/Limassol. The performance was comprised of well-loved European songs in their original languages.

Andreas Aroditis, member of our community, sang well-knowns songs in Italian, Spanish, French, English, Polish and Greek. He was accompanied by Constantinos Makaritis on the flute and Aris Antoniades on the piano.

Multiculturalism and multilingualism are characteristics of our Latin Community as our members have settled in Cyprus from many different countries – the performance reflected our community's mainly European heritage and some of the languages which its members brought with them to Cyprus.

The project was supported by the Deputy Ministry of Culture.

With warm regards,

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