# REPUBLIC OF CYPRUS **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**



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# 34th LATIN COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

Dear Latins,

I would like to inform you as follows:

### Invitation: Guided walk visiting Latin monuments within the walls of Nicosia - on 18 May

Join us for a fascinating walk visiting the main Latin monuments of Nicosia. Our guide will talk about the history and evolution of these monuments as well as how they are connected to the life and memory of the capital's residents.

On Saturday 18 May 2024 - meeting point is at Paphos Gate at 10.00 am. The tour ends at "Σπίτι των Λατίνων" (Othello Str no 10) where soft drinks and snacks will be offered (duration approx. 2.5 hrs).

Organisers: Office of the Latin Representative in collaboration with the Association of Historical Dialogue & Research and the association "Thrisfkeftiki Omada Latinon Kyprou"

#### Please note:

- Participation is free for Latins and friends
- The finishing point "Σπίτι των Λατίνων" is a 20-minute walk from the starting point there will be a minibus for those who have difficulty walking back to Paphos Gate
- Your ID will be needed to cross at the Ledra street check point during the tour

Registration is mandatory—email amantovani@parliament.cy or tel 22407238 (Mon – Fri mornings)

### Project to trace the genetic history of the Latin Community

The collection of genetic data (saliva) from members of the Latin Community is continuing 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 call the relevant department at the Institute and arrange a convenient time to pass by and donate a sample - tel 22392651.

### Enhancement of the Ministry of Education curriculum regarding the Latin Community

The Ministry of Education has accepted my proposal for the creation of an educational tour which will provide high schools students (2<sup>nd</sup> lyceum) with the opportunity to learn about our Community.

The tour is comprised of visits to Latin monuments within the Venetian Walls of Nicosia.

On 20th April, we organised a sample tour for 40 history teachers so that they can learn about the legacy and timeless presence of the Latins in the historical part of Nicosia.

We expect that the tour will be included in the high school programs as of September.

### National competition for school pupils with Latin theme

For the third consecutive year, the Ministry of Education, in collaboration with the Youth section of our association "Thriskeftiki Omada Latinon Kyprou", is running a competition for creative expression (ie using various mediums). Participation is open to pupils in primary and secondary education, whether they are attending state, private or technical schools.

The competition is titled "The presence of Latins in Cyprus past and present" and aims to encourage pupils to learn about the (cultural and historic) contribution of the Latins of Cyprus.

The deadline is end April and the award ceremony will be at «Σπίτι των Λατίνων» in June.

### Reminder: What's App Community for Latin Association Events

Please join the What's App Community "Latin Association Events" to remain updated with news and upcoming events of the association "Thriskeftiki Omada Latinon Kyprou", especially if you are not on Facebook where these events are usually posted.

"HAPPY EASTER" TO YOU AND YOUR FAMILIES

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