



الجمعية الخيرية اليونانية في بيروت  
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## Welcome to our newsletter *Ta Nea*

Dear Member,

In order to enhance our communication with you we have created a newsletter titled *Ta Nea*. In each issue, we will publish all the events and activities undertaken at the Center, upcoming events, announcements and other related issues. To help us being closer to you, we would appreciate your feedback in return.

### February 9, the “Hellophony” celebration day worldwide

**O**n Friday May 5, the Greek Deputy Foreign Minister of the Diaspora, Mr. Terrence Quick, accompanied by our Ambassador Mr. Thodore M. Passas and 2 members of the Greek delegation visited our center at The Greek Community of Beirut. Amongst the presents was a delegation from Tripoli Club Hermes, and the LGGU (league of Lebanese Graduate from Greek Universities) lead by Dr. Scheib. Points of interests were focused on Greek teaching lessons and the Greek diaspora of Lebanon. Mr. Quick announced that it has been decided that February 9 shall be the celebration day of the Hellenic language worldwide. Each of the delegation present was able to discuss its issues with Minister Quick, starting with the Greek Community, followed by LGCCU and Club Hermes. Focus was on the history of the Greeks in the region, the teaching of the language and many other topics.



### Newsletter Spotlight

- Visit of Mr. Terrence Quick
- Official Examination Center
- End of the year school party
- Visit to the National Museum
- Your feedback to know you better

### Did You know?

- ◆ In April 2017, the Greek Ministry of Education, “Division For The Support And Promotion Of The Greek Language” has officially accredit our Center, allowing us to act as the official Greek examination center.
- ◆ In 2017, 111 students have register to the Greek Language classes.
- ◆ In September 2017, new classes will be added.

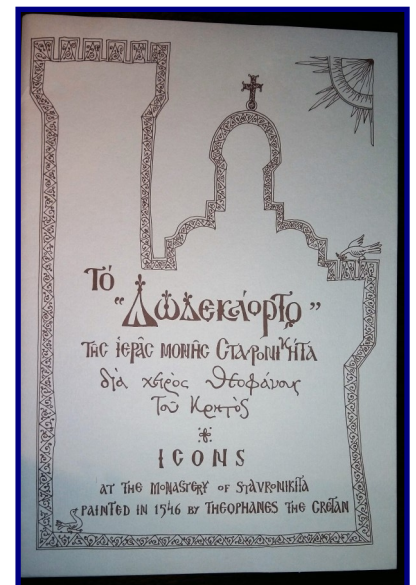
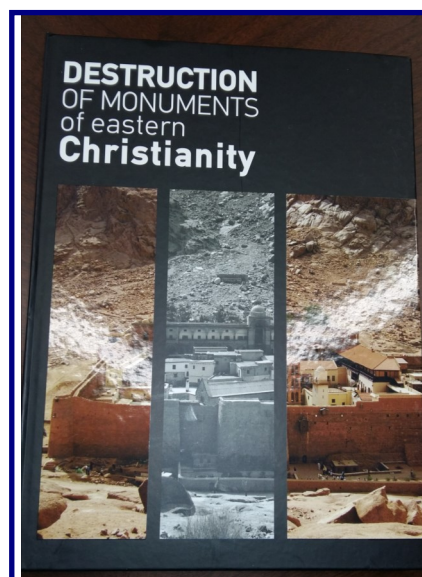
## End of the year school party

**T**he End of the year School party was held at the center on June 2nd, in the presence of His Excellency Mr. Theodore M. Passas, our Greek Ambassador, Mr. Andreas Mikhalidis, General Secretary of the Inter-parliamentary Assembly on Orthodoxy and Deputy, students and their parents.



Mr. Mikhalidis, who was visiting Beirut, congratulated the Greek Community of Beirut for the efforts done in contributing in safeguarding the Hellenic heritage through the teaching of the Greek language.

Mrs Valasidou welcome speech was addressed to the audience where she presented all the achievements performed during the 2016-2017 school year and the coming summary for next year, thanking the teachers and the staff, and congratulating the students who received awards for their efforts. Eight Gold coins were distributed accordingly (as a first prize) and books related to Greece history and mythology were offered to the rest of the students who have passed their exams. Mr. Mikhalidis and H.E. Mr. Passas, after congratulating everyone, presented 2 books that were offered to the Greek Community of Beirut library: the first one is titled "Destruction of Monuments of Eastern Christianity" followed by a special portfolio containing 12 pictures of the 12 Holy Theophany Icons from the Crete Monastery of STAVRONIKITA painted in 1546 by Theophanes The Cretan.





**Congratulating the first prize laureates...**



## Visit to the National Museum



On June 3rd, the Center organized an educational guided visit for all our children students to the National Museum of Beirut focussing on ***the connections between Greece and Lebanon throughout antiquity*** (Phoenician alphabet, Phoenicians - Greek merchandise relations, Hellenistic period, Alexander the Great, Ptolemaic period, early byzantine era).

The children had the opportunity to learn and experience some basic Greek history, art, mythology, burial customs, etc. in a museum environment, outside the classroom, in a fun-educational way.



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