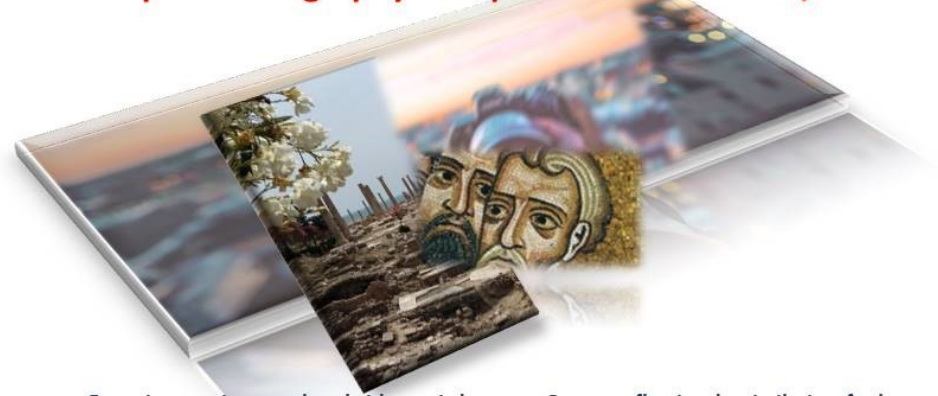




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COMMUNAUTÉ HELLÉNIQUE DE BIENFAISANCE DE BEYROUTH

The Cultural Center of the Greek Community Of Beirut  
is conducting the

**“2018 Open Photography Competition 2 Countries, 1 Culture “**



Focus is on an image related either to Lebanon or Greece reflecting the similarity of culture.  
High visibility and exposure besides valuable gifts are offered.

For further details, rules and registration, kindly send us an email at [comhel@idm.net.lb](mailto:comhel@idm.net.lb) with the subject “2018 Open Photography Competition” before November 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Questions or comments? Kindly use the following:

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الجمعية الخيرية اليونانية في بيروت  
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## Every single day brings hope

Dear Member,

Here comes our latest and last issue of 2018. This year, we witness that great values are still on the top list. Values such solidarity with strong bonds and ties. The **28 of October** known as the “**OXI Day**,” is a day of remembrance to honor the heroes who wrote Greek History scarifying their lives in the name of freedom, justice, democracy and patriotism. It is said that writing history depends on facts and events that happened and most importantly the way we deal with them. Preserving our sense of belonging and affiliation comes first by learning the language. In May, more than 25 Greek language course students have passed with honor their official certification from Greece and more than 135 students registered for the Fall semester.

Moreover, the Cultural center of the Greek Community of Beirut offers you the chance to be “active” by participating in the “**2018 Open Photography Competition 2 Countries 1 Culture**” where focus is on an image taken either in Lebanon or Greece, reflecting the similarity between these two countries. An opportunity not to be missed as high visibility and exposure besides valuable gifts are offered to the winners.

Finally, a new column related to Greece and Greek news was add to this issue.

Good Luck to All and enjoy your reading!



## Newsletter Spotlight

- ◆ A Day out to the Bekaa valley
- ◆ 2018 Open Photography Competition
- ◆ Greek news column

## Did You know?

Following the assassination of **Ioannis Kapothistrias** in 1831, Greece was searching for the right city to establish the new government and its first parliament. It was a difficult decision as several cities were proposed such as Corinth, Megara, Nafplio, Piraeus and Athens, who was rather at that time a small town of 7000 residents living around the Acropolis Hill.

Finally, after many debates, and the influence of the king of Bavaria Ludwig 1 -a great admirer of ancient Greece- Athens won the race and was proclaimed “**Royal Seat and Capital**” in **September 18, 1834**. Greek architect Stamatis Kleanthis and the Bavarian Leo Von Klenze were both nominated to reconstruct the city with a strict order to protect archeological sites and preserve antiquities and ancient ruins.

## Happy Independence Day

November 22 marks the end of the French Mandate over Lebanon in 1943, after 23 years of Mandate rule. Lebanese Independence Day is the national day of Lebanon, celebrating this year its 74th anniversary of becoming an independent nation. Independence Day in Lebanon is a national holiday. Happy Independence day to all the Lebanese.



## Welcome to the new Greek Ambassador H.E. Mr. Franciscos Verros

On September 7, the members' board of the **Greek Community of Beirut** visit H.E. Mr. Franciscos Verros at the premises of the Greek Embassy, New Naccache, welcoming the new appointed Ambassador in Lebanon wishing him every success in his new mission.



## The Greek Community of Beirut activities

SINCE ITS FOUNDATION IN THE NINETEEN TWENTIES, THE GREEK COMMUNITY OF BEIRUT AIMS TO DEVELOP, STRENGTHEN AND REINFORCE THE CULTURAL RELATIONS BETWEEN LEBANON AND GREECE.

Activities at our Center for fall 2018 include many cultural, educational and social events in collaboration with organizations, building connections and engendering trust between both countries Lebanon and Greece, through members' community.

The tailor made program of events we have proposed, including days out, Greek language courses and our first photo contest was an essential pillar in promoting awareness of the Hellenic culture in the region. Nevertheless, Lebanese roots were not neglected neither: members who registered to the Beqaa excursion were able to learn and discover beautiful sites of Lebanon, the KSARA traditional winery, and some old and unknown churches on a special guided tour.

Following some members demand, dance workshops for *Sirtaki* offered by Mrs. Marilena Caponis together with a Greek professional dancer who will come from Greece on this occasion will be offered to all interested members.

Those who are interested in Greek movies can join us at our "Cinephiles" movie theater for ciné-club projec-

tions. On Friday November 9, some members and friends were able to watch "Politiki Kousina", *Πολιτική Κουζίνα (2003)* a Greek film directed by Tassos Boulmetis, with English subtitles, which means *Cuisine of the City* and refers to the Cuisine of Constantinople.

Finally, our Cultural Center is organizing and housing the "2018 Open Photo Competition" dedicated to Lebanese and Greeks, locals or living abroad, on the theme "2 countries, 1 culture" focusing on the similarities between Greek and Lebanese culture.

*We have many cultural events a year to please all tastes and ages, so we expect you to join us the soonest!*

**... A journey to the Beqaa Valley**  
 A cultural guided journey to discover some of the most beautiful places is organized by  
**The Greek Community Of Beirut**  
**Saturday October 20, 2018**  
 On the Program, visit of the following sites:

- Churches and monasteries of the region
- Special guided tour and wine tasting from KSARA wine cellars
- Special lunch at Abou Zeid Restaurant, Zahle

Departure: 8:30 am precisely at the meeting point of the Greek Community parking in Dekwaneh, Parallel Towers.  
 Return around 19:00. Total price: 70,000LL per person all included.  
 For reservations: 01 493467/8 or comhel@idm.net.lb



**"OUR CENTER REMAINS THE MEETING POINT FOR MULTIDIMENSIONAL DISCIPLINES, LANGUAGES AND LIVING CULTURES, ACTING IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE GREEK EMBASSY AND OTHER LOCAL PARTNERS".**

## Greek News

### Σκορπιός, the story of the Ionian private island

Mainly known as the private island of Onassis family since 1962, (where Aristotle Onassis celebrated his second wedding to Jacqueline Kennedy on October 20, 1968) **Skorpios** is located to the east of the island of Lefkada and is administratively part of the municipality of Meganisi in Lefkada regional unit.

The Greek Tycoon transformed the island importing sand from Salamina, water from the nearby islet of Sparti, planted more than 200 varieties of trees, built his villa and a harbor to host the "Christina" yacht and much more. After Onassis' death in 1975, Skorpios passed down through his family. Upon Christina's death, it passed to her daughter Athina. Aristotle, Alexander and Christina are all buried in the Panayitsa Chapel on Skorpios.

In April 2013 Athina sold Skorpios and Sparti to Ekaterina Rybolovleva, a Russian billionaire, although Onassis has stated in his will that Skorpios would remain in the family, unless his descendants could not cover the expenses; in this case, the island would be donated either to Olympic Airways or to the state.

It is said that Rybolovleva plans for Skorpios are phenomenal with an investment that will probably cost more than 120 million, including courts of golf, restaurants, luxurious villas, spas and a brand new marina to host the happy few. To be continued!



### Athens has been awarded the EU's prestigious 2018 European Capital of Innovation with a prize of €1 million

The "iCapital" first prize was announced at the Web Summit in Lisbon, for the innovative ways in which Athens was able to overcome social and economic challenges and turned them into new opportunities. The money will be used to promote innovation activities in Athens. Five other European cities received runner-up prizes of €100,000 and are Aarhus (Denmark), Hamburg (Germany), Leuven (Belgium), Toulouse (France), and Umeå (Sweden) – Athens was chosen among 26 cities who had applied to be considered for the "iCapital". The European Commissioner for Research, Science and Innovation, Mr. Carlos Moedas, said on this occasion: "Cities are beacons of innovation. They act like magnets for talent, for capital, for opportunity. With the European Capital of Innovation 2018, we reward the cities that go the extra mile to test new ideas, technologies and ways to make citizens heard in the way their city is changed. Athens stands out as an example that a city facing many challenges can achieve great things. Through innovation, Athens has found new purpose to turn around the economic and social crisis. It is proof that it's not the difficulties but how you raise yourself above them that matters."



## July 2018, Attica wildfires

A series of wildfires began in the coastal area of Attica on the 23rd of July 2018, considered the second deadliest wildfire in the 21st century after the 2009 Black Saturday bushfires in Australia. As of today, the destruction wrought by the fires is unbelievable, claiming the lives of at least 100 persons, over 700 residents have been evacuated from Mati, 164 adults and 23 children were taken to hospital with injuries, and more than 1,000 buildings were destroyed.

The first fire started west of Athens near Kineta. It was followed by a second one located north of Athens, near Penteli. They both spread very quickly due to very strong winds which were up to 124km/h, heading east towards Neos Voutzas, Mati, Rafina and Nea Macri.

After this tragedy, solidarity reigns among Greeks worldwide together with the international assistance of several countries

who have helped in different ways: the Alternate Minister of Public Order and Citizen Protection, Mr. Nikos Toskas, said in a press conference, never before have there been so many offers to assist fire-fighting efforts, lauding the solidarity other countries have shown.

In Lebanon, our fundraising campaign launched on July 24, in collaboration with the Greek Embassy, was successful too; over 100.000\$ were collected through the donors and sent to the Greek Ministry of Foreign Affairs to be distributed accordingly.

Thank you to all those who have helped and participated actively, in particular to the Reverend Father Justinos Dib.





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In light of the recent wildfires in Greece, more than 82 victims have died, 180 are injured, dozens are missing and 5000 houses were destroyed! Today Greeks are facing a humanitarian crisis with hundreds of homeless families suffering from destitute circumstances.

**The Greek Community of Beirut in collaboration with the Greek Embassy in Lebanon** feeling deeply concerned about the tragedy that devastated Greece, is mobilized in order to send financial aid to help the victims. Kindly send your donation through the following bank accounts

**Credit Bank SAL** (all branches):  
**Lebanese Pounds 012 100 277 9017122 021**  
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**IBAN LB07 0103 0012 1012 7790 1712 2033**  
**Euros 012 169 277 9017122 023**  
**IBAN LB07 0103 0012 1692 7790 1712 2023**

**We are counting on your support and solidarity. Even the smallest amount will help.**  
Official receipts of tracking will be sent to ensure that the donations are reaching the people in need.




### L'Ambassade de Grèce au Liban Et La Communauté Hellénique De Beyrouth

présentent **leurs remerciements** à tous ceux qui ont contribué à la campagne de récolte de dons entreprise par La Communauté Hellénique afin de venir en aide aux victimes des incendies ravageurs de l'Attique le 23 juillet dernier.

**La somme récoltée a été transférée au Ministère des Affaires Etrangères en Grèce afin de la distribuer à bon escient.**





ΠΡΕΣΒΕΙΑ ΤΗΣ ΕΛΛΑΔΟΣ  
ΣΤΗΝ ΒΗΡΥΤΟ

Βηρυτός, 9 Νοεμβρίου 2018  
Α.Π. 927

ΠΡΟΣ: Πρόεδρο Ελληνικής Κοινότητας Βηρυτού, κ. Παναγιώτη Ανδριώτη

**ΤΗΛΕΑΝΤΙΓΡΑΦΗΜΑ**

ΘΕΜΑ: Διαβίβαση επιστολής  
ΣΧΕΤ.: Επιστολή Ελληνικής Κοινότητας Βηρυτού από 28 / 09 / 2018

Σε συνέχεια ανωτέρω σχετικού, σας αποστέλλουμε επανοητική επιστολή Αναπληρωτή Υπουργού Εξωτερικών της Ελλάδος κυρίου Γιώργου Κατρούγκαλου.


Ο Πρόεδρος  
*Γεώργιος Κατρούγκαλος*  
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*The covering letter sent by His Excellency Ambassador of Greece, Mr. Franciscos Verros, dated November 9, in response to the delivery funds sent by the Greek Community of Beirut the 28 of September 2018, presenting Mr. Katrougkalos letter.*

*Above right is the letter of Mr. George Katrougkalos, Alternate Greek Minister for Foreign Affairs sent on November 2nd in the care of H.E. Mr. Franciscos Verros, and translated as following.*



ΕΛΛΗΝΙΚΗ ΔΗΜΟΚΡΑΤΙΑ  
ΥΠΟΥΡΓΕΙΟ ΕΞΩΤΕΡΙΚΩΝ  
Ο ΑΝΑΛΗΡΩΤΗΣ ΥΠΟΥΡΓΟΣ

Αθήνα, 2 Νοεμβρίου 2018

Αξιότιμε κ. Ανδριώτη,

Θα ήθελα να σας εκφράσω τις βαθύτατες ευχαριστίες μου για τη σημαντική και έμπρακτη εκδήλωση αλληλεγγύης της Ελληνικής Κοινότητας Βηρυτού προς τους πληγέντες της τραγικής πυρκαγιάς του Αυγούστου στην Αττική. Η ευγενική σας χειρονομία είναι μία ακόμα απόδειξη των ισχυρών και ακλόνητων δεσμών της Ελληνικής Κοινότητας Βηρυτού με την Ελλάδα και χαρακτηριστική των σχέσεων των ελληνικών κοινοτήτων του εξωτερικού με τη μητέρα-πατρίδα. Σε στιγμές δοκιμασίας είναι ενθαρρυντικό να γνωρίζουμε ότι μπορούμε να προσβλέπουμε στη στήριξη σας, καθώς και του λαού του Λιβάνου γενικότερα, η κινητοποίηση του οποίου υπέρ των πληγέντων υπήρξε πραγματικά συγκινητική.

Είμαι βέβαιος ότι θα συνεχίσετε την αξιόλογη δράση σας προς όφελος των Ελλήνων που διαβιούν στη Βηρυτό και της σύμφωνης των σχέσεων ανάμεσα στους λαούς της Ελλάδας και του Λιβάνου, έχοντας πάντα τη συνδρομή του Υπουργείου Εξωτερικών της Ελλάδας προς την κατεύθυνση αυτή.

Αξιότιμε κ. Πρόεδρε,  
Παρακαλώ δεχθείτε τις διαβεβαιώσεις της υψηλής εκτίμησής μου.

Με τιμή,  
*Γεώργιος Κατρούγκαλος*  
Γεώργιος Κατρούγκας

Παναγιώτη Ανδριώτη  
Πρόεδρο Ελληνικής Κοινότητας Βηρυτού

HELLENIC DEMOCRACY  
MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS  
ALTERNATE FOREIGN MINISTER

Athens, November 2nd, 2018

« Dear Mr. Andriotis,

*I would like to express my deepest thanks for the significant and true manifestation of solidarity of the Greek Community of Beirut towards the victims of the catastrophic wildfires of August in Attica.*

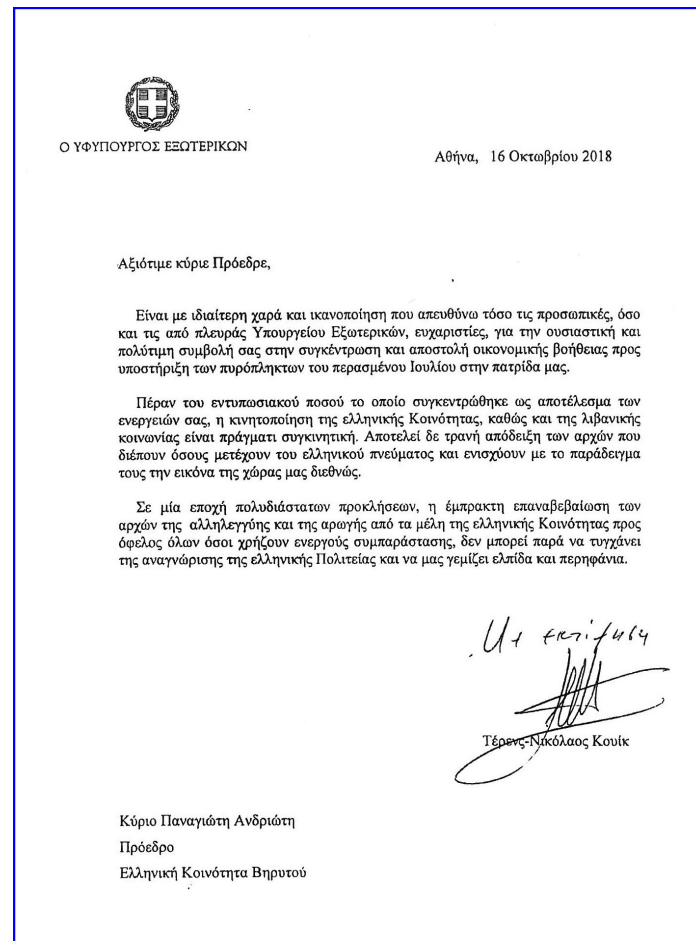
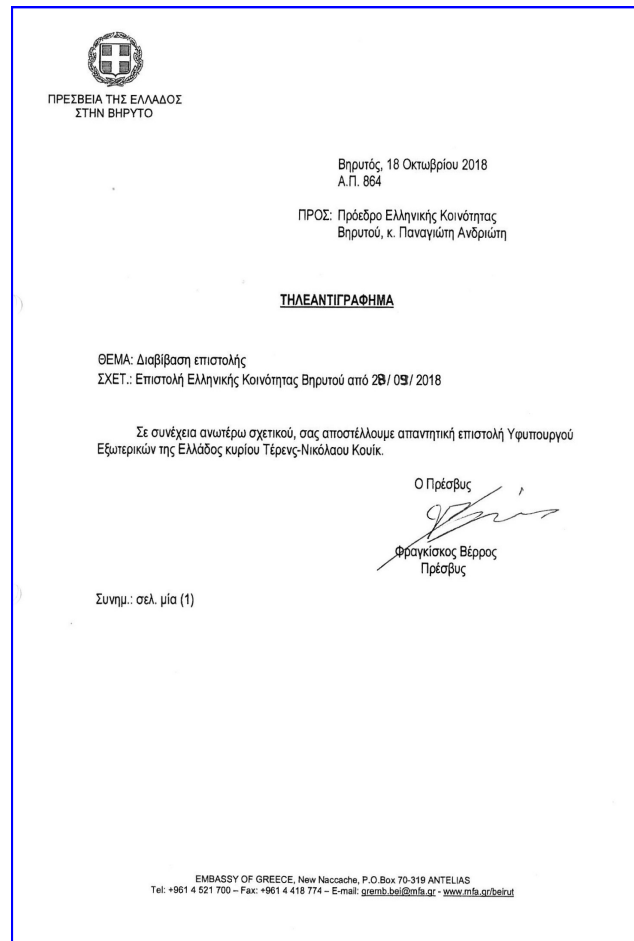
*Your kind gesture is again a demonstration proof of the strong and undeniable ties between the Greek Community of Beirut and Greece and a characteristic feature of the Greek communities abroad with the mother country. In ordeal moments, it is encouraging to recognize this value and know that we can count on your support as well as the Lebanese citizens in general whose mobilization in favor of the victims was really touching.*

*I am sure that you will continue your remarkable action to the benefit of the Greeks living in Beirut and strengthen the bonds between the citizens of Greece and Lebanon, while having the assistance of the Foreign Ministry of Greece in this direction.*

Dear President,  
Please accept the assurances of my highest consideration.

Cordially,  
Signature: George Katrougkalos"

Panayoti Andrioti  
President Greek Community of Beirut



## Memories, memories...

A wink from the past, bringing back memories alive!

Some of us might have lived those moments, some others may be too young. This section dedicated to the past helps the new generation discover how their parents or grand parents used to live.

In this issue, we selected from our archive a picture taken in 1952 at the Hotel St-Georges for the National Greek day celebration



We would highly appreciate your contribution helping us keep those memories alive by sending us documents, photos or articles from your personal archive.



On November 9, Cinéphiles broadcasted the movie Politiki Kouzina ( also known as "A Touch of Spice", 2003) by Tassos Boulmetis. It is the story of a young Greek boy (Fanis) growing up in Istanbul, whose grandfather, a culinary philosopher and mentor, teaches him that both food and life require a little spices to give them flavor. Fanis grows up to become an excellent cook and uses his cooking skills to spice up the lives of those around him.



The Vice Minister of Foreign Affairs

Athens, 16 October 2018,

"Honorable President,

It is with great pleasure that we addressed, the minister of Foreign Affairs and myself, our gratitude for the fundraising campaign you have organized and the funds you have sent to help the families of July wildfires.

Besides the remarkable amount you have collected as a result of the campaign fund of the Greek Community as well as the Lebanese society, we feel deeply touched. It is a proof of the Greek spirit ethics enhancing the image of our country internationally.

In those worldwide difficult times, the reassertion of values of solidarity and help offered by the members of the Greek Community for all those who are in need requiring active support, cannot be nothing else than recognized by the Greek State, as a source of pride and hope".

Signature: Terrence-Nikolaos Quick

Mr. Panayoti Andrioti  
President  
Greek Community of Beirut

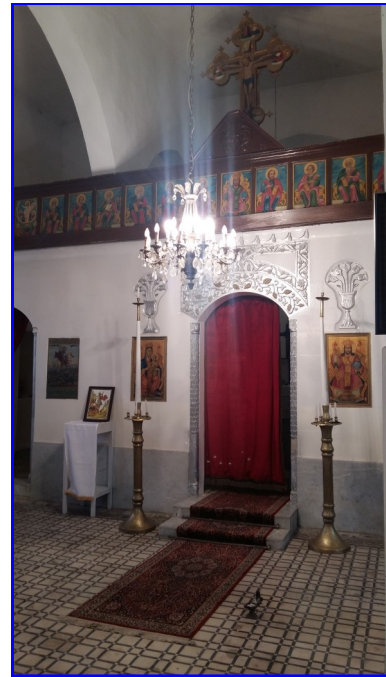
Here above is the covering letter sent by His Excellency Ambassador of Greece, Mr. Franciscos Verros, dated October 18, in response to the campaign fund sent by the Greek Community of Beirut the 28 of September 2018.

On the right is the letter of Mr. Terrence Quick, Greek Deputy Foreign Minister of the diaspora, sent on October 16, in the care of H.E. Mr. Franciscos Verros, and translated as following



... A journey to the Beqaa Valley

On October 20, the Greek Community members went on a cultural guided journey to discover some of the beautiful churches located in the Beqaa Valley, discovering an archeological site and one of the oldest winery of Lebanon: KSARA.



The old Saint Georges church



The Stone of the Pregnant Woman also known as Hajar el Hibla is a Roman monolith in ancient Heliopolis, Lebanon, together with 2 other stone blocks. They are the largest monoliths ever cut out by men quarried and presumably intended for the nearby Roman Temple complex.

The stone block lies in the ancient quarry at a distance of 900m from the Temple, with an estimated weight of 1,000 t. The second monolith even bigger was discovered in the nineties with an estimated weight at 1,242t. The 3rd one was discovered in 2014 by the German Archaeological Institute with an estimated weight of 1,650t, making it the new largest stone ever carved by human hands. Nearby the quarry are also several rock tombs.



Around 21m long, 5m wide and at least 5m high, as part of the stones are still buried



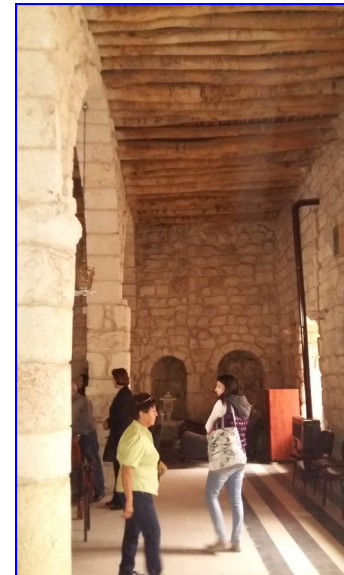
Reverend Father Justinos Dib presenting the Church



Saint Barbara known as *Αγία Βαρθάρα* and the "Great Martyr Barbara", was born in the mid third century in Heliopolis of Phoenicia and is considered as an early Christian Greek saint and martyr. Her Feast day is December 4.

In Lebanon, the day is celebrated by most Christians. Disguised children wear costumes and wander the streets from house to house singing songs about the road Saint Barbara took to flee from her father.

After visiting the Cathedral, the old church and the cloistered garden, we head down to the Bequaa valley.



On the left: Inside the old St Barbara Church.

CAVES DE KSARA: the souvenir-photo and wine tasting.

The journey ended up with an exquisite lunch!



At **CAVES DE KSARA**, nice hostesses reserved us a warm and genuine welcome, guiding us through the antique caves used during the Roman Empire and rediscovered by the Jesuits, explaining all the procedures followed by the winery and relating **KSARA** history. Founded in 1857 by Jesuit monks who developed the first dry wine in the region, **KSARA** was initially the first observatory of the middle-east region. Beneath this fertile land, lays a cave of one km where the ideal temperature is 12 degrees all year long. Nowadays, over three million of bottles are produced by **Château Ksara** annually and sold all over the world including Europe, USA, Canada, Japan, Hong Kong, Singapore, Brazil, Africa, Australia and Arab Countries. The visit was followed by a wine tasting where all present members were able to understand winemaking, maturing, ageing and serving suggestions.



## The Cyprus Community in Lebanon Association News and Events



Cyprus Community in Lebanon Association Committee Members President Stalo Habibi, Vice President Tammy Hadidian, Treasurer Diana Aghnatis met with H.E. Ambassador of Greece in Lebanon Mr. Franciscos Verros at the premises of Greek Embassy. CCLA Committee Members welcomed the new appointed Ambassador in Lebanon and introduce past and future activities of the Association as well as the continued cooperation with the Greek Community, Greek Club and LLGGU.



### “ Let’s Get Together” event for members and friends of the Cyprus Community in Lebanon Association

Cyprus Community in Lebanon organized another successful “Let’s get together” event, on the 13th of October 2018, at Lina’s Village Dbayeh for the members and friends of the Association. Although people these days communicate with each other via social media, face-to-face interaction remains a healthy habit, bringing people together so that they can get to know one another, learn about one another’s businesses and develop common interests. The aim behind the gathering is about building a community by all means, to care about one another and share common hopes.

At every CCLA gathering there are surprises for all those present. This time five gifts as two vouchers from Lina’s Café for dinner or lunch for two persons each, Dinner for two at Junction Rest./Café, Ladies’ clothes from Les Folies de Sophie & Seems Boutiques in Fanar were offered.

A community that comes together stays together!



Present members had the chance to meet H.E. Ambassador of Cyprus in Lebanon, Mrs. Christina Rafti and the new appointed Cyprus Consul, Mrs. Eleni Papanicolaou.



### Global Cypriot Diaspora conference in Nicosia – Cyprus 2018

Cyprus Community in Lebanon Association’s President Mrs. Stalo Habibi and Treasurer Mrs. Diana Aghnatis, were present at the POMAK/PSEKA & NEPOMAK Global Connection Young Cypriots Worldwide Conference in Nicosia, Cyprus (25-27 July, 2018) at Filoxenia Conference Center.

President Anastasiades, Foreign Minister Mr. Christodoulides, Finance Minister Mr. H. Georgiades, Energy Minister Mr.G. Lakkotrypis, Committee on Missing Persons representative Mr.N. Nestoros, Greek Cypriot Negotiator Mr. A. Mavroyiannis, as well as the leadership of NEPOMAK, POMAK and PSEKA about their latest work. Presidential Commissioner for Overseas Cypriots and Humanitarian Affairs Mr.P. Photiou as well as the Political Leaders in Cyprus were also among the speakers.

The Conference was opened by the President of Cyprus, Mr. Nicos Anastasiades, who thanked in his speech overseas Cypriots for their social, political, cultural contributions to Cyprus calling them “worthy ambassadors of Cyprus”. All participants were briefed on latest developments on the Cyprus issue in terms of economy, energy, tourism, by

The highlight of this year’s conference was the strong turnout from younger generation. It was NEPOMAK’s biggest conference ever with 110 delegates from 11 different countries. NEPOMAK

is the World Organization for Young Overseas Cypriots and is run day-to-day by 150 volunteers aged 18-30 from around the world. It has activities in 40 cities globally and directly reaches 15,000 young overseas Cypriots. One of CCLA mission is to keep working on bringing together and involving the young overseas Cypriots in NEPOMAK activities.

## The Greek Column



### News From The Greek Embassy

#### Getting to know the new Ambassador of Greece

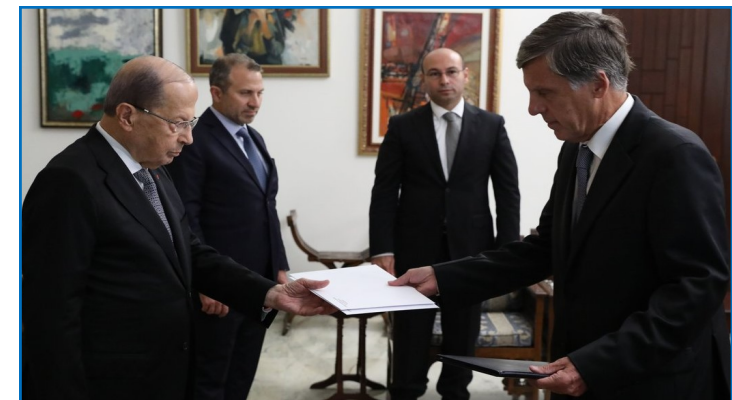
#### H.E. Mr. Franciscos Verros

After completing his university studies in Athens, and Brussels with a degree in Economics Development and Econometrics, Ambassador Franciscos Verros joined the diplomatic Corps in 1979.

At the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, he occupied various positions, among which, Spokesman of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (1990-1992), Director of International Organizations (2002-2006), Director General for European Union Affairs (2010), Director of the Diplomatic Academy (2015-2017) and General Director for Economic Relations (2017-2018).

Abroad, he was appointed successively at the Permanent Mission of Greece at the European Union (1981-1985), at the Embassy of Greece in the Former German Democratic Republic (1985-1989), at the Embassy of Greece in Paris (1992-1996) and as Permanent Representative at the Mission of Greece to the United Nations in Geneva and other International Organizations in Switzerland (2006-2009) as well as Ambassador of Greece in Spain (2014).

Ambassador Verros was promoted to the rank of Full Ambassador in 2014.



#### Everything you need to know about the consulate:

**Visa Applications:** For visa applications please visit our website [www.mfa.gr/missionsabroad/en/lebanon-en](http://www.mfa.gr/missionsabroad/en/lebanon-en)

**Passport renewal or issuance:** You will get an appointment by receiving an email. Required documents are: 2 photo passport size (4x6), a Greek identity card or a birth certificate (that can be provided by us if you send us in advance any old Greek birth or family certificate). For additional info kindly visit <http://www.passport.gov.gr/en/npc-content/npc-periexomeno/supporting-documents.html>

**Legalization of documents:** The Consular Office can legalize any Lebanese official document that has been stamped by the Lebanese Ministry of Foreign Affairs. No appointment is needed.

**Power of Attorney:** The Consular Office can provide a power of attorney only to Greek citizens, following an appointment given by email.

**Marriage, birth, death registration:** Required documents: The Lebanese certificates of marriage, birth or death stamped by the Lebanese Ministry of Foreign Affairs and translated in Greek (translations in English or French are accepted as well).

Any old Greek birth or family certificate to be sent in advance by email.