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# PROGRAM

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## IN MEMORY OF ASIA MINOR HELLENISM

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2022

## JANUARY

### PUBLICATION OF PERSONAL STORIES – Monday 3rd of January 2022

Neos Kosmos invites everyone with Asia Minor heritage to share their personal immigration stories of their ancestors. To honour these stories that need to continue being told, Neos Kosmos will be sharing extensive features focused on the Asia Minor Catastrophe for the entirety of 2022. Those who have an Asia Minor heritage, they can share their family history and heirloom photos by mailing it to Neos Kosmos P.O. Box 773, Port Melbourne, Victoria 3207 or email the texts and images to editor@neoskosmos.com.au. For more information contact Mr. Sotiris Hatzimanolis on 94824433.

### BLOG OF HISTORICAL INFORMATION – Monday 10th of January 2022

The Greek Community of Melbourne Greek Schools are presenting a Blog with material related to the historical events of Asia Minor including songs, stories, testimonies, recipes, customs and traditions, traditional games, art and literature. The blog will be accessible to everyone who wishes to use it. For more information contact Mrs. Maria Bakalidou on 0411 057 663.

## FEBRUARY

### MEMORIAL SERVICE & WREATH LAYING CEREMONY – Sunday 6th of February 2022

The Panarcadian Federation of Melbourne & Victoria along with the Panarcadian Association of Melbourne & Victoria “Ο Kolokotronis” are hosting a Memorial Service followed by a Wreath Laying Ceremony and refreshments, to commemorate the leader of the Greek War of Independence against the Ottoman Empire “Theodoros Kolokotronis” on Sunday 6th of February 2022 at 10:00am. The event will take place at Holy Monastery of Axion Estin, 7 Hartington Street, Northcote. For more information contact Mrs. Chrissa Kanatas on 0413 131 888.

### ART EXHIBITION – Wednesday 23rd of February 2022

The Federation of Messinian Organisations of Melbourne & Victoria is presenting an art exhibition titled “21 The Exhibition” commencing on Wednesday 23rd of February and ending on Sunday 27th of February 2022. The exhibition will be open between 11:00am - 4:00pm. The exhibition will present the artistic creations of 21 established, new, and emerging artists. This event will take place at the Steps Gallery, 62 Lygon Street, Carlton. The official opening will be on Wednesday 23rd of February 2022 at 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm. For more information contact Mr. Jim Grivokostopoulos on 0407 822 103.

### COMMEMORTIVE MAGAZINE – Friday 25th of February 2022

The Cretan Federation of Australia & New Zealand has decided to dedicate its sixth (6th) Issue of its “Cretan Times Magazine” with historical articles, and photographs and in particular the Cretan connection to Asia Minor Hellenism. The cover of the Issue will be dedicated to a brave soldier of Crete Antonios Tsourdalakis born in Melambes, Rethymnon Crete who was part of the retreat in Asia Minor in 1922. The Issue is available for free. For more information contact the Secretary of the Cretan Federation of Australia & New Zealand, Mr. Manolis Vantarakis. on 0468 900 111.

## MARCH

### PRESENTATION – Sunday 13th of March 2022

The Association of Greek Language and Culture Schools in Victoria in conjunction with AHEPA Victoria are hosting a function organising titled “Δάσκαλοι του Γένους” on Sunday 13th of March 2022 at 3:00pm – 5:00pm. The event will commemorate the 200 year since the Greek Revolution started and the contribution of women to this revolution. The event will take place at AHEPA, 8A Church Street, Hawthorn. For more information contact Mr. Iakovos Garivaldis on 0413 057 426.

### DINNER DANCE – Saturday 19th of March 2022

The Society of Kalamata “23 March” and the Pantrifilian Association of Melbourne & Victoria are hosting a dinner dance to celebrate the Greek Independence Day showcasing Hellenic culture and providing an opportunity to share the importance of the Greek Revolution of 1821 to emerging generations of the Greek diaspora on Saturday 19th of March 2022 at 6:30pm – 1:30am. It will also have an adjoining exhibition on the history of the Greek Revolution of 1821 with Greek traditional. The event will take place at White Rose Receptions, 725 High Street Thornbury. For more information contact Ms. Katy Karabatsos on 0407 666 874.

### SHADOW THEATRE – Saturday 26th of March 2022

The Creative Drama Adult Group of the Greek Orthodox Community of Melbourne are presenting a Shadow Theatre performance. The Karagiozis show will take place at the Greek Centre (Mezzanine), on Saturday 26th of March at 12:00pm. For more information contact Mrs. Maria Bakalidou on 0411 057 663.

### COMMEMORATIVE SERVICE – Sunday 27th of March 2022

The Australian Greek Ex-Servicemen’s Association Inc. is hosting their official Commemorative Service for the Greek Independence Day on Sunday 27th of March 2022 at the Holy Monastery Axion Estin, 7 Hartington, Street Northcote. The Doxology will take place at 10:00am, followed by a Wreath Laying Ceremony at 11:30am. at the Greek Memorial and a Luncheon at 12:00pm. in the Dining Room of the Monastery. For more information contact Mr. Peter Dourios on 0408 530 177.

## APRIL

The Federation of Messinian Organisations of Melbourne & Victoria is hosting a lecture on the topic “The Australian Connection to the Greek War of Independence” on Sunday 3rd of April 2022 at 2:00pm. The lecture will be presented by Major Terry Kanellos who will explore the Australian connections to the Greek War of Independence. This event will take place at the Hellenic RSL Sub Branch, 14 A Ferrars Place South Melbourne. For more information contact Mr. Jim Grivokostopoulos on 0407 822 103.

## MAY

### COMMEMORATIVE SERVICE – Sunday 15th of May 2022

The Pontian Coordinating Committee for the Commemoration of the Greek Genocide in Melbourne, under the auspices of the Australian Federation of Pontian Associations, is hosting a Memorial Service and a Wreath Laying Ceremony to commemorate the Genocide of the Hellenes of Pontos on Sunday 15th of May 2022 at 10:00am. The event will take place at Saint Eustathios Greek Orthodox Cathedral, following by the wreath laying ceremony at the Australian Hellenic Memorial. For more information contact Mr. Apostolis Alexiadis on 0412 145 100.

**LECTURE – Thursday 19th of May 2022**

The Central Pontian Association of Melbourne “Pontiaki Estia”, Merimna Pontion Kyrion Oceania and the Greek Orthodox Community of Melbourne in conjunction with the Australian Federation of Pontian Associations, are hosting a lecture by Dean Kalimniou titled “The First Pontian Genocide: Mithridates and Rome” on Thursday 19th of May 2022 at 7:00pm. The event will take place at the Greek Centre’s Mezzanine Level, 168 Lonsdale St, Melbourne. For more details contact Mrs. Litsa Athanasiadis on 0421 804 968.

**PHOTO EXHIBITION – Thursday 19th of May 2022**

The Cretan Federation of Australia & New Zealand in conjunction with the Historical Museum of Crete and with the support of the Region of Crete is presenting its major exhibition from Crete to Melbourne titled “Crete in 1821”. The exhibition will be launched on Thursday 19th of May 2022 at Queens Hall, in Parliament House at 6.00pm by the Leader of the State opposition the Hon Mathew Guy MP, the Governor of Crete Mr. Stavros Arnaoutakis and the Director of the Historical Museum of Crete Mr. Agisilaos Kaloutsakis. For more information contact the President of the Cretan Federation of Australia & New Zealand, Mr. Tony Tsourdarakis, on 0419 856 736.

**CONCERT GALA NIGHT – Saturday 28th May 2022**

The Australian Institute of Macedonian Studies is hosting a Concert – Gala Night presenting the talented Dimitris Basis commemorating Asia Minor Hellenism. Dimitris will perform songs from the regions of Macedonia and Asia Minor including compositions of Markopoulos, Theodorakis and Metropanos. The concert will be hosted at Stars International Receptions, 1 C Bell Street Preston on Saturday 28th May 2022 commencing at 7.00pm. For more information, please contact Dr. Anastasios Tamis on 0418173014

**BOOK LAUNCH – Sunday 29th of May 2022**

The Greek-Australian Cultural League of Melbourne and the Hellenic Writers Association of Australia in conjunction with the Australian Federation of Pontian Associations are hosting a book launch titled “Soumela and the Magic Kemenche” on Sunday 29th of May 2022 at 3:00pm. Written by Dean Kalimniou and illustrated by Stephanos Eleftheriadis. This is the first children’s book to delve into the tragic events of the Pontian Genocide in an age-appropriate way, written in both English and Greek. The event will take place at the Panarcadian Association of Melbourne, 570 Victoria Street, North Melbourne. For more information contact Mrs. Cathy Alexopoulos on 0428 968 715.

**JUNE****BOOK LAUNCH – Sunday 26th of June 2022**

The Society of Kalamata “23 March” is hosting a book launch to highlight the influence of women of Greek background throughout the world over the last 200 years, titled “200 Years - Greek women of influence” on Sunday 26th of June 2022 at 2:00pm. The event will take place at the Alphington Grammar, 18 Old Heidelberg Rd, Alphington. For more information contact Mr. Peter Andrinopoulos on 0416 020 865.

**JULY****MEMORIAL SERVICE – Sunday 10th of July 2022**

The Greek Orthodox Parish of The Presentation of our Lady to the Temple, together with President of the Cyprus Community, are hosting a Memorial Service and a Commemorative Event to honour the memory of Archbishop Kyprianos of Cyprus, Bishops Chrysanthos of Paphos, Meletios of Kiti and Lavrentions of Kerinia and the civilians, who were hanged by the Ottomans on the 9th of July 1821 in Cyprus. The Memorial will take place at the Greek Orthodox Parish of The Presentation of our Lady to the Temple, 3 Macedon Avenue North Balwyn, on Sunday 10th of July 2022, at 10.30am. His Grace Bishop Kyriakos of Sozopoleos, will attend the Divine Liturgy and bless the Memorial in the presence of Government Representatives, Community Leaders and other Dignitaries. For more information contact Mrs. Claire Gazis on 0487 222 237.

**MEMORIAL SERVICE & WREATH LAYING CEREMONY – Sunday 24th of July 2022**

The Panarcadian Federation of Melbourne & Victoria along with the Panarcadian Association of Melbourne & Victoria “O Kolokotronis” are hosting a Memorial Service followed by a Wreath Laying Ceremony followed by a presentation titled “BATTLE OF DERVENAKIA - 26 Jul 1822 – 28 Jul 1822” on Sunday 24th of July 2022 at 10:00am. The event will take place at the Holy Monastery Axion Estin, 7 Hartington Street, Northcote. For more information contact Mrs. Chrissa Kanatas on 0413 131 888.

**AUGUST****OPEN LECTURE – Sunday 7th of August 2022**

The Greek-Australian Cultural League of Melbourne, the Greek Community of Box Hill and Thessaloniki Association “The White Tower” are hosting an open lecture presenting authentic material of the period 1918-1923 in Asia Minor, titled “The Children of Catastrophe” on Sunday 7th of August 2022 at 3:00pm. The lecture using authentic photographs from this difficult period for Hellenes examines real life consequences of deported and slaughtered refugee families from Asia Minor focusing on the devastation it had on the lives of about four hundred thousand children, from infants to teenagers. The open lecture will be presented by Mr Iakovos Garivaldis OAM. The event will take place at the Greek Community of Box Hill, 84 Cambridge Street, Box Hill. For more information contact Mr. Iakovos Garivaldis on 0413 057 426.

**PRESENTATION OF TRILOGY – Sunday 21st of August 2022**

The Panarcadian Federation of Melbourne & Victoria along with the Panarcadian Association of Melbourne & Victoria “O Kolokotronis” are hosting the presentation of Yota Krili’s trilogy titled “The paths of freedom” on Sunday 21st of August at 4:00pm. The books are historical novels which describe the uprising (Κυπριασσόμηλο) and finally until the enthronement of King George I (Κυκλάμινο). The event will take place at the Arcadian House, 570 Victoria Street, North Melbourne. For more information contact Mrs. Chrissa Kanatas on 0413 131 888.

**BOOK LAUNCH IN CRETE – Sunday 22nd of August 2022**

The National Foundation of Research “Eleftherios K. Venizelos” with the support of the Cretan Federation of Australia & New Zealand are hosting the launch of the bilingual book titled Filii Patriae: Lieutenant Ioannis Kouromichelakis. The publication is a historical narrative that depicts the story of an ardent Cretan patriot, Ioannis Kouromichelakis from Nippos, Apokoronas, who heroically fell at the mountainous region of Kale Grotto, Asia Minor during the Sagaris Campaign in August 1921. The book has been authored by Professor Anastasios M. Tamis and commissioned by Christina and Constantinos Sarris. The event will take place on Sunday 22nd August 2022, 7.00pm at the Memorial Square in the Village of Nippos at the Apokoronas district in the prefect of Chania on the island of Crete. For more information, please contact Mrs. Christina Sarris on 0412238665.

**SEPTEMBER****COMMEMORATION & WREATH LAYING CEREMONY – Sunday 4th of September 2022**

The George Devine Treloar Memorial Committee will be holding a series of events on Sunday 4th of September in Ballarat to honour the refugee work of Ballarat-born Major George Treloar and his work in helping in the re-settlement of over 100,000 Asia Minor refugees in northern Greece following the Catastrophe. The event will commence with a musical performance and formal wreath laying at the George Treloar Memorial in Sturt Street Ballarat, followed by refreshments and commemorative speeches at a nearby venue. The venue will be confirmed and advertised closer to the event. For more information contact Mrs. Penny Tsombanopoulos on mobile 0409 850 109 or email.

**MEMORIAL SERVICE & WREATH LAYING CEREMONY – Sunday 18th of September 2022**

The Panarcadian Federation of Melbourne & Victoria along with the Panarcadian Association of Melbourne & Victoria “O Kolokotronis” are hosting a Memorial Service followed by a Wreath Laying Ceremony and refreshments, to honour the heroes of the Liberation of Tripolitsa on Sunday 18th of September at 10:00am. The event will take place at Holy Monastery of Axion Estin, 7 Hartington Street, Northcote. For more information contact Mrs. Chrissa Kanatas on 0413 131 888.

**DOXOLOGY & WREATH LAYING CEREMONY – Sunday 25th of September 2022**

The Victorian Council for Greek National Day and the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of Australia – Victorian District are hosting the official Doxology / Church Service to mark the 100th Anniversary of the Asia Minor Catastrophe but also paying tribute to all those that did not survive the retreat, the exodus from Smyrna but were also lost and disconnected from their families. The Service will be presided by His Eminence Archbishop of Australia MAKARIOS together with Bishops Sozopolios Kyriakos and Kerasountos Evmenios at the Holy Monastery of Axion Estin on Sunday 25th of September 2022 at 8.00am. Following the Service, the Wreath Laying Ceremony will take place at the Cenotaph of the Heroes by all the leaders of the Hellenic Paroikia. For more information contact the Secretary of the Victorian Council for Greek National Day, Mrs. Natasha Spanos. on 0449 232 783.

**COMMEMORATIVE CONCERT – Sunday 25th of September 2022**

The Australian Federation of Pontian Organisations and the Cretan Federation of Australia & New Zealand are hosting a Commemorative Concert titled “The Lyres of Greece No. 3”, in memory of the Asia Minor Hellenism. The event will take place on Sunday 25th September at 6.00pm. For more information contact Yiannis Pilalidis on 0414 334 233.

**OFFICIAL LECTURE – Monday 26th of September 2022**

The Victorian Intercommunities & Parishes Council of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of Australia are hosting the only official lecture marking the 100th Anniversary since the Asia Minor Catastrophe on Monday 26th of September at 7.00pm at the Cathedral of St. Efstathios. The Lecture will be presented by His Eminence Archbishop of Australia MAKARIOS and is titled “The contribution of our Ecumenical Patriarchate to the Hellene Refugees”. For more information contact the President of the Victorian Intercommunities & Parishes Council of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of Australia, Mr. Tony Tsourdalakis, on 0419 856 736.

**OCTOBER****THEATRICAL PERFORMANCE – Sunday 2nd of October 2022**

The Creative Drama Adults Group of the Greek Community of Melbourne in conjunction with other theatrical Groups will present a Theatrical performance of the play “The Backyard of Miracles” which is written by Iakovos Kampanelis. The performance will take place on Sunday 2nd of October 2022. The venue is yet to be confirmed. For more information contact Mrs. Maria Bakalidou on 0411 057 663.

**DINNER DANCE – Saturday 15th of October 2022**

The Panarcadian Federation of Melbourne & Victoria along with the Panarcadian Association of Melbourne & Victoria “O Kolokotronis” are hosting a dinner dance to commemorate “The Liberation of Tripolitsa” on Saturday 15th of October 2022 at 7:00pm. The event will take place at the Panarcadian Association of Melbourne, 570 Victoria Street, North Melbourne. For more information contact Mrs. Chrissa Kanatas on 0413 131 888.

**MEMORIAL SERVICE – Sunday 16th of October 2022**

The Australian Hellenic Memorial Foundation is hosting a Memorial Service and a Wreath Laying Ceremony to commemorate the Battle of Navarino on Sunday 16th of October 2022 at 1:00pm. The Battle of Navarino occurred on 20 October in 1827 which was the decisive naval engagement that led to the end of the War of Greek Independence against Turkey. The event will take place at the Australian Hellenic Memorial, Domains Gardens. For more information contact Mr. Peter Andrinopoulos on 0416 020 865.

**STREET THEATRE SHOW – Saturday 22nd and Sunday 23rd of October 2022**

The Creative Drama Adult Group of the Greek Community of Melbourne are hosting a “Street Theatre Event” at the Antipodes Festival, on 22nd and 23rd of October 2022. For more information contact Mrs. Maria Bakalidou on 0411 057 663.

**PERIODICAL LAUNCH – Sunday 23rd of October 2022**

The Greek-Australian Cultural League is hosting the launch of the annual, bilingual periodical Antipodes on Sunday 23rd of October 2022 at 6:30pm. The event will take place at the Panarcadian Association of Melbourne, 570 Victoria Street, North Melbourne. For more information contact Mrs. Cathy Alexopoulos on 0428 968 715.

## NOVEMBER

### ART EXHIBITION – Wednesday 2nd of November 2022

The Greek-Australian Cultural League is presenting a group art exhibition titled “Genesis” to commemorate the anguish and resilience of all people’s loss of homeland. The launch of the exhibition will be on Wednesday 2nd of November 2022 at Steps Gallery, Lygon Street Carlton. The exhibition will run until Sunday 13th of November 2022. For more information contact Mrs. Cathy Alexopoulos on 0428 968 715.

### BOOK LAUNCH – Sunday 13th of November 2022

The Cretan Federation of Australia & New Zealand in conjunction with the Australian Institute of Hellenic Research and the National Foundation of Research “Eleftherios K. Venizelos” are hosting the launch of the bilingual book titled Filius Patriae: Lieutenant Ioannis Kouromichelakis. The publication is a historical narrative that depicts the story of an ardent Cretan patriot, Ioannis Kouromichelakis from Nippos, Apokoronas, who heroically fell at the mountainous region of Kale Grotto, Asia Minor during the Sagarios Campaign in August 1921. The book has been authored by Professor Anastasios M. Tamis and commissioned by Christina and Constantinos Sarris. The event will take place on Sunday 13th November 2022, 3.00pm at the Cretan House, 148 Nicholson Street East Brunswick. For more information, please contact Mrs. Christina Sarris on 0412238665.

### BOOK LAUNCH – Tuesday 29th of November 2022

The Cretan Federation of Australia & New Zealand is proud to be launching its newest publication titled “The Cretan Pioneers of Oceania from 1848”. The book will be published by the Federation but written by well known Cretan Author and Historian Mr. Socrates Tsourdalakis, who has been researching heavily on who were the first ever Cretans that arrived in all States & Territories of Australia dating back to 1848. An extraordinary piece of history that will be the best available tool for our next generations. The Book will be launched in Crete, in Sydney as well as in Melbourne. For more information contact the President of the Cretan Federation of Australia & New Zealand, Mr. Tony Tsourdalakis, on 0419 856 736.

## DECEMBER

### ANNIVERSARY PUBLICATION – Monday 5th of December 2022

The Greek Community of Melbourne Greek Schools will produce a publication of an Anniversary Edition Diary with literary descriptions of life in Smyrna before the catastrophe and the catastrophe itself, accompanied by students’ drawings. The Diary will be given to the students of the Greek Community School’s and will be available to those that wish to purchase it. For more please contact Mrs. Maria Bakalidou on 0411 057 663.



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