



Kazzie Nea

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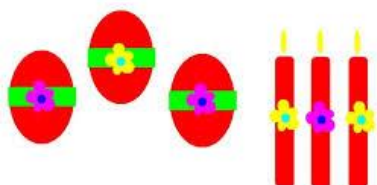
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**Greek Orthodox Easter 2018
Sunday 8 April**



ΚΑΛΟ ΠΑΣΧΑ!



Message from your President:

The next twelve months will be a busy time with two major events planned for KCA.

The annual **KCA meeting will be held in Perth on Saturday 28 April 2018**. The meeting will commence at 9:00am at the **clubhouse of The Castellorizian Association of WA (see the back page for further details)**. So, if you live in Perth or are visiting Perth, Kazzie members are most welcomed to attend the meeting. This will be a unique opportunity to view the operations of the KCA.

Our most significant, upcoming event will be the **second KCA Conference to be held in Sydney from 25 – 27 January 2019**. We are in the midst of planning this conference, therefore further details will be available on our website or via Kazzie Nea or through the State associations in the coming months. We encourage as many Kazzies across Australia to join us on this very special occasion. Remember, one of our objectives from the 2016 Conference in Brisbane was to stay connected. This conference will be one way for fellow Kazzies to unite across Australia.

I wish all Kazzies and their families a

Happy Easter.

George Pizanis
President

**Remember to view our updated
website:**

www.kazziecouncil.org.au

News from New South Wales

By Victoria Kazaglis (Committee member Castellorizian Association of NSW & K.C.A. Delegate)

Kalanda Over the Festive Season



Our experienced committee members as well as our youth followed our Sydney Castellorizian tradition and visited the homes of Castellorizians in the Sydney suburbs to sing the **Kalanda**. For those families who were lucky enough to be home when the groups

visited, it was a touching moment when the children sang and brought joy to the houses and families who graciously accepted the request of “**Na ta Poume**” A thank you to these dedicated women and children who gave up their time so close to Christmas. Even **Guy Sebastian** (see above photo) was visited.

CYA - Castellorizian Youth Affiliation



We in Sydney are very fortunate to have such an active youth group, that keep our ‘young’ Cassies together and hold functions to create a community for the future. Our CYA recently held a function at **Coogee Diggers Club** to promote membership and foster positive relations amongst their demographic. It was a very successful function and considering these Cassie Kids are **third generation**, it is a testament to the strength of our community and a positive step for the future.

Future Functions

The Board of Directors is continuing in its role to promote social interaction within the community and hence are planning to hold various functions in 2018. Future Functions include: **Taverna Night, Kids Fashion Show and a Melbourne Cup Luncheon.**

KCA Conference 2019- Sydney to Host

Sydney will be hosting the **Kastellorizian Council of Australia Conference in January 2019**. Details will be circulated soon to all associations. For our interstate Cassies planning to travel to Sydney, we will be holding the conference at the end of January so keep this weekend free.

Date Saver:

KCA Conference:

January 25 - January 27 2019

News from Queensland:

By Betty Yanardasis (Committee member Kastellorizian Association of QLD & K.C.A. Delegate)

Dodecanese Dance:

On the **3 March 2018**, the **Dodecanese Dance** was held at the **Colossus Hall, West End**. This annual event is organised by three local associations; **Pan-Koakos Association**, **Pan-Rhodian Association** and **Kastellorizian Association**. The dance is held each year to celebrate the **anniversary of the reunification of the Dodecanese Islands with Greece**. It was a very entertaining evening with delicious food, live Greek music and of course traditional Greek dancing.



The Dodecanese Dance Troupe- featuring Amerisa Xynias who represented Greece (white dress) & Markella Patounas (back row-second from the left).



Left: Markella Patounas with male dancer. Right: Amerisa Xynias

The highlight of the night was the special presentation by the **Dodecanese Dance Troupe** to mark this significant milestone in Greek history - the reunification of the Dodecanese Islands with Greece on the **7 March 1947**. Each island was represented by a dancer wearing the traditional costume of the island. Our island was represented by **Markella Patounas**, daughter of **Marea Patounas (nee Kyprios)** and **George Patounas**. Markella's maternal grandparents, **Chrissy (nee Efstathis)** and **Sostie Kyprios** were very proud of their granddaughter who had to learn many traditional Greek dances for the night. Her mother (**Marea**) and grandaunt (**Ann Kyranis**) helped to dress Markella in the traditional Kazzie costume. No doubt a very special moment for all of them.

Amerisa Xynias, daughter of **Rigas and Kaye Xynias** represented Greece in the dance troupe. Her paternal grandmother **Amerisa Xynias** was the daughter of

Partakevas Kafcaloudis and **Christifina (Kotzas)** who were both born in Kastellorizo in the 1890s.

It was wonderful to see so many Kazzies at the dance. Another special moment of the evening was the announcement that the Kastellorizians won the prestigious Dodecanese Trophy which is contested for by all three associations on the night. Our President, Michael Boubaris (above right) was very happy to be presented with the winning trophy.



Left: Thomas Kyprios, Kylie Kyprios, Chrissy Kyprios, Markella Patounas, Marea Patounas, George Kyprios & Steven Kyprios.



Left: Marea Patounas, Ann Kyranis, Markella Patounas, Dr Jim Kyranis & Irene Kyranis.



Left: Stathi Arvanitakis, Despo Efstathis, Marea Patounas, Chrissy Kyprios, Markella Patounas, Stathis Efstathis & Andoni Arvanitakis.

Special Events in Brisbane for 2018

- ❖ **Paniyiri Greek Festival:**
Saturday 19 May & Sunday 20 May
- ❖ **St Constantine and St Helene Church Service and Artoklasia:**
Monday 21 May
Luncheon: Sunday 27 May
- ❖ **Bribie Island Paniyiri:**
Sunday 1 July
- ❖ **Kazzie Cultural Afternoon:**
Sunday 26 August



News from South Australia:

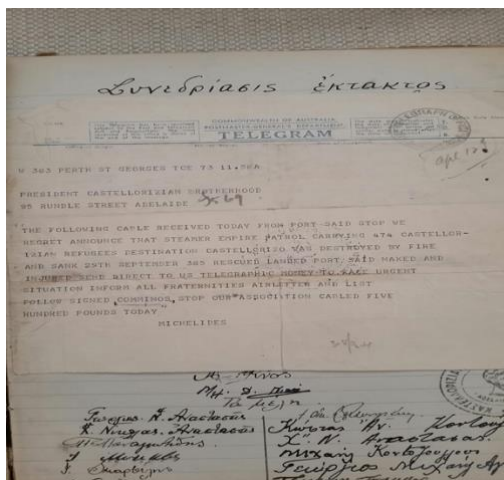
By Liz Philippou (Committee member Castellorizian Association of SA)

25 March Independence Day Celebrations

To commemorate the celebration of the **War of Independence (1821 & 1830)** as well as **'The Feast of the Annunciation'**, services were held at all Greek Orthodox Churches in South Australia. Later in the day, wreaths were offered at the **Shrine of the Cross of Sacrifice at The Memorial Gardens** as well as the statue of remembrance at **Taxiarhi Church in Franklin Street**. Committee members **Adam Philippou** and **George Mangos** offered the wreath on behalf of the Cassie club.

Archives From Our Castellorizian Brotherhood of SA

A meeting was held in Adelaide in late 1945 to discuss the telegram that arrived advising Castellorizians of SA of the tragedy that occurred on the **Empire Patrol on the 29 September 1945**. South Australian Cassie club was quick to respond with a donation of **500 pounds**.



Port Pirie' St. George Church

During the early **1900s** many Castellorizian families, in particular single men, arrived in Adelaide with their final destination being Port Pirie. Working in the smelters or on farms gave the new immigrants the means to set up a life style and community. Religion played a massive part in their culture, so a church had to be acquired. **St. George church of Port Pirie was consecrated on the 17 July 1960 by Archbishop Ezekiel**. The congregation was established in **1924**, shortly after they purchased the original wooden St Paul's Anglican Church in Wood Street Port Pirie.



Notes from the meeting:

"The old Parish Hall, of St Paul's, is to be renovated and moved to the rear of the church where it will be restored to its former use as a place of worship. This time it will be suitably furnished for the celebration of the Holy Mysteries according to the Greek Orthodox Church, and as a mark of respect to the English Church will be named after **St. George the Patron Saint of England**" (recorded **4 November 1925**).

"The construction of the New Greek Orthodox Church in Port Pirie has been completed and services will be held shortly. The major portion of the building is comprised of old material from the former parish hall of St Paul's. The new church is situated at the rear of St. Paul's" (recorded **23 February 1926**) (Photo above is the church as it is today).

Obituary Jack Antonas

27/12/1942 – 29/12/2017



We were very saddened to hear of the passing of Jack Antonas. Jack was born in Castellorizo just before **WWII**. He along with his family and others from the Island were evacuated to **Gaza** when war broke out. They spent **two years in Palestine** before boarding the Empire Patrol to return back. The ship caught on fire on the **29 September 1945**. **Thirty-three lives were lost**. The survivors were picked up by a **British Air Craft Carrier** and returned back to Palestine. Eventually they were returned to Castellorizo. In **1949**, at the age of six, Jack arrived in Australia with his parents. Jack had a full life in Adelaide where he lived most of his life.



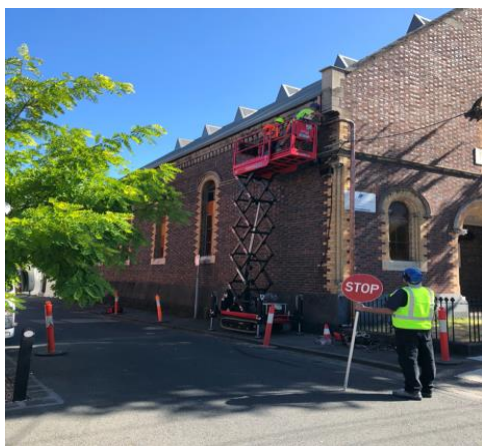
Our condolences to his wife Irene and family.
May his memory be eternal.



News from Victoria:

By Nik Spartels (President of the Kastellorizian Association of Victoria)

The committee of the Kastellorizian Association of Victoria (KAV) endorsed the recommendations of the building sub-committee regarding urgent repairs to our building. Over the holiday period, urgent repairs were successfully undertaken. The amazing scissor lift 'Athena' avoided having to erect expensive scaffolding to carry out repairs.



The scissor lift at work.

Much time and energy were spent in organising and carrying out these building repairs. Now that the urgent works have been completed, other non-urgent building works can proceed at a more leisurely pace, allowing the committee to concentrate on its membership.

Fundraising for urgent medical supplies for Kastellorizo

In 2017, the **Rotary Club of Kew** in association with the **Rotary Club of Rhodes** and the **KAV** held a fundraising night at Yiannis Tavern in Kew East. A total of **\$11,080 (6931Euros)** was raised and forwarded **to the Rotary Club of Rhodes for the purchase of medical equipment and supplies** to be delivered to **Kastellorizo**.

As a result of George Verginis' continual promotion of this worthy cause, **the Rotary Club of Hoppers Crossing** has made a **further donation of \$500**, and it is intended that **the Rotary Club of Kew and the KAV will match this donation**, so that a **further \$1500** can be forwarded for medical supplies and equipment for Kastellorizo. However, these additional donations will not be forwarded until an

acquittal has been received of the previous remittances totalling \$11,080.

Melbourne Kazzie Doctors

Three Kazzie doctors (see photo below) found reason to get together recently at a Melbourne educational event organised by **the Hellenic Medical Society of Australia (HMSA)**. HMSA's vision is to "Enable doctors to promote better health for all Australians including those of Hellenic descent", and its mission is to "Unite medical professionals with the community to achieve better health and inspire lifelong advancement in knowledge". **Doctors are encouraged and welcome to join HMSA by logging on to www.hmsa.org.au**



From left: Dr Nick Lolatgis, Dr George Stabelos and Dr Michael Conos.

First KAV event for 2018

A well-attended luncheon was held in February at the **Philhellene Restaurant**. It was a grand day, with excellent **Cretan** style food, drinks, and great atmosphere. **Nikos and Andonis Xylouris** (members of the **world-famous Xylouris family dynasty of Cretan folk musicians**) thrilled everyone with their energetic and fabulous music. It was particularly pleasing to see children and young people attending.



Youngsters at the Philhellene Luncheon.

News from Western Australia:

By Anita Verne (Secretary of Castellorizian Association of WA)

Apokries - 11 February

For 'Meatfare' celebrations, the weather provided a perfect Sunday evening for sitting outdoors relaxing under the stars with family and friends, listening to Michael Anastas and his band play fabulous Greek music to dance the night away. It was a great evening with 147 guests attending, including the **Greek Vice Consul Mrs Ekaterina Skiada, Fr. Elpidios, Fr. Emmanuel and HCWA President Savvas Papasavvas**. Special thanks go to the **CAWA Committee, the 'Souvla Boys' and especially to the Cazzie Cooking Class** for providing us with the much anticipated and loved tradition of warm Katoumari, filling the air with the aroma of cinnamon and cloves.



Seeking back copies of the Καστελλοριζικά Νέα

Mr **Andoni Koufos**, from the Castellorizian Association of WA, was the man behind the distribution of this newspaper for many years. He received the batches from Athens and made sure subscribers received them. It was he who ensured that there was always news from Perth included – births, deaths, weddings and christenings. For that reason, and because the headline article in each issue gives a valuable perspective on the island of Kastellorizo, our **Cultural Heritage Committee is looking to acquire a full set**. We've been fortunate to have been given around **200 back issues** by **Andoni and his wife Maria** and we thank them for their careful custodianship. We are now seeking

back-copies to fill the gaps. Please contact us if you have copies to donate – **Lefki**: 0439 899 010 or email: lkailis@yahoo.com or **Stephanie**: 0450 609 491 or email: steph_m_321@hotmail.com

Castellorizian House Kitchen Extensions

There is vast interest in how to cook Greek, especially Castellorizian. The Association's cooking classes spearheaded by **Hellen Anastasas**, have not only ensured that our culture continues, but also brings together young and old to discuss, argue as to the best recipes – my mother's or aunty's and then prepare them for critical valuation. The endeavours of the cooking class such as the highly acclaimed '**From our Greek Kitchen to Yours**' and **Glendi activities** have provided funds to develop a **state-of-the-art kitchen** for learning and producing the food we love.

St Constantine and Helene Lunch - 20 May

We look forward to a delicious lunch at **Kailis Bros Leederville** to celebrate **St Constantine and Helen Day**, at **12 noon on Sunday 20th May**. Tables comprise either 4 or 8 people. Tickets are **\$75 all inclusive**, and must be pre-purchased – contact **Jim Manifis 0433 165 601** or **Anita Verne 0407 922 783** anita@halmac.com.au

'Smile Awhile'



Neighbourhood Watch Kastellorizo!

Upcoming Events:

All Kazzie members are invited to the KCA Meeting in Perth



Date: 28 April 2018

Time: 9.00am

Venue: Castellorizian House

160 Anzac Rd, Mount Hawthorn

**KCA Conference will be 25 – 27 January 2019
Sydney**



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