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Karyes summer 2023: Full of people and joy

The village of Karyes, the historical Arachova of Parnon sensed another beautiful and vivid summer. A lot of vacationers and visitors filled both its squares every morning, afternoon and evening.

There were many reasons for that phenomenon. First of all, after an almost three-year period when the world experienced the pandemic and the restrictions of traveling, there were a strong nostalgia of our expatriates for their homeland. Therefore, as the summer of 2023 was with no restrictions at all, hundreds of compatriots decided to visit Greece, their homeland with their families, taking advantage of the now dense direct air connection of Athens with the big cities of the USA and Canada. Many of them had planned to stay for a few or more days, at the beautiful town of Karyes, their ancestor's village.

Among them the Karyates of Australia love for the homeland is strong enough to overcome the huge distance along with the compatriots from Athens and the other cities of Greece who, like every year, gave an impressive presence at Karyes this year as well.

Furthermore, the coolness of the climate, the people's monuments and the natural beauties offered combined with the abundance of quality options for coffee, food and sweets services have now turned Karyes into one of the most popular destinations for day visits in Laconia and Arcadia.

Finally, the many cultural events that almost every summer were organized by the Clubs and Associations were yet another reason to visit Karyes, or even extend the stay period of the holidaymakers.

There were so many things that took place for the Karyates/Arachovites this year both in Greece and abroad that it would be impossible all of them to be covered in a single issue.

Therefore at **that issue will be covered everything that had happened until July...**

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*With Patriotic greetings,
The Karyates Association Board of Directors*

The vivid Hellenism of America

Article by Mr. **Harris Konstantopoulos**, Secretary of the Karyates Association

On the **celebration of 100 years since the founding of the Arachovite Brotherhood "AI KARYAI"**, a trip that I personally planned for years, a visit to the USA, became a reality.

As much as you are prepared for some things, life always has pleasant surprises in store for you. During my trip in all the four cities I visited (Boston, New York, Charlotte and Atlanta) my fellow Arachovites confirmed the characteristic of Greek hospitality. Openly and humbly, they welcomed me, opened their homes and showed me around their cities. With a good heart and nobility, they made me feel at home, revealing to me a strong and proud "Greece" on the other side of the Atlantic.

Our compatriots who left a country destroyed, poor, but willing to work hard and as being participants in a long-standing brilliant Greek culture that had grafted them with principles and dignity, arrived in a new country where not only they grab the opportunities offered to them, but they distinguished themselves. The families they created are a model for American society, and their children and grandchildren, descended from such parents, in their turn had become perhaps the best part of the modern United States society.

And here comes the surprise I mentioned above. Living in the world's richest country, thousands of miles away from the homeland of their ancestors, anyone may say that their ties with Greece would have vanished.

And yet no!

In every discussion I had, I immediately recognized their joy for Greece and their anticipation for their next visit. What a joy this is for every modern Greek, resident of our country, but at the same time how many responsibilities it creates for us. Responsibilities so as to make our country better and worthy of this love.

The peak of that love was what I personally experienced at the two-day event for the Adelphotis' 100 years at KARYES Park in **Gastonia** in the Carolinas. Hundreds of Arachovites came not only from the southern states, but from all over the USA and Canada to meet and celebrate their Greekness. What a thrill it is to see the passion of the young people of the 3rd and 4th generation to dance the Greek dances and participate in the festival!

We should **express our gratitude** to the **members of the Adelphotis**, who at personal cost in time and money keep this brilliant institution strong and alive, as they received it from their parents and grandparents.

The **Karyates Association**, even belatedly, decided that these thanks had to be said **loud**. So, I hope my presence at the event made up for this omission. We thank all the patriots for the help and support that they have generously offered to Karyes for more than a century and we invite them to visit once again our beautiful village and we promise to welcome them!

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Karyes 2023, National Elections: Results

2023 was a year of national elections in our country and the voters were first called in May and due to the inability to form a government then again in June to the polls to elect a government. The table below shows the votes received by the parties that succeeded in electing deputies at the Panhellenic level, as well as MERA 25 which failed but had representatives in the previous parliament.

PARTY	MAY 2023		JUNE 2023	
	VOTES	PERCENTAGE %	VOTES	PERCENTAGE %
NEW DEMOCRACY	116	29,82	104	27,73
LEFT RADICAL COALITION	87	22,37	90	24,00
GREEK COMMUNIST PARTY	70	17,99	71	18,93
PANHELLENIC SOCIALIST MOVEMENT	43	11,05	28	7,47
GREEK SOLUTION	22	5,66	20	5,33
FREEDOM SAILING	10	2,54	10	2,67
VICTORY	5	1,29	7	1,87
SPARTANS	-	-	15	4,00
DAY 25	10	2,57	12	3,20
REST	26		18	

Mr. Neoklis Kritikos and Mr. Athanasios Davakis were re-elected MPs of Laconia from the **New Democracy**, while the Radical Left Coalition lost its seat, along with Stavros Arachovitis from the **Panhellenic Socialist Movement** and Ms. Panagiota Grigorakos.

CLUB'S NEWS

Announcement from the president of the "Karyatis" Sports Club concerning the new indoor hall



According to two announcements published on **January 20** and **June 17, 2023**, "After a 12-month process, the change of use of the former warehouse of the Agricultural Cooperative to an indoor space of cultural and sports facilities was approved (Permit No. 513340 | 26-10-22). However, after the completion of the licensing, the Board of Directors found that the financial situation of the Sports Club is not sufficient to carry out the work of locker rooms etc., and therefore a source of funding was sought. By chance, we received an information that on **Monday, December 5, 2022**, a presentation would take place at the Sparta Library, by the **Parnonas Development Organization S.A.** for the new local strategy Leader CAP 2023-2027. The chairman of the Board of Directors Mr. **Theodoros Mentis** attended, requested and received relevant information material. Afterwards, he met with the head of the Organization in Tripoli (Mr. Beretsos) and the competent "Ecotopos" office that prepares the files.

Therefore, the Sports Club BoD prepared the necessary supporting documents, which it submitted on **January 18, 2023** to the responsible office and informed the engineer to draw up his own. Also, on **December 9, 2022**, the Secretary of the Karyates Association Mr. Harris Konstantopoulos, had an online meeting on the same topic and on **December 16, 2022**, he addressed on all the village's Clubs and Associations to generate information and interest. This was followed IMMEDIATELY by the submission of a relevant file to the Parnonas Development Organization S.A. for financing the necessary works (locker rooms, insulation, roof, etc.). Since then, although the members of the Board were informed that the call for interest would be published at the end of **January 2023**, it was finally postponed to the end of 2023. This means that the space cannot yet be used and everyone and especially the children will have to have patience".

We wish that within the next few months the project will be included so that work can begin.

"Aghioi Anargyri" club: Account report and election for a new BoD

On **June 11, 2023**, the Club's General Assembly was held. According to a related announcement: "The assembly should have been held normally at the end of the three-year period, however, since 2 members of the Board of Directors have resigned, we are obliged to shorten the elections because with an incomplete Board of Directors we cannot operate and let's make decisions". Regarding the works in which the union has participated:

At the Aghioi Anargyri Chapel: "First of all, all the works were always done with the consent of the Ecclesiastical (Church) Council and the Holy Diocese (Metropolis) and so all the necessary permits were issued. The first project was to **stabilize the foundations**. The foundations stability, as you well know, was done by a special crew in the summer of 2019 that we operated as an informal volunteer group. Our engineer found a company that deals with such special constructions and with the permission of the Church Building Committee the works were completed. Specifically, 13 cement columns were built in the ground near the foundations with a diameter of 35 centimeters and at a great depth. As you understand these important tasks are not visible.

The second important project was the **support of the masonry**, where the dangerous cracks in the walls had to be repaired and generally the fixing of the entire building. We received three offers which were evaluated by the engineer with techno-economic criteria. Then we got the permission to carry out the work from the Holy Diocese and then the required permission was issued by the Church Building Committee. Thus, last year in June, the repair work of the masonry was carried out again by the special workshop that deals with this type of work, i.e., the cleaning of the plasters on the outside, the grouting with special machines and the drainage of grouts to support the masonry with approximately 14,000 liters of special material that binds the whole construction. With these works and the initial foundation, the building became solid and secured for many - many years.

The third important project was the **support work inside the Temple** because the plasters were falling and there were also large cracks in the walls inside. The fixing was done with reinforced shotcrete (GUNAITE method) by the same workshop that has applied this technique to the fixing of the old Acropolis Museum in Athens. Then, the necessary plastering work was carried out inside and the fixing of the iconostasis with cement injections.

Finally, the fourth project was the **repair of the dome** and the damage to the roof to ensure against moisture and the replacement of all the old doors and windows with new ones. The purpose of our Club is for the projects that we carried out to last for many years, so we try to have the work done with modern methods and by experienced crews. With all the above works the building was secured internally and externally and this is where our own activity stops as the permission we had from the Metropolis and the church council was essentially the fixing and securing of the building. All that remains is tiling and painting internally as well as some external landscaping. These works will be done by the Church Council, and we will help where we can and we are in good cooperation with **Father Leontios** for this purpose.

For the other Chapels, "as you all saw last year on August 15 the **Temple of Dormition of the Virgin Mary (Panaghia)** has become a real gem with the costs having been offered by the family of **Maria Alexaki Koutsogeorgas**, while last year we did some minor repairs to **Chapel of Agioi Konstantinos and Heleni**, i.e., repair of doors and windows, repair of dome, grips and frames around the frames". Reference was also made to the visit of the professors of the Athens Agricultural University (And. Papadopoulos and Natassa Pantera) with the purpose of examining the old plane trees of Panagia and the trees of Ai Thanasis and Kakaris, so that they can be designated monuments of nature and protected (extensive reference has done in previous issues).

Regarding the financial data, it was mentioned that "In the three years of its activity, our Club managed the amount of **€ 56,000-** approximately (€ 41,000- for Aghioi Anargyri and € 15,000- for Panagia) in order to carry out the above projects. The exact figures can be found in the annual reports of the Audit Committee. All the money came from donations of our patriots at home and abroad who trusted us. We thank everyone for the trust they have shown us." Finally, it was mentioned that there is approximately an amount of **€ 4,200-** left in the fund, which the donor earmarks for the remaining works at the Chapel of Agioi Anargyri and the Board of Directors is in consultation with Father Leontios to find the way in which this money will be allocated for the purpose desired by the donor.

According to the statements made at the General Assembly, there is a willingness from the Club to be active in other areas as well, such as beautification and cleaning of public spaces always in collaboration with local authorities and other bodies, events-information on social issues, health, etc. by inviting expert speakers for each topic, while a dream is, also in collaboration with other institutions of the village, the creation of a small theater in the area of Saint John (Aghios Iohannis) in the Community Clock ("Roi").

The elections followed where the new Board of Directors was elected consisting of: **Ms. Demetra Karaboukalou-Voukides** (President), **Ms. Demetra Prekezes** (Vice-President), **Ms. Panaghiota Kyriazis** (General Secretary), **Mr. Andreas Voukides** (Treasurer), **Ms. Heleni Kardaras** (Public Relations) and alternate member **Ms. Florina Onofrei-Sarri**. **Ms. Maria Leventakes** (Chairman), **Ms. Demetra Lavatses** and **Ms. Demetra Repoules** (Members) and **Ms Areti Koutsogeorgas** (Substitute Member) were elected to the Election-Audit Committee.

The **Karyates Association** Board of Directors congratulates all the members of the new elected Bod of the Club and wishes them to succeed at their goals.

KARYES SUMMER 2023

PART A' – JUNE

ΤΑ ΠΑΝΗΓΥΡΙΑ ΤΗΣ ΑΡΑΧΟΒΑΣ

Καρνές, Λακωνίας

της Αγια Παρασκευής

26 Ιουλίου
Κάτω Πλατεία

Δημήτρης Καραχάλιος τραγούδι
Βασίλης Βήλος κλαρίνο
Θάνος Καρανάσιος βιολί
Δημήτρης Περγός λαούτο, τραγούδι
Χρήστος Λυκουρέντζος κρουστά

του Αγιο Παντελεήμονος

27 Ιουλίου
Πάνω Πλατεία

Δημήτρης Καραχάλιος τραγούδι
Αγγελική Παρδάλη τραγούδι, σαντούρι
Γιώργος Μουστογιάννη τραγούδι
Βασίλης Βήλος κλαρίνο
Θάνος Καρανάσιος βιολί
Παναγιώτης Σταθάκης λαούτο
Χρήστος Λυκουρέντζος κρουστά



The religious celebration of Aghia (Saint) Paraskevi

On the morning of July 26, our village celebrated Saint Paraskevi and the congregation gathered at the beautiful and historic Chapel dedicated to the Patron Saint of the lower settlement to attend the Divine Liturgy and ask for her blessing. The Divine Liturgy was concluded with the procession of her holy icon.

It should be noted that due to the works in Saint Andrew Chapel, the Divine Liturgy of the following day, July 27 dedicated in memory of Saint Panteleimon took place also at the same Chapel.



The Arachovitica panighyria

With a great attendance and mood for celebration, the famous Arachovitica panighyria (festivals) of the Peloponnese were organized once again. Although this year the dates of July 26 and 27 were at the mid-week (Wednesday and Thursday) and for many compatriots from Athens and the big cities was difficult to come, all the tables were filled both evenings as at that summer there was a record number of Karyates arrived from U.S.A, Canada and Australia, as well as there were also many visitors, residents from the cities of Sparta, Tripoli, along with those from the surrounding villages who came to enjoy the coolness of the place as at that period of time Greece has been facing high temperatures.

The Aghia Paraskevi panighyri at the Rachi Square



The Aghios Panteleimonas panighyri at the Central Square



A Greek Music event in Karyes

On Friday, July 21, the summer festivals began. The Karyes' Cultural Club with the support of the Sparta Municipality organized a beautiful music event with live Greek Music at the Central Square.

The band with the singers Ms. Yota Apostolakos and Mr. George Skouros (also in Bouzouki) and with the musicians John Kasapis, P. Fotopoulos and Nick Mandrapilos, played Greek "Laiko" Music under the plane tree in a warm night.

Traffic accident on the Karyes-Vamvakou road



A tragic incident took place on August 30, a few kilometers before the village of Vamvakou.

More specifically, the driver of the public bus running the Sparta – Karyes - Vamvakou route, felt intense discomfort and malaise, was unable to control the vehicle, that deviated from its course and found itself off the roadway.

The Police and the Fire Department were called to the scene and proceed to the necessary actions to extricate the unfortunate man from the vehicle, who ultimately died. Fortunately, the two people on the bus were not injured.



Adelphotis Arahoviton "AI KARYAE" 100 years anniversary

Every Arahovitis/Karyatis that was present at the celebration of the **100years anniversary of the Adelphotis** was filling the excitement and pride. Hundreds were the compatriots that had decided to respond to the invitation of the Board of Directors of the Adelphotis and filled the Karyes Park in Gastonia, North Carolina during the weekend of June 16-17, 2023. Not only from the greater southern region of the USA, but also from further afield such as New York, Chicago and Seattle, patriots traveled to meet each other, while all the members of the Toronto Canada Adelphotis Board of Directors were present too, along with some patriots coming from as far away as Calgary. The presence of the youth was strong at the festival on Saturday night, while the event hall was suffocatingly full the next day at the Sunday meal that followed the Divine Liturgy at the Chapel of the Dormition of the Virgin Mary and the rendering of honors at the Memorial of the Donors and Founders of the Adelphotis. In this great celebration, the **Karyates Association** could not be absent, and so the Secretary of the Board of Directors. **Mr. Harris Konstantopoulos** attended the events, conveying the Association's greetings to all compatriots.

Welcome speech

Nick Gus Karres, Nikolaos Konstantinos Karigiannis
President of the Adelphotis Arahoviton Karyae
at 100 Year Anniversary at Karyae Park,
Gastonia, North Carolina on June 17, 2023



Greetings!

Welcome back to Karyae Park. We are here to celebrate a historic moment of 100 years of the organization- Adelphotis Arahoviton Karyae and Karyae Park. What a joyous and gratifying day to commemorate 100 years. One hundred years. I see here today so many relatives and dear friends that are descendants of the village of Arahova.

You are here today to see loved ones and dear friends that you would see here over the years every August at the annual picnic. But a part of you is here in honor of your relatives, who created this organization 100 years ago. You are grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews of these bold men, who created the Adelphotis and built this place, our Karyae Park. Let's go back to the early years of the 20th century. Arahovites had started migrating to America, Canada, and Australia. Here in this area these Arahovites started their lives in Gastonia, Charlotte, Spartanburg and Greenville. They started their families and prospered in America. However, they did not forget their beloved birthplace, Arahova. In 1923, this group of men decided to form this organization, the Adelphotis Arahoviton Karyae. Their love for their village, it's people there and the Arahoviti immigrants here in America, inspired the group to start the Adelphotis. These 10 men were the founders: **Peter J. Mandanis** of Spartanburg, South Carolina, **Nicholas D. Kaperonis** of Charlotte, North Carolina, **Chris P. Leventis** of Gastonia, North Carolina, **Peter N. Harakas** of Greenville, South Carolina, **Matthew D. Karres** of Charlotte, North Carolina, **Peter P. Leventis** of Gastonia, North Carolina, **Ernest G. Kopses Paraskevas K. Pitsios**, **Andrew S. Pappas** of Charlotte, North Carolina and **Andrew S. Trakas** of Gastonia, North Carolina. Their vision was to help the Arahoviti immigrants with gaining citizenship, financial assistance, housing, medical and burial expenses.

The Adelphotis is an official charitable organization. In the Certificate of Incorporation, it states its purpose "to aid our kinsmen in our native home, Arahova, assisting the welfare and comfort of our loved ones there and in this country of adoption." Also, "to encourage education, religion, better moral and social condition among members and fellow Arahovites." I am certain that you know of the stories told of the organization doing exactly this. Let's think of what happened in Arahova over the the last 100 years. The village endured 2 world wars, Nazi occupation, the burning of homes throughout the village, the Civil war... This is when the Adelphotis stepped forward. The Adelphotis came through in a big way for the village. There were 2 major contributions. 100 years ago, there wasn't a school to educate its children in the village. The Adelphotis stepped forward to fund the building of the school there. Today the school is still serving the education of the children in the village. The other major project involved the water supply. The village had limited water. It had 2 springs and a handful of spigots scattered about the village. The Adelphotis funded the water infrastructure, where all homes were equipped with water supply. For the last 60 years the village is in a better place. An intimate, beautiful, peaceful place on a side of a mountain.

Many of you here today travel to Greece and Arahova in the summer to vacation and visit family and friends. To relax, to enjoy, to reminisce. Arahova is certainly a place to be proud of. I have not forgotten one other major accomplishment. The founders and members desired a place similar to the village. They found it right here, Karyae Park. 45 acres and near a mountain. They bought the property and built this place and here we are. Over the 100 years the park has hosted weddings, baptisms, church services, makaronadas, our traditional Saint George Picnic and our annual August picnic. The August picnic was always a highlight of our summers growing up. Fellowship, music, and dancing late into the night. What fun. Here today are many long serving members and supporters, that are dedicated to the Adelphotis. Serving on the board and handling the business aspects. For decades, the ladies prepare and serve the pastries. They care for the church. Doing what is needed behind the scenes. Many dedicated men cooking and taking on the task to prepare the meals, year after year. Those members and Arahovites that we have lost are honored every year, following the divine Liturgy service at the monument in a memorial service at every August picnic. In 1965, the Adelphotis started the Karyae Benevolent Foundation. It's purpose is assist Arahovites in need and award scholarships every year to students here and in Greece. Today the Foundation awards up \$15,000 annually.

Saturday dinner and dance



Adelphotis Arahoviton "AI KARYAE" 100 years anniversary



The general secretary of the Karyates Association Mr. Harris Konstantopoulos (on the left) gives a memorial plaque to the president of the Adelphotis Arahoviton "AI KARYAE" Mr. Nick Karres (on the right).

Greetings

from the General Secretary of the Karyates Association
Mr. Harris Ath. Konstantopoulos



Dear compatriots,

It is with great pleasure to express our warm greetings to all of you for the 100th anniversary of the Brotherhood of Arachovites "AE KARYAE".

It is a celebration of a century full of love for the beautiful village of Karyes, the heroic Arachova, our Motherland. In our opinion, the Adelphotis either as the conception of an idea by a group of young compatriots, or as a creation and function of a vivid organization during its history, is a global shining example of Greek American identity, Christian offering and patriotic culture.

You should be proud of your parents and grandparents. For those who, although in a place far away and foreign to them at first, alongside with the daily struggle for the welfare of their families, not only they did not forget those they left behind, but they supported them and reformed the entire settlement. Today, through the projects that the Adelphotis designed, supported and finally implemented, improving the lives of the Arachovites/Karyates, a beautiful living village has been created and has become a touristic destination for the visitors to admire the human works.

Therefore, we invite all the compatriots, descendants of these worthy people to continue to support the work of the Adelphotis.

We also invite you once again to visit beautiful Karyes, Arachova with your family, to spend your holidays at a place with opportunities for recreation and jollification for them. Marked paths and cycling routes of many kilometers in nature, sports activities, modern and traditional guesthouses, restaurants and cafes in two squares, cultural events (festivals, D.J. parties and concerts) beautiful monuments and churches. All this next to one of the densest and virgin forests of Greece, that of mount Parnonas, just an hour and a half away from beautiful beaches (Astros, Gytheio) and half an hour away from monuments of world cultural heritage (Mystras, Ancient Sparta, Ancient Tegea).

Furthermore, we invite you to send us the e-mail addresses of your children and grandchildren to karyates.association@karyes.gr, so that they can receive the free bilingual (Greek – English) newsletter of the Karyates Association in order to keep contact with the birthplace of their ancestors. We are available to all of you for ideas and thoughts that will make our beloved village even better.

Finally, please allow me to say a few words about the great project that the Association has undertaken and is implementing:

THE KARYES MEMORY AND CULTURE CENTRE

The aim of the Association is to preserve the memory, to strengthen the ties with the Karyates/Arachovites around the world.

The three buildings complex in the central square, bought by the Karyates Association since 2006, aspires to host a space that will narrate the history of the place and promote culture. But above all, everyone's wish that Centre to become a symbol of memory and connection for the Karyates who left their country and live abroad, but also a cause of discovery for the new generations who grow up in the States, in Canada or in Australia and for whom Karyes/Arachova is a distant memory of their parents or grandparents.

Therefore, we invite you all to send us a brief history of your family and its course through the years accompanied by photographs and any other material you wish. We will protect, digitize and organize it. Let's imagine the excitement of the children and grandchildren, when they will visit their grandparents' village and visiting the Center/Museum, they will discover the path of their family and learn about their roots.

In this way, the wish of the Association that all these stories and photographs will be a reference for the people of Karyes (Arachova) in an exhibition space hosted in the building.

On behalf of the Karyates Association, we wish to all of you to continue the work of the Adelphotis worthily for the next 100 years!
We expect to meet you under the plane tree!

The secretary of the Karyates Association

The Sunday's Divine Liturgy



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Welcome speech of the Adelphotis Arahoviton "AI KARYAE" Mr. Nick Gus Karres

Right now, in 2023, many of you may be curious of where are right now. We currently have over 100 members, the Foundation continues to award scholarship money and help Arachovites in need. We continue the traditions of the Saint George Picnic and the August picnic. We have Saturday church services. The church and administration building have been extensively renovated. Go and take a look. Recently, the Adelphotis was contacted by the president of the organization in Arachova, that leads the project of the restorations of the churches in the village. The Adelphotis board approved to contribute to the restoration project and it will continue to support the project. The president wrote a letter thanking us for our support and to congratulate us on our 100 years. It bears repeating that the founders wanted to encourage education, religion, the well-being of its people and improve the moral and social condition among its members and fellow Arachovitans. And still today we are continuing to do just that. We will strive to continue all of our traditions and never forget any of them. For the 100 years and the future, the Adelphotis will hold on to its traditions and carry on. May we never the great history of the Adelphotis and may we never forget Arachova.

Thank you!

Adelphotis Arachoviton "AI KARYAE" 100 years anniversary

Greetings from the Reverend of Karyes Father Leontios

Dear Arachovites, I am very happy to address your love as the new vicar of the parish. During the short time that I have been in the village, I have become the recipient of the great love that you have for your village. The fruit of this love is what we have achieved at the church level despite the great and many difficulties we encounter. A great example of this love for the place is the tiling of the parish church of Agios Andreas, which seemed like a utopian goal, but which, even with the Grace of our Lord, is being carried out.

Having the special blessing and honor to be vicar of the village during the completion of 100 years of the Arachovite Adelphotis of America and knowing the breadth of your work in your second homeland, which makes you in the consciousness of all of us worthy children and great ambassadors of Greek greatness.

I am glad to have communicated with you even in this way, I wish abundant Divine Grace to your families and with the good that we may meet again in the sweet land of Karyes.

The vicar of the village, Archimandrite **Leontios Emm. Vardakis**



The Sunday's "Macaronada" event



The president of the Adelphotis Mr. **Nick Karres** honoring members of the families of the previous presidents. At the podium Mr. **Sarandos Kaperonis**.



The general secretary of the Karyates Association Mr. **Harris Konstantopoulos**



The president of the Adelphotis Arachoviton of Toronto Canada Mr. **John Theodorakakis**



The National Anthems



SOCIAL NEWS

WEDDINGS

- * On **July 15**, at the **Chapel of the Dormition of the Virgin Mary (Panagia)** in Karyes, the wedding of **Panagiotis Kolovos** from Karyes and **Adamantia Floros** from Sparta took place.
- * On **August 19**, in the **Chapel of Agios Nikolaos** in Sparta, the wedding of **Demetrios Par. Ardamis** from Karyes and **Alexandra Ant. Georgopoulou** from Sparta took place. A reception followed in Karyes in the beautiful yard of the Chapel of Agia Paraskevi - School.

Congratulations to the bride and groom on their happy union!

BAPTISMS

- * On **June 4**, at the **Chapel of the Dormition of the Virgin Mary (Panaghia)** in Karyes, **Gerasimos (Makis) Moesiadis** and **Demetra Tsopela** baptized their daughter. Her name is **Iphigenia – Callirrhoe**.
- * On **July 16**, in the **Chapel of the Dormition of the Virgin Mary (Panaghia)** in Karyes, **Iohannis Sp. Karygiannis** and **Helene Founda** baptized their son. His name is **Spyridon**.
- * On **July 30**, at the **Chapel of Aghia Paraskevi** in Karyes, **Andreas Sioutos** and **Konstantina Dritsa** baptized their daughter. Her name is **Melina-Hyacinthe**.

Our warmest wishes to the families on their children baptism day!

THEY PASSED AWAY

- * **Ioannis Skiuris**, aged **68**, passed away in **Toronto, Canada** and was buried on **June 17** at the cemetery of **Aghia Paraskevi**, Karyes.
- * **Anastasios Kyriazis**, aged **79**, passed away on **June 26** and was buried on **June 29** at the cemetery of **Aghia Paraskevi**, Karyes.
- * **Malamo Stamati**, aged **97**, passed away on **July 3** and was buried in the cemetery of **Aghios Nikolaos**, Karyes.

- * **Paraskevi Alafogianni**, aged **86**, passed away on **August 21st** in Athens and was buried on **August 27**, in the cemetery of **Aghios Nikolaos**, Karyes. The deceased was the daughter of **Spyridon Kritikos** and **Panagiota Ardamis**.

Our deepest condolences to all the families

ANNOUNCEMENT

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The Karyates Association invites you to contact us in order to present your work to our compatriots and to the visitors of our village in the summer, either through an exhibition of your creations, or through a cultural action.

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