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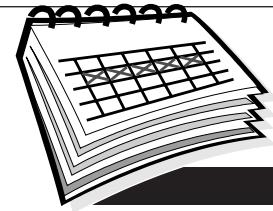
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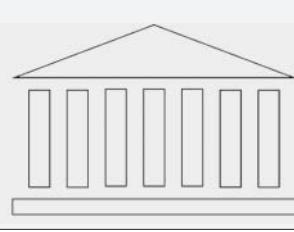


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Speaking during the unveiling of the bust of the EOKA 1955-59 hero Stavros Stylianides, President Anastasiades expressed his determination to work for a Cyprus settlement, noting that the solution of the Cyprus problem, the termination of the Turkish occupation and the reunification of the country constitute a high priority for the Cyprus government. In this framework, we have some



concrete positions and views, a concrete and targeted strategy decided in cooperation with the members of the National Council, he added.

Anastasiades also made clear that the Greek Cypriot side will not proceed to the UN-led talks,

aiming to solve the Cyprus problem, for the sake of the talks, if there is no required preparation, so that the process and the essence of the negotiations give real hope "that we can expect the new round of talks to produce results that will lift occupation, reunite the country,

safeguard human rights and create the prospects and preconditions that will put the country on the same footing as the other EU countries."

He expressed the conviction that through unity and cooperation the Greek Cypriot side will be able to get prepared so that its proposals will be convincing, "and express our determination and will to find a just, viable and functional settlement, fully in line with what the EU requires from its member states."

He stressed that "we will not show contempt or ignore anyone's concerns - and I mean those of Turkish Cypriots. But we will also note ignore the justified concerns, claims and expectations of Greek Cypriots."

The President noted that Cyprus is currently going through the worst period after the Turkish invasion of 1974, due to the deadlocks and the challenges it faces as regards the Cyprus problem and the financial crisis.

"We are making huge efforts so that the country can overcome the adverse financial situation. At the same time we are working to achieve a settlement of our national problem, something which constitutes a high priority for the country and its people," he added.

He stressed that the settlement must create the conditions that will give to all Cypriots - Greek Cypriots and Turkish Cypriots - the opportunity to co-exist peacefully and cooperate in a modern European state.

Important meeting with Biden

President Anastasiades has said that his forthcoming meeting with US Vice President Joe Biden is important in every aspect, adding that it gives the opportunity to discuss in depth "our views as regards the Cyprus problem and the contributing which, among others, the US government can have" in this issue.

"At the same time I believe that it is a proof of the fact that relations (between the two countries) are upgraded and deepened through this initiative the US Vice President has undertaken for us to meet," President Anastasiades said in statements to the press on Sunday.

Asked if this meeting will be one of the steps for the preparation ahead of the beginning of the UN-led negotiations on the Cyprus problem, Anastasiades replied: "No doubt about this. I consider that everyone that can contribute to this must be informed that no dialogue should begin just for the sake of having one, or just to repeat the same things which hap-

pened in the past."

Invited to comment on the reaction of the Turkish side to his proposal on Famagusta, President Anastasiades said that "if we don't have a new momentum created as regards the Cyprus problems with really bold initiatives on the part of Turkey, I don't see how hope can revive or how it would be possible to hope for a solution of the Cyprus problem soon."

He said that everyone, especially those who have a decisive role in the settlement of the Cyprus problem, as Turkey, must act in order to prove that they are not just repeating themselves acting as they did in the past.

According to reports in the Turkish media, Turkish Foreign Minister Ahmet Davutoglu has rejected a proposal by the Greek Cypriot side for the return of the fenced off city of Famagusta, which was handed over by the UN Special Adviser on Cyprus Alexander Downer.

President informs political party leaders about Cyprus talks developments

President of the Republic Nicos Anastasiades received last Thursday the leaders of the political parties of Cyprus, whom he informed about recent developments on the Cyprus issue.

According to Government Spokesman Chris-

tos Stylianides, the issues on the agenda were the meeting President Anastasiades held last Wednesday with UNSG's Special Advisor for Cyprus, Alexander Downer, as well as a reply letter the President will send to the Turkish Cypriot leader Dervis Eroglu.

The President also informed the political party leaders about the letters he will send to the UN Secretary General, the five permanent members of the UN Security Council and the Presidents of the European Commission, European Parliament and European Council. Asked if the Cyprus talks will begin after the two leaders' meeting in New York with the UN Secretary General, Stylianides said that the general impression is that the talks will commence in October, but pointed out that what is of utmost importance for the Cypriot President is the best possible preparation.

As regards the Greek Cypriot side's proposal for the return of the fenced off city of Varosha, (under Turkish military occupation since 1974) to its lawful inhabitants, the Spokesman said that if the proposal is accepted by Turkey, then this would give a new impetus to the Cyprus talks.



The President of Cyprus Nicos Anastasiades in London open meeting

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Cyprus, Russia sign revised Loan Agreement

A revised Loan Agreement between the Governments of the Republic of Cyprus and the Russian Federation was signed in Moscow by the Cypriot Minister of Finance Harris Georgiades and Russian Deputy Finance Minister Sergey Storchak.

According to a Finance Ministry press release issued, the Loan Agreement for the amount of EUR 2,5 billion is amended so that the annual interest rate is set from 4,50% to 2,50% and the amortisation schedule consists of eight biannual installments between the years 2018 and 2021 instead of a single repayment in 2016.

Hence, it continues, the revised terms translate into a direct financial benefit for Cyprus of the order of EUR 160 million up to the end of the Economic Adjustment Programme and an improvement in the public debt repayment schedule.

The Minister of Finance expressed the gratitude and appreciation of the Cypriot Government for the positive response of the Government of the Russian Federation and the anticipation to a further enhancement of the excellent political and economic relations between the two countries, the press release concludes.

Metropolitan Police Service invited public to open day at Wood Green Custody Centre

The Police are offering members of the public the chance to get behind-the-scenes glimpse at what goes on inside a police station.

The Metropolitan Police Service will hold an open day at Wood Green Custody Centre, in High Road, Wood Green, on September 22.

People can go along any time between 11am and 3pm and will get to talk to senior police officers about policing in their area.

They will also get the chance to meet and question special constables, volunteers, police cadets, and Safer Neighbourhoods team officers.

Greek Shipping Minister in London

Greek Shipping Minister Miltiades Varvitsiotis attended the London International Shipping Week - a capital industry event - took place last week. It brought together all of the leaders across all sectors of the international shipping industry. The members of the Greek Shipping Cooperation Committee told Varvitsiotis they were satisfied with efforts being made by the Greek government for the development of shipping, during a meeting they had with the minister in London.

The minister in turn thanked the Greek shipowners who participated in the voluntary contribution to the Hellenic state budget.

During his stay in the British capital, Varvitsiotis was interviewed by the CNBC television network and referred to Greece's targets. "Our aim is to develop our ports as much as possible and to attract as many investments as possible," the minister pointed out and expressed optimism that Greece will achieve the targets that have been set for it.

He said that Greek shipping is playing a leading role on the international maritime scene, since it constitutes 15% of global shipping and 40% of the European shipping sector and added that tourism as well as shipping are the main providers of the Greek economy.

Eurogroup approves next tranche of assistance for Cyprus

Eurozone Finance Ministers endorsed the disbursement of the next tranche of financial assistance of 1.5 billion euros to Cyprus, expected to take place by the end of September.

In a statement on Cyprus, the Eurogroup "welcomes the conclusion of the Troika's first review mission that the adjustment programme for Cyprus is on track".

The Cypriot authorities, says the statement, "have taken decisive steps to stabilize the financial sector, meet the fiscal targets and taken structural reforms forward".

"Because the short-run economic outlook remains difficult and subject to considerable uncertainty, continued full and timely policy implementation remains essential for the success of the programme" the Eurogroup warns.

At the same time the 17 Eurozone's Finance Ministers note "with satisfaction that the Bank of Cyprus was taken out of resolution on 30 July".

"This marks an important milestone for restoring confidence in the Cypriot financial sector", the statement says.

It is added that the ministers "welcome that the remaining challenges regarding the financial sector are being addressed".

The Cypriot authorities have notably taken further action to reform the cooperative credit institutions sector and have set out a clear agenda to restructure and recapitalize other financial institutions", the statement notes.



It is also pointed out that the Eurogroup "looks forward to the swift implementation of the Anti-Money Laundering action plan".

Eurozone's Finance Ministers welcome "that the Cypriot authorities will continue to gradually relax the administrative measures that had been put in place in view of the unique and exceptional situation of Cyprus' financial sector". Further relations, the statement adds, will be in line with the roadmap of 8 August, 2013.

Referring to fiscal consolidation, the statement welcomes "that Cyprus has taken effective action towards correcting the excessive deficit by 2016 as recommended by the Council on 16 May 2013".

"The Eurogroup endorses the disbursement

of the next tranche of financial assistance to Cyprus following the fulfillment of the prior actions and the completion of the relevant national procedures", the statement says.

Moreover it notes that the disbursement of 1.5 billion euros is foreseen to take place by the end of September after the formal approval by the ESM governing bodies.

Excluded from international markets since May 2011, Cyprus requested and received a 10 billion euros financial assistance package from the Troika (EC, ECB, IMF).

The package featured a sizeable reduction of the island's banking sector, as well as bail-in of uninsured deposits, which hampered the services sector, one of the island's main source of income.

Energy Minister: Cyprus' natural gas project cannot become Turkey's hostage

Energy, Commerce, Industry and Tourism Minister Yiorgos Lakkotrypis has stressed that the whole project for the drilling and exploitation of hydrocarbons discovered in Cyprus' Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) cannot become Turkey's hostage.

Lakkotrypis wrapped up his visit to the US, during which he had meetings with US Secretary of Energy Ernest Moniz and State Department officials, while he delivered speeches at think tanks and had meetings with members of the Congress, the Jewish lobby and members of the Greek-American community.

In statements to the press, Lakkotrypis expressed satisfaction with the results of his contacts both in Washington and New York. "We basically explained what we are doing in the Eastern Mediterranean, what Cyprus is doing with regards to exploration, exploitation of hydrocarbons. I have to say that we had some excellent meetings including what I consider the highlight of meeting with the Department of Energy and the Secretary of Energy himself, Mr. Moniz," he said.

Speaking, at an event organized at Marsh USA Inc. premises in Manhattan, Lakkotrypis stressed that Cyprus' vision is to become an energy centre in the Eastern Mediterranean and contribute to the



geopolitical stability and economic development of the region.

Responding to a question by the audience, he said that the recovery of Cyprus' economy must not depend by the natural gas exploitation and the Cyprus government is doing everything possible for the recovering of the economy, focusing on the sectors of tourism and services.

He also noted that the issue of natural gas exploitation is not related to the talks for a Cyprus settlement, expected to begin in October, because then Cyprus would become Turkey's hostage for another 39 years.

Lakkotrypis stressed that while the settlement of the Cyprus problem is a top priority for the Cyprus government, the government must at the same time proceed with the hydrocarbons research and exploitation project, irrelevant of the course of the negotiations on the Cyprus problem.

Last Friday, Lakkotrypis visited the New York Stock Exchange and

had meetings with members of the American Jewish Committee (AJC) and its Executive Director David Harris and members of the New York Energy Forum, as well as with the Director of the Global Energy GME Group.

Last week he had a series of meetings with organizations and companies dealing with energy issues, New York based think tanks, New York state officials and the media.

The Minister also had a meeting with members of the World Policy Institute, whom he informed on the natural gas issue.

In his statements to the press, Lakkotrypis noted that he discussed with US Secretary of Energy "numerous ways that we can collaborate, be it renewable sources of energy or another element which is of interest to all the countries in the Eastern Mediterranean which are environmental protection and ways and processes that we can

develop in order to respond potential environmental disasters."

"We've agreed that we will take this conversation further to see how the US can support us in a couple of these endeavors we have undertaken," he added.

"I could see that with all the stakeholders that we talked to everyone was pretty excited to what is going on in the Eastern Mediterranean and want to hear more and want to be updated and stay up to date," he stressed.

Asked about the Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) facility, Lakkotrypis said "the LNG facility is being built with the potential to go to three trains and potentially more. We've marked down the land for in essence three trains. Now, once Israel makes its decisions and should it decide that it would liquefy in Cyprus then we are looking at a pipeline on shore of Cyprus where it will be liquefied and shipped to its destination," he noted.

Exploratory drilling carried by Houston-based Noble Energy in 2011 revealed a gross natural mean ranging from 5 to 7 trillion cubic feet (tcf). Noble Energy operates Block 12 with a 70 percent working interest. Delek Drilling Limited Partnership and Avner Oil Exploration Limited Partnership each own 15 percent.

CYPRUS

Cyprus ranked 34th in the World happy list

Keep it up Cyprus ranked 34th in the World happy list. Greece ranked a little above the middle in the 70th position among 156 countries in the United Nations' first-ever World Happiness Report, drafted by the Sustainable Development Solutions Network and published last week.

Greece also came second behind Egypt in the dramatic decline of their happiness index from pre-crisis levels, according to the report, which compared the period of 2005-2007 with that of 2010-2012. Crisis-hit European peers in Spain came sixth in deteriorating happiness, the Italians came eighth and the Portuguese ranked in 12th place.

The world happiness average, according to the UN report, is 5.1 points, with Greece scoring a slightly higher 5.4 points at the 70th spot.

The least happy people in the world are found in poor Sub-Saharan African countries such as Togo, Benin, Central African Republic and Sierra Leone, while the happiest people are in northern Europe, and especially in Denmark, Norway, Finland and The Netherlands, where the average life evaluation score came to 7.6 on the 0-to-10 scale. This year's report finds that Canada is in sixth place and Australia in 10th place. The US is ranked at 17th, UK at 22nd while France was at 25th and Germany 26th.

Greece's neighbours Cyprus and Albania have happier people than Greece, ranking in the 34th and 62nd spots respectively, though Turks are more unhappy than Greeks at 77th place.

Cyprus records the largest employment decrease in the EU

Cyprus recorded the largest decrease in employment both quarterly and annually, in the second quarter of 2013, according to data released Friday.

The number of persons employed also decreased in the euro area and remained stable in the EU27.

According to Eurostat data, compared with the same quarter of the previous year, employment fell by 6.1% in Cyprus, by 4.3% in Greece, by 1% in eurozone and only by -0.4% in the EU27.

In the second quarter of 2013 employment fell by 3.1% in Cyprus, by 0.1% in the Eurozone, increased in Greece by 0.1% and remained unchanged in the EU27, compared to the first quarter of 2013.

The evolution of employment in the second quarter of 2013 compared to the same period of 2012 was as follows: Cyprus -6.1% -4.3% Greece, Portugal -4.0%, Spain -3.7%, Slovenia 2.5%, Italy 2.2%, Slovakia 1.3%, Netherlands 0.9%, Finland -0.7%, France -0.3%, -0.3 Belgium %, Malta 3.6%, Estonia 3.0%, Ireland 1.9%, Luxembourg 1.7%, Germany 0.6%, Austria 0.6%.

Cyprus Airways to delay release of financial results

Cyprus Airways has announced that it will delay the release of its financial report for the period 1 January-30 June 2013, until the European Commission announces its decision on the company's restructuring plan, which is due in November.

Cyprus Airways said the decision of the European Commission on its restructuring plan will affect its economic results for the first six months of 2013 and its financial position in general.

GREECE

Merkel toyed with idea of Greek euro exit until late 2012, claims ex-ECB official

German Chancellor Angela Merkel toyed with the idea of forcing Greece out of the euro until the autumn of 2012, according to Lorenzo Bini Smaghi, a former executive board member at the ECB.

In his new book, *Morire di Austerità* (Dying of Austerity), Bini Smaghi claims that Merkel was finally convinced that a Greek exit would be too costly for Germany and the eurozone. She then threw her weight behind the coalition government in Athens that was elected in the June polls last year.

Bini Smaghi also claims in his book that former Italian Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi also mulled plans to pull his country out of the euro in late 2011, shortly before he was forced out of government.

Berlusconi discussed plans to leave the euro with Merkel and French President Nicolas Sarkozy, claims the former central banker.

In his book Bini Smaghi argues that the departure of any country from the euro area would have a devastating effect on the remaining single currency members because of the implications a default on external obligations would have on the European Central Bank's Target 2 internal payment system.

Change the destiny of your countries, says Ant.Samaras youth in the Mediterranean

Message to break the inertia of the system and change the fate of the country sent Friday Antonis Samaras to young people from nine countries in the Mediterranean. The Prime Minister, speaking at an event ONNED Employment said the triptych competitiveness, openness and innovation is what can give way out of the crisis.

Natural gas reserves in Cyprus' licensed blocks estimated at 39 tcf, KRETYK Chairman says

Natural gas reserves in the six licensed blocks of Cyprus' Exclusive Economic Zone are estimated to exceed 1.1 trillion cubic meters (38.9 trillion cubic feet) according to Cyprus' Hydrocarbon State Company (KRETYK) Chairman Charalambos Ellinas.

In an article published in the Oxford Energy Forum, Quarterly Journal for Debating Energy Issues and Policies, Ellinas stresses, inter alia, that the advantageous geographic location of Cyprus – at the crossroads of major international energy routes to Europe and the Far East through the Suez Canal – makes the island a natural regional energy hub in the East Mediterranean and the natural location to develop a liquefied natural gas (LNG) plant.

Of the possible export options, he argues that LNG provides the flexibility to serve several markets and customers, providing the strategic advantages that Cyprus needs.

Pipelines do not offer flexibility in the selection of markets. Also, the water depth in the eastern Mediterranean (2000m+) limits the size of pipeline, and thus throughput, he says, adding that given the amount of gas that Cyprus expects to be exporting by 2025, pipelines do not offer a practical solution.

KRETYK Chairman says that the decision to build an LNG plant in the south of the island at Vasilikos was reconfirmed by the President of the Government of Cyprus, Nicos Anastasiades, in April 2013.

He said that with the timely establishment of an LNG plant, Israel and Lebanon should also be able to bring their gas to Cyprus for liquefaction, making it possible to create a world class LNG hub at Vasilikos.

By 2025, he notes, Cyprus could be in a position to export 25 million tonnes LNG (35 bcm) per year, starting with 5 million tonnes (7 bcm) by 2020. This could rise to 35 million tonnes (50 bcm) per year if Vasilikos becomes an LNG hub for the region.



He also says that even with only 50 per cent of this gas going to Europe, by 2025 Cyprus and the Levantine Basin could supply 25 per cent of the additional gas needs of the EU, which is far more than the 10 bcm of gas currently planned for TANAP per year, making the East Med a much larger potential gas supply source.

The East Med Gas Corridor could form a new independent and secure supply of LNG which could contribute substantially to the EU's future energy security, he notes.

Furthermore, he notes that a Cyprus-based LNG plant would give access to the attractive markets of Asia, especially those of the Far East, where demand for gas supplies keeps growing and LNG prices are particularly high and are expected to remain so in the 20's.

Over the long term, he adds, Cyprus' offshore gas will have to compete with production from lower-cost supplies from East Africa and unconventional gas sources such as shale gas from North America.

Ellinas also notes that there is a wave of large projects coming to fruition from 2014 onwards

in Australia. These will expand LNG supply from 25 mmtpa to 88 mmtpa and Australia is expected to become the largest LNG supplier in the world by 2018, he adds.

With Cyprus planning to start exporting in 2020 the Far East, as well as the EU, remains an attractive market, he says.

The main competition, he adds, will be projects in North America and East Africa, which are expected to start exporting LNG at about the same time, but they could have an advantage cost-wise.

As a result, controlling costs and completing the Vasilikos LNG plant as early as possible will be key factors in its success, he concludes.

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Noble Energy operates Block 12 with a 70 percent working interest. Delek Drilling Limited Partnership and Avner Oil Exploration Limited Partnership each own 15 percent.

President Anastasiades ready to compensate part of Russians' lost deposits

President of Cyprus Nicos Anastasiades has confirmed his readiness to compensate partly Russian depositors who have lost money, as a result of the three Eurogroup creditors' decision to cut uninsured deposits in the island's two major banks.

In an interview with Itar-Tass First Deputy Director General Mikhail Gusman, the Cypriot leader said that the tough decisions taken in

March affected many Russians. Despite the fact, they have not betrayed Cyprus, he said. "Our friends have remained our friends," he is reported to have said.

It is very important, he added, since it encourages and gives more confidence that it is possible to restore the country's economy. It has also become one of the elements to continue developing ties with Russia, he noted.

The attitude of Russians to Cyprus is valued highly, Anastasiades said. Russians have lost part of their deposits, and Cyprus would do everything possible to overcome the negative consequences of the March decisions, he said, according to Itar-Tass.

With the aim to compensate for the losses, a special fund will be set up to accumulate finances, when the situation in the economy and the banking sector, first of all in the Bank of Cyprus, improves, the President indicated. The authorities plan to use some of the revenues from future gas extraction in the Cypriot economic zone for this purpose, he explained.

At the critical moment Cyprus rests on Russia's support, President Anastasiades said.

"We're grateful to the Russian people and the leaders for such support" he noted.

"Mutual political support unites our countries. This is related, first of all, to fundamental issues of international law. I mean Russia's support for Cyprus' efforts to achieve a fair settlement on the island," the

Cypriot President is reported as saying.

"Nobody can ignore the fact that a great number of Russian entrepreneurs and ordinary people, who chose Cyprus as the place of residence, contributed to economic restoration and prosperity," he noted, adding that both countries had much in common and "this pre-determines close friendship and cooperation that we seek to preserve and strengthen."

Anastasiades noted that there were many fields to develop cooperation, including tourism finances and the energy sector. He expressed hope that Russian private and state companies show interest in such projects as the construction of a terminal for liquefied natural gas and others.

The Cypriot President said the country was ready to contribute to further development of good relations between the European Union and Russia.

"I have the warmest feelings to Russia, its people and its leaders," Anastasiades said, according to the agency.

Greek Orthodox Identity an issue

'What is he saying?' my wife whispered to me in church while the circular of the Archbishop of Cyprus about his thoughts on education was being read. 'He thinks the new school curriculum does not contain enough on our Greek Orthodox identity', I replied.

The problems the Orthodox Church faces in Cyprus, where we have been for a couple of weeks, are not dissimilar to those we face in England. People are baptized at infancy and they are buried when they pass away but in-between the orthodoxy of what we believe and what we practice is questionable. The Church would like to lay the blame on outside influences and modern trends but as anyone finding themselves out of touch should realize, it is not others that need introspection but us. And as many of us who love the church realize, such introspection by the Orthodox Church is long overdue.



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Orthodoxy is a flame that should permeate through every aspect of our lives. It is neither a well preserved mantelpiece that we simply pass to our children, nor something that we do on Sundays and feast days and forget the rest of the week. Orthodoxy is a worldview that not only dictates our purpose in life but should allow us to reconcile scientific advancement, current affairs and everything else with our beliefs and practices. And the visible fruits of orthodoxy are saints but alas this particular fig tree can only point to numerous saints of the past but very few of the present.

The Orthodox Church needs to re-examine what it believes, what it teaches and what it practices starting with its complete aversion to criticism. Rejection of any criticism, however well-intended, is the proof of complacency that has brought us to the state where there is a very long distance between the Church as an institution and the church as a body of the faithful. The Institution talks in one language and the faithful in another. The hierarchy claims this is to preserve our identity. Some would argue it is to preserve the elitism that preserves the hierarchy.

Language cannot be worn as a ready-made suit which sometimes fits and often does not. Language is an expression of thought, a manifestation of emotion and an outreach from our inner world to that of other people. The latter is the very basis of communion that the church is meant to be. How can we then be asked to use a language which is alien to us? To be given a dead language and be told that this is "the language that God likes" is really beyond belief and the problem does not end there.

Preserving old rites and rituals seems to have overtaken the need to understand our beliefs. As a result this is fast becoming a religion of faith emanating from superstition rather than belief. This also acts as a straight jacket that does not allow new spiritual expression to come to the fore. Orthodox hymnography, iconography and theology itself have been stifled by unfounded rules about what is acceptable and what is not; what is orthodox and what is not.

What is worse is that the blatant hostility towards anyone who dares question these pronouncements has meant that often certain quite unorthodox teachings have been accepted as 'kosher'. One only needs to look at the dispute between Ioannis Romanides and the academic establishment at the University of Athens to realize that what those well-respected theologians thought was 'orthodox' had been heavily influenced by the Protestant teachings of the European universities they had attended.

In my humble opinion, what the Archbishop of Cyprus and all Orthodox bishops would do well to remember is that our Orthodox Identity cannot be a ready-made suit we wear on Sundays and we teach to our children to recite. It has to be nurtured from within by adopting orthodox beliefs and pursuing a life of sainthood.

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Nikki Christou met Prince Harry and picked up the most inspirational child award

Prince Harry attended the WellChild Awards at the Dorchester Hotel where he paid tribute to brave children battling serious illness

The Royal told nine-year-old Nikki Christou he had just seen his nephew smile for the first time

The Prince had been visiting Prince George at Kensington Palace

A young English Greek-Cypriot girl enjoyed a very special evening as she was crowned "most inspirational" child and got to meet one of the royal family.

Nikki Christou, nine, of Enfield, has arterio-venous malformation (AVM) which causes an abnormal connection between arteries and veins and can lead to serious bleeding around the face.

The inspirational child collected her award at the 2013 WellChild Awards and shared a word or two



with Prince Harry in which he revealed that he had seen his nephew Prince George smile for the first time.

Nikki had told the fourth in line to the throne that she and her nephew shared the same birthday, her father is called George and her brother is called Alexander (Prince George's

middle name).

Prince Harry said to her: "What a small world. I've just literally seen him. Normally when I see him he's either sleeping or crying but I've just seen him smile. It was the first time I've seen him smile."

Nikki said: "I have had a fantastic night. My favourite parts were

seeing a film of the awards at the end of the night, the desserts and of course meeting Prince Harry."

The event was held at the Dorchester Hotel in Park Lane, and so far, the nine-year-old has raised £70,000 to help research into the incurable condition, one of the many reasons Nikki picked up the most inspirational child award.

In a speech to the hundreds of inspirational children, Prince Harry said: "I'm hugely humbled to be patron of WellChild and I count myself incredibly lucky to be patron, as well as coming down here this evening. It's always so clear for everyone to see how brave and inspirational the children are, but very easy to forget what a huge effect it has on the parents, nurses and all the family."

UK Cypriots and Conservative party reaffirm close links

Representatives of the 'Conservatives for Cyprus' group, consisting of members of the Greek Cypriot community in London, were received by the UK's ruling party vice-chairman Alok Sharma on Wednesday afternoon.

"The purpose of the meeting was to build on the already strong links between the Conservative party and the Greek Cypriot community in the UK," Sharma told CNA.

"There is already a close connection with MPs representing north London and we want this connection to be strengthened even further. We examined practical ways of helping the community's voice to be heard," added the Conservative party's vice-chairman, in charge of Black and Minority Ethnic policy.

Four north London Conservative MPs were present at the meeting: Theresa Villiers MP, Matthew Offord MP, David Burrowes MP and Nick de Bois MP. Ms Villiers, who represents Chipping Barnet, said that such discussions do really help as "they ensure the leadership of the party and the government is in touch with the

views and concerns of the Greek Cypriot community."

As a recent example, she pointed to the importance of the British government being informed of the concerns of Cypriots living in the UK regarding the developments around Laiki Bank.

The Treasury announced measures to assist depositors in the UK branches of the bank after the decision to wind it up. "I don't know if the action by our government would be so swift, if the Cypriot community's concerns were not already known to the highest levels of leadership. We speak with ministers on behalf of our constituents frequently and we are very lucky to be able to be heard," noted Theresa Villiers.

The prospects of the forthcoming negotiations over the Cyprus issue were also discussed during the meeting, with Ms Villiers noting that the Conservative party and the British government as always support the efforts towards a just and viable settlement. "It is in everybody's interest, beneficial for both communities," she

said.

The Chairman of the 'Conservatives for Cyprus' group Antonis Yerolemou told IBNA that Prime Minister Cameron's party attributes particular importance to the Cyprus issue and stands ready to offer its assistance towards a just solution. Expressing his optimism, he said that "in the UK there is a government that believes in the solution and in Cyprus a President who is determined to achieve the right settlement."

The group's vice-chairman and head of Democratic Rally UK Andreas Papaevripides commented that the meeting was helpful in exchanging ideas on mutual support: "We help friendly MPs in our constituencies and they help keep the Cyprus issue high on the agenda."

Papaevripides, recently elected as the new President of the World Federation of Overseas Cypriots (POMAK), also expressed his satisfaction with the fact that Mr Sharma made his own suggestions about practical ways to help the Greek Cypriot community.

Enfield jazz band "Stella Star" claim double triumph at Mayor of London's competition

A musical trio were left stunned when they scooped double honours at a

national competition. Stella Star, a talented young band from Enfield collected the top award at the Mayor of London's Gigs Big Busk competition, which took place at Westfield in West London on Sunday, September 8.

Singer Stella Charalambous, 23, and guitarist Jack Gillen, 21, of Palmers Green along with Bowes Park drummer Will Jackson, 20, beat more than 1,800 others to become the winners of the overall competition as well as best group.

Lead singer Stella Charalambous admitted that she was astonished.

She said: "We had no idea that we would win the group section, and then to go on and win the overall thing, we were all gobsmacked.

Even now I am still in shock, I cannot believe it. I am so glad that we entered and to be able to play on a stage like that, it was such a buzz.

"This event will do wonders for our self esteem and give us plenty of exposure that we need to press on. We are recording our next EP which is due to be released in 2014."

When asked about their style of music, the lead singer found it difficult to place them in any particular genre.

She said: "I'd class us in the jazz, blues and soul category but it is difficult to place us in one specific genre. I think there is a real gap in the industry for us; there aren't a lot of female jazz singers out there at the moment."

The Mayor of London Boris Johnson said: "Massive congratulations to Stella Star. It has been an extra-



ordinary year for our gigs competition, with a record number of entries and over 40,000 votes cast. The standard of the finalists was incredibly high, making it a Herculean task for the judges to select the overall winner. It underlines the amazing talent there is in London and I wish big success to Stella and every-

one that took part."

As the biggest event of its kind in the UK, the competition is aimed at talented musicians between 11 and 25 years old and helps increase opportunities for them. The band have won a lucrative and highly sought after licence to busk on the London Underground for a year.

City could bring in 20mph speed limit after council approval

Drivers in the City of London could be forced to slow down after its Court of Common Council approved a plan to bring in a 20mph speed limit as part of its Road Danger Reduction Plan.

The corporation is the latest authority in the capital to introduce the lower limit and said it believes the plan will reduce casualties by almost 10 per cent while only adding minutes to journey times.

A consultation will now be launched on the scheme ahead of its implementation, but Michael Welbank, Chairman of the City's Planning & Transportation Committee, said: "I am delighted this proposal has been passed.

"The City of London's street usage has changed dramatically over the last 10 years, with the number of cyclists tripling.

"The Corporation has adopted a Road Danger Reduction Plan containing a wide range of measures.

"The 20mph speed limit for the City is not the panacea but a further step in reducing casualties."

Eight of the London's 32 authorities either have a 20mph limit across the borough or are moving towards one, including some of the City's neighbouring areas Islington, Camden and Southwark, as well as Haringey, Hackney, Waltham Forest and Lambeth.

Chairman of Policy and Resources at the City of London, Mark Boleat, commented: "As an international business hub, the City plays host to a large number of commuters every day.

"Steps that make it safer for City workers and reduce the number of tragic deaths are to be welcomed".

St Andrew the Apostle School supporting local charities

St Andrew the Apostle School has partnered with Noah's Ark Children's Hospice and UK Thalassaemia Society as part of its commitment to community involvement.

The school will be supporting the two charities over the coming year.

Students were given an insightful and engaging presentation by Noah's Ark Volunteer, Charles, during an assembly last week. He encouraged them to get involved with various events planned for the coming year –



Headteacher Robert Ahearn (left) with Noah's Ark Children's Hospice volunteer, Charles, during the charity's visit to St Andrew the Apostle School

including an attempt to break the World Record for bunting and supporting Head Teacher Robert Ahearn when he runs for the charity in The Royal Parks Half Marathon on Sunday 6 October.

"It's really important for all children to be encouraged to contribute to their local communities and understand some of the issues that they'll come across at some point in their lives," said Mr Ahearn.

"It also demonstrates the Christian values of supporting one another and demonstration of loving our neighbours."

To sponsor Mr Ahearn or find out more about Noah's Ark Children's Hospice please call 0208-449-9977 or visit the website www.noahsarkhospice.org.uk.

The school will be holding an Open Evening for prospective 2014 Year students 6-8.30pm on Monday 7 October and Open Mornings by appointment between 7-18 October.

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Starting from the 15th September 2013, the Parish of St John the Baptist, Wightman Road N8 0LY, is starting a Sunday School (Κατηχητικό) every Sunday at 11:30am, for children between the ages of 5-13.

The children will be taught the basics of the Orthodox faith by watching DVDs of the life of Jesus and by receiving religious instruction. The teaching will take place in the Greek School. The children will be taken out of the liturgy at 11:20am and for 40 minutes they will engage in various activities such as colouring and drawing pictures of Saints, watching religious films, storytelling and more. The teacher will return the children to the church at about 12:00 for Holy Communion. At the end of the liturgy, light refreshments and cakes will be provided for both parents and children.

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Achna resurrected

The forecast was for heavy rainfall but instead it rained goals right across the two Kopa Divisions.

Leading the way were seven a side winners Arachne who beat All Saints 8-2 to go joint top. Tripimeni aim to go one better this season made Livadia come down to earth with an impressive 6-2 win which puts Steve Sinotti's team at the top.

There were big wins for Cetinkaya who beat APOEL 5-0, as well as Omonia who also hit five with no reply against Aradippou.

Second Division leaders Brotherhood were also in the high five mood despatching Pantel with ease. Anorthosis came a cropper when they surrendered a 3-0 first half lead to draw 3-3 with Maronites.

Rizokarpaso continued their good form with a 3-1 win over Komi Kebir who are still looking for their first point. Achna will be a force this year after all, having done good business in the summer window!! The signing of several ex-Salam-

ina players should see them battle for promotion and the 2-0 win over KLN puts them on maximum points.

Champions Salamina had to rely on an own goal to beat Olympia 1-0 while in the Asha and Pendayia played the first draw (1-1) of the season.

Results in Detail

DIVISION ONE

LIVADIA **2**
TRIPIMENI **6**

Tripimeni moved to the top of Division One after this powerful display to blow newcomers Livadia apart. They raced to a 4-0 half time lead with goals from Ahmet Rifat 2, George Gregoriou and Darren Gray. Livadia regrouped at the interval to share four goals in the second half but the damage was done early on. Tripimeni's two goals came from Ze-



Impressive Achna win again



goals to give them three points and leave KLN looking for their first.

ASHA **1**
PENDAYIA **1**

Asha were ten minutes away from an important victory against Pendayia at Broomfield Park. On a windy day Pendayia had the edge in the first half but failed to take advantage of the strong wind. Asha on the other hand weathered the early storm to take the lead with a goal from Jordan and held it until the 80th minute when a brilliant free kick by Sami gave Pendayia a point in this first draw of the season.

MARONITES **3**
ANORTHOSIS **3**

Anorthosis will not achieve their promotion target if they continue to surrender comfortable leads. They managed to escape against Pantel but they failed to win against Maronites having led 3-0 at half time. They were in complete control with goals from Alex Roussis, Stef Stefanou and Nick Ierododou but allowed Maronites to rescue a point with a hat trick from Lewis Barclay.

ARACHNE **8**
ALL SAINTS **2**

All Saints are fast becoming the whipping boys after this heavy defeat by Arachne who find themselves sharing top spot. They hit the highest score of the season winning 8-2 with goals from Adams 4, Chris Constantinides 2, John Holmes and Anthony Panayi. Both Saints' goals came from Costas Chrysostomou.

SUNDAY'S GAMES

DIVISION ONE

Tripimeni v Aradippou

Tripimeni to stay top with a comfortable 5-0 win

Livadia v APOEL

Livadia to bounce back with a 3-2 win

Cetinkaya v Salamina

Cetinkaya to cause the first upset to hold the champions in a 2-2 draw.

DIVISION TWO

Achna v Arachne

A big game for both teams to finish all square 2-2

All Saints v Asha

Away win 2-1

Anorthosis v Pendayia

Anorthosis to sort out their second half problems and hold on to their lead with a 3-0 win.

ki and Leon Fisher while the visitors replied with Adem Ali and Mark Taylor.

CETINKAYA **5**
APOEL **0**

A terrific performance by Cetinkaya erased last week's setback. Their comprehensive 5-0 victory over APOEL was one of their best team efforts. Their goals came from Sheldon, Volkan, Jem Djemal 2 and Kevin Smith

KOMI KEBIR **1**
RIZOKARPASSO **3**

Rizokarpaso are share top spot after a good win over promoted Komi Kebir at New River. Ricardo scored twice the other coming from Nick Nicolaou while Dino Chrysostomou replied for the home side. Rizo look solid and will push the

big guns all the way while Komi are finding their way in the top flight and should not be too disappointed from their opening two games.

ARADIPPOU **0**
OMONIA **5**

Omonia bounce back in style from last week's set back to beat Aradippou 5-0. The home side just could not cope with the sharp shooters of Omonia who went on to register with Alexandros 2, Thompson, Yiannis and Edmond.

SALAMINA **1**
OLYMPIA **0**

Olympia put on a great effort to hold the champions until the hour when an own goal was decisive to leave them pointless again. Salamina were kept at bay by the well organised Olympia side but I ex-

pect them to pick up points soon.

DIVISION TWO

BROTHERHOOD **5**
PANTEL **0**

Brotherhood take top spot as they target a quick return to the First Division. Their usual suspects Aaron Kennedy with four goals and Paul Yiannakkas made sure of maximum points in a 5-0 win

KLN **0**
ACHNA **2**

What a coup by Achna to attract an experienced group of players from Salamina. They now have a good squad and with good organisation they should have a successful season.

After a goalless first half Larry Petrako and Lenos Chrystodoulou scored the two

EDITORIAL

FIFA president Sepp Blatter has got himself in a quandary this week over the 2022 World Cup in Qatar. That Blatter is in a self-imposed dilemma is hardly surprising given his history and histrionics, remember his view of women's football kits? Last Tuesday Blatter rejected media reports claiming he thought it may have been a mistake to choose Qatar as hosts for the 2022 World Cup.

"No, it was not a mistake because by the rotation it was time to go to the Arabic world," Blatter proclaimed.

"And now here we are in the Arab world. It is not a very big country, but it is a very important one. So the decision was absolutely in the context of the politics of FIFA and especially in the context of the politics of this president."

No one is doubting the credentials for a country other than in Europe and South America to lay claim to host football's biggest tournament. The problem is that since the surprising announcement that Qatar would host the event, there have been concerns over when it would be held. Traditionally a summer tournament, the World Cup in 2022 would have to endure incredible climate conditions were it to remain in Qatar. This is a huge concern and whatever the protestations of the Qatari organising committee it would not be safe for players or spectators. Indeed, at the height of summer the temperature can reach 50 degrees Celsius. There is a clear health and safety risk here.

This has prompted calls for there to be a change, either in venue or date. Either way, Blatter and FIFA have again scored an own goal.

Due to increasing pressure, Blatter seems to have heeded warnings and declared that the decision to play the tournament in the summer is the mistake, not the selection of Qatar as hosts.

"I am of the opinion, and this will be discussed by the FIFA Executive Board, now that to play in summer time in Qatar is not the right thing to do," he said.

"We can play also in winter time and this is also a question of solidarity. If you never play in winter time the World Cup, you will be in the situation where all the countries around the equator and southern hemisphere can never play in the winter."

But how likely is this to happen? The power in football resides in Europe and to a lesser extent South America. Certainly in Europe if the World Cup in 2022 was to be moved to the winter, then this would bring about a severe disruption to league programmes.

It is shaping up into another club versus country battle. FIFA, football's governing body believes it has the sole right to determine a solution to this problem however the clubs, backed by the powerful European Clubs Association which represents over 200 clubs believe that they should a say too. Indeed, they will claim that without the players, there cannot be a World Club and who owns the registration of the players? It is feasible that the clubs could refuse to release their players, which would contradicting FIFA edicts which state that players have to be released for international tournaments. Could the bigger clubs then form a breakaway? This is exactly the situation which led to the formation of the Champions League in its current guise. There was in the early 1990s a very real threat that Europe's biggest, elite clubs were going to form a breakaway league. To appease this, UEFA agreed on a more bloated version of the Europe Cup. The Champions League was born and clubs have been satisfied with the outcome. Is it conceivable that clubs would revolt over when a World Cup is played? From a financial point of view, what have clubs to gain by having their domestic and European season disrupted for a World Cup? Nothing. If it is to do with money, then clubs will fight for the best outcome for them.

The Premier League Chief Executive Richard Scudamore has argued that a winter World Cup could disrupt the European football calendar for up to three seasons because of the knock-on effects of having to stop and start a campaign. Will clubs just sit back and accept this? This is highly unlikely and Blatter has a battle on his hands. Moreover, Sepp Blatter's Presidential mandate runs until 2015, with the front runner to replace the 77 year old being UEFA's Michel Platini. If the French football legend is serious about taking football's top administrative job then he may well have to appease European clubs over the 2022 issue. Powerful clubs and national organisations will not forget nor forgive should the Qatar World Cup issue go against them.

There is also the issue of sponsorships money and television rights. Recently American TV giant Fox said that they agreed to pay \$1 billion for the rights to screen the World Cup in the summers of 2018 and 2022, not in winter. It is therefore pretty inconceivable that they, and others media outlets will accept a switch and certainly at that price.

The contract for staging the event will also have to be looked at. Did Qatar win a bid to host a summer event that is now being accepted cannot be hosted in the summer? The Australian Football Association has already looked into the possibility of suing FIFA to compensate on the millions of pounds it spent on bidding for what they thought was a summer tournament.

There are interesting times ahead and even though nine years seems a long way away, decisions have to be taken now.



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••• OLYMPIAKOS LOSE CHAMPIONS LEAGUE OPENER: Paris St Germain kicked off their UEFA Champions League campaign with a 4-1 victory away to Olympiakos as Thiago Motta netted twice. Edinson Cavani's first-half opener for PSG was quickly cancelled out by Vladimir Weiss, but the French side proved far too strong in the second half as Motta bagged a brace and Marquinhos completed the scoring ••• UNITED WIN 4-2: Wayne Rooney reached the landmark of 200 goals for Manchester United as manager David Moyes made a winning start to his first Champions League campaign beating Bayer Leverkusen 4-2 ••• CITY WIN: Manchester City got their campaign off to a confident start as they beat Czech side Viktoria Plzen with goals from Edin Dzeko, Yaya Toure and Sergio Aguero ••• MADRID HIT SIX: Cristiano Ronaldo hit a hat trick as Real Madrid beat Galatasaray 6-1 in their Champions League Group B clash.

Nioplias resigns as future looks bleak for Cyprus national team

After another defeat for the Cyprus national team last Tuesday, Nikos Nioplias resigned as coach of the national team following what he described as "friendly discussions" with the national association.

The 2-0 defeat to Slovenia followed defeat against Norway the previous Friday which leaves Cyprus rooted to the bottom of World Cup qualification Group E with only four points from eight games.

The 48-year-old former Panathinaikos and Greece Under-21 boss tendered his resignation and his frustration was evident after the match against Slovenia.

"We did not start the match well, but we managed to raise the level of our performance after the first thirty minutes or so. In the second half, we were much better overall," said Nioplias.

"We started creating goal-scoring opportunities and if we had managed to convert one of them, maybe the outcome would have been different. I want to congratulate Slovenia on their display, but again I have an impression that the final score does not reflect the proper image of the match itself," he added.

This was third consecutive defeat for



Cyprus in the qualifiers and the fourth straight match in which they failed to score. The Cypriots recorded their only Group E win last September against Iceland at home, when it was 1-0.

"The fact is that since 2008 Cypriot football is constantly improving and who knows where it will end up in the next few years. However, we won only one match throughout this qualifying campaign and I am really not very optimistic about the future of football in the country. This is my view," said Nioplias.

"We have some great players playing for the national team, but not many. We all understand that Cypriot club sides, especially the ones that play in European competitions, do not use many local players. My hopes were that due to the economic problems this would change, but in reality things went from bad to worse. The only thing we can do is to use all resources to fight against a trend such as this," the Greek coach concluded.

For Cyprus' two remaining Group E matches, technical director Michalis Hadjipieris and assistant coach Charalambos Pittas will take temporary charge against Iceland and Albania next month. Only after these two matches are played will the CFA begin their search for their 25th manager since 1960.

Nioplias replaced compatriot Angelos Anastasiades in 2011 but failed to reverse the Cyprus' poor run of results on the international stage.

Cyprus currently lie 123rd in the FIFA rankings, far away from their best placing of 43 in 2010 but close to their worst ranking ever, 135th.

ON THE TEE with Peter Santamas

MASTER DINO CAPSALIS WINS - 2ND MAJOR WIN

Dino Capsalis played fantastic golf, scoring 37 points and thus winning the Masters Cup by 3 points from Tony Philippou. This was Dino's second major win of the year; he also won the Foundation Trophy in April. Dino has improved a lot since his first win. He is confident and very relaxed so much so that a week before the Masters Cup was played he volunteered a cut to his handicap from 24 to 20. Dino has to be applauded for his actions and serve as an example to others.

The Masters Cup was played last Wednesday 11th September at Canons Brook Golf Club, Har-

low Essex. Taking part in the masters were 48 members of the Cypriot Golf Society. This event was sponsored by Lanes New Homes. Congratulations to Dino Capsalis for an excellent win.

Everyone arrived by 11.00am and after breakfast the captain Andrew Savva and his team teed off first. The golf course was in fantastic condition, a good test of golf for all abilities and very enjoyable. Everyone was very impressed. The Captains Charity sweepstakes raised £330.00.

After the meal and speeches the Captain Andrew Savva and Alex Ward from Lanes New Homes



The winner Dino Capsalis with the Captain Andrew Savva (left) and Alex Ward from the sponsors

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The Cypriot Golf Society team that won the Challenge match versus the Afro Caribbean Golf Association team.

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For more information about the Cypriot Golf Society, the competitions, membership or the free golf lessons contact Peter Sardamas on 020 8365 8505 or by email: info@cypriogolfsociety.com or log on to the website: www.cypriogolfsociety.com



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ΛΕΓΚΑΡΝΤ: «Αξιέπαινη η πρόοδος της Κύπρου»

Για αξιέπαινη πρόοδο στην Κύπρο μίλησε η Διευθύντρια του Διεθνούς Νομισματικού Ταμείου, Κριστίν Λαγκάρντ, μετά τη συνεδρίαση του Διοικητικού Συμβουλίου του ΔΝΤ, κατά την οποία εγκρίθηκε η εκταμίευση 84,7 εκατ. ευρώ.

Οι κυπριακές Αρχές έχουν σημειώσει αξιέπαινη πρόοδο στην εφαρμογή των βραχυπρόθεσμων πολιτικών σταθεροποίησης, δήλωσε η Καρακόρντ και ζήτησε περαιτέρω βήματα για την ανάκαμψη της οικονομικής σταθερότητας, καθώς και για τη βιωσιμότητα των δημόσιων οικονομικών για τη στήριξη της μακροπρόθεσμης ανάπτυξης.

Σύμφωνα με την επικεφαλής του ΔΝΤ, πρωταρχοποίηθηκαν σημαντικές δράσεις πολιτικής για την προώθηση της στρατηγικής στον τραπεζικό τομέα, με την ανακεφαλαιοποίηση των δύο μεγαλύτερων τραπεζών, χωρίς την υποστήριξη του δημοσίου και για την έξοδο από το καθεστώς εκκαθάρισης του συγχωνευμένου ιδρύματος.

Παράλληλα, η κα. Λαγκάρντ επεσήμανε



ότι γίνονται βήματα για την ανακεφαλαιοποίηση και την αναδιάρθρωση των άλλων φερέγγων τραπεζών και του συνεργατικού πιστωτικού τομέα.

Η Κύπρος, είπε, βρίσκεται σε καλό δρόμο για την επίτευξη των δημοσιονομικών της στόχων για το 2013, χάρη στη σημαντική εξυ-

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γίανση, που βρίσκεται σε εξέλιξη και τη συνετή εκτέλεση του προϋπολογισμού.

Η μεταρρύθμιση στη διοίκηση των φορολογικών εσόδων έχει σαν στόχο την προστασία των εσόδων και την ενίσχυση της αποτελεσματικότητας των εισπράξεων, ενώ η παράλληλη αναδιάρθρωση του συστήματος προνοίας θα βοηθήσει στο μετριασμό των επιπτώσεων της κρίσης στις ευάλωτες κοινωνικές ομάδες, ανέφερε.

Κατολήγοντας, σημείωσε ότι υπάρχουν ακόμη σημαντικοί κίνδυνοι για το πρόγραμμα, γεγονός που δεν επιτρέπει ολισθήσεις στην εφαρμογή του.

Η συνεχής ανάληψη ευθύνης, καθώς και η σταθερή εφαρμογή πολιτικών, είναι ζωτικής σημασίας, υπέδειξε, για την επιτυχία του προγράμματος.

Νέος Δημοτικός Σύμβουλος των Συντηρητικών ο ομογενής Πήτερ Πέπιος (East Midlands)

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κοινοτικά θέματα, που αναγνωρίστηκε από τους συμπολίτες του.

Η κωμόπολη Breaston (απέχει 135 μίλια από το Λονδίνο) έχει περίπου 6.000 πληθυσμό. Καμία άλλη οικογένεια συμπατρωτών μας (Κυπρίων ή Ελλαδίτων) δεν κατοικεί στην περιοχή αυτή.

Ο Πήτερος είναι παντρεμένος και έχει τέσσερα παιδιά. Στην Αγγλία

μετανάστευσε το 1975 με την οικογένειά του.

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Στο Breaston διαμένει τα τελευταία 28 χρόνια και διευθύνει οικογενειακή επιχείρηση σε στίσιαση.

Το 1988 επέστρεψε στην Κύπρο ειδικά για να υπηρετήσει τη στρα-



πιατική του θητεία και γύρισε αμέσως μετά στην Αγγλία.

Η «Ε» συγχαίρει τον Πήτερ για την εκλογή του και τού εύχεται κάθε επιτυχία.

Αγιασμός στο Ελληνικό Σχολείο Φίνσλεϋ από τον Μητροπολίτη Πάφου

Αγιασμός τελέσθηκε το περασμένο Σάββατο στο Ανεξάρτητο Ελληνικό Σχολείο Φίνσλεϋ Βορείου Λονδίνου από τον Πανιερώτατο Μητροπολίτη Πάφου Γεώργιο.
Παρέστησαν, επίσης, η προϊσταμένη της ΚΕΑ, Μαρία Παπαλούκα, η Σύμβουλος Εκπαίδευσης της Ελλάδας, Βαρβάρα Καμπουρίδη και πολλοί γονείς.

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