



Twining of Massari Cyprus and Masari Rhode

In January 16-22, 2009 a delegation from Masari Rhode constituted from the Chair of the Community Council of Masari Mr Christo Nikita, Municipal



Council member of Archangelos Municipality and chair of "Kammyri" association Mr Panayiotis Mastrosavvaki, the representatives of the Ecclesiastical Committee and citizens of Masari villagers numbered to 38. All participated in a series of events organized by the Community Council of Massari village in Cyprus and the Massari Athletic Union in the frame of promoting the processes of twining the two homonym communities.

The group from Rhode was warmly welcomed by a representation team on Friday January 16th.

They participated as officials on Saturday afternoon at the church service offered at St Antonio Chapel in Peristerona and were offered breakfast by the ecclesiastical committee of Peristerona village. They were taken to the Katzilos area where they could view the occupied village of Massari and were given a tour to old part of Nicosia.

On Sunday January 18th, they participated to the Official Annual Get together, offered at Karapateas

Restaurant in Kokkinotrimithia. The event honoured with their presence the Bishop of Morfou



Metropolis, the Minister of Internal Affairs, the Mayor of Morfou, representatives of the Sub-prefect Nicosia office, the Chair of the Nicosia Occupied Communities, Chairs of the Community Councils of other villages in the region as well as a great number of friends, relatives and people from the occupied community Massari.

The event addressed the Bishop of Morfou Metropolis Neophytos, the Minister of Internal Affairs Mr Neoclis Sylikiotis, the Chair of the Community Council of Massari Dr Eleftherios Antoniou, the Mayor of Morfou Mr Charalambos Pittas, the Chair of the Chair of the Community Council of Masari Rhode Mr Christos Nikitas. and the Municipal representative Mr Panayiotis Mastrosavvakis.

The two Chairs of the Community Councils, signed the "Protocol of Collaboration" referring to the befalling twining between the two Communities.



*The Protocol that was signed referred to:
 Today, January 18th, 2009, in Nicosia Cyprus, the two parties represented by the Chair of the Community Council of Cyprus on one part and the Chair of the Community Council of Masari Rhode on the other part, they sign this official statement for the befalling Twinning of the two parts as testimony for their collaboration in all sectors, cultivating mutual friendship and trust and developing relations in common contributions with each expedient means in the achievement of common objectives for cultural, educational, athletic issues and as for the growth of common community activities.
 The event ended with exchange of commemorative gifts, local poetry and Cypriot traditional dances from the group of PASYDY.*



On Monday January 19th, a tour was organized of the delegates with a bus to Limassol and Paphos areas which included the ancient Kolossi, and Kourium, Stone of Romios, Dionysus Mansion, Paphos Port. The Holy Metropolis of St Neophytos offered them dinner.

On Tuesday January 20th, they visited the Holy temple of Kykkos, and were toured around the area and the Museum, they went to Troodos square the nearby villages. They Kykkos





Monasteri offered them lunch..

On Wednesday January 21st, they were toured to Ayia Napa area and Larnaca, they visited Derynia village, the Venetian Monasteri and the Church of St Lazaros, as well as the tourist area of Finikoudes and Makenzy.

On Thursday evening, a farewell dinner was given at Holiday Inn. Participants had the chance to talk, exchange information, and details of communication and discussed on the ways to finalized the procedures of twining of the two Communities

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