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Larnaca Narek Kindergarten Gets New Playground Equipment



As part of its efforts to support the Narek schools and kindergartens in Cyprus, the Kalaydjian Foundation has donated new playground equipment for use in the schoolyard of the Narek in Larnaca. The equipment was purchased from the world-famous Swedish company HAGS Aneby AB and was installed by their local distributor EL.NI.A. Kokkinos Ltd.

The playground equipment is designed for use by 2-6 year olds and features multiple play functions while meeting stringent safety standards, including special surface tiles for the ground.

The equipment was installed in October 2009 and was greeted with jubilation by both the children and their parents.

The Kalaydjian Foundation's "Support For Education" Programme

The Kalaydjian Foundation's "Support for Education" Programme, whose aim is to provide targeted support for education in today's difficult economic climate, met with a resounding success in 2009, with a significant number of Armenian Cypriot children receiving financial assistance for their secondary education.

The assistance, €400 per student, was granted to all eligible applicants irrespective of their family's income level.

The Kalaydjian Foundation calls on all families that would be interested in receiving this grant to submit an application to Mr. Hagop Kasparian by the 30th of September at the latest. Mr. Kasparian can be contacted on 22-429306.

The programme was first announced by the Kalaydjian Foundation in early 2009 and involved the provision of grants to all Armenian Cypriot students who are graduates of Narek elementary schools and are currently enrolled in private secondary schools on the island.

The Kalaydjian Foundation's "Support for Education" programme is in memory of Bedros and Aram Kalaydjian, the two brothers who founded the Foundation in 1984.

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AUA Application Process For Armenian Cypriot Students Now Open



In 2009 the Kalaydjian Foundation announced the start of its new scholarship programme to provide free post-graduate education to gifted Armenian Cypriot students. The primary aim of this programme is to allow talented students, who would otherwise not have the chance to continue their education, the opportunity to receive a Master's degree and therefore enhance significantly their career prospects. To that end, the Kalaydjian Foundation signed a collaboration agreement with the American University of Armenia (AUA) in Yerevan whereby scholarship students would be able to study for a post-graduate degree for free.

The American University of Armenia is a US-accredited educational institution affiliated with the University of California and is located in Yerevan. AUA's academic programme provides English-language graduate education in Business and Management (MBA), Industrial Engineering, Information and Communication Technologies, Political

Science, Health Sciences and Law.

Since its inception in 1991, it has provided advanced education to around 2,000 Armenians from all over the world. A major advantage is the fact that enrolled students from the diaspora live in the safe and beautiful city of Yerevan and make vital contacts and life-long friendships in their ancestral homeland.

The Kalaydjian Foundation currently provides a scholarship to any Armenian Cypriot student whose application is accepted by the AUA. The Foundation's scholarship covers the entire cost of tuition over two years.

The AUA's recruitment for the academic year 2010-2011 ends on the 5th of April 2010. Interested parties should contact the Kalaydjian Foundation at r.kalaydjian@cytanet.com.cy or contact Mr. Hagop Kasparian on 99233453 in order to receive an application form and information relating to the scholarship.

The Kalaydjian Foundation Joins The Pharos Circle

Last autumn the Kalaydjian Foundation joined the Circle of the Pharos Arts Foundation, thus signalling its staunch support for the latter's highly-regarded activities. The Pharos Arts Foundation is a non-profit cultural and educational foundation dedicated to promoting the arts and humanities in Cyprus by bringing artists, writers, musicians, composers and philosophers together for creative expression and exchange. Every year the foundation organises several cultural and musical events, in particular the Concert and Recital Series, for which it has established a worldwide reputation. In Cyprus, the Pharos Arts Foundation is regarded as one of the premier organisers of quality classical music concerts through the International Pharos Chamber Music Festival.

The Kalaydjian Foundation and the Pharos Arts Foundation aim to cooperate in certain spheres with the aim of bringing leading musicians and artists from Armenia to perform in Cyprus.

The Committee Members Today

The Management Committee of the Kalaydjian Foundation at present comprises six members: Roupen Kalaydjian, Dikran Kalaydjian (Chairman), Levon Arakelian (Vice-Chairman), Gregory Kupelian (Secretary), David Shahabian and Stephan Haroutunian. Roupen and Dikran Kalaydjian are the rotating Chairmen. The tenure of each member is four years.

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The Kalaydjian Foundation gratefully acknowledges the support it receives from various donors and donor organisations and hereby expresses its sincere gratitude to all those who believe in its work and who have assisted it in its charitable mission.

Donations to the Foundation can be made through its website (www.kalaydjianfoundation.org)

The Kalaydjian Foundation is registered in the Republic of Cyprus as a philanthropic organisation (Registration No. 41) and as such all donations to it are tax-deductible.

The Founders of the Kalaydjian Foundation



Bedros Kalaydjian
1934 - 2005



Aram Kalaydjian
1936 - 1995

The Kalaydjian Rest Home for the Elderly

The Kalaydjian Rest Home in Acropolis, Nicosia, currently hosts a total of 28 residents. It is run by a 12-member staff team which includes administrators, nurses, cleaners and cooks. The overall operation of the Rest Home comes under the supervision of a Manager (Mr. Hagop Kasparian) and an Administrator (Mrs. Elena Symeou), both of whom report directly to the Foundation's Management Committee. The Home also has a qualified physician, Dr. Vahakn Atamian, who regularly provides health checks and prescriptions and who is on permanent stand-by.

The primary aim of the Rest Home is to provide a clean and safe environment for its residents and to give them dignified care and treatment. In addition, the management team does its utmost to organize various events in order to provide entertainment and relaxation for the residents. These include classical music concerts and the distribution of fresh reading material.



The Cyprus Symphony Orchestra performing at the Rest Home

Of major importance is addressing the spiritual needs of the Home's residents. To that end, monthly services are conducted in the Home's chapel "Sourp Amenaprkich" by the Nicosia parish priest, Der Momik. This allows the residents to participate in the services and talk to the local priest about spiritual and other matters.

The Kalaydjian Rest Home also receives many visitors throughout the year. Visits are made by foreign dignitaries, politicians and journalists.

The Kalaydjian Rest Home for the Elderly is located at 28 Korinthou Street in Strovolos. Tel: 22-429306.



Christmas service at the Sourp Amenaprkich Chapel, conducted by Archbishop Varoujan and Der Momik

The Grand Benefactors

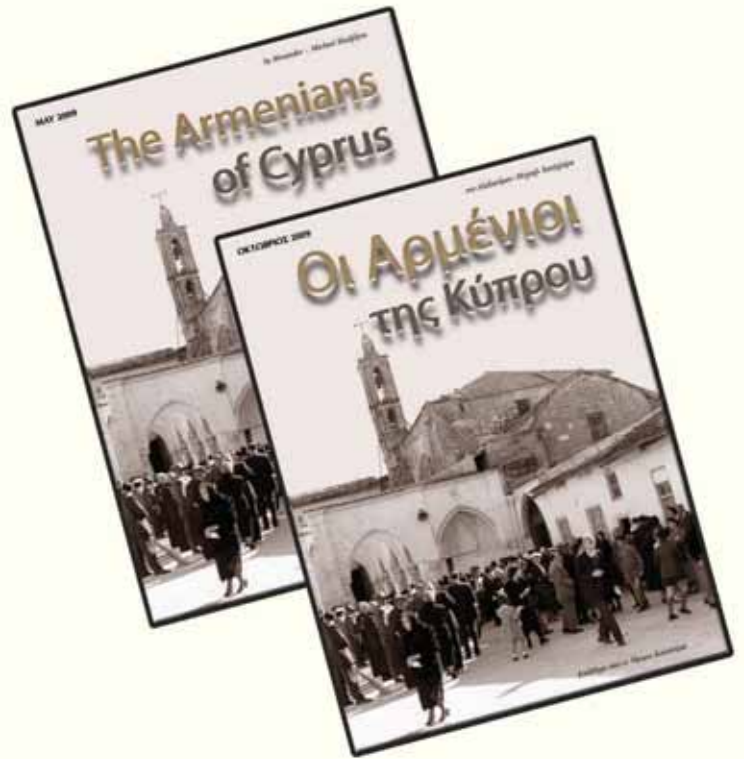
The Kalaydjian Foundation's Grand Benefactors are Arousiak and Alice Rafaelian and Arto Matossian.



Presentation of Book “The Armenians of Cyprus”

On the 7th of December 2009, the Kalaydjian Foundation organised a presentation of the book “The Armenians of Cyprus”, authored by research-scholar Alexandrer-Michael Hadjilyra. The presentation took place in the “Vahram Utudjian” Hall of the Armenian Prelature in Nicosia and was under the patronage of His Eminence the Archbishop of the Armenian community of Cyprus and under the auspices of the Mayor of Strovolos.

The event was first addressed by the Chairman of the Kalaydjian Foundation and then by Mayor Savvas Eliophotou, followed by the book’s author, who made an in-depth presentation of the research he conducted in order to be able to write such a comprehensive chronicle of the Armenian community of the island. Hadjilyra’s research was conducted over many years and was guided by his deep respect for Armenian culture and the profound contributions made by the Armenian community to the development of Cyprus. The scholar also unearthed many interesting facts about the community’s history that were unknown to the majority of Armenians in Cyprus, and his discovery of old photographs depicting the community’s life during the first half of the 20th century was particularly appreciated by the audience.



The Kalaydjian Foundation first published “The Armenians of Cyprus” in May 2009 in English, and later sponsored its translation into Greek. The Greek version was released in October. The Foundation’s main purpose in publishing these two editions was to ensure that every Armenian Cypriot family would have in its collection a copy of the book about its history and current role in Cypriot society. To that end, the English edition was sent free of charge to every Armenian Cypriot household, as well as to various Armenian organisations in the country. Additionally, it was the Foundation’s desire to project this wealth of information to non-Armenians as well, and in particular to important political and civic leaders on the island. The book was therefore sent to all the Ministers, Ambassadors and Honorary Consuls in Cyprus, as well as to Members of Parliament and to President Christofias himself. Similarly, copies were sent to various organisations abroad, in such countries as the United Kingdom, Lebanon, Syria, Greece and Armenia.

At the end of the presentation, Archbishop Hergelian praised both the Foundation and the book’s author for their joint endeavour and blessed the book in a ceremony called “kinetson”.



The book’s author addressing the audience

Armenian Genocide Memorial in Larnaca Now Lit Up

The Armenian Genocide Memorial that was unveiled in May 2008 by President Christofias has now been illuminated in a project that was sponsored by the Kalaydjian Foundation. As a result, the monument itself, as well as the tree-lined seating area around it, will henceforth be fully lit, allowing the Memorial’s grandeur to be appreciated by evening passersby.

In early 2008 the Kalaydjian Foundation also funded the creation of the square in front of the Memorial.