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IDENTIFICATIONS: New identifications were completed recently, from the exhumations of the Tziasos well. The 14 missing now confirmed dead are: Georgios Papageorgiou and Andreas Stavradi from Voni, Nicos Agapiou and Theofylactos Kyriakides from Lythrodontas, Andreas Apostolou from Livadhia, Georgios Michael from Larnaca, Haritos Haritou from Politiko, Andreas Vyras from Kythrea, Georgios Charalambous from Nicosia, Andreas Constantinou from Tseri, Demetrios Panayi from Alaminos, Andreas Kymisi from Kythrea, Antonis Aspri from Latsia and Christakis Nikodemou from Ay. Georgios Kyrenias. From our records the above identified do not appear to have close relatives in the UK.

EUROPEAN COMMISSION PRESIDENT: "Turkey is obliged to contribute immediately to clarify the fate of missing persons." The European Commission President, José Manuel Barroso, in his reply (3/11/2009) to a letter from Cypriot MEP Dr Eleni Theocharous stresses that "Turkey has an obligation to ensure the effective investigation to clarify the fate of missing Greek Cypriots, who have disappeared under conditions of threats to their lives." In her letter, Dr. Theocharous raises the broader issue of missing persons and the obligations of Turkey to help solve such a humanitarian issue, to the opening up of military files.

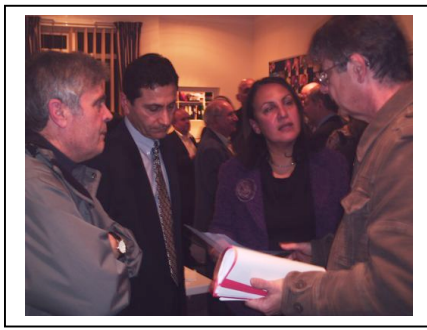
NEW YEAR'S CAKE CUTTING: This will take place on Sunday 17th January at St Barnabas Church Hall after the service at St Mary's. Prayers will be said for the ascertaining of the fate of our Missing and a memorial service for those identified. All members and friends will be welcome. The Cyprus Consul General Mr Evangelos Savva will also attend and give a short talk.

GENERAL MEETING: At our last Committee meeting it was decided that our Organisation's General meeting will be held on Sunday 14th March 2010 from 4.00pm at the Cypriot Community Centre, Earlham Grove, Wood Green, N22. All members are invited to attend and hear the latest on our Missing as well as express their views on future activities of ORMC(UK). Light snacks and soft drinks will be available. New members of the Organisation are always welcome, but to have the right to vote, and voted in the Committee, they need to have completed their enrolment at least 2 weeks before the General Meeting. Any member wishing to put his/her name forward for election to the Committee must inform the Office at least 1 week before the General Meeting.



MEETING WITH MEP: UK Euro MP Marina Yannakoudakis has made the issue of our Missing as her "personal project". This she told our representatives that visited her (photo left) on 23rd Sept 09. Our President expressed the thanks of ORMC to Marina. The MEP will take the issue up and together with other MEPs, do her utmost to get Turkey to give all the information it has on our Missing.

FIRST PRESS CONFERENCE: Euro MP Marina Yannakoudakis speaking at a press conference, on Friday 6th Nov. in Finchley, North London, she explained: 'I have taken on the Missing Persons' cause as it is a humanitarian issue which needs support and for which time is running out. MPs Theresa Villiers and David Burrows, prospective parliamentary candidates, local councillors, members of ORMC(UK) and other people were present at the press conference. After an introductory talk by Marina our President gave a short talk and familiarised those present on the issue of our Missing. Our representatives took the opportunity to speak to the MPs and others on a one to one basis.



L-R: MP Theresa Villiers listening to Niki Loizou. Marina Yannakoudakis in conversation with Tony, Minas and Kyriacos. MP David Burrows talking to Neoklis and Kyriacos.

We wish all our members, friends and supporters a Happy