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We wish everybody a Merry Christmas and a Happier New Year!

IDENTIFICATIONS: The following identifications were announced:- Chrystallous Apostolou from **Exo Metohi**, Georgiou Georgalla from **Paralimni**, Antoni Antoniou, Adamou Chrysanthou from **Vitsada**, Yianni Sakka, Nikou Nicolaou from **Marathovounos**, Savva, Stavrou, Loizou, Andrea and Georgiou Poirazi from **Strongylos**, Yianni Petride from **N. Chorio Kythreas**, Christaki Papaioannou from **Kambia**, Georgiou Mithillou from **Mia Milia**, Gregoriou Nicolaou from **Vatyli**, Nicolaou Kkaila from **Kokkinotrimithia**, Panayioti Panayiotou from **Alona**, Panayioti Hadjipanayiotou from **Polystipo**, Kyriacou Christofi from **Agros**.

NEW YEAR'S CAKE CUTTING: Our usual New Year's cake cutting will take place on Sunday 15th January 2017 at St. Barnabas Church Hall, after the liturgy at St. Mary's Church nearby.

A memorial service will be held for those identified and buried and prayers will be said for those still missing.

All our members, friends and supporters are welcome.

Tea, coffee and crudities will be available.



GOOD NEWS FROM THE CMP: At last, after so many years of trying to ask Turkey to open its archives to the CMP, its three members have agreed to ask Turkey to do so! We suppose it is better late than never! Letters are to be sent to the Turkish military requesting that it carries out an in-depth research into its archives and provide the CMP with any relevant information. The CMP will also look into the archives of other organisations that were active on the island during the two periods of conflict and government bodies which had military contingents as part of the U. N. Peace keeping forces. We hope and pray that some new evidence will arise from the above actions although we are very concerned as to when will Turkey abide by this request and whether it will also indicate the new burial sites that remains were moved to from their original mass graves. We hope we are wrong but we doubt as to whether Turkey will actually give the necessary information!

MEETING WITH MR PHOTIOU (Presidential Commissioner):

During his visit to London Mr Photiou met with representatives from our Committee and discussed ways of co-operation between ORMC (UK) with his Office. Ideas were also exchanged on ways for furthering the overall campaign for the Missing and of gathering information about their fate and whereabouts as well on information on possible burial sites. Our delegation suggested that a co-ordinated campaign is likely to yield better results.

DECISIONS OF THE COMMITTEE OF MINISTERS (COM) OF THE COUNCIL OF EUROPE- Strasbourg Dec 8 2016:

The Deputies:

- took note with interest the setting-up of an archive committee, established by the Turkish side, with the mandate to examine the relevant archives for the information requested by the CMP on the burial sites and the location of remains;
- called upon the Turkish authorities to provide the CMP with all necessary assistance to continue to achieve tangible results as quickly as possible;
- took note of the information presented by the Turkish authorities on the progress made in the investigations by the Missing Persons Unit; reiterated their call upon the Turkish authorities to ensure the effectiveness of all these investigations and to transmit to the Committee information on the conclusion given in the final reports in the investigations finalised so far;
- insisted once again on the unconditional obligation to pay the just satisfaction awarded by the European Court of Human Rights.

Note: Prior to the COM meeting, a delegation from the Committees of Relatives in Cyprus, Greece and the UK, visited Strasbourg and met with a number of COM members,

DONATIONS: Y.Kashimeri £100, MANY THANKS INDEED.