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*To all our members,
friends and supporters
we wish you a very
Merry Christmas and
a Happy and Healthy
New Year!*

Over Two Thousand people went missing in Cyprus during the inter-communal fighting of 1963-64 and the Turkish invasion of 1974. **The efforts for a solution** have brought in the United Nations, the Council of Europe, the European Union, and the European Court of Human Rights to resolve the problem. However, the problem is still very far from being concluded. **Today 200 Turkish Cypriots and 775 Greek Cypriots are still missing.** We will continue to inform, lobby and search for information, as we have done for nearly 40 years. **We would be grateful of any support** to our campaign to find new evidence or put pressure on those who can provide it, so more of our missing can be found.

IDENTIFICATIONS: No new identifications were announced.

NEW YEAR'S CAKE CUTTING: After three years we are hopefully now able to welcome the New Year in with the traditional cake cutting! This will take place on Sunday 15th January 2023 at St. John's Church Hall, Wightman Road, after the liturgy, where a memorial service will be conducted for those identified and buried and prayers will be said for those still missing. We expect the cake cutting ceremony to start at around 12.30. Looking forward to seeing you there!



NEPOMAK are erecting and decorating a Christmas Tree in commemoration of the Missing Persons of Cyprus as they did last year: The event will take place at the **Greek Cypriot Brotherhood on Britannia Road, N12 9RU** on **Sunday 4th December 2022 between 12pm and 1pm.** They wish to see relatives and friends of the Missing attending the event.

DAY OF THE MISSING OF CYPRUS: On 29 October, Cypriots globally mark Missing Persons Day, as it was on this day in 1974, that the last prisoners of war were released by the Turkish army after its illegal invasion and ongoing occupation of Cyprus began. Missing Persons Day is a reminder of the tragic fate of the 975 Greek Cypriots & 200 Turkish Cypriots whose fate still remains unknown, and the heartache and anguish suffered by their families, across both communities of Cyprus.

We urge anyone that might have information about any of the missing to get in touch with our Organisation (details above)

ORMC(UK) PRESIDENT'S CYPRUS MEETINGS: During his stay in Cyprus he attended the ceremony at the Tymvos shrine in Nicosia, commemorating the "Day of the Missing" which followed by the unveiling of the plaques with the names of the Missing at the statue of the Mother of the Missing, by the Speaker of the House of Representatives Mrs. Annita Dimitriou. He laid a wreath on behalf of ORMC (UK). Afterwards they all went to the parliament where all the MPs gave their wholehearted support to the issue of the Missing. He also attended the General Meeting of our sister organisation in Nicosia on 5th November and addressed the meeting.



DONATIONS: Yiannis Kashimeri £120, Louis.Loizou £100 **Thank you for your kindness and generosity.**

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