



THE HELLENIC CENTRE



Archbishop Makarios III - 100 Years from his Birth

Wednesday 13 November 2013, 6.30p.m.

Archbishop Makarios III biography

Archbishop Makarios was born Michalis Christodoulou Mouskos on 13 August 1913. In 1926 he entered Kykko Monastery as a novice. When 20 years old he was sent to the Pancyprrian Gymnasium and then to Athens University where he studied Theology and Law. He continued his studies at Boston University on a World Council of Churches scholarship until, in 1948, he was elected Metropolitan of Kition and returned to Cyprus.

On 19 September 1950 he was elected Archbishop of Cyprus and hence de facto Ethnarch. He led the political struggle for self determination and *enosis*. Following the launch of the EOKA campaign in 1955 he was exiled to the Seychelles in 1956. He was released a year later and continued the struggle from Athens until, in early 1959, Greece, Turkey and Britain reached agreement for the independence of Cyprus, which Makarios reluctantly accepted. On 1 March 1959 he returned to Cyprus and on 13 December he was elected President, taking office on 16 August 1960. His lukewarm policy towards the West was seen in Washington as tending towards communism and he was vilified as the “Castro of the Mediterranean”.

In November 1963 he proposed 13 amendments to the Constitution designed to free the state from the ethnic restrictions agreed in London and Zurich and to bring the two communities closer together. Suspicion as to his motives led to the withdrawal of most Turkish Cypriots from government and from ethnically mixed areas into towns and villages which they could control. The inter-communal violence that followed led to the deployment of a UN peacekeeping force which cemented the division of the two communities.

The coup d'état in Greece in 1967 exacerbated the situation with General Grivas returning to the island to overthrow Makarios. A number of unsuccessful attempts were made to assassinate him culminating in a military coup d'état in July 1974. Although Makarios escaped and the coup collapsed, it triggered the invasion by Turkey culminating in the occupation of one third of the island. On his return to the island, despite concentrating all his efforts on restoring the territorial integrity of the Republic, he was unsuccessful.

From the outset he paid great attention to his ecclesiastical duties as Archbishop, including missionary work. Following his official visit to Kenya he returned there in March 1971 to baptise hundreds of people, and lay the foundation stone of a Seminary.

His prudent economic and social policies drew international praise and were cited as an example to other newly independent nations.

He died from a heart attack on 3 August 1977. He is buried at Kykko Monastery, his spiritual home, overlooking Panayia, the place of his birth.

Programme for the evening

Coordinator: Mr Costas Kleanthous,
Chairman of the Hellenic Community Trust

Welcome address by Mrs Agatha Kalisperas, Director of the Hellenic Centre

6.45pm The Most Reverend Metropolitan Georgios of Paphos:
Makarios as a Church Leader

7.15pm Dr Klearchos A Kyriakides:
*Archbishop Makarios and the British during the 1950s:
A mismatch?*

7.45pm Dr Diana Markides:
An Ethnarch in Transition: Makarios 1959—1960

8.15pm Interval / Refreshments

8.30pm Mr Michalis Colocassides:
Makarios' Economic and Social Policy: An Overview

9pm Professor Van Coufoudakis:
*Makarios and the Superpowers:
The Critical Power of the 60s*

9.30pm Panel / Questions

9.50pm Reception

* Before and after the lecture and during the interval, there will be a projection of photographs from the Art Gallery of Archbishop Makarios III Foundation in Nicosia.

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The Most Reverend Georgios, Metropolitan of Paphos, was born on 25 May 1949 in Athienou Village, Larnaca. In 1967 he graduated from the Pancyprian Gymnasium and he studied Chemistry at The University of Athens with a scholarship from the Cyprus Scholarship State Foundation (1968-1972). During the years of 1976-1980 he studied Theology at the University of Athens and continued his post-graduate studies in Chemistry and Theology in England. On 23 December 1984 he was ordained Deacon by His Grace Bishop of Salamina, Varnavas, and on 17 March 1985 he was ordained Presbyter and Archimandrite by Archbishop Chrysostomos I. In 1994 he served as Secretary of the Holy Synod. In conjunction with the above, he worked as a Chemistry teacher in secondary education. In 1993 he was promoted to Assistant Headmaster. On 24 April 1996 he was elected Grace Bishop of Arsinoi by the Holy Synod and he was ordained Bishop on 26 May 1996. On 29 December 2006 he was unanimously elected Metropolitan of Paphos. He represents the Church of Cyprus in the Pan-Orthodox Conferences and the dialogue with the Roman Catholic Church. He is also the President of the Bioethics and Education Committees of the Holy Synod.

Michael Colocassides was born in Nicosia on 9 September 1933. He studied Economics at the London School of Economics and Political Science and was awarded the degree of B.Sc.(Econ.) of the University of London. From 1955 until 1970, Executive Director of the family firm of S & G Colocassides Ltd. From 1963 to 1970, he served as Director of the Cyprus Development Bank, the last two as Chairman. In 1970 appointed first Chairman of the newly created Cyprus Tourism Organisation, a post he held until June 1972. In June 1972, appointed Minister of Commerce and Industry, a post he held until September 1976. He left the Government at the end of that month to become Governor of the Bank of Cyprus, a position he held for three years. From 1981 until 1985 he was Chairman of the Cyprus Employers and Industrialists Federation. Between 2006 and 2011 he served as Secretary General of the Board of the newly created Cyprus Cultural Organization, which has been given the task of building and running a €100million plus Music and Arts Centre in Nicosia. He serves as Chairman or member of the board of a number of private and publicly quoted companies. He is a busy grandfather of seven from two sons and one daughter.

Dr. Van Coufoudakis is Rector Emeritus at the University of Nicosia. He is also Dean Emeritus of the College of Arts and Sciences at Indiana University-Purdue University at Fort Wayne, and holds the rank of Professor Emeritus of Political Science. He served on the Graduate Faculty of Indiana University and as Associate Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs. In September 2012 he was appointed President of the Council of the Hellenic Quality Assurance Agency (ADIP), an independent agency aiming to improve the quality of Greek higher education. He is the author of three books, the editor of four books, and the author of over ninety five journal articles and book chapters published in the United States,

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ninety five journal articles and book chapters published in the United States, Great Britain, Belgium, Canada, Italy, Greece and Cyprus. His research focuses on the politics and foreign policies of Greece, Turkey and Cyprus, as well as post-World War II U.S. foreign and defense policy with particular emphasis on Southeastern Europe, the Eastern Mediterranean and the Middle East. He has lectured in major universities in the U.S., Great Britain, and Greece, and institutions such as the Foreign Service Institute (Washington, D.C.), the NATO Defense College (Rome, Italy), the Canadian Institute for International Peace and Security (Ottawa), and the Istituto Affari Internazionale (Rome, Italy). He holds a Ph.D. degree in Political Science, an M.P.A. degree from the University of Michigan and a B.A. degree from the American University of Beirut.

Dr Klearchos Kyriakides is a senior lecturer at the School of Law of the University of Hertfordshire. In addition, he is *inter alia* a non-practising solicitor, a trustee of the Hellenic Community Trust and an executive committee member of the Society for Modern Greek Studies and the West London Law Society. Klearchos enjoyed a cross-disciplinary education. He holds an LLB Hons (Law & Politics) Degree from the University of Birmingham, MPhil (International Relations) and PhD (History) Degrees from the University of Cambridge and a Postgraduate Diploma in Legal Practice from the University of Westminster. He is the author of a number of articles, chapters and other publications relating to the history and legal problems of Cyprus, as well as other topics. His doctoral research focused on the development of the British military bases in Cyprus during the 1950s and the retention of the sovereign base areas in 1960; hence, his interest in the life and times of Archbishop Makarios. His other research interests relate to the office of Attorney General in HM Government and, no less importantly, the history of the inter-related Greek musical genres known as *rembetika* and *laika*.

Dr Diana Markides is currently teaching at the Department of History and Archaeology of the University of Cyprus. She is also working on a study of 'The Cyprus Tribute – causes and consequences 1877 - 1931'. From 1999 until 2004 she was a Senior research Fellow at the Institute of Commonwealth Studies at the University of London. Her first book, *Cyprus 1957 – 1963: From Colonial Conflict to Constitutional Crisis, The Key Role of the Municipal Issue* was published in 2001 in the series Minnesota Mediterranean and East European Monographs. The book, she co-authored with Robert Holland, *The British and the Hellenes: Struggles for Mastery in the Eastern Mediterranean 1850 – 1960*, (Oxford University Press, 2006) was co-winner of the Runciman Award in 2007. Since then, she has published widely on the modern history of Cyprus and the Eastern Mediterranean, and taken part in many international academic conferences.



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