# PYTHAGORAS GREEK SCHOOL

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### Newsletter

## 'Τα λέμε'

#### **Greece's Wild Fires**

Our thoughts and prayers are with the thousands of people affected by the recent fires of Greece. After destructive wildfires ravaged multiple areas in the Greek region of Attica, people both in Greece and around the world are offering various forms of assistance from financial aid to on-the-ground support. Fundraising initiatives are underway in Melbourne across Greek churches, radio stations and print media and the community is in contact with officials in Greece to find out where money is most needed.

Even though many funding efforts have sprung up, until now we have hesitated in providing guidance towards a specific effort until such time as we could be reasonably certain that the money collected will be used as expected.

We are happy now to share the official bank account that has been set up by the Greek Government:

Bank of Greece Beneficiary : Ministry of Finance BIC / SWIFT : BNGRGRAA IBAN : GR4601000230000002341195169

You can also contact the Greek Archdioceses of Melbourne on (03) 9245 9000 to arrange a donation through them.

#### Back in the Day Reunion - HELLAS fire relief fundraiser @ Chasers Nightclub

All parents and alumni are invited to attend the BACK IN THE DAY REUNION! This is a fundraiser for fire victims in Greece being held at Chasers Nightclub on Friday 31 August. All the Greek Community is invited. Doors open 9:00pm till late. All proceeds will be donated to the fire victims. The night "Back in the day" reunion will bring all the legends together spinning the great tracks of yesteryear. Dj's George Ross, Nick Missailidis, Artie K, Rob M, Jordan Orfanos , Johnny "Yabba





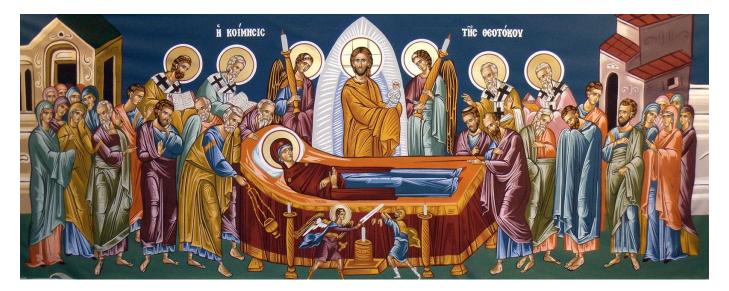


Dabba" Lambros will be spinning the classic Greek and English tracks bringing back some great memories when we were once young & free. When once we rocked Eurogroove Billboards, Bourloto Palace, Mercedes Ritz, Amane Carousel, Amber Lounge, Next Blue, Koo Club Warehouse just to name a few legendary nights. This is for one night only for us 'oldies.' It will be a great time to catch up with some old faces and friends. Remember to do your little thing and help. Everyone is invited. Spread the word!

To purchase tickets go to: <u>https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/back-in-the-day-reunion-hellas-fire-relief-fundraiser-chasers-nightclub-tickets-48640365643</u>

#### The Virgin Mary's Death

The Virgin Mary who mothered and nurtured our Christ is considered the holiest of all our church saints. A traditional story that has been passed down, states that when the Virgin Mary was dying, the apostles were far away spreading the gospel. At the hour of her death, bright white clouds engulfed the apostles and transported them to the bedside of the Virgin Mary. When she saw them for the last time she drew her final breath and then died. The apostles buried her in a tomb in Gethsemene. When they went to the tomb three days later to pray, they found the tomb empty.



The Church commemorates her death every year on the 15th of August and Orthodox Christians prepare and honour her memory by fasting for 15 days.

At Pythagoras Greek School we will be holding our little tradition of lighting the vigil lamp to commemorate the Dormition of the Theotokos at all the campuses and to share our prayers and thoughts to those that suffered in the recent wildfires in Greece.



#### Saint Cosmas the Aetolian

On the 24th of August the Church commemorates the death of Saint Cosmas the Aetolian, who is also the patron saint of schools. Cosmas the Aetolian was a monk who spent his entire life preaching and educating the enslaved, rural populations of Greece during the 1700's. He also helped build hundreds of schools in the areas he visited. On the 24th of August in 1779 he was martyred by the Turks as they hung him on a tree. His message and teachings however had awoken the minds and had touched the hearts of the enslaved Greek people.