

**Signing of the twinning protocol between Larnaca and Vladimir
with the active involvement of the Cyprus Branch of Imperial Orthodox
Palestine Society.**

**Dedicated to the 130th Anniversary
of the Imperial Orthodox Palestine Society**

On May 11th 2012 the delegation from Vladimir, led by the City Mayor Sergey Sakharov, was met at the Larnaca's airport by the representatives of the Larnaca's municipality headed by the Deputy Mayor Petros Christodoulou, the Cyprus Branch of IOPS headed by the chairman of the Branch, member of the European Academy of Natural Sciences L.A. Bulanov and the vice-chairman Andreas Philokyprou, who also represented the Cyprus Tourism Organization.



meeting of the Vladimir delegation at the airport



meeting of the Vladimir delegation at the Larnaca's airport



in the photo: Andreas Philokyprou, vice-chairman of the Cyprus Branch of IOPS (left), Petros Christodoulou, Depury Mayor of Larnaca (in the middle), and Leonid Bulanov, chairman of he Cyprus Branch of IOPS.

In the evening the chairman of the Cyprus Branch of IOPS Leonid Bulanov and the vice-chairman Andreas Philokyprou met with the Vladimir City Mayor Sergey Sakharov, member of the Vladimir City Council Albert Skvortsov and the full-fledged member of the Vladimir Branch of IOPS Valery Kulikov at the ceremonial dinner.

They discussed the protocol of formal events within the twinning of Larnaca (Republic of Cyprus) with Vladimir (Russian Federation) in details.

Next day the municipality of Larnaca organized for Vladimir delegation a sight-seeing tour in Larnaca and suburbs. They've seen central streets, gardens and parks of Larnaca, the famous Finikoudes Palm Tree avenue, St. Lazarus Church, the ancient Church of Panagia Faneromeni, the old Byzantine fort and others.

On May 11th 2012 the twinning protocol between Larnaca (Republic of Cyprus) and Vladimir (Russian Federation) was signed.

At 6 p.m. on that day in St. Lazarus Church in Larnaca took place a prayer service in honor of the Vladimir icon of the Mother of God and St. Lazarus. The service was held by the metropolitan of Citium Chrysostom, priest of the Russian Orthodox Church father Sergiy and the prior of St. Lazarus Church archpriest Spyridon.



the Vladimir City Mayor Sergey Sakharov, the chairman of the Cyprus Branch of IOPS Leonid Bulanov, the vice-chairman of the Cyprus Branch of IOPS Andreas Philokyprou and metropolitan of Citium Chrisostom.



prayer service in St. Lazarus Church in Larnaca



the metropolitan of Citium Chrysostom and the Vladimir City Mayor Sergey Sakharov

There the metropolitan of Citium Chrysostom presented the icon of St. Lazarus to the Vladimir City Mayor Sergey Sakharov and to the chairman of the Cyprus Branch of IOPS Leonid Bulanov. That was a ceremonial prayer service with many citizens and public representatives. The prayer service was held in two languages: Greek and Russian.



the metropolitan of Citium Chrysostom presents the icon of St. Lazarus to the chairman of the Cyprus Branch of IOPS Leonid Bulanov



in the photo: father Sergiy (left), the chairman of the Cyprus branch of IOPS Leonid Bulanov, the Vladimir City Mayor Sergey Sakharov,

the Deputy Mayor of Larnaca Petros Christodoulou, member of the Vladimir City Council Albert Skvortsov



in the photo from left to right: father Sergiy, chairman of the Cyprus Branch of IOPS L.A.Bulanov, the Vladimir City Mayor S.V.Sakharov, the Deputy Mayor of Larnaca Petros Christodoulou, vice-chairman of the Cyprus Branch of IOPS Andeas Philokyprou, member of the Vladimir City council A.A.Skvortsov, the full-fledged member of the Vladimir Branch of IOPS V.A.Kulikov, prior of St. Lazarus Church archpriest Spyridon.



the Mayor S.V.Sakharov and the chairman of the Cyprus Branch of IOPS L.A.Bulanov



in the photo: the full-fledged member of the Vladimir Branch of IOPS V.A. Kulikov (left), secretary of Larnaca's municipality Lefteris, chairman of the Cyprus Branch of IOPS

L.A.Bulanov, the Vladimir City Mayor S.V.Sakharov, metropolitan of Citium Chrysostom, vice-chairman of the Cyprus Branch of IOPS Andreas Philokyprou



in the photo: member of the Vladimir City Council A.Skvortsov, the full-fledged member of the Vladimir Branch of IOPS V.Kulikov (left), chairman of the Cyprus Branch of IOPS L. Bulanov, Secretary of the Larnaca's municipality Lefteris, the Vladimir City Mayor S. Sakharov, the metropolitan of Citium Chrysostom, the Deputy Mayor of Larnaca Petros Christodoulou, vice-chairman of the Cyprus Branch of IOPS A.Philokyprou

At 7 p.m. in the conference hall of the Larnaca's municipality the twinning protocol between Larnaca and Vladimir was signed.



the Deputy Mayor of Larnaca Petros Christodoulou (in the middle), the Vladimir City Mayor S.V. Sakharov (left) and Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Russian Federation in the Republic of Cyprus V. D. Shumsky (right)



conference hall



speech of the Vladimir City Mayor S.V.Sakharov

The representatives of parties and public organizations of Larnaca and Municipal Council delivered speeches.

At the official meeting were present Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Russian Federation in the Republic of Cyprus V.D.Shumsky, metropolitan of Citium Chrysostom, President of Cyprus-Russia friendship society, ex-minister of energy Harris Trassou, ex-mayor of Larnaca Andreas Moiseos, representative of the Federal Agency for Foreign Cooperation (Rossotrudnitchestvo) on Cyprus A.N. Rogalev, who read two official messages of the chief of Rossotrudnitchestvo K.I.Kosatchev and of the President of Association for Cultural and Business Cooperation and Friendship with the peoples of Greece and Cyprus «FILIA» G.L.Muradov; chairman of the Cyprus Branch of IOPS, FILIA presidium member L.A.Bulanov, vice-chairman of the Cyprus Branch of IOPS, FILIA Public Council member Andreas Philokyprou, Rea Kareklas – member of the Cyprus Branch of IOPS, journalist of the «Newsletter of Cyprus» Igor Baltiysky, as well as TV and Cyprus mass media.



representative of Rossotrudnitchestvo on Cyprus A.N.Rogalev

Greeting message from K.I.Kosatchev:

«To the participants of the ceremony of twinning between Vladimir and Larnaca

Honorable colleagues, dear friends!

I heartily greet the participants of the ceremony of twinning between the two ancient cities of Russia and Cyprus – Vladimir and Larnaca, which were the originators of Christianity.

I wish to congratulate you on this important event and hope that the signing of the twinning protocol and the further cooperation bias for the better development of the cross-cultural dialogue and relations between our countries.

Ties of friendship and confidence unite our peoples. Russia and Cyprus build sequentially relations on basis of partnership, conduct a constructive dialogue on burning world and regional political issues.

Today there all the necessary opportunities for sustainable and dynamic development of commercial, economic and humanitarian cooperation between Russia and Cyprus. Substantial contribution to the extension of contacts between our peoples, to promotion of initiatives of small and medium businesses make expanding from year to year interregional ties.

I'm sure that the signing of the twinning protocol between Larnaca and Vladimir will have a significant positive impact on realization of joint projects, make the

bilateral partnership more effective, strengthen friendship and develop mutually beneficial cooperation between our countries.

K.KOSATCHEV»

Greeting message from G.L.Muradov:

«To the Mayor of Larnaca Andreas Παπαδουαμυς

To the Mayor of Vladimir Sakharov Sergey Vladimirovitch

Dear friends!

I noted with satisfaction your decision about establishing of friendly partnership relations between Vladimir and Larnaca!

Let me on behalf of the Board of Association for cultural and business cooperation with the peoples of Greece and Cyprus «FILIA» heartily greet you and citizens of Vladimir and Larnaca on occasion of this important event!

People of your cities, which have the same historic and spiritual significance for their countries, surely will be able to make a contribution to developing and strengthening of friendship, mutual understanding and beneficial cooperation between Russia and Cyprus, spiritual convergence of our peoples.

President of the Association

for Cultural and Business Cooperation

and Friendship with the Peoples of Greece and Cyprus «FILIA»

G. Muradov»



chairman of the Cyprus Branch of IOPS L.A. Bulanov

A short set speech delivered chairman of the Cyprus Branch of IOPS Leonid Alekseevitch Bulanov:

«Honorable Mayor of Larnaca, honorable Mayor of Vladimir!

We wish to greet and to congratulate you on such an important event – twinning of Larnaca with Vladimir. We do hope that the agreement about cultural and business cooperation between the two cities bolster the ties between the Republic of Cyprus and the Russian Federation and stimulate further spiritual convergence of our orthodox peoples.

Larnaca is the ancient capital of Cyprus, Vladimir is the ancient capital of Russia. This makes the today's event symbolic.

I wish happiness, health and success to all those present.

With deep respect to all participants and organizers of the event,

*Chairman of the Cyprus Branch of IOPS,
professor, member of the European Academy of Natural Sciences
L.A. Bulanov*

*the first vice-president of the Cyprus Branch of IOPS,
professor, honorable Consul*

A. Philokyprou
Member of the Board of IOPS,
Chairman of the
international section of IOPS , doctor
O. I. Fomin

Professor of the Diplomatic Academy,
Ambassador
O. G. Peresykin

Mai 11th 2012

Official ceremonies with the translation were arranged by the first vice-president of the Cyprus Branch of IOPS, Prof. Andreas Philokyprou. After the set speeches the twinning protocol between Larnaca and Vladimir was signed.





ceremony of signing of the twinning protocol between Larnaca and Vladimir





Vladimir City Mayor S.V.Sakharov (left)
and Deputy Mayor of Larnaca Petros Christodoulou (right)



vice-chairman of the Cyprus Branch of IOPS Andreas Philokyprou (left), metropolitan of Citium Chrysostom and Vladimir City Mayor S.V.Sakharov

On the part of Larnaca the protocol was signed by the Deputy Mayor Petros Christodoulou, on the part of Vladimir the protocol signed the Mayor Sergey Sakharov.

All the present described the twinning of the two cities as a geopolitical event and spiritual convergence of the fraternal orthodox peoples of Russia and Cyprus.

Mayor Sakharov said: «This day is very important for us, because our city made a contribution to the history of Cyprus. In the last Russo-Turkish war the whole Vladimir regiment fell, but did not bring Russia to shame. The result of the war was that Cyprus made its first step towards the independence – seceded from the Ottoman Empire.

The twinning of the two cities means the continuity of historic events, which like invisible threads connect the two orthodox peoples of Russia and Cyprus, Vladimir and Larnaca». Finishing his speech Mayor Sakharov thanked all those present for warm and cordial reception.

The Deputy Mayor on behalf of the Larnaca City Mayor Andreas Louroutziatis thanked the chairman of the Cyprus Branch of IOPS, prof. Bulanov Leonid Alekseevitch for organizing and carrying out of this important international ceremony and stressed the key part of prof. Leonid Bulanov, the vice-chairman of Cyprus Branch of IOPS Andreas Philokyprou and Valery Kulikov in Vladimir-Larnaca twinning. In sincere recognition of the valuable help Deputy Mayor presented to Leonid Bulanov a Larnaca City lapel pin and souvenirs.

The secretary of the Larnaca municipality Lefteris chaired the meeting and introduced the speakers.

After the twinning protocol signing ceremony and discussion the delegations were invited to the ceremonial dinner, which was organized by the Larnaka's municipality. Many good words to the Mayors of Larnaca and Vladimir, and about the twinning of the two cities were told during the dinner. Set speeches delivered Ex-Mayor of Larnaca Andreas Moiseos, Vladimir City Mayor Sergey Sakharov, vice-chairman of the Cyprus Branch of IOPS Andreas Philokyprou, Deputy Mayor of Larnaca Petros Christodoulou, representatives of parties and public organizations. Chairman of the Cyprus Branch of IOPS Leonid Bulanov said: «Many kind words were told today. I'd like to pay your attention to the words of metropolitan of Citium about that it is not only the twinning of two cities, but it is the twinning of the two orthodox peoples».

On Mai 12th 2012 the chairman of the Cyprus Branch of IOPS L. A. Bulanov organized for Vladimir delegation a sight-seeing tour to the ancient monasteries of Cyprus: Stavrovouni monastery and convent of St. Thecla. Leonid Alekseevitch told a lot about Cyprus, Eastern Christianity and about Cyprus holy places. Vladimir delegates bought icons and candles to bring them home.



Vladimir City Mayor S.V.Sakharov and chairman of the Cyprus Branch of IOPS L.A. Bulanov against the background of Stavrovouni monastery

Before departure Mayor Sakharov met with Mayor Andreas Louroutziatis. They had a small talk and decided to act within the signed twinning protocol in the sphere of cultural and educational cooperation of the two cities. Mayor Sakharov invited Mayor Louroutziatis to visit Vladimir in September during the City Day's Celebration and offered that a Vladimir folk group could come to Larnaca. Andreas Louroutziatis wished to Mayor Sakharov a safe trip home and promised that they will see each other soon.

That evening the Cyprus delegation headed by chairman L. A. Bulanov, vice-chairman Andreas Philokyprou and member of the Cyprus Branch Lazarus Papoulidis escorted the Vladimir delegation to Larnaca's airport.



at the table: member of the Vladimir City Council A.A. Skvortsov (left), Vladimir City Mayor S.V.Sakharov (in the middle) and chairman of the Cyprus Branch of IOPS L.A. Bulanov (right)



Vladimir City Mayor S.V.Sakharov (left) and chairman of the Cyprus Branch of IOPS
L.A.Bulanov (right)



Larnaca City Mayor Andreas Louroutziatis



from left to right: Deputy Mayor of Larnaca Petros Christodoulou, chairman of the Cyprus Branch of IOPS L.A.Bulanov, Vladimir City Mayor S.V.Sakharov, Larnaca City Mayor Andreas Louroutziatis, member of the Vladimir City Council A. A. Skvortsov, vice-chairman of the Cyprus Branch of IOPS Andreas Philokyprou



in the airport from left to right: the full-fledged member of the Vladimir Branch of IOPS V.A. Kulikov, member of the Vladimir City Council A.A.Skvortsov, the Vladimir City Mayor S.V.Sakharov, chairman of the Cyprus Branch of IOPS L.A.Bulanov, vice-chairman of the Cyprus Branch of IOPS Andreas Philokyprou

A commemorative picture in the airport was a great final of the visit of Vladimir delegation led by Mayor Sakharov.

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