



# The KYTHERIAN

The Newsletter of the Kytherian Association of Australia  
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MAY 2009

## 87th Kytherian Debutante Ball 2009

**DATE:** SATURDAY 30TH MAY  
**VENUE:** Grand Harbour Ball Room  
3rd Floor STAR CITY CASINO  
**TIME:** 7pm to 1am  
**BOOKINGS:** Kathy Samios 9349 1849  
Esther Calligeros 9344 0298  
**TICKETS:** \$185 per person

(DETAILS FOR PURCHASE OF TICKETS ON PAGE 6)

### Ball Afterparty

Date: 31<sup>st</sup> May Time: 1am – 4:30am

Place: Carrington Café.

(See details on page 6)

*The Kytherian Ladies' Auxiliary invites you to a*

## **MOTHERS' DAY MORNING TEA**

**Thursday, 7<sup>th</sup> May 2009**

**VAUCLUSE HOUSE TEA ROOMS  
WENTWORTH ROAD, VAUCLUSE**

**10.00AM – 12.30PM**  
(see page 5 for details)

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(If you have paid for 2009 you should have a receipt. To check call Spiro Coolentianos 0418213990)

## KYTHO CALENDAR

### Fridays (1st May - 10th July)

Weekly dancing lessons for Term 2.  
(see back page for details)

### Saturday 2nd May, 2009

Kytherian 4WD Trivia Night (see page 4)

### Thursday 7th May, 2009

Mothers' Day Morning Tea (details on page 5)

### Friday 15th May, 2009

Wine & History Night (see page 5)

### Sunday 17th May, 2009

Agios Theodoros Liturgy Service at St Michael's Greek Orthodox Church, Crows Nest. (see page 10 for details)

### Saturday 30th May, 2009

Kytherian Debutante Ball at Star City  
(see details on front page)

### Sunday 31st May, 2009

Kytherian Ball After Party  
(see details on page 6)

### Wednesday 17th June, 2009

Annual General Meeting  
(details on page 10)

### Friday 24th July, 2009

KYMG's "The Pyjama Party" (see page 8 for details)

## MUMS & BUBS

"Mums and Bubs" outings are held on the last Friday of each month, for babies and children up to 5 years. For more information please call Erenie on 0410 318 053.

## Editor's Note



April was such a busy month that it seems like a blur. Now it is over and the year is well and truly underway.

Unfortunately, it was not the best month as some distressing events touched our lives.

Any person will tell you that there is no greater tragedy than to have a child predecease its parents.

Sadly, in less than a week, we heard of two such tragedies....one of a young man who became the last fatality over the Easter long weekend and the other, a former soccer team mate of my son, who suffered a seizure while playing indoor soccer.

Life can be so unpredictable and ruthless at times.

However, it is amazing how such events make us reassess our priorities. We suddenly realise that we waste too much time obsessing over trivial matters when we should be grateful for the wonderful things in our lives.

Spare a thought for those unfortunate families and pray that God gives them strength and guides them through their darkest hours.

On a lighter note, May is upon us and the Kytherian calendar is certainly full, culminating in our most important fund raiser, the Annual Debutante Ball.

For anyone who has never attended, it always proves to be a thoroughly enjoyable function, while enabling us to donate money to worthy charities.

May is also the month that we celebrate Mother's Day.

To all our mothers, we wish you a truly wonderful day!

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## Anna's Easter

Here on the sunny, flora-covered isle of Kythera, everyone has been gearing up for the egg-cracking season otherwise known as Greek Orthodox Easter. Churches have been white-washed, religious flags are sailing and tender lambs slaughtered in time for roasting on Easter Sunday. Greece has buried its scandalful winter and if you ask anyone, all is good!

And good it is indeed. Kythera underwent a transformation this winter. You could do yoga 4 times a week with the highly motivating and learned Nataly Wierthaim. The new-blood of the decade-old Film Society re-introduced a thriving, controversial cinematic programme to the island, with weekly screenings in Chora and Potamos while the local Council of Kythera begrudgingly began weekly art and drama classes. Local children do not get any creative tuition at all. Its not that they don't like Picasso: they don't even know who he was!

The Megali Evthomada (the Big Week) leading up to Anastasi (Resurrection) on Saturday night was a sombre affair. The fireworks were let off at midnight on Saturday and fortunately we had no human torch relays. This was then followed by a pig-out family meal, which usually starts off well but almost always ends in tears or at least a food-coma by about 2am.

Easter Sunday saw everyone turning the lamb on a spit in backyards, outdoors and on beaches and dancing the afternoon away. On Easter Monday cafés were packed with the sunglassed-weary overfed who sipped on their frappes. The marathon food-gorge had drawn to a close and the Vincenzo Kornaro left the dock of Diakofti packed with Easter revellers and the spiritual faithful.

by Anna Cominos (acominos@hotmail.com)

## The Red Eggs of Easter

by Maria from Lourandianika

Easter was and is such an important part of my life. As a child, I would watch as my mother prepared for this Holy day, boiling red eggs, and baking the Easter breads with the red eggs baked into them. On the Sunday, as we prepared to attend Church at Agia Triatha in the afternoon, there was such a flurry of excitement. My parents had always bought me such a pretty new dress, Mary Jane white patent leather shoes with my ankle socks. Getting dressed in all my finery to attend Church services was such an exciting time.

My father would join the other Kytherians singing in the choir. The hymns which were so meaningful to our Christian Easter. There were few pews in the Church, and the service long. As a child, I would get so tired standing for such a long period of time. The Archbishop would address the Kytherian congregation attending the services. We had always, as we entered the Church, placed money in the tray, and would

take candles to light, and say a silent prayer, and then we would pay our respects to the Holy Icon which was located near the tray of candles, with the sand to collect the wax as the candles burned.

After the services, over a hundred guests would congregate at our home. My parents were renowned for their hospitality. The garden would fill with many loved and respected friends and relatives, and I would take a basket given to me by my mother, full of the eggs which she had spent hours dyeing red. We would then do "skoundri". Many times I would be the one left with my egg unbroken. There were more eggs than I could possibly remember. The atmosphere was one of joy as Kytherian people congregated in our home and garden, many seeing friends and family members who they had not seen for months or even years. So many friends and relatives came from country towns to share this special day.

When I returned to Kythera some years ago accompanied by my son David, the true meaning of Easter was once again celebrated in the true spirit of this special Holy day. Seeing a truck arrive at the guest house where we were staying full of different cheeses was such a sight. Preparations well under way for the Easter celebrations. The children from the neighbouring homes came to ask if we would be attending midnight Church services. We declined but, the next day, we also dressed in our finery, which was rare, as our life on the island was one of casual clothing. I lit a candle for my loved ones, living and deceased, saying a silent prayer, knowing I would be heard, and after the services, everyone had such a feeling of festivity: laughing, mingling, seeing so many friends and family, having taken time from the days when they worked so hard, to share this Holy day, dispersing eventually, to go to their individual homes to share the wonderful meal which awaited them.

We gathered at our family home for Easter lunch. Such a wonderful meal, prepared by my cousin Koula, coming together with other family members, and, as was custom, we finished our meal with the red eggs, and "skountri". I again was the final one to have an unbroken side of an egg.

The following day, we were invited to my best friend Marika's home for lunch. Marika had never married, worked long hours, and lived the simple life which made her so happy. Marika brought many different dishes to the table, and with my cousins and my son David, we marvelled at the sumptuous meal she had prepared. David made me so proud that day, enjoying every dish she put on the table. How many sacrifices she must have made to place such a sumptuous feast before us.

by Maria Whyte (nee Marcellos), maria.whyte@gmail.com





**The Kytherian 4WD & Recreation Club  
together with the Kytherian Soccer Club  
present**

**Annual Charity Trivia Night  
2nd May 2009  
Randwick Labor Club  
135 Alison Road, Randwick  
Time: 7.30pm sharp**

**Yes, its on again, come along for what in the past has been a great night of fun, entertainment and a great opportunity to catch up with old friends.**

**Fantastic prizes on offer (including Lucky Door Prize)  
This is a great way to promote your business by donating prizes.**

**Please contact any of the below committee members if you want to organise a table (max 12 per table).  
Bar facilities available. BYO Nibblies. (No BYO drinks). Coffee, tea and cakes provided.  
Entry Fee is \$10 per head.**

**Contacts ;**

**Peter Tzannes 0419993000,  
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Emmanuel Alfieris 0410305805**

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## ***MOTHERS' DAY MORNING TEA***



**Thursday, 7<sup>th</sup> May 2009**  
**VAUCLUSE HOUSE TEA ROOMS**  
**WENTWORTH ROAD, VAUCLUSE**  
**10.00AM – 12.30PM**

**COST : \$45**

**Includes: High Tea enjoying the beautiful Gardens of Vacluse House**  
**Free parking**

**BOOKINGS: Rene Condoleon - 9363 5915**  
**Mary Moutzouris - 9310 0420**  
**Matina Samios - 9665 7225**

## **THE HELLENIC CLUB LTD INVITES YOU TO ATTEND**

### **A WINE & HISTORY NIGHT**

At the Hellenic Club Restaurant  
Level 5, 251-253 Elizabeth Street Sydney

**FRIDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> MAY, 2009 (7.30PM)**

Our Special Guest Speaker

### **PROFESSOR NICK DOUMANIS**

(History Lecturer at UNSW & Author of numerous Greek History Publications)

**BAROSSA VALLEY'S GRANT BURGE WINES**

**(WINNER OF EVERY MAJOR TROPHY & MEDAL IN AUSTRALIA)**

The evening will be complemented by wine tasting

### **DINNER MENU**

will comprise

**COUNTRY GREEK SALAD**

Entrée - **FRIED CALAMARI or GRILLED OCTOPUS**

Main – **SHOULDER OF LAMB OVEN BAKED or GRILLED CHICKEN BREAST WITH MUSHROOM SAUCE**

(all served with seasonal vegetables)

Dessert – **CRÈME CARAMEL**

**TEA/COFFEE**

and of course **GRANT BURGE WINES**

**TICKETS - \$60**

Please RSVP to the Office at the Hellenic Club on 9264 5792 with credit card details

Capacity is limited

## **2009 Kytherian Ball Debutante After Party.**



**Please join the Debutantes and their partners to party on after the 2009 Kytherian Ball.**

**Date: Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> May, 2009**

**Time: 1:30am – 4:30am**

**Venue: The Carrington Café, 50 Carrington St Sydney.**

**Cost: \$25 per person**

**Tickets: Chrisy Lekkas: 0417 459535 or 47592326**

**Terase Calligeros: 0418245874**

**Esther Calligeros: 0419 291639**

## **Purchase of Kytherian Ball Tickets**

Friday 15/5/09 at Greek Dancing, Matraville High School

Sunday 17/5/09 at Sth Coogee Primary School, 5.00pm-7.00pm

Friday 22/5/09 at Greek Dancing, Matraville High School

Wednesday 27/5/09 at Star City Ballroom, 3rd floor

Friday 29/5/09 at Greek Dancing, Matraville High School

**Enquiries: Kathy Samios – 0410 491849**



## ***CLAY TARGET SHOOTING***

### ***EXPRESSION OF INTEREST SOUGHT***



Anyone wishing to sample the sport of clay target shooting now has the opportunity to do so. Due to the authorities finally relaxing the appropriate laws, any unlicensed person can go to a registered gun club and give it a try as long as they sign a declaration and are accompanied by a licensed shooter.

A group of regular licensed shooters, many being young Kytherians, who have shown an interest in organising an event where we can exclusively hire the entire Gun Club, can hold a "Fathers & Sons" style competition. This would involve a quick lesson, 2 rounds of 25 targets each and a BBQ. Some of our local gun shops, which are owned and operated by Greeks, have given their support to the event by way of some prizes to be won on the day. Proposed day will be a Sunday from say 10am to around 3pm. Cost will be approximately \$75 per participant which includes BBQ, clay targets & shells for the 2 rounds and the practice session.

The Gun Club will be the Sydney Branch of NSW Field & Game which is located at Heathcote Road Menai (2 km north of the intersection of Illawarra & Heathcote Roads). This club undertakes what is known as "simulated field" or "sporting clays" where the targets are set up in bushland and mimic wild game such as rabbits, ducks, driven birds etc. It is a lot of fun set in bushland surroundings. I am sure there are many Dads or Granddads out there who would love to shoulder their favourite shotgun again and have their sons, daughters or grandkids by their side.

In order to organise this event we first need to know what level of interest exists, the numbers of licensed participants and the number of shotguns available.

**Please contact any of the following people to lodge your interest in participating.**

- |                  |            |  |
|------------------|------------|--|
| - John Tzannes   | 0409605245 | <a href="mailto:jtzpack@ozemail.com.au">jtzpack@ozemail.com.au</a>                   |
| - Arthur Conomos | 0418291692 | <a href="mailto:arthur.conomos@team.telstra.com">arthur.conomos@team.telstra.com</a> |
| - Nick Malanos   | 0400804791 | <a href="mailto:nick.malanos@worrells.net.au">nick.malanos@worrells.net.au</a>       |

Once we have sufficient numbers we will contact you to set a date.

The Kytherian Young Mothers Group  
proudly presents

# The Pyjama Party

*You Have Always Dreamt Of.*

Wake up everybody, the KYMG has organised a pyjama themed games night. Armed with a pillow, children will be placed in groups of eight and will compete to make their dreams come true.

When: Friday, 24 July, 2009

Where: Cloud Nine Headquarters

CBC Sports Centre  
74-76 Captain Cook Drive, Caringbah

Time: Bedtime 6pm-9pm

Dress: Twilight Couture

Pyjamas, Slippers, Dressing gowns and the **ESSENTIAL** pillow

Cost: **\$25**, includes 3 hours of exciting games and challenges;

Sumptuous Nighttime Feast;  
Prizes and Treats;

Ages: Kindergarten till Year 6

Avoid the nightmare, don't be a sleepy head

Bookings and Pre-payment essential

Dream Catchers:

Matina Coolentianos: 0404 369 631

Maria Coolentianos: 0409 639 897





## Trip Report Turon Gates 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> April 2009.

It was the most attended camp in the history of Kytherians' Camping, in Turon Gates. There were over 80 people plus our camp mascot, Louie the dog. We had 34 children attend, the youngest being Victoria Tzannes who is 8 months old, a super effort.

This trip was memorable for its culinary delights ranging from a beer batter damper, made by Harry Levantis to a lovely birthday cake to celebrate Sophia Poulos' birthday. Also, pot roasts in camp ovens seemed to be very popular with John Tzannes, John Faros and Peter Poulos cooking up a storm. John Faros also provided a tasty appetiser of freshly caught yabbies from the (ferocious) Turon River.

We believe the greatest ever bon fire from Turon Gates has been achieved by the boys from the Kytherian Soccer team. The boys claimed the fire was to have reached a height of twenty metres, but unfortunately as young boys, it was big but their flame extinguished quickly.

The little rain we had, did not deter the first time campers.

The 'roughing it' camping award goes to Emmanuel Alfieris and Spiro Coolentianos and their respective families, whose five star cabin did not have air conditioning and TV reception, but acted as a good kafenio stop off.

Sophia's coffee readings were as usual the highlight for the women's kotsombolio club.

The committee would like to thank all those who attended and assisted in making this such a successful and fun event.



The following poem was sent to us by past president, Mr Peter Vanges.

**Παλιόχωρα.**

(Το στοιχειωμένο κάστρο.)

Ο κόσμος λέει πώς στοιχειώσε  
καί πώς αργά τα βράδυα  
στού κάστρου τα ρημάδια  
ο χάρος ξαγρυπνά.

πως σκελετοί αγαρηνών  
με τα σπαθιά ζωσμένοι  
με μίσος κι' αίσθημα αγριμιών...  
βουβοί δεμονισμένοι

αυτούς πού είναι κλεισμένοι  
ακόμα πολεμούν,  
αίμα να πιούν να κορεστούν  
οι τρισκαταραμένοι.

Βλέπεις καπνούς φλόγες φωτιές  
φωνές ακούς σπαρακτικές  
καίνε τού κάστρου τσι εκκλησιές  
με τσι χρυσές καμπάνες.

Μανάδες νιές πεντάμορφες  
με τα μωρά στην πλάτη  
μέσ' στού γκρεμού τα βάθη  
τσι βλέπεις να πηδούν.

Μέχρι καί σήμερα εκεί στίς γύρω κορρυφές  
ανθρώπου φρόνιμου, το πόδι νύχτα δεν πατά  
ούτε στού κάστρου τις βαθιές τις ρεματιές  
καταμεσήμερο, μάτι ποτέ κοιτάει,

Γιατί...Το κάστρο στοιχειώσε  
κι' αργά νιώθεις τα βράδια,  
στού κάστρου τα ρημάδια  
...το χάρου πού γυρνά.

## AGIOS THEODOROS Tou Kytheron

May is the month we celebrate Kythera's Agios Theodoros. For those readers who are not familiar with the life of this Saint, Mr Peter D.Vanges's book "Kythera" informs us of some of his miraculous powers.

**Agios Theodoros** is acclaimed with having transformed the many snakes on the island from poisonous snakes to non-venomous ones.

This year, the Divine Liturgy Service for Agios Theodoros will be held at **St Michael's Greek Orthodox Church**, 49-59 Holterman Street, **Crows Nest** on **17th May**. Refreshments will be served after the Service.



### 2009 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

For  
KYTHERIAN ASSOCIATION of AUSTRALIA  
&  
KYTHERIAN BROTHERHOOD of AUSTRALIA

**Wednesday 17th June 2009 at Maroubra RSL, Cnr Anzac Parade & Haig St,  
Maroubra at 7.00pm for 7.30pm start.**

**Any enquiries: Victor Kepreotis - 0408 216108, Kathy Samios - 0410 491849**

(See NOTICE OF AGM)



## Kytherian Mothers Group Event - Strike Bowling at Fox Studios

A wonderful time was had by all at the Ten-pin bowling event held on 22nd April, 2009. The highest score achievers overall were Nathan Samios, with 134, Erika Cassimatis with 131 and Dionisia with 130 - well done! There were pizzas and drinks for the hard work of bowling in a straight line!

The winners from each lane were:

Lane	Score	Name
1	112	Mitchell Coolentianos
2	134	Nathan Samios
3	113	Jason Stewart
4	97	Harry Kremisis
5	124	James Sarikas
6	98	Zara Penkliss
7	95	Tim Coolentianos
8	107	Reenie Condoleon
9	114	Alexandra Levonis
10	131	Erika Cassimatis
11	130	Dionisia

Cool Bowling guys!

Thanks to Stella Cominos for the great pics.

Hope to see you again next time.

KYMG.



# Social News

## *Births*

Congratulations to **Stavro & Dianne Sofios** of Bangor who recently welcomed daughter **Olivia**, a little sister for **Emily**. **Olivia** is the third grandchild for **Mick & Gloria Sofios** of Belmore and second for **Peter & Lorraine Phillips** of Dubbo.  
Na sas zisi!



Congratulations to proud parents **Rob & Angela Nader** on the birth of their first child, a daughter, **Leena Georgia**. First grandchild for **Con & Helen Bekiaris** and **Jim & Shamira Nader** and great grandchild of past committee member, the **Late George Victor Psaltis & Georgia Psaltis** and **Anthony & Angela Bekiaris**.  
Na sas zisi!

## KYTHERIAN DEBUTANTE BALL - 30TH MAY, 2009

### Matron of Honour

### Toula Varipatis

### Debutante

### Partner

**Alaina Calligeros**  
**Nicole Marie Frelingos**  
**Angelique Karefylakis**  
**Jennifer Lekkas**  
**Larissa Michailidis**  
**Katerina Anna Papadakis**  
**Melanie Savvidis**  
**Katrina Faros**

**Peter Cassim**  
**George Calligeros**  
**Peter Karefylakis**  
**Peter Magiros**  
**Andrew Tzannes**  
**Adam Nicholas Papadakis**  
**Nicholas Symeou**  
**Byron Economos**

### Flower Girls

### Page Boys

**Christina Aroney**  
**Donna-Marie Tsakiridis**  
**Christiana Coolentianos**  
**Victoria Alfieris**

**Michael Preneas**  
**Nicholas Stamatakis**  
**Michael Anastasiou**  
**Peter Masselos**



## Graduations



Congratulations to **Alexis and Marika Conomos** of Kingsford who graduated on the 24<sup>th</sup> April from the University of New South Wales in Bachelor of Psychology with Honours. **Alexis and Marika** are the twin daughters of **Arthur & Alice Conomos**. Their grandparents are **Con & Marika Tzannes** of Pagewood and **Alexandra & the Late Peter Conomos** of Kensington. The twins will be taking a long earned holiday to Europe and Kythera before proceeding onto their Masters Degree.

We wish them both all the best as they embark in their chosen career.



Congratulations to **Yana Belogiannis**, daughter of **Victor & Kathy Kepreotis** of Bardwell Valley, who also graduated on 24th April, from Macquarie University with a Postgraduate Diploma in Psychology.

**Yana** is the granddaughter of **John & Maria Vardas** of Kingsgrove and **Doreen & the Late Leslie Kepreotis** of Maroubra.



(These three little girls have certainly come a long way.)



## Departing for abroad: Reminiscences of Kytherian migration by a naval agent



The well-known Kytherian academic and researcher, Calypso Michalakaki, chose an interesting subject for the paper which she delivered at the Third International Kytheraismos Symposium. Her father. And the topic: The personal experiences of a naval agent on Kythera, Christos Michalakakis (pictured above with his daughter), regarding Kytherian migration and the relatives left behind.

Christos Michalakakis worked for many years arranging for Kytherians to leave the island and migrate by ship to distant shores in search of fortune and a better life. Now retired, and content with a more sedentary life on the island, Christos' reminiscences have been relayed by his daughter in a most insightful way.

Personal memory, based on the work of Paul Connerton in *How Societies Remember*, refers to individual and particular memory claims that take as their objects one's life history. Personal memories and experiences are a vital component of our collective cultural memory. It is the personal memories and experiences of Christos Michalakakis and people like him which provides a valuable contribution to the study of Kytherian migration.

The background to this story is well known. Kytherian immigration to Australia and America during the twentieth century had as its forerunner the migration waves to places such as Smyrna and Alexandria. The largest migration waves swept towards Australia as the island could not sustain its population.

Christos Michalakakis recalls the Kytherian migrants who were leaving for Australia and who would converge on Agia Pelagia with their relatives at a time when it was the principal port on the island. Christos recalls that they used to come from all over the island to his office to arrange their sea passage, initially to Piraeus and then invariably to Australia.

One incident, in particular, was vividly recalled. Christos remembers one young boy came to him, crying, and pleading with him that when his mother asked for a ticket, the agent was not to issue the ticket because the young lad wanted to stay in Kythera. Prospective immigrants were often faced with this last-minute dilemma: Kythera and poverty or foreign land and wealth.

Mr Michalakakis also recalls scenes of departure and pain. When the ship finally dropped anchor and the small boats started to load their passengers there were tearful scenes on the pier at Agia Pelagia with the soon-to-be migrants embracing their parents and relatives. As they boarded the ship they would wave their handkerchiefs at those left on shore who waved back. The agents and boat owners would console the relatives left behind not knowing if they would ever see their loved ones again. This was a scene that was played out numerous times.

As this eyewitness testimony bears out, the pier, the boats, the positioning of the ship, the migrants gathering on the deck to wave at their relatives and the symbolic waving of handkerchiefs represented basic elements in the departure of the immigrant. So much so that even the pier at Agia Pelagia represented a symbol of the recording of emotions and feelings of those left behind on the island. The immediate link was the professional agent and the boat operators as the scenes of departure and heartache were played out before them like a movie.

Some Kytherians left on their own; or with the whole family or with two or three members only. The immigrants were of all ages (young and old) and both men and women. The period between 1945 and 1960 was a period of major overseas migration with the most popular destination being Australia followed by America.

Calypso recited a famous poem by the Kytherian folkloric poet, Panos Fyllis (which, although reproduced in English, still manages to convey the hurt and anguish of the Kytherian mother seeing her child depart):

*When you return from overseas, my son  
My beloved son  
I will now longer be living  
My beloved son you will find me,  
Down in the ground  
When you return from overseas,  
My beloved son*

The feelings on separation were different for those who left from Kythera looking for a better life, because in reality they were travelling to the unknown. And different emotions for those who remained behind, particularly the parents who sent their children to foreign lands and who felt a greater pain.

The personal recollections of agents such as Christos Michalakakis underscore the emotions of departure and are an important aspect of the history and study of Kytherian migration.

**George Vardas**

## PANAYOTIS FATSEAS: KYTHERIAN FACES, 1920 – 1938

by JOHN STATHATOS

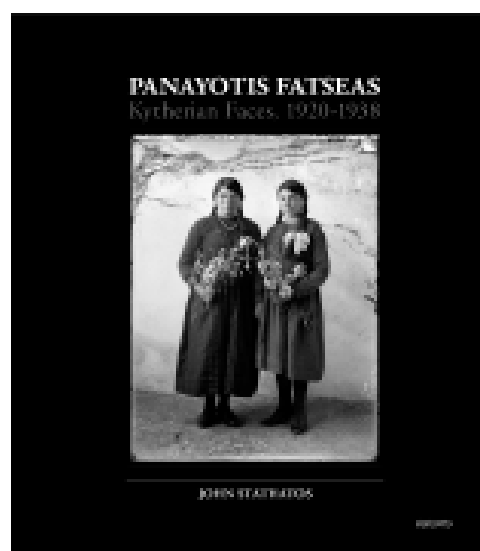
**P**anayotis Fatseas (1888-1938) was the first professional Kytherian photographer, through whose studio in Livadi passed many Kytherians seeking to have their portrait taken; some on their way to Australia or the USA, others to send a precious image of parents, wife or children to the emigrant many thousands of miles away.

When he died, Fatseas left behind an archive consisting of several thousand glass negatives. Forgotten for decades, the archive was rescued at the very last moment by the Kytheria Cultural Association and restored thanks to the generous sponsorship of Angelo and John Notaris of Sydney.

In February 2008, a major exhibition of Fatseas' work was presented at the prestigious Benaki Museum in Athens under the title "Faces of Kytheria, 1920-1938", attracting many thousands of viewers and enthusiastic critical response. The exhibition was accompanied by the publication of a high-quality monograph in Greek, which included 122 full-page duotone illustrations and an extensive essay by the exhibition curator, photographer and photographic historian John Stathatos. Following the success of the Greek edition, "Panayotis Fatseas: Faces of Kytheria, 1920-1938" is now being published in an English edition.

*"The exhibition is not merely an interesting addition to the history of photography, but a revelation. The self-taught Kytherian who founded the island's first photographic studio could be included among the five best Greek photographers of the first half of the 20th century".* – Margarita Pournara, Kathimerini newspaper.

*"The Kytherians photographed by Fatseas do not seem like impersonal figures, symbolic perhaps of some nostalgically viewed past, but preserve*



*their individual personalities. The two or three days' wages which they paid the photographer turn out to have been a good investment, since alongside the postcard-sized prints mailed to a father or son in Australia, they were – all unwittingly – also purchasing a small fraction of immortality. Not just because their faces have travelled down the years to reach us, but above all because the photographer's alchemy proves such that before these miraculously resurrected photographs, we pause involuntarily to study their image and wonder who they were, how they lived and what passed before their eyes."*  
– John Stathatos

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