

Exhibition in New York on women in Ancient Athens



New York -- Culture Minister Michalis Liapis inaugurated on Tuesday the exhibition "Worshipping Women: Ritual and Reality in Classical Athens" at the Onassis Cultural Center in Manhattan.

The exhibition coincides with the 10-year anniversary of the Manhattan-based Affiliated Alexander S. Onassis Public Benefit Foundation (USA). Onassis Cultural Center Executive Director Ambassador Loukas Tsilas stated that Greece has had a distinguished cultural presence in the United States during the past 10 years.

Ambassador Tsilas stated that a total of 260,000 people have visited the ten major and the 15 smaller exhibitions hosted by the Center, while roughly 120,000 attended various events. Approximately 70,000 students and professors took part in seminars and international conferences held in North and South America, he said.

In addition, at least 110 intellectuals, academics and scientists from Greece and other countries have been invited to the United States and have addressed over 300 universities and educational institutes, while US and international media like The New York Times have covered events hosted by the Onassis Cultural Center using positive and encouraging comments. The major exhibition *Worshipping Women: Ritual and Reality in Classical Athens* will be on view from December 10, 2008, through May 9, 2009, at the galleries of the Onassis Cultural Center in New York. The exhibition brings together 155 rare and extraordinary archaeological objects in order to re-examine preconceptions about the exclusion of women from public life in ancient Athens.

Ricochet killed Greek teenager

INITIAL results from the post-mortem on a 15-year-old Greek boy whose killing by police sparked five days of rioting show Alexandros Grigoropoulos died from a bullet ricochet.

According to forensic doctors and independent experts hired by the Grigoropoulos family, the bullet "is a bit deformed, which showed the bullet touched a hard surface" before entering the boy's chest, court sources said last night.

The news came as two police officers charged over the shooting prepared to go before a magistrate and riot police fired teargas at thousands of demonstrators advancing on the national parliament building in Athens.

"Now that we have these conclusions, which are in line with what my clients had indicated, they will give their statements to the judge," said



Alexis Kouyias, the lawyer for policemen Epaminondas Korkoneas and Vassilis Saraliotis.

Amid anger towards the police compounded by the unpopularity of the Government of Prime Minister Costas Karamanlis, Greece is still awaiting a final ballistics report expected to shed light on Mr Korkoneas's statement that the bullet bounced up off a pavement after he had fired warning shots to disperse a

mob.

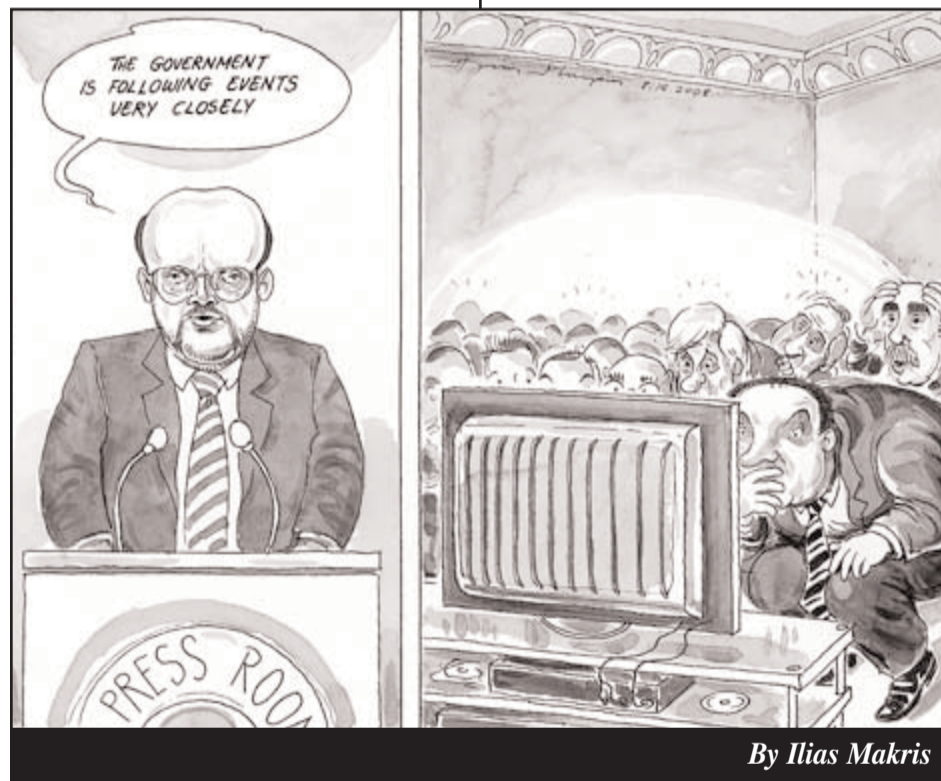
Alexandros was allegedly among a group of 30 youths that had thrown stones at the squad car in the Exarchia district of Athens, which is known as a stronghold of political radicals.

Riot police fired teargas at youths throwing molotov cocktails outside parliament last night, as a general strike paralysed Greece and raised pressure on a fragile Government reeling from four days of riots sparked by the police shooting.

The clashes escalated into running battles through the city centre, with riot police firing volleys of teargas at masked youths pelting them with rocks, bottles and blocks of marble smashed from the Athens metro station entrance. The youths smashed windows newly replaced after four days of the worst riots Greece has seen in decades.

More than 10,000 people had been marching through central Athens to protest the conservative Government's economic policies in a general strike that has shut down schools, public services and hospitals and grounded flights. Although the strike and demonstrations had been scheduled long before the riots broke out, they have taken on the added form of protest against the Government's handling of the riots.

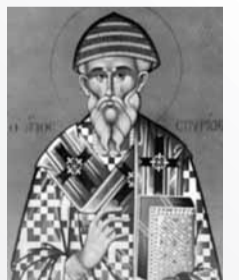
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GREEK ORTHODOX ARCHDIOCESE OF AUSTRALIA ST SPYRIDON PARISH FEAST DAY



On December 12th, the Orthodox Church celebrates the Feast of our Patron Saint, **SPYRIDON the Miracle-Worker, Bishop of Trimythounda**, blessed amongst the Holy Fathers of the Church.

On Thursday, 11th December, at 7.30 p.m. on the EVE of the Feast Day, the Esperinos (Vespers) Service will be conducted by our Primate, His Eminence Archbishop Stylianos, assisted by all the Reverend Clergy of Sydney.

Following the Esperinos Service and the Artoclasia (blessing of the five loaves), St Spyridon Parish will offer the annual Celebratory Dinner in the Church Hall as our hospitality to all the faithful present on the evening.

The following day, Friday 12th December, the **FEAST DAY PROPER** of St Spyridon, the Orthros (Matins) and the Divine Liturgy will be celebrated by His Grace, Bishop Seraphim of Apollonia, from 7.30 - 11.00 in the morning. Following the Service, the Philoptochos Ladies' Auxiliary of the Parish will be presenting the annual Sweets Stall in the Church Hall for the assistance of its manifold benevolent works.

This coming Sunday, 14th December, our Parish will once again be honouring the blessed memory of St Spyridon.

The Orthros and Divine Liturgy will be conducted from 7.30 - 11.00 in the morning by His Eminence Archbishop Stylianos.

In continuation the Holy Icon of St Spyridon will be taken in Litany procession around the Church.