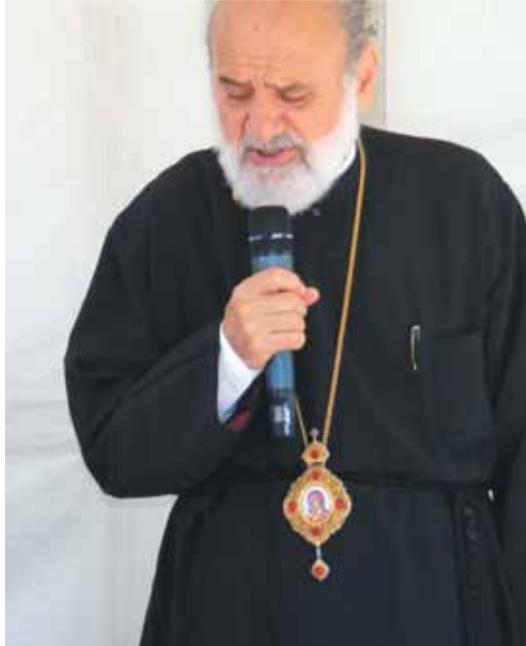


33rd Anniversary of the Greek Welfare Centre at St Nicholas church



On Sunday 1st November 2009, Deputy Premier Minister for Health and Member for Marrickville Carmel Tebbutt MP, attended the 33rd Anniversary of the Greek Welfare Centre at St Nicholas Church Marrickville. Among the official guests were His Eminence Archbishop Stylianos, bishop Serafeim, Consul General of Greece in Sydney Mr Vasilios Tolios with his wife, Mr Matthew Lepouris.

Aussie Greek pension tally totals 18,000

More than 18,000 Australians have applied for a Greek pension over the past year. The federal government signed an agreement with Greece in October last year to allow expats living in both countries access to old age pensions.



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Two-hundred-and-forty-nine Australians have also lodged pension applications with Japan, under a similar pension agreement signed off in January this year.

And 49 people have lodged

pension claims with the Korean government.

Australia has pension agreements with 23 countries, including the United Kingdom, Canada and New Zealand.

Article from Sydney Morning Herald

Man arrested after bolting from plane through emergency exit

NICOSIA, -- A passenger who reportedly dashed from an airliner after opening a rear exit and sliding down an emergency chute as the plane prepared for takeoff has been ordered held for four days.

A Cypriot court on Monday ordered that Moreno Tavaris, a 28-year-old sailor who holds a Greek passport, be detained after the episode aboard a Cyprus Airways jet on Saturday.

Tavaris, who disappeared after bolting from the plane, was arrested on the roof of a hotel near the airport on Sunday and faces charges of breaking civil aviation safety regulations and entering a prohibited airport space without permission.

A police investigator told the court that Tavaris' action endangered lives and caused an emergency to be declared out of fears of an impending terrorist attack because the president of India was about to fly home after an official visit to Cyprus.

A member of Tavaris' family reportedly told Cyprus authorities that the man was under psychiatric treatment. A psychiatrist who examined him said he was suffering from strain, depression and intense phobia.

The Airbus with 158 passengers aboard was on a scheduled flight to Athens.

A total of 18,311 Australians, who have lived in Greece and been covered by its social insurance scheme, have applied, Centrelink's annual report shows.

A further 2,482 people living in Greece have also applied to receive an Australian aged pen-