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**IDENTIFICATIONS:** The following identifications were announced recently: Christos Christou from Ayia Napa, Christakis Sofroniou from Pigi, Antonios Georgiou from Nicosia, Vassos Michael from Piroi, Christodoulos Maouzis from Voukolida, Andreas Orphanides, Chrysanthos Chrysanthou & Therapon Zenonos from Lythrodondas, Leonidas Leonidou from Ashia, Kyriacos Antoniou from Ay. Marina Skyllouras, Chrystallou Koukou & Areti Avraam from Mia Milia and Christodoulos Scoutari from Angastina.

**LUNCH/DINNER TO SAY "THANK YOU".** On Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> June 2011 we invited all those that helped in the success of MEP Marina Yiannakoudaki's Written Declaration in the EU Parliament to lunch at the G.C. Brotherhood restaurant. The President thanked once again all those who worked so hard and managed to reach the target of signatures needed. Special thanks went to Marina, Harriet (Marina's secretary), to ORMC(UK) members John, Niki and Victoria and to NEPOMAK members Alexis, Antonia, Andrea and Jason who all went to Strasbourg and lobbied the MEPs to sign the declaration.

*"This is not the end but the beginning of the whole effort"* said the President. *"There is a long way to go yet and we have to work even harder to utilise this result"*.

On Friday 8<sup>th</sup> July at the same restaurant we invited MPs who have worked hard for our case. Our President thanked each one of them individually. They were: Charles Tannock, David Burrowes, Andy Love, Mike Freer, Matthew Offord, Nick de Bois and veteran ex-MP Tom Cox. Also present were Marina Savva APPG Secretary and Cyprus Consul General George Georgiou as well as committee members and friends. Unfortunately not all the invited MPs could attend.



*From the lunch/dinner with MEP and MPs.*

**MEETING IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS:** On Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> July 2011 a meeting was held in room 21 HoC, organised by the APPG for Cyprus and ORMC(UK) to discuss solely the issue of our Missing. Representatives from our sister organisations of Cyprus and Greece attended, as well as officials from the Federation. APPG chairman David Burrowes introduced all the speakers and reiterated the importance of the two communities continue to help the CMP in its efforts. ORMC President stressed the need for the UK Government to pressure Turkey to allow access to so called military zones and give all the information it has on our Missing.

On the same note was also the speech by the Cypriot delegation. Unfortunately Lord Maginnis tried to politicise the issue and wasted time talking. He was put right by MP Ian Lavery. Present were also T. Cypriots who put their case of their Missing. Time run out very soon and the chairman said that another meeting will be organised soon to continue the discussion



*From the meeting at the House of Commons.*

**DISCUSSION IN THE HOUSE.** With the initiative of MP Mike Freer a discussion took place in the presence of Minister Jeremy Brown. The MP pointed out that Turkey is not at all co-operating on the issue of the missing and he referred to the ECHR decision and Turkey's responsibilities adding that it is estimated that 500 to 800 persons have been taken to Turkish prisons and the fate of many of them is still unknown. He also mentioned the case of the 5 year old then Christakis Georgiou. He concluded that pressure must be put on Turkey to comply.

### **PICKETING AND MARCH.** On

Tuesday 12 July 2011 ORMC(UK) members and friends were outside the House of Commons with our banner, carrying photos of our Missing and distributing leaflets. MP's came out and met us and then we went in the House where the discussion and lobbying took place.

On Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> July ORMC(UK), as every year, attended the march from Belgrave Square to Trafalgar Square, with our banner and photos of our Missing.



*Our Members with our banner and photos picketing outside the House of Parliament.*



*Marching through the streets of London with our banner.*