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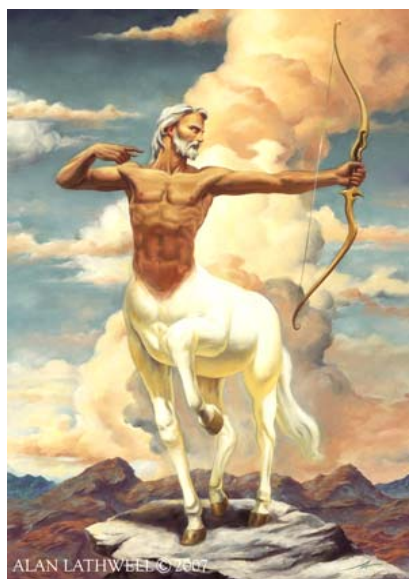
Jesus Christ's Soon Return: Part 2

By: Louis A. Palivos

Here are additional signs of the times and a limited interpretation of a few of the signs.

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| 11. Fear of War | Math. 24:6; Mk. 13:7; Lk. 21:9 |
| 12. False Peace | I Thes. 5:1-3; Dan. 8:25 |
| 13. Men's Heart Failing | Lk. 21:26 |
| 14. Generation | Num. 32:13; Ps. 90:10 |
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| 18. Persecution of Jews | Deut. 28:64-66 |
| 19. Persecution of Christians | Dan. 7:25; Math. 24:9; Lk. 21:7; |
| 20. Head Seducing Spirits | I Tim. 4:1; Col. 2:8-9; 2 Cor. 11:14-15 |
| 21. The New Age | Gal. 1:8; Rom. 1:21-22, 28; 2 Thes. 2:10-11; Col. 2:8; Rev. 13:8; Acts. 19:19, Acts 19:27, 35; Jer. 7:18; 44:17 |
| 22. Goddess Worship | Math. 16:24; I Tim. 4:1-5; II Tim. 3:1-5 |
| 23. Love Grow Cold | Math. 24:14 |
| 24. Gospel Preached Worldwide | Lk. 17:26-27; Gen. 6:11 |
| 25. Noah's Days | Lk. 17:28-30; Gen. 18:20-33, 19, 24-25 |
| 26. Lot's Days | Math. 4:8; Mk. 5:1-10; 2 Cor. 4:4; Rev. 9:14-15; Ez. 28:12-17; Is. 14:12-15 |
| 27. U.F.O's | 2 Pet. 3:3-7 |
| 28. Scoffers and Creation | 2 Thes. 2:3; I Tim. 4:1 |
| 29. Apostasy | 2 Pet. 2:1 |
| 30. Deny Jesus Christ | |

#25. What were the signs of Noah's Days? There were seven critical signs of Noah's Days: first, a rejection of God as a Creator; second, the disregard of marriage and a breakdown of family accompanied by a preoccupation with illicit sex; third, a vast increase in machines to obviate God's curse; fourth, an amalgamation of believers with unbelievers; fifth, an increase in population; sixth, a rejection of righteousness and holiness; and seventh, the most frightful sign, the appearance of angelic beings that mingled with humans and animals.¹ "The sons of God saw the daughters of man that they were beautiful and mingled with them." Gen. 2:2, and "the daughters gave birth to giants, 'nephilim'," Gen. 2:4. Are these verses myth or are they, in part, based on real events in Genesis?² Is our generation unleashing transhumanism, gene selection of babies, cloning, epigenetics and genetic experiments with mingling human



and animal DNA? How did we get centaurs, chimeras, fairies, satyrs, gorgons, nymphs, minotaurs and other genetic aberrations?³

#27. What are U.F.O.s? Hundreds, if not thousands, of people have seen legitimate unidentified flying objects (U.F.O.s), beyond planes, balloons, or human machines. These U.F.O.s violate our laws of physics. Demonic beings have the capability

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Gov't facing upheaval over TV license auction, Attica Bank

The government faced a deepening political crisis on Tuesday as Parliament's ethics committee was expected to summon State Minister Nikos Pappas and the four winners of a recent auction of television licenses and a senior cabinet member expressed serious concerns about one of the victors, the son of a construction magnate with leftist links who is under investigation for tax evasion.

Using a special provision in the House regulations, conservative New Democracy and the center-left Democratic Alignment convinced Parliament's transparency and ethics committee to call Pappas and the license winners to answer questions relating to the competition, which fueled controversy.

Speaking earlier, ND deputy Makis Voridis accused the government of try-



ing to cover up "leftist corruption." "There is a major issue of transparency," he said. The government also faced heavy criticism from within its own ranks, with Interior Minister Panayiotis Kouroubilis indicating that Yiannis Kalogritsas, the son of construction magnate Christos Kalogritsas, should have his license revoked if claims that the family borrowed millions from state-backed Attica Bank and evaded millions of euros in taxes are substantiated.

Kouroubilis called on Bank of Greece Governor Yannis Stournaras to provide the government with all the details about Attica Bank. "Of course, if there is evidence, then he and those who gave him the license have responsibilities, criminal and political," Kouroubilis told Vima FM.

Later in the day, clearly under pressure from others in the government, Kouroubilis issued a much milder statement, saying that all license winners should "fulfill all the legal preconditions." Earlier on Tuesday, it emerged that Greek authorities have been investigating businessman Christos Kalogritsas for alleged tax evasion since last year. Kalogritsas is the subject of an inquiry over an alleged 20-million-euro discrepancy between his deposits and tax declarations, sources told Kathimerini. His details are being probed as part of a wider investigation. He faces charges of tax evasion and money laundering unless he can explain the provenance of these deposits.

Meanwhile, his son, Yiannis Kalogritsas, one of the winners in the recent auction for broadcasting licenses, was also investigated over deposits worth 4 million euros which were not accounted for in a declaration detailing the source of his wealth. The younger businessman was able to settle his debts to the state before the TV license auction, closing the investigation against him.



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the Hellenic Ministry of Finance just issued PROPERTY TAX NOTICES, referred to in Greek as ENFIA (ΕΝΦΙΑ), for the year 2016.

How do I find out how much I owe?

All information can be found on the on-line portal system of the Hellenic Ministry of Finance, the TAXISNET. With your username and password, you can log on at www.gsis.gr and print out your property tax invoices.

When are payments due?

You can pay your property tax in either 5 installments or in total. The first installment payment is due at the end of next month on September 30, 2016 and the deadline for the last payment is January 31, 2017.

How do I pay?

Payments can be made over the counter in all banks in Greece, through web and/or mobile banking and at the Hellenic Post Company (ΕΛ.ΤΑ). Keep in mind, that if installment payments are not made by the designated deadline, interest rates will be levied.

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to interphase with humans, animals and objects. Please study Mark Chapter 5. They are real! Demons afflicted a human, the Gadarene Man, and later when expelled by the Lord Jesus Christ, afflicted 2000 swine! Why are U.F.O.s being seen worldwide today?

#29. Apostasy means a falling away from believing in God, both for Christians and for the Jewish people. Apostasy means that there will be a falling away from faith, from the laws of society and from the traditional dogmas of the One Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church and the teachings of the Holy Fathers/Mothers. Apostasy means a turning to lawlessness and ungodliness. Lawlessness will manifest itself in philosophy, education, culture, music, art and literature. Is apostasy being witnessed globally today?

The Author agrees with King S. Wells, Jr., that the myth stories of Assyria, Babylon, Egypt and Greece were based, in part, on true events as recorded in Genesis. There were hybrid giants and hybrid humans/animals.

In closing, is our generation the generation to which these signs are pointing? Is our generation entering in "the secrets of heaven," the "mixture of animal of one species with the other in order therewith to provoke the Lord"? Book of Jasher, 4:18.

¹ G.H. Pember, "Earth's Earliest Ages," Samuel Bagster and Sons. London 1876;

² King S. Wells, Jr., "Ancient Myths and The Bible"; and

³ Tom and Nita Horn, "Forbidden Gates," Defender, Crane Missouri, 2010.

9 Wonderful Advantages of the Golden Age

Like a classic movie, like fine wine, like a tune you're never sick of hearing, so can our lives get better with the years. The golden age is a time when we can harvest the fruits of our labor and enjoy many advantages most people seem to forget or undervalue. I'd like to share with you 9 reasons why your golden years can be the best time of your life, so you always remember you've got something to smile about.

1. We know how to enjoy life



Once the desperate need to be considered 'cool' and exciting has passed, it's much easier to lean back, laugh at everything (including ourselves) and enjoy life. Life is much funnier when we're older, especially because we've learned there's no shame in laughing at ourselves. Since laughter is good for you, why

not laugh as much as possible? In addition, we've driven down many of life's bumpy roads, so we already know what should concern us and what can be solved with a smile and acceptance. For those who say life is boring, I say: "rubbish." Life is full of experiences you've accumulated, and full of experiences you've yet to have.

2. We appreciate other people

Family, friends, and everyone close to us. They've been by our side for so long we've learned to trust them when we're in need of help and to thank them for all they do for us. We've learned, a long time ago, that the journey of life is best made with others, and even if their road ended or our roads went different ways, it just made us appreciate even more those that are still with us. We have given and received many gifts over the years, but we know the best gift we will ever have is having people around us who care.

3. We know how to make the best of who we are

With age comes experience, and with it we get perspective and wisdom, things that help us make the most out of what we have. We've learned a lot in this life, and we continue to learn more every day, which will help us avoid mistakes and reach our goals. After many years in this world, we can finally deal with it, knowing exactly who we are. We know we have the power to change if we really want to, we've done it before and there's no reason we can't do it again.

4. We know our world

Even if we haven't been to every country in the world, we know our own environment, that's for sure. We've learned to circumnavigate that bump in the road, we learned when the best time to open our windows for that refreshing breeze is, and we know exactly how we like our food. Our environment is full of reminders - some pleasant and some less so - of the wondrous life we've lived and continue living today. Beyond the satisfaction of knowing the real us and our real environment, life also supplies us with a plethora of opportunities to see younger people (such as our grandchildren) experiencing life for the first time, and enjoy it.

5. We've learned to accept our faults

Chasing perfection is the province of younger people, who still haven't come to the realization that constantly chasing perfection only leads to bitterness, disappointment and self-hate. Most of the time we even enjoy the little faults in our life and in the people close to us, who supply us with endless little moments of pleasure and laughter. Although it's sometimes hard to admit, our body is not as strong as it used to be, but it has served us for many years and will continue to do so only if we don't ask for more than it can give.

6. We don't need to prove anything to anyone

We've learned, a long time ago, that no good will come from comparing ourselves to others. We've released ourselves from that feeling of pressure and competition that causes so many people anxiety and sadness. There is a great relief knowing that at this stage of our lives we can focus on what we like and abandon the negative emotions of envy. We know our worth, and if no one else knows it, that is their problem and not something that should bother us. If we want to do something, we do it for ourselves and our loved ones, and not to prove anything to anyone.

7. We are aware of our mood

When I was young, older folks used to look surly to me. Today I understand that after a certain age a little complaining and joking is to be enjoyed. We all like to blow off some steam, we're just no longer afraid to do it. However, we do need to remember every coin has two sides, and we must not be tempted to spend our time moping or being surly. We know now that these feelings pass, and we have the patience to wait it out.

8. We've got our priorities straight

After many years of being run ragged by life, we finally have the time and ability to do things in our own pace. We've raised our children, fed and clothed them. Now is the time to develop that artistic ability we always knew we had, learn a new language, go out in nature or read all the books we never had time for. From my personal experience, I can tell you others will be surprised to see the amount of creative energy you may have.

9. We can be at peace with ourselves

Every stage in life has its goals: To finish school, to find a career, to raise the children and on and on. What is our goal now? To take care of the grandkids, to help our children through their hard time, but mainly to reach peace and acceptance with ourselves. We've chased happiness most of our lives, and now is the time to develop ourselves in any way we see fit. Bottom line: This is when we know ourselves the best and yet can surprise ourselves the most. It is a time for self-improving and delighting in ourselves and in others. Embrace this period of life with both arms and enjoy all that it has to offer.

Greek-American Helen Maroulis Gets Gold in Wrestling for the USA



Greek-American freestyle wrestler Helen Maroulis, aged 25, pinned down Japan’s Saori Yoshida scoring a gold medal in women’s wrestling in the 53 kg division for the United States. Her win dashed Yoshida’s hopes to become the second wrestler ever to win four gold medals, just a day after her teammate Kaori Icho became the first.

Maroulis was on a roll and nothing could stop her in the Rio Olympics and made her way to the finals after pinning down Swedish wrestler Sofia Mattson in the semis.

A daughter of Greek immigrants, she first started wrestling at the age of 7 when her brother needed someone to practice with. She describes herself as “Greek by birth. Wrestler by heart. Passionate about life. 3-time World Team member. 2016 Olympic Hopeful.”

Greek-American Alexander Massialas Wins USA’s First Fencing Medal in 32 Years



After a thirty-two-year losing streak, the USA has won an Olympic medal in fencing at Rio.

At the Rio 2016 games the silver medal went to Greek-American Alexander Massialas, who took a year off from his studies at Stanford to train for the games; a decision that paid off.

Alexander was emotional as he came so close to becoming the first ever American fencer to win a gold medal in an individual men’s foil, sabre or epee tournament.

His father, Greek immigrant Greg Massialas who was born in Crete, is also his coach and a former Olympian in fencing himself.

“I told him, ‘I’m so proud of you,’” his father told him afterwards, according to sports.yahoo.com.

“It meant the world to me, and I don’t know how I’d ever repay my dad,” Alex said.

“I had to fight back tears receiving the silver medal when I see my mom back in the stands trying to hug me from so far away,” Alex said as he spoke emotionally of his mother, Chwan-Hui Chen.

“Obviously my mom has been the silent force behind everything I do. She hates being in the limelight, but this is the one chance I have to thank her for everything she’s ever done for me. Driving me to fencing practice every single day. Encouraging me every step of the way, even when things got tough. Just giving me unconditional love in the 22 years I’ve been alive...She’s the secret hero no one talks about and I couldn’t be prouder to bring this back for her.”

Honorary event for Olympic team



Greek President Prokipsis Pavlopoulos chats with swimmer Spyros Gianniotis, a silver medalist in Rio, during an official reception to honor Greece’s Olympic team at the Presidential Mansion Thursday. The event was marred by controversy after 19-year-old shooter Anna Korakaki, who won two of Greece’s six medals, including one gold, said she had not been invited to the event. [Alexandros Vlachos/ANA-MPA]

Lord of the rings returns home



Greek gold medalist Eleftherios Petrounias (c) holds his medal, as he arrives at the Athens Eleftherios Venizelos airport in Athens, Thursday. Greek gymnast Petrounias won the gold medal in men’s rings on August 15, in the Rio Olympic Games with a score of 16.000. [Yannis Kolesidis/EPA]



Ekaterini Stefanidi, winner of the women’s Olympic pole vault event in Rio on Friday, poses with her gold medal as she arrives at Athens International Airport yesterday. “I hope that this medal will attract more young people to pole vault and track and field in general,” she told journalists. [Stelios Misinas/Eurokinissi]



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10 Reasons to Power Nap



There’s no better energy than the one we gain from a good night’s sleep. However, there are many benefits that come from taking a short power nap as well. JFK, Churchill, and Edison were fond of napping in between running their respective countries and laboratories, and recent research has unveiled that short power naps are good for both body and mind.

1. Increased productivity

Companies like Zappos, Nike and Google have designated nap rooms for their employees. In Japan, the law requires workers to rest after lunch. Why? Because studies have repeatedly shown that power naps improve productivity. Nowadays, people tend to work more hours than ever before and are increasingly ‘burning out’. An afternoon nap counters this with a boost of energy. If you work the regular 9-5 shift, it’s best to avoid a nap in the late afternoon, as this can affect your night-time sleep. Experts recommend a 10-30 minute snooze in the middle of the day.

2. An energy boost without stimulants

Most people reach for a cup of coffee or a sugary energy drink when they’re a little low on energy, but caffeine and sugar are short-term boosts. They are inevitably followed by crashes, making you less productive and even *more* tired later in the day. These temporary energy fixes can also wreak havoc on your health, especially energy drinks, which put pressure on your heart while dehydrating you. A power nap offers a much healthier choice for a shot of energy.

3. Clarity of thought

Research into short sleep cycles suggests a power nap is beneficial to your cognitive functions. During sleep, the brain does its ‘housekeeping’. It spends time classifying data and consolidating memories. After you wake up, your mind will be less jumbled and you will be left with more organized thoughts.

4. Increased

noon slump. Naturally, people experience a drop in energy 8 hours after waking, usually between 2 and 4 pm. Research suggests that taking a nap after lunch can give you a jolt of energy and circumvent this.

5. Safety

A healthy person requires 7 to 8 hours of sleep per day. Many people cope with 6 or less, but you’re likely to be grouchy and make mistakes. With less than 6 hours of sleep, the risk of car and work accidents triples. A power nap can improve your reaction time and reduce those risks.

6. Improved memory

Napping can be restorative for learning and memory retention. Several studies have found that students who took naps before exams scored significantly higher on their tests. The reason? During sleep, the hippocampus, the part of the brain that consolidates our short-term memories, uses the time to transfer information to the long-term memory, thus making sure we don’t forget what we just learned.

7. Elevated mood

Sleep is, simply put, a relaxing activity, and can have similar effects on your mood to that of physical activity. A power nap isn’t a substitute for a full night’s rest, but it can certainly bolster a grumpy mood and reduce the stress caused by sleepiness. Even if you’ve had a decent night’s sleep, a nap won’t leave you groggy because the short period of time you were asleep didn’t allow you to fall into a deep sleep, the type that leaves your senses addled.

8. More creativity

Creativity comes in different forms, and while some tasks may not seem like they require much creativity, everybody needs and uses it in some capacity. A good power nap affords your brain time to process information. This time also allows the brain to slot thoughts into the relevant crevices and, when you wake up, you will more capable of creatively combining ideas. Things will suddenly click together.

9. Less stress

Power naps also work to counter the negative effects of stress and everyday anxiety. Researchers found that the restful breathing we do during sleep relaxes tension in our backs and shoulders and lowers our blood pressure. Some people find they’re not able to nap at work, but they can get away with meditating. Although not as powerful as a nap, meditation produces slower brain waves, similar to those produced during sleep, which reduce stress and clear the mind.

10. Better health The power nap not only makes you a healthy worker during the day, but it also affects your overall health too. Researchers have found that regular ‘power nappers’ have a lower risk of developing heart disease and getting depressed. Naps have also been shown to help people better process carbohydrates and to balance hormone levels.



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As pre-registration concludes, Mouzalas urges EU to speed up relocations

An Afghan boy lays on a plastic boat in the outdoor area of the abandoned former airport in Elliniko, on Athens’s southern coast, on Tuesday.

Up to 180,000 more migrants could enter Greece if a deal struck between the European Union and Turkey with the aim of limiting the number of asylum seekers coming to Europe collapses, Greek Minister for Migration Policy Yiannis Mouzalas said Tuesday.

Speaking during a press conference on the completion of the so-called pre-registration process, Mouzalas said that Athens has asked the EU to speed up the relocation of refugees from Greece to other countries in the bloc, in line with last year’s agreement.

“At the moment we have 7,000 people ready to be relocated but we have yet to receive an response from the member-states,” he said.

EU governments committed to relocate 160,000 individuals from Greece and Italy by September 2017. So far fewer than 4,000 people have been resettled.

According to official data, presented by Mouzalas following the completion of the pre-registration scheme (a process that gives migrants access to the country’s asylum procedure), a total of 27,592 migrants living in camps on the Greek mainland registered between June 9, when the EU-funded scheme was established, and July 30. Fifty-four percent were Syrian, 27 percent Afghan, 13 percent Iraqi, 3 percent Pakistani and 2 percent Palestinian.

Mouzalas admitted that there are an additional 4,000-6,000 individuals who are currently on the move or avoiding registration fearing that doing so would force them to remain in the country.

The leftist minister rebuffed rumors that hundreds of people have been illegally crossing Greece’s northern border on a daily basis.

“If that were the case, there would hardly any refugees left in the country,” he said.

Tuesday’s event was attended by representatives of the organizations that helped carry out the pre-registration process: the director of the Greek Asylum Service Maria Stavropoulou, UNHCR Representative in Greece Philippe Leclerc, and the representative for the European Asylum Support Office, Dimitris Pagidas.

Also Tuesday, UN High Commissioner for Refugees Filippo Grandi arrived in Greece for a three-day visit to assess the humanitarian needs of migrants and refugees. He is scheduled to meet with Prime Minister Alexis Tsipras Wednesday.

After Boutaris, Kotzias pays official visit to Skopje



After the visit Tuesday by Thessaloniki Mayor Yiannis Boutaris to Skopje, the capital of the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia (FYROM), Foreign Minister Nikos Kotzias follows suit Wednesday, in a bid to thaw relations between the two countries which ultimately could lead to a resolution to the decades-old name dispute.

Kotzias was invited by his counterpart Nikola Poposki to be a keynote speaker at an annual gathering of FYROM ambassadors.

Meanwhile, Boutaris’s visit to the neigh-

boring country was made upon the invitation of FYROM President Gjorge Ivanov, a reflection of the close relationship built between the two men in recent years

Cyprus talks resume after summer recess

Cyprus President Nicos Anastasiades has not ruled out a tripartite meeting between himself,



Turkish-Cypriot leader Mustafa Akinci and United Nations Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon, given there is enough progress in the ongoing peace talks between the leaders of the two communities on the war-torn island.

“If there is enough progress that would allow it, or if the secretary-general wants to meet both leaders after the UN General Assembly, I don’t think it is the end of the world [if they meet],” Anastasiades said Tuesday, but he insisted this will be discussed on September 14 “when the course of the intensive dialogue is assessed.”

Anastasiades’s remarks follow the resumption of talks Tuesday with Akinci after the summer break. It was the first of six meetings – on August 23, 29 and 31 and on September 2, 6 and 8 – leading up to the UN General Assembly on September 14.

Both men have said they are committed to reaching a solution for the reunification of the island, which was divided after Turkey invaded in 1974, but have yet to overcome two sticking points: the system of guarantees whereby Greece, Britain and Turkey act as guarantor powers, and the issue of territory.

The Greek-Cypriot side and Greece have rejected any such meeting as they want the guarantees scrapped as an anachronism that would compromise the independence of Cyprus. The Turkish-Cypriot side and Turkey have insisted the guarantees must be maintained as part of any new agreement.

Anastasiades said Tuesday’s talks did not include discussions on these issues, but focused on the process that will be followed in the upcoming meetings.

“The basic principle we agreed upon is that the security of one side cannot pose a threat to the other,” Anastasiades said, adding that they touched upon Akinci’s recent meeting with Turkey’s President Recep Tayyip Erdogan.

UN Special Adviser Espen Barth Eide tweeted Tuesday: “After a brief summer recess, intensified Cyprus talks continue in a constructive spirit. Crucial weeks ahead.”

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Greek photographer who brought migrant crisis home wins prestigious award



A photo by Aris Messinis shows Syrian refugees covered with life blankets upon arriving to Lesbos, after crossing the Aegean sea from Turkey, in September last year.

Greek AFP photographer Aris Messinis has covered conflicts in Libya and Syria, but it was for his dramatic images of a migrant crisis on his doorstep that he was honoured Saturday at photojournalism’s biggest annual festival.

Messinis won the Visa d’Or for News, the most prestigious award handed out at the “Visa Pour L’Image” festival in Perpignan, southwestern France.

The 39-year-old father of three girls has done more than just provide photographic evidence of the plight of the masses of migrants fleeing to Greek island shores.

He also became part of their story; helping a mother and child clamber out of the sea, carrying a baby to safety and even taking to the morgue the body of a child washed up on a beach.

Last year Messinis set himself up on the island of Lesbos, the epicentre of Europe’s biggest migrant crisis since World War II.

The images he captured there have been flashed around the world. “I never thought I’d be covering this in my own country,” he said.

EU/IMF rift on Greek debt is hurting country, says Tsipras

A rift between the International Monetary Fund and the European Union on how to address Greece’s debt crisis is damaging for the country, Prime Minister Alexis Tsipras said on Sunday.

“I would say that what is creating conditions of delay in regaining trust of markets and investors ... is the constant clash and disagreement between the IMF and European institutions,” Tsipras told a news

conference in the northern city of Thessaloniki. The IMF has yet to decide whether to participate in a third international bailout Greece signed up to in mid-2015, saying it



is not convinced its debt is sustainable. The country’s current debt to GDP ratio exceeds 170 percent of national output, the highest in the eurozone.

Tsipras said disagreements between the EU and the IMF was preventing timely participation of the country in the quantitative easing program of the European Central Bank.

“A country which has made such harsh adjustment cannot wait much more... It is entitled to a fair regulation of the debt issue. The Greek problem is a European problem,” Tsipras said.

Refugee crisis topping premier’s list of concerns

A Syrian man hammers a nail on woods as he prepares his family tent for winter at Ritsona refugee camp north of Athens, which hosts about 600 refugees and migrants.

Topping the list of concerns of Prime Minister Alexis Tsipras in recent days and weeks, according to sources close to the premier, is the refugee crisis as arrivals from neighboring Turkey have increased and countries such as Germany are calling for the return of migrants to Greece.

The number of migrants arriving on islands of the eastern Aegean from neighboring Turkey have increased to around 100 per day, aggravating the concerns of government officials who had indicated that the situation was under control.

Around 3,000 people have arrived in Greece over the past month alone, putting additional strain on reception centers on the islands that are already overcrowded.

A government plan to decongest those centers foresees the transfer of thousands of refugees and migrants to the mainland but work is still under way to prepare new facilities so the problem has yet to be addressed.

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Charles Constantine "Chuck" Condes passed away peacefully on August 17, 2016.



Born and raised in Chicago, Charles was the devoted son of the late Constantine and Haricleia (Yiannias) Condes and, for 25 years, the beloved husband of the late Phyllis (Holik) Condes.

Charles is survived by his brother Sam C. Condes; his



niece Harriette (Tassos) Zervakis; his nephew Johnny S. Condes; his grand-nephews Sam C. Condes and Peter Nicholas "Pete" Zervakis; his brother-in-

law Ralph Holik; cousins and friends.

In addition to his parents and wife, Charles was pre-deceased by his brother Nicholas G (the late Lena) Condes, his toddler sister Chrisanthy Condes, his sister-in-law Helen (Plakas) Condes, and his sister-in-law Rosetta (Holik) Attwood.

Charles graduated from the Illinois Institute of Technology (IIT) in 1942 with a BS in Mechanical Engineering. During WWII he served in the U.S. Army Air Corps as a meteorologist attached to the Royal Air Force. His weather readings, transmitted in code, were invaluable and used for a variety of purposes by the Allies. Charles often talked about his WWII experiences in North Africa, Cyprus, and the Middle East.

Following the war, Charles began his engineering career as a consultant, ultimately working as a Bridge Design Engineer for the City of Chicago. He was particularly proud of the machinery he designed for raising some of the bridges over the Chicago River. Charles was highly valued in his department.

Throughout his life, Charles worked hard and showed incredibly keen judgment. As a high school student, he established a retail dairy store; later he made brilliant investments in the stock market. Charles was the family's most trusted adviser.

With a strong appreciation of history and culture, Charles traveled extensively across the United States, Canada, Europe, Russia, the Caribbean, and South America. No matter where he traveled, he always found the local Greek Orthodox Church to attend a service. "There's so much to see in this world," he once said, "and I'm glad I saw a lot of it." A genuine philanthropist, Charles supported many causes such as the Pan-Hellenic Scholarship Foundation, Leadership 100, the National Hellenic Museum, Philoxenia House in Rochester, St. Photios Shrine, and many others.

Charles led an exciting, and also deeply principled, life. His warmth and kind manner will be greatly missed.

His family extends special thanks to Dr. Scott Pawlakowski, nurses Aurora DeLeon and Laura Villano, and caregivers James Curran and Carlo Tuazon.

Funeral services will be held on Monday, August 22 at Holy Taxiarchi and St. Haralambos Greek Orthodox Church, 7373 N. Caldwell Ave, Niles at 10:30 AM. Viewing will begin at 9:30 AM. **Orrico Kourelis Funeral Services, Inc.** directing. Interment at Elmwood Cemetery, River Grove.

In lieu of flowers, donations to St. Haralambos GOYA or International Orthodox Charities would be appreciated.

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Mother Teresa declared saint by Pope Francis at Vatican ceremony



Mother Teresa, revered for her work with the poor in India, has been proclaimed a saint by Pope Francis in a ceremony at the Vatican. Tens of thousands of pilgrims had flocked to St Peter's Square for the Mass and canonisation. Two miraculous cures of the sick after Mother Teresa's death in 1997 have been attributed to her intercession. In India, a special Mass was celebrated at the Missionaries of Charity, the order she founded in Kolkata.

Cardinal Angelo Amato read a brief biography of Mother Teresa's work, then asked the Pope to canonise her in the name of the Church. Pope Francis responded: "After due

deliberation and frequent prayer for divine assistance, and having sought the counsel of many of our brother bishops, we declare and define Blessed Teresa of Calcutta to be a saint and we enrol her among the saints, decreeing that she is to be venerated as such by the whole Church."

Hundreds of Missionaries of Charity sisters attended the event, along with 13 heads of state or government.

Some 1,500 homeless people across Italy were also brought to Rome in buses to be given seats of honour at the celebration - and then a pizza lunch served by 250 nuns and priests of the



Sisters of Charity order. One pilgrim, Charlotte Samba from Gabon, told Associated Press: "Her heart, she gave it to the world. Mercy, forgiveness, good works. It is the heart of a mother for the poor." Senior sister at the Mother House, Mary Lysa, said: "It's a day of rejoicing, a day of gratitude and a day of many, many blessings."

Worldwide acclaim

Mother Teresa founded a sisterhood that runs 19 homes, and won the Nobel Peace Prize. But she was not without her critics, as some people noted a lack of hygiene in the hospitals run by her sisterhood, and said she accepted money from dictators for her charity work.

Who was Mother Teresa?

She died in 1997 - aged 87 - and was beatified in 2003, the first step to sainthood.

In 2002, the Vatican ruled that an Indian woman's stomach tumour had been miraculously cured after prayers to Mother Teresa, despite the doubts of her husband. Pope Francis cleared the way for sainthood last year when he recognised a second miracle attributed to her. Her work complements Francis' vision of a Church that serves the underprivileged. Her canonisation is a centrepiece of his Jubilee Year of Mercy. Born in 1910 to ethnic Albanian parents, Agnese Gonxha Bojaxhiu grew up in what is now the Macedonian capital, Skopje, but was then part of the Ottoman Empire. Aged 19, she joined the Irish order of Loreto and in 1929 was sent to India, where she taught at a school in Darjeeling under the name of Therese. In 1946, she moved to Kolkata to help the destitute and, after a decade, set up a hospice and a home for abandoned children. She founded the Missionaries of Charity in 1950. The sisterhood now has 4,500 nuns worldwide. She achieved worldwide acclaim for her work in Kolkata's slums, but her critics accused her of pushing a hardline Catholicism, mixing with dictators and accepting funds from them for her charity.

It often takes decades for people to reach sainthood after their death, but beatification was rushed through by Pope John Paul II. Pope Francis was known to be keen to complete the process during the Church's Holy Year of Mercy, which runs to November 2016.



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