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## Can A Christian Be Afflicted?Part 7

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Satanic forces were defeated on Golgotha when the Lord Jesus Christ said, “it is finished.” John 19:30, (ὁ ὁ ἔσχατος αἰὼν) *tetelestai*, which the Author believes was spoken in Greek. Satan was defeated forever! But do Believers appropriate the victory of the cross in their daily walk of life? Do Believers exercise the authority they have in the name of Jesus Christ? Can Unbelievers be demonized? These Articles suggest that for Unbelievers the answer is yes. But can Believers be demonized?

There is a powerful and informative encounter that the Lord Jesus Christ had with a woman in a Synagogue.

“And He was teaching in one of the Synagogues on the Sabbath. And, behold, there was a woman who had a spirit of infirmity eighteen years, and was bowed together, and could in no wise lift up herself. And when Jesus saw her, he called her to Him, and said unto her, ‘Woman, you art loosed from your infirmity.’ And He laid his hands on her and immediately she was made straight, and glorified God. And the ruler of the Synagogue answered with indignation; because, Jesus had healed on the Sabbath Day, and said unto the people, “there are six days in which men ought to work and in them come and be healed, and not on the Sabbath Day.” The Lord then answered him, and said, ‘You hypocrite, does not each one of you on the Sabbath loose his ox or his ass from the stall, and lead him away to watering? And ought not this woman, being a Daughter of Abraham, whom Satan has bound, lo, these eighteen years, be loosed from this bond on the Sabbath Day?’” Lk. 13: 10-16.

In the story, the woman who was participating in the Synagogue service was afflicted for 18 years by a spirit of infirmity. The Lord Jesus Christ stated that it was Satan who had bound the woman. Jesus Christ “loosed” her from her infirmity. How profound that this woman was inside a Synagogue for at least 18 years!

Don W. Basham, reposed, related two stories of *Believers* afflicted by evil spirits. The first story is about Cynthia, who was freed from over 30 demons, p.28. The second story is about J. Lawton Smith, M.D., a Duke University graduate, who was freed from over 100 demons, p.108. <sup>1</sup>

These two stories were eye-opening realities for the Author, who was raised in the Orthodox Church, Catholic Church and Protestant churches, but taught very little regarding demonic afflictions and deliverance.

The Holy Spirit manifests in the Church in different ways. The Holy Spirit gives Believers various gifts.

“For to one is given by the Spirit the word of wisdom; to another the word of knowledge by the same Spirit; to another faith by the same Spirit; to another the gifts of healing by the same Spirit; to another the working of miracles; to another prophecy; to another discerning of spirits; to another divers kinds of tongues; and to another the interpretation of tongues.” I Cor. 12:8-10.

This list of 9 gifts of the Holy Spirit includes the gift of “discerning of spirits.” Is this gift being used today for the Believers? Is this gift being used today for the Unbelievers? Is this gift being used today at all?

St. Paul alludes, in his Epistle to the Galatians, that they were “bewitched” Gal. 3: 1, the Greek word is (ἀσέβητοι) *baskainō*, which is defined as “an evil by feign, praise, or an evil eye.” In short, the Galatians were Believers but were again in danger of becoming enslaved to evil spirits.

In the ministry of the Lord Jesus Christ, the Apostles and the 70 Disciples, all healed and expelled evil spirits within the community of normal, ordinary, and God-fearing Jews and Gentiles. Similarly, today, are there within the Church Community normal, ordinary, God-fearing Believers who need deliverance from evil spirits? Based on the above Scripture, numerous books and testimonies, it would seem that the answer is yes!

What to do? Seek a God bearing, fearing and discerning Orthodox Priest or Orthodox Monk/Nun or a Catholic Priest or Protestant Pastor or Holy Brother/ Sister who is/are versed in the Ministry of Deliverance, to pray for you and with you, when you reach a medical end or when there is no scientific explanation.

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## Greek oil spill spreads to Athens riviera



Crews scrambled on Wednesday to clean up an oil spill from a sunken tanker which had spread to some of Athens's most popular beaches. The 45-year-old vessel, *Agia Zoni II*, was carrying 2,500 tonnes of fuel when it sank off the island of Salamis on Sunday. By Wednesday, a thick oily tide had covered stretches of the Athens Riviera several miles away. [Alexandros Vlachos/EPA]

## Greek, Italian leaders call for fairer EU migration rules

At a joint summit on Corfu on Thursday, Prime Minister Alexis Tsipras and his Italian counterpart Paolo Gentiloni declared that European countries should share the burden of dealing with migration.

Mediterranean countries must “find a way to act decisively, taking a leading role in this debate and in developments,” Gentiloni said. Tsipras, for his part, noted that refugee crises should be handled with solidarity and a shared sense of responsibility, not with “fences and exclusions that undermine our European values.”

Gentiloni called for a change to European regulations on migration “because it is only fair that the weight does not only fall on just some countries.” “This is the message that we will also bring to the meeting in Nicosia in October,” Gentiloni said, referring to a conference of seven Mediterranean countries scheduled to take place in the Cypriot capital on October 10.

Meanwhile in Athens, on the second day of the annual Athens Democracy Forum, which is being organized by Kathimerini and The New York Times, Swedish Foreign Minister Margot Wallstrom praised both Greece and Italy for bearing the greatest part of the burden posed by Europe's refugee crisis and warned that the problem has not been solved. “We have to be prepared,” Wallstrom said. “This is only the beginning.”

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nation to your condition or when weird supernatural events happen. The condition *may* be demonic. If you are a Believer, a Godly Priest can pray the prayer below. If you are an Unbeliever, like one of the thieves on the cross who repented and put his faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, put your faith in Jesus Christ and a Godly Priest or person pray this prayer, as well:

**St. Basil's Prayers,** "O God of gods and Lord of lords, Creator of the fiery spirits and Artificer of the invisible powers, of all things heavenly and earthly: Thou Who no man has seen — nor is able to see; Thou Whom all creation fears and before Whom it trembles; Thou Who didst cast into the darkness of the abyss of Tartars the angels who did fall away with him who once was commander of the angelic host, who disobeyed Thee and haughtily refused to serve Thee, do Thou expel by the terror of Thy name the evil one and his legions loose upon the earth, Lucifer and those with him who fell from above. Set him to flight and command him and his demons to depart completely. Let no harm come to them who are sealed in Thy image and let those who are sealed receive dominion, "to tread on serpents and scorpions and all the power of the enemy." For Thee do we hymn and magnify and with every breath do we glorify Thy all-holy name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen."I expel you, primal source of blasphemy, prince of the rebel host, originator of evil. I expel you, Lucifer, who was cast from the brilliance on high into the darkness of the abyss on account of your arrogance: I expel you and all the fallen hosts which followed your will: I expel you, spirit of uncleanness, who revolted against Adonai, Elohim, the omnipotent God of Sabaoth and the army of His angels. Be gone and depart from the servant/handmaid of God \_\_\_\_\_. I expel you in the name of Him Who created all things by His Word, His Only-Begotten Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, Who was inef- fably and dispassionately born before all the ages; by Whom was formed all things visible and invisible, Who made man after His Image: Who guarded him by the angels, Who trained him in the Law, Who drowned sin in the flood of waters from above and Who shut up the abysses under the heaven, Who demolished the impious race of giants, Who shook down the tower of Babel, Who reduced Sodom and Gomorrah to ashes by sulfur and fire, a fact to which the unceasing vapors testify; and Who by the staff of Moses separated the waters of the Red Sea, opening a water- less path for the people while the tyrannical Pharaoh and his God-fighting army were drowned forever in its waves for his wicked persecution of them; and Who in these last days was inexplicably incarnate of a pure Virgin who preserved the seal of her chastity intact; and Who was pleased to purge our ancient defilement in the baptismal cleansing. I expel you, Satan, by virtue of Christ's baptism in the Jordan, which for us is a type of our inheritance of incorruption through grace and sancti- fied waters: the same One Who astounded the angels and all the heavenly powers when they beheld God incarnate in the flesh and also revealed at the Jordan His beginningless Father and the Holy Spirit with Whom He shares the unity of the Trinity. I expel you, evil one, in the name of Him Who rebuked the winds and stilled the turbulent sea; Who banished the legion of demons and opened the eyes of him who was born blind from his mother's womb; and Who from clay fashioned sight for him, whereby He re-enacted the ancient refashioning of our face; Who restored the speech of the speechless, purged the stigma of leprosy, raised the dead from the grave and Who Himself despoiled Hades by His death and Resurrection thereby rendering mankind impervious to death. I expel you, in the name of Almighty God Who filled men with the inbreathing of a divinely inspired voice and Who wrought together with the Apostles the piety, which has filled the universe. Fear and flee, run, leave, unclean and accursed spirit, deceitful and unseemly creature of the infernal depths, visible through deceit, hidden by pretense. Depart wherever you may appear, Beelzebub, vanish as smoke and heat, bestial and serpentine thing, whether disguised as male or female, whether beast or crawling thing or flying, whether garrulous, mute or speechless, whether bringing fear of being trampled, or rend- ing apart, conniving, whether oppressing him/her in sleep, by some display of weak- ness, by distracting laughter, or taking pleasure in false tears whether by lechery

or stench of carnal lust, pleasure, addiction to drugs, divination or astrology, whether dwelling in a house, whether possessed by audacity, or contentiousness or instability, whether striking him with lunacy, or returning to him after the passage of time, whether you be of the morning, noonday, midnight or night, indefinite time or daybreak, whether spontaneously or sent to someone or com- ing upon him/her unawares, whether from the sea, a river, from beneath the earth, from a well, a ravine, a hollow, a lake, a thicket of reeds, from matter, land, refuse, whether from a grove, a tree, a thicket, from a fowl, or thunder, whether from the precincts of a bath, a pool of water or from a pagan sepulcher or from any place where you may lurk; whether by knowledge or ignorance or any place not mentioned. Depart, separate yourself from him/her, be ashamed before him who was made in the image of God and shaped by His hand. Fear the likeness of the incarnate God and no longer hide in His servant/ handmaid\_\_\_\_\_; rather await the rod of iron, the fiery furnace of Tartars, the gnashing of teeth as reprisal for disobedience. Be afraid, be still, flee, neither return nor hide in him some other kind of evil, unclean spirits. Depart into the uncultivated, waterless waste of the desert where no man dwells, where God alone vigilantly watches, Who shall bind you that dares with envy to plot against His image and Who, with chains of darkness shall hold you in Tartars, Who by day and night and for a great length of time has devised all manner of evils, O devil; for great is your fear of God and great is the glory of the Father, of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

O God of the heavens, God of Light, God of the Angels and Archangels obedient to Thine Authority and Power; O God Who art glorified in Thy Saints, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Thine Only-begotten Son, Who delivered the souls which were bound to death and Who enlightened them that dwelt in dark- ness; He Who released us from all our misery and pain and Who has protected us from the assaults of the enemy. And Thou, O Son and Word of God, has pur- posed us for immortality by Thy death and glorified us with Thy glory; Thou Who loosed us from the fetters of our sins through Thy Cross, rendering us pleas- ing to Thyself and uniting us with God; Thou Who didst rescue us from destruc- tion and cured all our diseases; Thou Who set us on the path to heaven and changed our corruption to incorruption. Hear Thou me who cry unto Thee with longing and fear, Thou before Whom the mountains and the firmament under the heavens do shrink; Thou Who makest the physical elements to tremble, keeping them within their own limits; and because of Whom the fires of retribution dare not overstep the boundary set for them but must await the decision of Thy Will; and for Whom all creation sighs with great sighs awaiting deliverance; by Whom all adverse natures have been put to flight and the legion of the enemy has been subdued, the devil is affrighted, the serpent trampled underfoot and the dragon slain; Thou Who has enlightened the nations which confess and welcome Thy rule, O Lord; Thou through Whom life hath appeared, hope hath prevailed, through Whom the man of the earth was recreated by belief in Thee. For Who is like unto Thee, Almighty God? Wherefore we beseech Thee, O Father, Lord of mercies, Who existed before the ages and surpasses all good, calling upon Thy holy name, through the love of Thy Child, Jesus Christ, the Holy One, and Thine All-powerful Spirit.

Cast away from his/her soul every malady, all disbelief, spare him/her from the furious attacks of unclean, infernal, fiery, evil-serving, lustful spirits, the love of gold and silver, conceit, fornication, every shameless, unseemly, dark and profane demon. Indeed, O God, expel from Thy servant/handmaiden \_\_\_\_\_ev- ery energy of the devil, every enchantment and delusion; all idolatry, lunacy, astrology, necromancy, every bird of omen, the love of luxury and the flesh, all greed, drunkenness, carnality, adultery, licentiousness, shamelessness, anger, contentiousness, confusion and all evil suspicion. Yea, O Lord our God, breathe upon him/her the Spirit of Thy Peace, watch over him/her and produce thereby the fruits of faith, virtue, wisdom, chastity, self-control, love, uprightness, hope, meekness, longsuffering, patience, prudence and understanding in Thy servant/ handmaiden that he/she may be welcomed by Thee in the name of Jesus Christ, believing in the coessential Trinity, giving witness and glorifying Thy domin- ion, along with the Angels and Archangels and all the heavenly host, guarding our hearts by them; for all things are possible to Thee, O Lord. Therefore, we ascribe glory to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto the ages of ages. Amen.<sup>2</sup>

**Another prayer,** Lord Jesus Christ, I believe you died on the cross for my sins and rose again from the dead. You redeemed me by your blood and I belong to you, and I want to live for you. I confess all of my sins- known and unknown- I'm sorry for them all. I renounce them all. I forgive all others as I want you to forgive me. Forgive me now and cleanse me with your blood. I thank you for the blood of Jesus Christ which cleanses me now from all sin. And I come to you now as my Deliverer. You know my special needs- the thing that binds, that torments, that defiles; that evil spirit, that unclean spirit- I claim the promise of your word, "Whosoever calls on the name of the Lord shall be delivered." I call upon you now. In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, deliver me and set me free. Satan, I renounce you and all your works. I loose myself from you, in the name of Jesus, and I command you to leave me right now, in Jesus' name. Amen!<sup>3</sup>

The Author highly recommends the Russian film, "Ostrov," or, "The Island" in English, and especially, at the point of the exorcism, at 1 hr. 23 min, of the movie. After the exorcism, Father Anatoly instructed the girl who was af- flicted for four and a half years, to go for confession and to have Holy Commun- ion. Lastly, the Author strongly recommends the Orthodox method of Exor- cism. *The Great Book of Needs, (Ἁγία Ἐκκλησία) Euchologion,* , contains the prayers and oil anointing, as follows: 1. Opening Blessing; 2. Trisagion Prayer; 3. Psalms 142(143), 22(23), 26(27), 67(68), and 50(51); 4. A Hymn of the Canon of Suppli- cation to our Lord Jesus Christ; 5. Anointing Oil, as used also in the Service of Healing Uction; 6. The Three Prayers of Saint Basil; and 7. The Four Prayers of Saint Chrysostom. <sup>4</sup>

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“There was a period in Europe when some countries bought all the blankets and others bought all the barbed wire,” the Swedish foreign minister added, apparently referring to Central and Eastern European countries which did not contribute to the crisis response but bolstered themselves against the influx with fences.



Air arrivals rise 9.3 pct in year to end-August  
Greek airports enjoyed a 9.3 percent annual increase in passenger numbers and a 0.9 percent rise in flights in the first eight months of the year, according to Civil Aviation Authority figures .

North Korea nuclear test: Hydrogen bomb 'missile ready'



North Korea says it has successfully tested a nuclear weapon that could be loaded on to a long-range missile. The secretive communist state said its sixth nuclear test was a "perfect success", hours after seismologists had detected an earth tremor.

Pyongyang said it had tested a hydrogen bomb - a device many times more powerful than an atomic bomb. Analysts say the claims should be treated with caution, but its nuclear capability is clearly advancing.

North Korea last carried out a nuclear test in September 2016. It has defied UN sanctions and international pressure to develop nuclear weapons and to test missiles which could potentially reach the mainland US. South Korean officials said the latest test took place in Kilju County, where the North's Punggye-ri nuclear test site is situated. The "artificial quake" was 9.8 times more powerful than the tremor from the North's fifth test, the state weather agency said.

It came hours after Pyongyang said it had miniaturised a hydrogen bomb for use on a long-range missile, and North Korean leader Kim Jong-un was pictured with what state media said was a new type of hydrogen bomb. State media said the device could be loaded on to a ballistic missile.

What does the test tell us?

A series of recent missile tests has caused growing international unease.

The North has previously claimed to have miniaturised a nuclear weapon, but experts have cast doubt on this. There is also scepticism about the North's claims to have developed a hydrogen bomb. However, this does appear to be the biggest and most successful nuclear test by North Korea to date - and the messaging is clear. North Korea wants to demonstrate it knows what makes a credible nuclear warhead. Hydrogen bombs use fusion - the merging of atoms - to unleash huge amounts of energy, whereas atomic bombs use nuclear fission, or the splitting of atoms.

What has the reaction been?

South Korean President Moon Jae-in said North Korea's sixth nuclear test should be met with the "strongest possible" response, including new United Nations Security Council sanctions to "completely isolate" the country. China, North Korea's only major ally, condemned the test.

North Korea "has ignored the international community's widespread opposition, again carrying out a nuclear test. Japan's Chief Cabinet Secretary Yoshihide Suga said sanctions against North Korea should include restrictions on the trade of oil products. Russia meanwhile said the test defied international law and urged all sides involved to hold talks, saying this was the only way to resolve the Korean peninsula's problems.

How can the world respond?

North Korea's sixth nuclear test - probably its largest so far - sends out one clear political signal. Despite the bluster and threats from the Trump administration in Washington and near-universal condemnation from around the world, Pyongyang is not going to halt or constrain its nuclear activities.

Worryingly, it also suggests that this is a programme that is progressing on all fronts at a faster rate than many had expected. So far all efforts to pressure North Korea - sanctions, isolation, and military threats - have all failed to move Pyongyang.

Could more be done? Certainly, but the harshest economic pressure would potentially cripple the regime and push it towards catastrophe - something China is unwilling to countenance.

Then Japanese Foreign Minister Taro Kono said there was no doubt this was North Korea's sixth nuclear test. Finally, in a radio broadcast that had been trailed as a "major announcement", North Korean state media confirmed this was no earthquake.

China embarrassed

North Korea's sixth nuclear weapons test is an utter rejection of all that its only ally has called for. Beijing's response was predictable: condemnation, urging an end to provocation and dialogue. But it also spoke of urging North Korea to "face up to the firm will" of the international community to see denuclearisation on the Korean peninsula.

There is no sign though that China is willing yet to see that firm will go beyond UN sanctions, which recently clamped down on seafood and iron ore exports, in addition to the coal and minerals that are already banned from crossing the border.

It is noteworthy also that this test took place just as the Chinese president was about to welcome a handful of world leaders to the two-day show-piece Brics summit on China's east coast.

Even the state-controlled media will find it hard to ignore the fact that their man has been upstaged - embarrassed too - by its almost universally ostracised ally and neighbour.

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## Intelligence services to get boost

Greek police and the Citizens' Protection Ministry are creating a new intelligence service in an attempt to upgrade the country's data gathering and processing capabilities.



According to reports, the division of Information Management and Analysis (DIDAP) will be moved by the end of October from the eighth floor of the Greek police head-

quarters (GADA) in central Athens, to a new building in the western suburb of Peristeri, in a bid to improve its operational capabilities.

One of the primary reasons for the move to a new building with state-of-the-art equipment is the inability of the current systems at GADA to support and process the increased amount of data gathered from surveillance and other operations.

"The operational capabilities of the service will more than double," a senior officer told Kathimerini, adding that the GADA building is not equipped to handle the increased demands of new technologies.

Indeed, a high-ranking official at the Citizens' Protection Ministry told Kathimerini that, the intelligence services' surveillance capabilities are being upgraded with the help of British experts.

DIDAP is also reportedly developing the relevant infrastructure to operate a flight passenger name record (PNR) database. DIDAP was set up in 2014 with the primary aim to serve as a data bank that would collect information from all the divisions of the Greek police and process data linked to organized crime and terrorism.

Like the counterterrorism unit and the National Intelligence Agency (EYP), it has an interface system and advanced software for processing the large amount of information it gathers.

In 2016, DIDAP secured the sum of 820,000 euros from the European Internal Security Fund as part of a program to create a "modern" operations center and specialized software that will link databases together.

The stated objective of DIDAP is to create a space that will be equipped with modern technical infrastructure and specialized software applications, which will provide immediate and "full support in investigations into organized crime and terrorism."



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Every researcher, physician and caregiver at the Lurie Cancer Center shares Dr. Platanias' passion for innovation and his commitment to improving the lives of patients and families.

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# Trump hails hurricane relief efforts as he visits Texas



US President Donald Trump has praised the relief response to Hurricane Harvey on his second visit to flood-hit states. "Things are working out well," he said of the efforts, as he and wife Melania met victims and volunteers in Texas. "As tough as this was, it's been a wonderful thing," he added. "I think even for the country to watch and for the world to watch."

Some residents have been allowed to return to their homes but flood waters are still rising in other areas. Harvey has been blamed for at least 47 deaths, and about 43,000 people are currently housed in shelters. The president was criticised for not meeting victims of the flooding and for focusing largely on the logistics of the government response. Visiting Texas again on Saturday, Mr and Mrs Trump made a point of meeting flood survivors and volunteers in Houston. The president and his wife then travelled to Lake Charles, Louisiana, which also suffered flash floods, before flying back to Washington. Experts estimate that only about 20% of those in Houston's worst hit areas have flood insurance. Media caption Flood victims have been returning to inspect the damage

Mr Trump has asked Congress for \$7.8bn (£6bn) as an initial payment to help with recovery efforts . The White House said on Saturday that the president had authorised an increase in the level of federal funding available for debris removal and emergency protective measures.

Governor of Texas Greg Abbott has said the state may need more than \$125bn in aid. The president has declared Sunday a "National Day of Prayer" for victims of Hurricane Harvey.

Administration officials say there will be further requests for funds when the full impact of Hurricane Harvey becomes known.

# Investment drop limits growth

Clouds are gathering on the horizon regarding the sustainability of the economic growth the country achieved in the second quarter, amounting to 0.8 percent on an annual basis according to provisional figures released on Friday by the Hellenic Statistical Authority (ELSTAT). The expansion is based on uncertain private consumption and not on investments, which posted a



sharp decline of more than 17 percent in the April-June period.

Growth may have doubled from the 0.4 percent rate registered in the first quarter, but analysts highlight that the 0.8 percent figure remains a long way from the forecasts of the government and the country's creditors for a targeted 1.8 percent for 2017 as a whole. Hopes are mainly based on tourism, which is expected to boost the third quarter considerably.

ELSTAT said the quarter-on-quarter growth amounted to just 0.5 percent, while the total growth rate of the year's first half amounted to 0.6 percent. This means that for the 1.8 percent target to be attained, the second half should see the economy expand by 3 percent.

The details of the data point to the source of concerns: Investments in Q2 posted an annual contraction of 17.1 percent, which is very worrying even if it is compared with a particularly robust second quarter of 2016 when investments had posted an annual expansion rate of 36.6 percent.

Furthermore, consumer spending showed a 1.2 percent rise in Q2, but this was more due to the increase in state expenditure than private consumption, which rose by just 0.7 percent. On the positive side, a 9.5 percent increase in the value of exports was observed in the second quarter.

The government expressed satisfaction with the growth data, with the Prime Minister's General Secretariat claiming that "the ELSTAT figures for the second quarter illustrate beyond any doubt that Greece has turned the page."

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# GREEK NEWS

## Greek shipping companies would consider moving out, study finds



Roughly one in two Greek shipping companies (56 percent) would consider relocating their administrative bases abroad, according to the findings of an Ernst & Young study titled “Repositioning Greece as a Global Maritime Capital.”

The study’s results warn of a possible exodus by the country’s shipping enterprises at a time when global maritime centers are interested in attracting Greek shipowners.

The European Commission’s Directorate-General for Competition is also causing uncertainty for the Greek shipping industry with its prolonged examination of its legal framework in Brussels.

“If the local shipping sector’s legal framework becomes noncompetitive, or far more attractive offers are made by other countries, then a major exodus by Greek-owned shipping companies is possible,” warned one sector entrepreneur, echoing the sentiment of the Greek Shipowners Association.

In its recent annual report, the association underlined that the prevailing uncertainty is threatening Greek shipping, which represents half of Europe’s industry. The prospect of relocations by shipping firms to new bases offering more favorable conditions – beyond Europe, or even within Europe, to non-EU countries – can no longer be ruled out, the Greek Shipowners Association report warned.

Taxation and the regulatory framework, which scored 84 percent and 64 percent respectively in the study, were cited as the main reasons that would prompt shipowners to seek new bases, according to Ernst & Young. Singapore and London ranked as the most popular alternative destinations, with scores of 52 percent and 48 percent respectively.

For the time being, Greece continues to find itself among the maritime capitals offering attractive environments for shipping companies, but the future is uncertain, sector pundits underlined, citing the fears felt over legal, regulatory and tax terms as primary concerns.

A total of 72 percent of the Ernst & Young study’s respondents noted they would actively support an official campaign for Greece’s international promotion and further development as a global maritime capital.

International competition is intensifying, especially in Asian emerging markets, meaning that Greece’s comparative advantages alone will no longer suffice for the country to maintain its position as a maritime capital, the study

## Tourism to have major impact on economic recovery

Greece’s tourism sector is expected to have a significant impact on the recovery of the country’s economy and on reducing the external trade deficit, according to analysts at Alpha Bank.

Bank of Greece data made public last week showed that activity in the tourism sector has increased significantly, both as regards the number of arrivals and in terms of tourism revenue, which had fallen last year.

Specifically, the first six months of the year saw a 6.6 percent increase in foreign arrivals compared with the same period of 2016, and against a drop of 1.6 percent in that period compared with the first half of 2015. Arrivals in 2017 hit 7.9 million from January through July compared with 7.5 million



in the same period last year.

Tourism revenue, meanwhile, increased by 7.1 percent in the first half of the year compared with a drop of 7.9 percent in the first six months of 2016, hitting 4.1 billion euros.

According to analysts at Alpha Bank, the impact of a particular sector on the economy at large does not only depend on the size of that sector but on the complexity of the services it offers and its interaction with other sectors.

The spending of tourists in Greece last year accounted for 7.5 percent of the country’s gross domestic product, analysts said.

According to the World Travel & Tourism Council, the Greek tourism sector accounted for 18.6 percent of Greek GDP last year.

**Knife attack on mayor not job related, initial police reports suggest**

Elefsina Mayor Giorgos Tsoukalas had to undergo surgery Monday after being stabbed in the thigh by a 35-year-old former local authority employee, although investigators do not believe the attack was work-related.

The assailant was arrested shortly after walking into the town hall around noon on Monday and stabbing the mayor of the southeastern Attica municipality in the leg before running off.

Initial police reports indicated that the 35-year-old suffers from mental health problems and has been institutionalized in the past. The attack was condemned by the country’s political leadership and Prime Minister Alexis Tsipras in a statement.

## Cyprus has gone from bust to boom in less than four years

With the highest rate of economic growth and employment in the eurozone, and a boom in business, Cyprus has entered a period of optimism and confidence.

Cyprus is clearly emerging from the financial crisis that began in 2011 when its economy was downgraded, starting a downward spiral that forced it to seek help from the European Support Mechanism in 2012.

The Cyprus crisis peaked in the spring of 2013 after banks suffered heavy losses from the haircut on Greek sovereign debt. This led to a haircut on deposits of above 100,000 euros and the introduction of capital controls.

Today, some four years on, everyone in Cyprus – from bank executives to cab drivers and hotel workers – is optimistic about the future.

A walk around the seaside city of Limassol certainly suggests that the economic crisis is over in Cyprus: It has a new 650-berth marina, 236 new residential units and mushrooming restaurants, cafes and bars. The sounds of life and construction are all around, as dozens of hotels are undergoing facelifts and old hotels are being turned into luxury apartments for the foreign market.

One of the many ongoing projects in Limassol, a 36-story complex that aspires to become the highest residential building in the Mediterranean, will consist of 84 super-luxurious condos that are expected to fetch as much as 15,000 euros per square meter.

Rumor has it that the penthouse has already been sold for 17 million euros to a Chinese national, while Russians, Israelis and Arabs are snapping up other units in the complex for as much as 1.5 million euros. Limassol is also slated to get a casino on its outskirts, which will include a luxury hotel, restaurants, shops, etc.

Over in Ayia Napa, construction is currently under way on a new marina that is 80 percent owned by foreign investors. The coastal revamp

foresees a 600-berth marina, 29 villas and two rotating residential tower blocks with 190 luxury apartments.

But investors are also putting their money into education, with the creation of dozens of new schools, while the University of Nicosia currently has 11,000 students from 70 countries enrolled in its mostly English-language courses. In fact, 500 new university-related jobs have opened up since 2011.

Health is another area attracting investment.

So how did Cyprus manage to go from bust to boom in less than four years? Experts agree that there were three key factors at play. The first was political consensus, as all of the country’s parties backed the agreement with the troika. The second was that Cyprus took ownership of the program and implemented it with consistency, as Cypriots understood the need for the measures being dictated by the lenders.

Finance Minister Harris Georgides has been described as being actively committed to making a success of the bailout program.

The third pivotal factor was the implementation of measures to revive the economy. For example, legislation was passed in late 2013 encouraging construction, and parties that purchased property assets during the crisis were exempt from capital gains tax for life. This has boosted the hotel sector in particular.

Moreover, foreigners who deposit over 5 million euros in Cypriot banks – and keep that amount there for a minimum of three years – as well as those who make investments of more than 2 million euros are entitled to a Cypriot passport.

These measures and others have helped Cyprus to bank some 4 billion euros, or 20 percent of gross domestic product.

The government also resisted pressure to raise corporate tax, putting the emphasis on cost-cutting measures and structural reforms. It was thus able to win back the trust that became the key to attracting investments.

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## Trump scores healthcare victory in House



Media caption Protesters yell 'shame' at politicians over healthcare bill

**The US House of Representatives has passed a healthcare bill, bringing President Trump's pledge to repeal and replace Obamacare a stride closer. The American Health Care Act (AHCA) passed with a vote to spare, after weeks of cajoling within the Republican party to muster enough support. Democrats were unanimously opposed and their House leader Nancy Pelosi called it a "cowardly choice".**

President Trump predicted this "great plan" would now get Senate backing. "Make no mistake, this is a repeal and a replace of Obamacare," he said from the Rose Garden at the White House, soon after the vote. Its safe passage through the US lower chamber provides the new president with his first legislative victory, three months into his term.

And it marks a remarkable turnaround after the bill was left for dead in March when Republicans were unable to agree on its provisions. But it was a close-run thing - Republicans needed 216 votes in the House and it passed with 217. No Democrats voted in favour.

Round one of the battle over Obamacare repeal is in the books. Round two is set to begin, with the opponents more powerful and the obstacles more imposing.

It's worth remembering that passage of the Republican healthcare plan in the House of Representatives was supposed to be the easy part. House Speaker Paul Ryan had a sizeable majority at his disposal and the political tools to reward support and punish transgressions.

Instead the American Health Care Act's long, laborious journey exposed divisions within the Republican Party and the limits in Donald Trump's powers of persuasion. These challenges won't disappear. The fault lines will be put under greater pressure and Mr Trump's skills will be further tested when action heads to the Senate.

Unlike the House, the Republican majority there is narrow, and already some in the party are showing misgivings about the current legislation. Democrats, who have more parliamentary tricks up their sleeves, will attempt to disrupt the process at every turn.

Still, a win is a win. It wasn't pretty. It may not last. But Mr Trump and the Republican House leadership will take it. But the speed at which it has been resuscitated since then, with several amendments aimed at winning over Republican rebels, has provoked criticism.

It is not known how much the revised bill will cost, nor how many people will lose coverage, because the nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office (CBO) has not had time to assess it. Before the latest revisions, the CBO estimated 14 million more Americans would lose insurance in 2018 alone.



Workers clean a beach in the Athens suburb of Faliro yesterday as oil released by a sunken tanker spread along the coastline. Authorities said they were taking action to clean up the spill as ecologists warned of an "environmental disaster." [Yorgos Karahalis/AP]

## First tanker crosses northern sea route without ice breaker

By Matt McGrath



A combined ice breaker and LNG tanker has crossed the northern sea route from Europe to Asia without the protection of an ice-breaker for the first time. The ship completed the crossing in just six-and-a-half days setting a new record, according to the tanker's Russian owners.

The 300-metre-long Sovcomflot ship, the Christophe de Margerie, was carrying gas from Norway to South Korea. Rising Arctic temperatures are boosting commercial shipping across this route.

The Christophe de Margerie is the world's first and, at present, only ice-breaking LNG carrier. The ship, which features a lightweight steel reinforced hull, is the largest commercial ship to receive Arc7 certification, which means it is capable of travelling through ice up to 2.1m thick.

On this trip it was able to keep up an average speed of 14 knots despite sailing through ice that was over one metre thick in places.

On its maiden voyage earlier this year, the Christophe de Margerie docked in the Russian port of Sabetta. Russian President Vladimir Putin congratulated the crew and energy company officials gathered on the ship's bridge, saying: "This is a big event in the opening up of the Arctic."

The Russian owners, Sovcomflot, will use this ice-breaking tanker to export gas from the Yamal peninsula to Asian markets later this year. It will be the first of a planned fleet of 15 that will transport gas from these ice bound fields all year round.

"Previously there was only a window of navigation from our summer to autumn, but this ship will be able to sail westwards from Sabetta which is the Yamal energy port, all year round and eastwards from July to December," said Sovcomflot spokesman Bill Spears.

"Before the northern sea route was only open for four months and you had to have ice-breakers - so it's a significant development." In 2016, the northern sea route saw 19 full transits from the Atlantic to the Pacific.

High insurance and large fees for Russian ice-breakers are still discouraging some ship owners from the riskier northern route. But the economic benefits are attractive - the Christophe de Margerie took just 19 days for the entire voyage, around 30% faster than going by Suez.

There has been an overall decline in Arctic sea ice over the past 30 years, linked by scientists to rising global temperatures. This year, according to the US National Snow and Ice Data Centre (NSIDC), the annual maximum extent of Arctic sea ice hit a record low for the third year in a row.

This diminution of northern ice is something that the Russian ship owners believe will continue well into the future.

"If there was a material change in the ice thickness it would change the period of the year that the ship could move through the Northern Sea Route," said Bill Spears from Sovcomflot.

"There is an assumption that the ice is not going to thicken dramatically for the economic life of these vessels, which could be over 30 years."

Environmental campaigners, though, are worried that increased traffic in this inhospitable region could have potentially significant effects.

"We're concerned that this is a commercial opportunity that has only opened up because of global warming, and we're especially concerned that having taken advantage of the thinning of the ice, shipping operations are now expanding in that part of the world," said John Maggs from Seas at Risk.

"It is not like sailing in open water, even if you have an ice classed ship, the risks are dramatically increased." As well as the risk of accident or spillage, there are worries that some of the ships that will sail along this route will be powering their engines with heavier, dirtier marine fuels. The black carbon that they produce could be very damaging to snow and ice in the region, increasing the melting. "The environmental risks are enormous," said John Maggs.

"You are taking industrial-sized installations and moving them through a pristine Arctic environment, so it's going to have an impact - and what are we getting in return, slightly shorter journey times? A 30% gain is not much of a gain to me."

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