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HAPPY EASTER

Checks at highways, ports, bus terminals to prevent Orthodox Easter travel

Greek authorities on Wednesday said they were imposing stringent controls at national highway toll stations, ports and other long-distance travel stations to prevent city residents from travelling to the countryside ahead of the Orthodox Easter.



Civil Protection Deputy Minister for Crisis Management Nikos Hardalias said in a press conference on Wednesday the new measure went into effect at 6 p.m.

He warned that anyone who tries to travel to the countryside will be turned back, their car plates removed for 60 days and a fine of 300 euros imposed.

The same measures will apply at airports, ports, railroad stations and long-distance buses, where travellers will need to prove they are either permanent residents returning to their homes.

He also said there is to be no inter-island travel, with few exceptions for residents of remote islands going to doctors at a larger island The measure will remain in effect until April 27. Exposed: Erdogan admits his motive behind the migrant invasion – an Islamic Holy War



Greek Citizens come together to fight against construction of a migrant reception center

President Recep Tayyip Erdoðan recently delivered two speeches to Turkish audiences suggesting that the migrant crisis unfolding at the Greek border is an act of aggression against Europe and maybe even an attempt to re-establish the Ottoman Empire, as revealed in the following RAIR Foundation USA exclusively-translated videos,.

The video below is an excerpt from Erdoðan's speech in Istanbul on International Women's Day wherein Erdoðan tells Greece to open their gates too and allow the flood of migrants leaving Turkey, to travel to other European countries.

<u>Ruptly</u>

RAIRa Bulgarian TV News station (*bTV*), translated and subtitled the video below in English which shows Erdoðan framing the Turkish military cross-border offensive as an Islamic Holy War.

He begins the speech quoting from a famous poem written by Yahya

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Hardalias also called on the president of Greece's Union of Municipalities and Communities (KEDE), Giorgos Patoulis, to convey the message that door-to-door delivery of the "Holy Fire" on the Orthodox Holy Saturday is forbidden, as it raises the risk of contagion. His comment came after some towns announced that they would knock on doors to deliver the Holy Fire.

Ανακοίνωση του Εκδότη για την Πασχαλινή Έκδοση

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ΚΑΛΟ ΠΑΣΧΑ! ΧΡΙΣΤΟΣ ΑΝΕΣΤΗ!

Kemal Beyatlý titled, "<u>26 Agustos 1922</u>", which was the day that the Great Offensive in the Turkish War of Independence utterly destroyed the Greeks in Anatolia and literally drove them into the sea.

After Erdoðan opened his borders with Europe in early March in an apparent bid to get more support from NATO and the European Union to take care of "refugees" fleeing violence in Syria, he told Western audiences that this was a passive act of simply opening the flood gates to allow passage for those who wished to make the trip to Europe.

But there is ample evidence that Turkey was playing <u>a much more</u> <u>active role</u> in creating the migrant crisis that is now unfolding at the Greek border.

In an exclusive video <u>translated by RAIR</u>, details how the the Turkish government transported migrants to the Greek border and armed them with tear gas to fight Greece's border agents.

There are videos of migrants <u>forced off buses</u> by Turkish military officers and police at gunpoint so they can be ferried to the Greek border, and migrants sharing that they were <u>released from prison</u> on the condition that they go to the border and invade Greece. At one point, the citizens of Greece came together to <u>fight against construction</u> of an additional migrant reception center.

Using a standard leftist tactic, the mainstream media is maligning the citizens for daring to object to the <u>relentless onslaught</u> of migrants flood-

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HAPPY EASTER CHRIST IS RISEN

Exposed: Erdogan admits his motive behind the migrant invasion – an Islamic Holy War

<u>(From p. 1)</u>

ing into their country illegally. In this sense, the media echoes the sentiment of the dictator Erdoðan by attacking those who are the victims of a systemic effort to flood Europe with migrants.

Additionally, the media is completely ignoring Erdoðan's own declaration of an Islamic Holy War.

<u>Hungary's prime minister Viktor</u> Orbán and <u>French Presidential candi-</u> <u>date Marine Le Pen</u> were correct when they called this an invasion.

The oppression taking place there, that is always raised up against them. Hey Greece! Look, these people are not going to come and stay with you. They are just going to pass through. And go to some other country in Europe. Why does this bother you?

That's right! We told you. Look, if it keeps going like this, we are going to open these gates. You didn't believe it.

Hey Greece, I am talking to you now. Open your gates too, and they have. You open your gates and get rid of this burden.

Let them go to other countries in Europe. Here is the poem:

- "This storm that is breaking out
- is the Turkish horde, my Lord!
- The horde that will die for your sake, O Lord!
- Until the glory of your name rises
- with the call to prayer Win the victory because this is Islam's last army."
- [Applause]
- Yes, this storm that breaks is our army. Allah stands behind it along with the prayers of millions of our friends. This storm is the heart of our nation. Everyone sees or will see what it is capable of".

Restrictions tightened for Easter



The government has announced a further tightening of measures restricting the movement of people by land, sea and air ahead of Easter as part of the effort to contain the spread of Covid-19. The measures will apply until April 27.

Deputy Civil Protection Minister Nikos Hardalias said: "Nothing has been decided yet. The battle continues and April is a very critical month." The Hellenic Police set up checkpoints on Wednesday afternoon at highway toll stations throughout the country, on side roads and on regional roads to and from urban centers. At the same time, the coast guard is conducting checks at ports.

THE "CHICAGO GREEK HOURS"

WE WISH A HAPPY EASTER

CHRIST IS RISEN TRULY RISEN!

According to Hardalias, people at airports, ports, railway stations and intercity bus stations (KTEL) will only be allowed to travel if they are carrying income tax returns certifying that their permanent residence is their intended destination.

He said that these same people will not be able to return from their destination until the measures end on April 27. Those caught violating the rules will be fined 300 euros – double the 150 euros which had been the fine until today – while their license plates will be removed for 60 days. In addition, up until April 27, residents will only be allowed to travel from small to larger islands within the same municipality for visits to pharmacies, doctors, supply stores and banks (if e-commerce is not possible).

Hardalias said plans by several mayors to distribute the Holy Flame, taken from Jerusalem's Holy Sepulcher, to citizens' homes will not be allowed. "It involves too many risks for the transmission of the coronavirus," he said.

Meanwhile, the Health Ministry said two more people died from Covid-19 on Wednesday, raising the death toll to 83. There were also 52 new infections, bringing the total to 1,884.

Easter History and Customs -EastSymbols On Easter weekend, those of the Christian faith celebrate the

On Easter weekend, those of the Christian faith celebrate the crucifixion and the resurrection of Jesus Christ. However, the observation of Easter did not originate with Christianity. Read on to learn about the true origin of the holiday.

"Easter" was taken from "Eastre". She was the goddess worshipped by the Saxon peoples of Northern Europe. They held festivals every year to celebrate the Spring Equinox - the one time during the spring when the day and the night are of equal length. The festivals were believed to ensure the fertility of both the land and its people.

In ancient times, those of the Jewish faith celebrated Passover around this same time of the year. The Passover feast commemorated the Israelite captivity in Egypt under the cruel hand of the pharaoh. The last plague that God sent on the land was that of the death of every firstborn. Blood on the doorposts of Israelite households spared them as the Angel of Death spread through the land.

Christians decided to celebrate what we now know as Easter at this time also. Early followers were persecuted even after Jesus' crucifixion. As a result, they held their religious observances to coincide with the pagan holidays. They called their remembrance,



Easter - a derivative of Eastre. The idea behind the two occasions is different, but they share common symbols and traditions that people still use today.

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The Easter egg - The use of eggs in celebration existed long before our modern day observance. Eggs were given and received as symbols of rebirth. Today, eggs are decorated on Easter and hidden for children to find.



duced in colonial days by the Germans. Children are taught that the Easter Bunny brings treats on the night before Easter, much like Santa Claus during

Tailors Fighting Coronavirus: Taking measures in massive scale – New York on...Menopause!



By Demetrios Rhompotis

Our tailors have decided to join the fight against coronavirus wholeheartedly and true to form started taking measures in massive scale. Their union President Emeritus Taylor Swift announced that their goal is "to dress as many people as possible in style so that they can confront coronavirus in a gentlemanly and elegant fashion!"

New York in the meantime looks like a ghost town after the mayor declared that the city is on ...Menopause as a result of the coronavirus pandemic. Gynecologists and psychologists from all over the coun-

try are converging to New York in order to deal with the new problem which threatens to crack the city's already old and fragile infrastructure. Surreal times we live in! New York's liberal mayor is begging the president to mobilize the army!

Seriously now, the coronavirus pandemic has already proved disastrous in more that one ways and everybody has felt its direct or indirect consequences. However, not everything is bad. Schools are closed giving students the opportunity to open a book. Parents are realizing that they have kids and need to deal with them. Greek parades are cancelled! And newspapers, an industry in slow death, is thriving now that toilet paper is scarce! I started buying the New York Times again, especially the Sunday edition with net paper value way higher than the price you pay. People stopped drinking Corona beer, a real piss and hopefully they will look for more real alternatives – not Dos Equis, which "the most interesting man in the world", who is confessing not to drink beer often, suggests. If you want to stay Mexicar try Modelo. Our president and his two Democratic opponents are high risk coronavirus candidates so there is hope after all!

Also, this pandemic has brought people together by keeping them in safe distance and has helped the better part of ourselves to surface. The other day, at the super market, I let a woman behind me have the last bag of rice. Well, to be frank, it was broken and half the amount was lost, but the gesture counts nevertheless!

My closest cigar lounge now delivers cigars to people's homes! Adapt and survive, that's the only way folks, and we, at NEO, are thinking of personally deliver the issue to your door and exchange it with toilet paper, potatoes and OXI Cleaning!



Our Church has been a leader in this pandemic by offering precise and concise instructions for our safety! First, Metropolitan Nathaniel of Chicago announced that all churches in his metropolis will be closed, rendering the pointless discussion whether you can get coronavirus from Holy Communion obsolete. A couple of days later, Archbishop Elpidophoros said that churches won't be closed, they will remain open and the services will take place regularly with a priest and a cantor. He didn't say if a bishop too will be allowed to be present. (What kind of liturgy can you have without the people who are an organic part of it, not an audience, remains to be seen.) Metropolitan Evangelos of New Jersey from his part, considered the archbishop's directive noncanonical and no abiding and asked

for his churches to remain open until further instructions. It should be expected, as Evangelos is a virtuoso cantor and he wouldn't miss the chance to employ his skills at the season's numerous services. Then, Canada's newlyminted Archbishop Soterios came out with his own rules and regulations, saying that services will take place regularly with only 50 people present. Not 49 or 52, just 50 as in the jubilee! He didn't elaborate why 50, does it have a theological connotation, because of Pentecost maybe? He didn't also say how the lucky 50 will be chosen: by lot, according to their contribution to the coffer, by age, by sex, what are the criteria for those who would be willing to put themselves at risk during a pandemic? Last but not least, Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew stepped in and declared that all churches will be closed until March 30. Elpidophoros intervened though and convinced Him to change His mind, so with a new message His All Holiness conceded to allow the churches open for services with a priest and cantor. The faithful could follow them from the Internet. Netflix rushed in for the rights, while major internet providers with an open letter to His All Holiness expressed their concern that transmission could be jammed and the networks overwhelmed due to the high traffic online as a result!

Christmas.

The Cross - The symbol of the cross has been associated with Christianity and Easter since the first centuries after Jesus' death. The cross was a symbol of cruelty throughout the Roman Empire. Today, those who practice Christianity view it as a badge of courage and salvation.

Now you know the origins of the holiday of Easter. Will this knowledge change anything about your observance? Only you can decide if the history of the symbols is more important than the reason you celebrate it today.



(No wonder that in Greece, the prime minister stepped in and had all religious services cancelled. By the time our holy fathers come to an agreement and find common ground on what to do, coronavirus will have us all!)

P.S. a) Curfew in Milford, CT! Racoons, deer, skunks etc., will be arrested on the spot and quarantined!

b) Coronavirus is the perfect pretext to avoid unwanted visits! I tried it and it works!

c) Burqa taking its revenge! Who wouldn't want one amidst the coronavirus epidemic???





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Some hotels eye June reopening



Some hotels could gradually start opening in June, though with health protocols that remain to be determined, the head of the Greek Tourism Confederation (SETE) estimated on Tuesday. Yiannis Retsos

stressed that this

was his personal view, before adding that the markets from which most foreign holidaymakers are expected to travel to Greece are countries that have performed rather well in tackling the Covid-19 epidemic, such as Israel, Cyprus, the Balkan states, Lebanon and some other Arabic states.

He also argued that the effort to restart Greek tourism will begin halfway through the third quarter of the year – i.e. in August – and will not be back up and running normally before September. As a result, a number of seasonal hotels are not expected to open at all this year, and Retsos pointed out that worker support measures will need to be expanded, along with additional financing with working capital of 1.5-2 billion euros.

For the support effort to have any success, said Retsos, it will need to secure and strengthen the competitiveness of Greek tourism, which the SETE head associated with tools such as the reduction of valueadded tax rates across the sector (hotels, air travel, coastal shipping etc), the abolition of the overnight tax, and targeted promotional activities such as the online platform "Greece From Home," launched recently by the Tourism Ministry, the Greek Tourism Organization and Marketing Greece.

In any case, Retsos said he was unable to estimate what share of last year's tourism revenues of 18 billion euros could be repeated in 2020. He only said that "in the first couple of month we had revenues of 1.7 billion, so there's quite some distance to cover before reaching 18 billion euros."As for safeguarding the health of visitors, the SETE chief said discussions have advanced on the possibility of mass tests for visitors, possibly at their departure airports. He added that once the government has completed its consultations with scientists, it will be seen whether a health certificate would be needed for destinations as well as visitors and what that would entail.

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NYU Langone Health Expert Dr. Stella Lymberis on coping with the coronavirus pandemic



With a global health crisis and pandemic, now past its percolating point, it seemed like the right time for "O" to feature a story on Dr. Stella Lymberis, a wife and mother of two, a health expert, and radiation oncologist at the Isaac and Laura Perlmutter Cancer Center at NYU Langone.

What we discovered was that this is not a new virus, but a new strain of an existing one. There are already four corona viruses in existence. We also learned that your chances of dying from it are minimal, unless you are in a high risk category. Most

people can recover, but it spreads faster and more easily, with a stricter form of containment required. It remains a high risk to the elderly and patients with multiple medical problems, but we are increasingly learning that it may have long-term ramifications to anyone, regardless of risk category or age, that has been exposed to it. As for the race for hand sanitizers that emptied out supermarket shelves, Dr. Lymberis reassured that there are other forms of disinfection that are equally as effective as hand sanitizers, if not more, such as hand washing with soap or alcohol, and cleaning surfaces with diluted bleach. This does not mean hand sanitizers are ineffective, but Dr. Lymberis emphasized that we must resist mass panic and consumerism and focus on common sense, simple guidelines that can help prevent the spread. The advice given from an experienced healthcare professional was not to panic, but to continue practicing proper hygiene habits that can help contain and stop the spread. Her message was also one of support, emphasizing self care, a healthy diet and exercise, and stressed that we must have a balanced emotional response to the daily uncertainties and changes in our lives due to the pandemic.

Coronavirus. How is this different from the flu and should we be more concerned about it? Covid-19 is NOT the flu and everyone must take this infection seriously and show personal responsibility to limit spread. This cannot be emphasized enough. It is irrelevant to discuss and compare flu cases to the infectious and lethality risk from Covid-19. It is different from the flu mainly because it is a novel version of coronavirus for which we do not currently have antiviral therapies nor a vaccine that will prevent infection. COVID-19, as compared to the flu, is also extremely contagious and easily spread from person to person via droplet spread or from solid surfaces an infected person can touch and be exposed to. We have seen how super spreaders congregating in conferences, ski resorts and cruises have brought us to a global pandemic situation. It infects the lower portion of both lungs, causing bilateral pneumonia which results in dyspnea, the difficulty of breathing, and in vulnerable populations, with either suppressed immune systems or other medical problems, it can lead to inability for the lung to properly provide oxygen to the body. At that time the patient may need oxygen. or if things get worse, may need to be incubated on a ventilator in order to stay alive. Another worrisome finding is that for some patients who recover from infection they may be left with scarring and reduced lung function. This disease does not only affect the elderly. We are learning that almost half of cases are middle aged patients. Also concerning is the fact that this virus can also result in direct cardiac toxicity causing cardiomyopathy. We cannot simply say that Covid-19 is simply the flu and everything will be alright. Politicians early on took that approach to protect the markets and that was deeply irresponsible. We all need to take the necessary steps to minimize disease spread and take this matter very seriously.

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Marriage



Submitting to one another in the fear of God.Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord.For the husband is head of the wife, as also Christ is head of the church; and He is the Savior of the body.Therefore, just as the church is subject to Christ, so let the wives be to their own husbands in everything. Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved thechurch and gave Himself for her, that He might sanctify and cleanse her with the washing of water by the word, that He might present her to Himself a glorious church, not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing, but that she should be holy and without blemish. So husbands ought to love their own wives as their own bodies; he who loves his wife loves himself. For no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as the Lord does the church. For we are members of His body, of His flesh and of His bones. "For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh." This is a great mystery, but I speak concerning

Christ and the church. Nevertheless let each one of you in particular so love his own wife as himself, and let the wife see that she respects *her* husband. Eph.5: 21-33_Armor of God Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might. Put on the whole armor of God,that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against therulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual *hosts* of wickedness in the heavenly *places*. Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. Stand therefore, having girded your waist with truth, having put on the breastplate of righteousness, and having shod your feet with the preparation of the gospelof peace; above all, taking the shield of faith with which you will be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked

one. And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God; praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, being watchful to this end with all perseverance and supplication for all the saints— and for me, that utterance may be given to me, that I may open my mouth boldly to make known the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains; that in it I may speak boldly, as I ought to speak. Eph. 6: 10-20.

and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. All things were created through Him and for Him. And He is before all things, and in Him all things consist. And He is the head of the body, the church, who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in all things He may have the preeminence. For it pleased *the Father that* in Him all the fullness should dwell, and by Him to reconcile all things to Himself, by Him, whether things on earth or things in heaven, having made peace through the blood of His cross. Col. 1: 15-20

Deception by the World

Beware lest anyone cheat you through philosophy and empty deceit, according to the tradition of men, according to the basic principles of the world, and not according to Christ. For in Him dwells all the fullness of the Godhead bodily; and you are complete in Him, who is the head of all principality and power. Col. 2: 8-10.

Second Coming Hope

But I do not want you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning those who have fallen asleep,lest you sorrow as others who have no hope.

For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again,

even so God will bring with Him those who sleep in Jesus. For this we say to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive *and* remain until the coming of the Lord will by no means precede those who are asleep. For the Lord Himself will descend

from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive *and* remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And thus we shall always be with the Lord. Therefore comfort one another with these words. I Thes. 4:13-18.

Praying

Rejoice always. Pray constantly. I Thes. 5:16-17 St. Gregory of Nyssa explains this to mean that throughout the day, to contemplate the presence of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Apostasy

Now, brethren, concerning the coming of our_Lord Jesus Christ and our gathering together to_Him, we ask you, not to be soon shaken in mind_or troubled, either by spirit or by word or by letter,_as if from us, as though the day of Christ had come._Let no one deceive you by any means; for *that Day_will not come* unless the falling away (apostasy) comes first,_and the man of sin is revealed, the son of perdition,_who opposes and exalts himself above all that is_called God or that is worshiped, so that he sits_as God in the temple of God, showing himself_that he is God. Do you not remember that_when I was still with you I told you these things?_And now you know what is restraining, that he

may be revealed in his own time. For the mystery_of lawlessness is already at work; only He who now_restrains *will do so* until He is taken out of the way._And then the lawless one will be revealed, whom_the Lord will consume with the breath of His mouthand destroy with the brightness of His coming. The_coming of the *lawless one* is according to the working_of Satan, with all power, signs, and lying wonders, and with all unrighteous deception among those who perish, because they did not receive the love_of the truth, that they might be saved. And for this_reason God will send them strong delusion, that_they should believe the lie, that they all may be_condemned who did not believe the truth but had_pleasure in unrighteousness. II Thes. 2: 1-12

Jesus' Kenosis

Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus, who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God, but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, and coming in the likeness of men. And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross. Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth, and *that* every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ *is* Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Phil. 2: 5-11

Anxiety

Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests_be made known to God; and the peace of God, which_surpasses all understanding, will guard your heartsand minds through Christ Jesus. Phil. 4: 6-8 Who is Jesus Christ? He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. For by Him all things were created that are in heaven

Bishop

This *is* a faithful saying: If a man desires the position of a bishop, he desires a good work. A bishop then_must be blameless, the husband of one wife, temperate,_sober-minded, of good behavior, hospitable, able to teach;_not given to wine, not violent, not greedy for money, but_gentle, not quarrelsome, not covetous; one who rules his_own house well, having *his* children in submission with all_reverence (for if a man does not know how to rule his own_house, how will he take care of the church of God?); not a novice, lest being puffed up with pride he fall into the *same_*condemnation as the devil. Moreover he must have a good_testimony among those who are outside, lest he fall into_reproach and the snare of the devil. I Tim. 3:1-7

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Former health minister Andreas Xanthos was known for his moderation and spirit of cooperation during the four years that he served in the SYRIZA government, and these traits are apparent in his stance in the opposition today.

His attitude is the right one. It's useful to the country as it copes with the Covid-19 crisis, and could also benefit his party in the future. Yet, Xanthos has recently come under fire from within SYRIZA's ranks for not being more critical of the center-right government's coronavirus spokesman and expert Sotiris Tsiodras.

In comments on Monday, Xanthos said that Tsiodras was an "excellent choice" by the government for leading the effort to battle the epidemic and coordinate the

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centrist or on the right. Xanthos also noted that any reservations or objections of a scientific nature should be raised officially with the proper committee rather than being expressed indiscriminately in the public debate by non-experts. He also added that the spread of the coronavirus is slower in Greece than in other countries as a result of the early implementation of restrictive measures, as recommended by the experts.

What he said was no more than plain reality, while he also added that the circumstances call for a mobilization of the scientific community in a positive direction, rather than conflict and competition over who is considered the best expert.

As the discussion develops on what form of opposition is right during an unprecedented crisis like the one we're dealing with today, the serious voices need to prevail. They are the ones that would have the necessary credibility to be heard when criticizing actions by the government.

Everyone in the government as well as in the opposition will be judged by how they responded to this crisis – the former by whether they were capable and did what needed to be done, and the latter by whether they acted responsibly and avoided populist rhetoric. In short, everyone will be judged by whether they each, from their respective positions, served the national interest.

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St. Paul

Louis A. Palivos Part 2 <u>(From p. 19)</u>



depart from the faith, giving heed to deceiving spirits and doctrines of demons, speaking lies in hypocrisy, having their own conscience seared with a hot iron, forbidding to marry, *and commanding* to abstain from foods which God created to be received with thanksgiving by those who believe and know the truth. For every creature of God *is* good, and nothing is to be refused if it is received with thanksgiving; for it is sanctified by the word of God and prayer. I Tim. 4:1-5

But understand this, that in the last days there will come times of stress. For man will be lovers of self, lovers of money, proud, arrogant, abusive, disobedient to their parents, ungrateful, unholy, inhuman, implacable, slanderous, profligates, fierce, haters of good, treacherous, reckless, swollen with conceit, lovers of pleasure rather than loves of God, holding the form of religion but denying the power of it. Avoid such people. II Tim. 3:1-5

Holy Scripture

All Scripture *is* given by inspiration of God, and *is* profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness. II Tim. 3:16

Faith

Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen. For by it the elders obtained a good testimony. By faith we understand that theworlds were framed by the word of God, so that the things which are seen were not made of things which are visible. Heb. 11:1-3. But without faith *it is* impossible to please *Him*, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and *that* He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him. Heb. 11: 6 Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares *us*, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of *our* faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. Heb. 12: 1-2

In closing, the Lord Jesus Christ appeared to St. Paul on three

Greek hosts eye share of Airbnb payout



Those who let their properties on the short-term rental market are seeking ways to retain their presence there, having invested time and money in developing what is effectively a new economic activity in response to the decadelong financial crisis in Greece.

Amid a tempest of booking cancellations by travelers due to the coronavirus pandemic and the bleak prospects for the next few months, hundreds of Greek hosts are currently in daily contact with leading online platform Airbnb and its support center in Italy trying to find out what comes next.

What Greek landlords want to know is how they can obtain a share of the \$227 million assistance program Airbnb has announced.

According to its terms, as those personally interested confirm, the US group intends to compensate the hosts for the bookings canceled by paying them 25 percent of the value of each booking. This is provided that the bookings concern the period from March 14 to May 31.

More details on this program are expected to be made known to hosts in the coming days. However, what is clear is that Airbnb payments to hosts will be made on a monthly basis: That means they will get one payout at the end of April and another at end-May. It remains unclear whether this support will concern all of Airbnb's markets or just a few of them, led by the United States.

Short-term rental market officials in Greece say there is a sense that this amount is destined mainly for the US, and if there is any left over it may be distributed to other markets.

They also express their serious reservations over whether that 227 million euros would suffice to cover the losses stemming from the hundreds of thousands of canceled bookings around the globe, even at the 25 percent rate that Airbnb has set.

In any case, even if Greek hosts do receive a share of that support from Airbnb, it is considered unlikely that it will cover much of their losses. It is therefore possible that the company may take another step, as its main aim is to avert an exodus of hosts from its platform due to the crisis.

<u>THE ORIGIN OF THE</u> <u>EASTER EGG</u>

Next to the Easter bunny, the most familiar symbol is the Easter egg. Like others, the egg has a long pre-Christian history. Again there's no certainty as to why it became associated with Easter.

Many Ancient cultures viewed eggs as a symbol of life. Hindus, Egyptians, Persians, and Phoenicians believed the world begun with an enormous egg. The Persians, Greeks, and Chinese gave gifts of eggs during spring festivals in celebration of new life all around them. Other sources say people ate dyed eggs at spring festivals in Egypt, Persia, Greece, and Rome. In ancient Druid lore, the eggs of serpents were sacred and stood for life.



Early Christians looked at the connection eggs had to life and decided eggs could be a part of their celebration of Christ's resurrection. In addition, in some areas, eggs were forbidden during Lent; therefore, they were a delicacy at

occasions: Act 9: 22,26; 22: 17-21 and Acts 23:11. He was selected by the Lord Jesus Christ to preach His Gospel. St. Paul had a vision of paradise II Cor. 2: 1-4. St. Paul was guided by the Holy Spirit to specific areas to preach but he was also forbidden to go to Asia and Bithesia, why? Probably, as these areas are in modern Turkey which is Islamic and may play a role in God's Economy of the coming Beast Empire. St Paul has equipped both the Faithful Church both in the past times and now. He has prepared the Church for the Second Coming eschatological climax!



<u>ΧΡΙΣΤΟΣ ΑΝΕΣΤΗ!</u>

Easter. Since many of the earlier customs were Eastern in origin,

some speculate that early missionaries or knights of the Crusade may have been responsible for bringing the tradition to the West.

In the fourth century, people presented eggs in church to be blessed and sprinkled with holy water. By the twelfth century, the Benedictio Ovorum had been introduced authorizing the special use of eggs on the holy days of Easter. The timing of this blessing would uphold the idea that Crusaders may have brought the tradition back. Even though eggs had been used previously, the Crusaders may have made the custom more popular and widespread.

In 1290, Edward I of England recorded a purchase of 450 eggs to be colored or covered with gold leaf. He then gave the eggs to members of the royal household.

Once the custom became accepted, new traditions began to grow up around it. Eggs were dyed red for joy and in memory of Christ's blood. Egg rolling contests came to America from England, possibly as a reminder of the stone being rolled away. What about the familiar Easter Egg hunt? One source suggested that it grew out of the tradition of German children searching for hidden pretzels during the Easter season. Since children were hiding nests for the Easter Bunny to fill with eggs at the same time they were hunting pretzels, it was only a small leap to begin hiding eggs instead.

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