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MUNICIPALITY OF LAPITHOS - A HISTORY



Costas
N. Hadjiparaskeva



Efthymoulos
Paraskevaidis



Costas Al.
Kaplanis



Christoforos
Taliadoros



Odysseas
Ellinopoulos



Fidas
Paraskevaidis



Menelaos
Poullis



Georgios
Kazelis

In order to write a documented historical study on Lapithos municipality from its set up in 1878 to date, one would need access to as much as archive material as possible. Unfortunately, there was only a limited volume of such archives available about the early phase of the municipality of which much was lost in 1974. So we've found ourselves undocumented against history.

While British colonialists were preparing a much clearer administrative map of the municipalities of Cyprus and a new institutional framework for their operation, they combined elements of their administrative structure with a great number of elements of the Ottoman era. As a result, in their early life municipalities used to have a mixed profile which rendered them dysfunctional and inefficient.

Back then and until post-1974 period, a key role in managing municipal affairs was that of the Municipal Community Leader, also known as the "Muhtar". It was a level of government dealing exclusively with municipal community issues within the framework of the municipality and reporting to the Mayor.

Lapithos Mayors, 1878 - 2021

1st Mayor	Andreas Koumidis 1887-1896
2nd Mayor	Moustafa Ef Shefki 1896-1902
3rd Mayor	Costas N. Hadjiparaskeva 1902-1904, 1907-1911, 1929-1933
4th Mayor	Ioannis Constandinidis 1904-1906
5th Mayor	Nicholas K. Pyrgos 1906-1907, 1911-1920
6th Mayor	Haritos Athanassi-Athanassiadis 1920-1923
7th Mayor	Efthymoulos Paraskevaidis 1923-1926
8th Mayor	Costas Al. Kaplanis 1926-1929
9th Mayor	Christoforos Taliadoros 1933-1943
10th Mayor	Odysseas Ellinopoulos 1943-1949
11th Mayor	Fidas Paraskevaidis 1949-1962 This is a period of significant developments. During the Liberation Struggle (1955-1959) and in 1957 specifically, the elected Mayor Paraskevaidis is imprisoned as political detainee. In 1962 he is elected as MP in the 1st House of Representatives of The Republic of Cyprus.
12th Mayor	Menelaos Poullis He assumed his duties as an appointee because of the degraded conditions following the Turkish mutine. He name appears as that of the Mayor or Acting Mayor as early as 1957, while elected Mayor Paraskevaidis is imprisoned. Poullis' appointment ended in 1966 with another appointment, that of Panayotis Giangopoulos.

*The Mayor of Lapithos Mr. Neoptolemos Kotsapas,
the Members of the Lapithos City Council and the Municipality Personnel,
together with the Presidents and the Members of Organized Bodies
of our town wish you all:*

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year 2022.

Wish you also full of Health, Happiness, Peace and Freedom to our country Cyprus



Panayiotis Niros



Costas Germanos



Savvas Chr. Christofidis



Nikos Evangelou



Athos Eleftheriou



Neoptolemos Kotsapas



Lapithos Municipal Town, 1950



*Stavros refugee settlement (tents) 1975, (Lapithos nearness)
Picture painting by Mrs Erato Kozakou Markoulli*

13rd Mayor	Panayotis Giangopoulos 1967-1971
14th Mayor	Georgios Kazelis 1974-1987 – appointment and consecutive extensions
15th Mayor	1988-1991 – 6-month rotating appointments with Panayotis Niros,
16th Mayor	Costas Germanos, Savvas Chr. Christofidis and Dinos Karolidis,
17th Mayor	representatives of the then big parliamentary parties. The arrangement was that one of them would be Mayor and the other four would serve as Municipal Counsellors. As per the agreement reached Dinos Karolidis was the 5th Counsellor with no right to select. In 1991 5-year election process is reinstated and continues to date.
18th Mayor	Nikos Evangelou 1992-2001
19th Mayor	Athos Eleftheriou 2002-2011
20th Mayor	Neoptolemos Kotsapas 2012-2021 From January 1 st 2022, continue official duties up to the May of 2024. (extension term.)

Municipal Counsellors: the following have served as Municipal Counsellors

A. During the first 50 years of the Municipality of Lapithos, i.e. since its establishment and until World War 2 (1940)

Moustafa Ef Siefki, Hadji Nicholas Solomonidis, Haritos Hadjichristodoulou, Yangos D. Dimitriadis, Hadjiharitos Kyriakidis, Costas Nichola Hadjiparaskeva, Ioannis Constantinidis, Mehmet Mouderis Mustafa Siefki, Haritos Athanassi, Christodoulos Atoniou, Nicholas K. Pyrgos, Costas Christodoulakis, Andreas Koumidis, Haralambos I. Dimitriadis, Ioannis Karolidis., Costas Hadjianastasi Injeyanni, Jemal Hussein Agha, Haralambos Christodoulou Philippou, Sofoklis Hadjikyriakou, Cleanthis A. Siakidis, Petros Mahallekidis, Georgios V. Antoni, Moulla Husein Salih, Christophoros Constantinidis, Theoklis Chr. Philippou, Nicholas Chr. Angoulidis, Anastassi Andrianou, Dionyssis Christophorou Kaimakkamis, Hassan Mulla Hussein Dolmatzi, Agathangelos K. Hannidis, Dimitris Apostolidis, Haralambos Hadjiharitou, Costas Kataliakos, Dimitris Constantinou Fellas, Hussein Niazi Hassan, Savvas K. Christophidis, Timotheos Panayotou, Ali Haidar Mulla Hussein, Nicholas Evangelidis, Ioakeim Yangou, Ahmet Ef Yousouf Aga

B. Since the end of World War 2 and specifically since 1943 until 1974 with the election of the municipal council headed by Mayor Odysseas N. Ellinopoulos along with the old municipal counsellors, new names come about:

Agapios Maxoulis, Dionyssis Karatzias, Avraam Hadjittofis, Yorgos Pasiardis, Yorgos Kefalis, Polys K. Siakallis, Costas Theodosiou, Andreas Lodommatos, Nikos Kalimeras, Melis Poullis, Styllis Hadjiyangou, Leonidas Constantinou, Haritos Paraskevopoulos, Savvas Sideras, Mehmet Halilimpahim.

C. 1974 to date (December 2021) the following served as Municipal Counsellors:

Evangelos Evangelidis, Dimitris Hadjiharitou, Costas Philippidis, Andreas Eleftheriou (Ermis), Christos Christofidis, Savvas Pavlidis, Costas Germanon, Savvas Chr. Christofidis, Panayotis Niros, Georgios Kazelis, Dinos Karolidis, Andreas K Mourettos , Andreas Evangelou, Pavlos Aristidou, Theodoros Theodorou, Athos Eleftheriou, Panikos Panagis, Eleni Pieri Kapnoulla, Maria Nikolaou Piki, Neoptolemos Kotsapas, Yannakis Chr. Christofidis, Costakis Pantehis, Vassilis Mantralis, Andreas Kompos, Maria Koumidou (elected but did not serve), Dimitris Mina, Andreas T. Mourettou, Soula Mourettou, Yannis Kremmos, Maria Kremmou, Antonis Angeli, Andreas Agapiou, Andreas Iakovou, Georgios Fyttis, Mattheos Mastrappas, Dinos Efthymiou.

