

Paralio Astros OCTOBER 2011

TO: Regional Director of the Region of Peloponnesus (Mr. Petros Tatoulis)

CC:

1. Ministry of Culture (Mr. Minister)
2. 25th Department of Byzantine Antiquities (Mr. Director)
3. Municipality of Northern Kynourias (Mr. Mayor)
4. Members of Greek Parliament (Representatives of the Prefecture of Arcadia)
5. Mass media

FROM: Authorities, residents and friends of Paralio Astros

SUBJECT: Maintenance of the historic Castle of Paralio Astros

We, Authorities, citizens and friends of Paralio Astros decided to become active in the field of culture. In our decision that we were led to believe that they may continue to be calm and inaction observed decades in the picturesque town in evoking the history and preservation of historical monuments.

We note in particular the anniversary event held under the auspices of the Cultural Association of us on August 7 this summer, which we hope to establish in the future. During that period, delivered panegyric speech by former High school director Mr. Evangelos Kouklis on: a) the repulsion of Ibrahim on 5-6 August 1826 during the attack in the historic Castle of Paralio Astros and b) the problems arising regarding the maintenance of this important historic monument.. (see attachments).

This is exactly the Castle and its fate is the subject of our letter. The above monument is the most glorious moments of our National Liberation Struggle of 1821, being the only fort in our region, which repelled an attack of Ibrahim while there was one of the few victories of our ancestors against this invader.

However, this building has been abandoned to its fate, so the tower and the wall, as has already been denounced by the press, be frayed and worn every day. Therefore, it is mathematically certain that if this situation continues, the Castle of Paralio Astros, this reference to our historical memory, will become a heap of ruins. And these ruins will operate in perpetuity of time not as a source of national pride but as a cause of

shame for us all ...

We do not ignore that timing because of the tragic situation of our national economy is not favorable to our request. But we want to believe that any financial sacrifices for our historical memory and culture, even of the meager resources, will be considered an important investment for the future of our country.

Attachments:

1. List of the Authorities, Residents and Friends of Paralio Astros.
2. Panegyric speech of Mr. Evangelos Kouklis.
3. Photos of the current situation of the castle.