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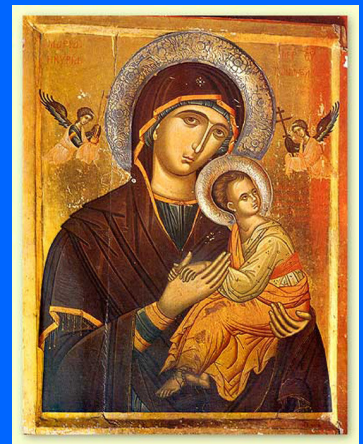
There are many different things that come into being a young Greek living in Australia. These range from cultural traditions, to values, our language and religion, and social activities and interests. As a 20 year old, I find that I have a strong connection with my heritage. This connection has become stronger as I've grown older, as I have learnt to appreciate more and more the struggle that our ancestors went through to build a new life for themselves and their families in Australia.

The Greek culture to me is the most fascinating and beautiful of all, and I believe that it is of great importance that the younger generations of Greek-Australians make every effort to keep the traditions of old alive. This includes making an effort to learn the Greek language. The Greek language is presently struggling in Australia, with dwindling numbers of students, courses being phased out at universities, and the chance of Greek being left out of the national curriculum. Young Greek-Australians need to realise the importance of learning the

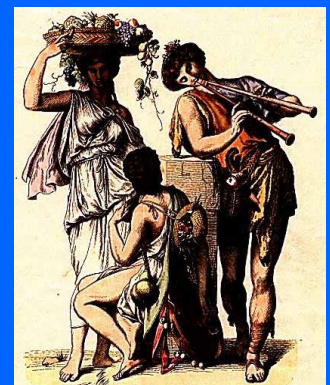


language, because of its rich history, and because it is the foundation of the English language.

Greek Orthodoxy is also very important to me as a young Greek. Our faith is another important part of Greek culture and history. Having our Greek Orthodox faith while living in what is fast becoming a secular Australian society makes me appreciate it even more. It keeps most Greek-Australians together through having a common faith, and has a proud, long and unbroken history.



Socially, having a traditional Greek mentality, with strong family values, has made me mostly befriend other young Greek-Australians. Being a member of the UNSW Hellenic Society has been a great way of meeting other people who share the same values and interests as I do, such as discussing Greek soccer. There is always cause for a friendly debate when a few AEK, Panathinaikos and Olympiakos fans start chatting. Young Greek-Australians can also share an understanding of each other in a way that non-Greek-Australians can't, due to different upbringings.



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