

## **Our School's History**

The 1st Gymnasio of Volos was founded immediately after the integration of Thessaly into the Greek State and remained the city's only gymnasio until 1921. According to a report of an inspector of the Ministry of Education at that time, in 1882 the schools operating in Volos consisted of an all-boys primary school (run by the state), one all-girls and one all-boys primary school (run by the municipality) and a school run by the Ottoman community as well as a kindergarten.

At the same time, the first private schools founded consisted of the offspring of families with newfound high socio-economic status. The most important private schools were those of Nikolaos Nikolaidis, which operated between 1886-1907, and Tryfon Kontogeorgiou, who continued the operation of the previous school under the name "Kontogeorgiou Schools" between 1907-1931. In 1904 the French Convent School "Saint Joseph" opened in Volos, whose course was intertwined with the history of the Catholic Community of Volos. It was targeted at girls from the upper classes of the city and operated according to French standards.

## **Important Dates in the school's history**

1882 - The only one in Magnesia, the 4-grade Gymnasio of Volos is founded together with the Gymnasio of Larissa and Trikala, immediately after the liberation of Thessaly from the Turks, with royal decree of 15/3/1882 published in the Official Government Gazette 28/24.4.1882

1897 - Due to the Turkish invasion of Volos, normal operations are suspended

1900 - With the departure of the Turks, normal operation of the 4-grade Gymnasio, housed in an appropriately designed building at the intersection of Gallias and Athanasiou Diakou streets, resumes

1905 - Housed in a teaching building between Gazi - Don Daleziou - Konstanta - Kentavron streets (Sp. Spyridi), until the earthquakes of 1955

1921 - It operates as a 4-grade All-Boys' Gymnasio of Volos, while at the same time the 4-grade All-Girls' Gymnasio of Volos is also established for female students

1929 - It becomes a 6-grade Boys' Gymnasio of Volos divided into two levels: The lower one with two classes and the upper one with four classes

1937 - With law 770/3.7.37 it operates as an 8-grade Boys' Gymnasio, accepting students from the 4th grade of the Primary school

1939 - It begins to function as the 1st All-Boys' Gymnasio of Volos, because the 2nd All-Boys' Gymnasio of Volos is founded at the same time

1940 - It ceases regular operations due to the German Occupation

1945 - After the occupation, it resumes operations normally and is referred to as an 8-grade Gymnasio, although in actuality it has only six classes (the 1st and 2nd classes do not exist)

1955 - Due to the earthquakes, it is relocated using shacks and then to the current building at 48 Kyprou Street (between Kyprou-Tsibouki-Ogl-Ethn. Antistasis streets) which was built with a fundraiser in Cyprus and is therefore known as Pankyprion

1959 - Law 3972/1959 abolishes the title of the 8-grade Gymnasio and establishes the 1st 6-grade Gymnasio for Boys of Volos

1964 - In the same building it operates as: 1st Volos Boys' Gymnasio (3-grade) and 1st Volos Boys' Lykio (3-grade)

1967 - It operates as a full 6-grade school under the title: 1st Boys' Gymnasio of Volos

1976 - Always operates in the same building as (P.D. 309/1976): 1st Boys' Gymnasio of Volos (3-grade) and 1st Boys' Lykio of Volos (3-grade)