



The War Archive is pleased to invite you to a presentation with the title

**«The Museum of Victims of Nazism meets the War Archive : A first acquaintance with Distomo»**

We will be honoured with the presence of **Mr Christos Papanikolaou**, deputy chairman of the governing council of the Museum for the Victims of Nazism in Distomo, who will do a presentation and talk with us about the infamous massacre by German troops in Distomo.

**Saturday, 21 January 2017 at 19.30**

The German occupying troops in Greece committed numerous atrocities, usually as reprisals for guerilla attacks on German troops or in pursuit and mopping up operations of resistance forces. What made the attack on the civilian population of Distomo on 10 June 1944 particularly repellent was the indiscriminate killing of 228 children, some nearly babies, old men and women and of young girls none of whom could have had any links with the resistance. The usual modus operandi of German reprisal operations was the killing of all male population from 15 to 65 years old with the sick, but almost comprehensible, logic of depriving the enemy of recruits and, hopefully, killing some guerillas. In Distomo the orgy of killing made no distinction between old and young, male or female and it became an uncontrolled orgy of violence for its own sake.

A large number of old people at Distomo, a small town very near the site of Delphi, still remember vividly the horrors of the day. Mr Papanikolaou, whose family was almost wiped out, conveys and communicates the still raw grief of this small community very vividly and his testimony ensures the continuity of the common memory of this sad part of WWII.

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The Archeion is looking very much forward to your presence in this event.

We ask you however to let us know whether you will be coming either by replying to this email at [afreeris@wararchivegr.org](mailto:afreeris@wararchivegr.org) and/or by contacting Maka Dokhnadze at the phone of the Arheion, 210-8676390, or mobile phone 69-98088220 **by latest 19/1/2017**. Please do note that space is limited.

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