

Easter music at the Aetopouleio

EVEN those who aren't devout Christians get into a somewhat spiritual mode with the coming of the Orthodox Easter which also marks the culmination of spring. A little bit of ecclesiastical music is always appropriate at this time. All we can suggest is *carpe diem* - seize the day! And the **Aetopouleio Cultural Centre** of the Municipality of Halandri, with its tradition of Easter events, lends itself to doing just that, with a series of musical events which begins tomorrow. The three-part series is entitled *...Light of the World...My Light*.

The first event brings singer **Petros Gaitanos**, who has distinguished himself in both *laika* and Byzantine songs. Tomorrow's programme is *Psallo to theo mou eos yparcho* (I praise the Lord as long as I exist) and it takes place at the **Holy Church of Agios Nikolas** (Central Square of Halandri) at 8pm. Numerous psalms will be performed and religious words uttered. Gaitanos leads the programme, with participation by the Byzantine Choir of Volos.

The next performance of the series takes place at 8pm on Saturday at the **Holy Church of Agia Anna** (cnr of K.



Petros Gaitanos sings psalms tomorrow in Halandri

Palaiologou and Agias Annis sts). Entitled, *Ta dakrya tis Magdalinis* (Magdalene's tears), the programme focuses on

the biblical tale of Magdalene's change of lifestyle upon meeting Jesus Christ. Clarinet player **Yiannis Vassilopoulos** leads the programme with his musical interpretation of texts from the New Testament. Accompanying Vassilopoulos is violinist **Kyriakos Gouvendas**, outi-kanaonakinei player **Andonis Apergis**, cellist **Irina Dimaki** and bell-player **Andreas Tsekouras**.

The final performance of this Easter tribute features Cretan **Loudovikos ton Anogeion**, who will perform the dirge of the women of Crete, entitled *Moirologia*. The programme is especially touching for it begins at midnight on Monday and runs until 2am on Holy Tuesday April 22. This highly spiritual and moving performance takes place at the Hall of the Aetopouleio Cultural Centre (cnr of Filikis Etaireias and Tombarsts, Halandri).

All three events are free to the public, and everyone is welcome.

For more information and full programme of psalms see the Aetopouleio Cultural Centre of the Municipality of Halandri on 68 0464 or 682-5373.