

Parliament speaker: “I will raise the issue of Melkonian once again”

During a separate meeting, Azg’s editor asked House President and communist AKEL party Secretary General Demetris Christophias about efforts to help save and reopen the Melkonian, which Avedikian described as not only a Cyprus issue but one that concerns all the Diaspora.

Christophias praised the important role the 80-year-old school played in Cyprus society and culture. “Melkonian has been a tremendous contributing factor. The school is part of the culture of Cyprus and we are proud that Cyprus has been a host to such an establishment. “This is a multi-faceted issue and we know that the key (to its solution) lies in the U.S.,” Christophias said, as the matter is in the hands of the New York-based AGBU Corporation that has ignored previous Cyprus parliamentary calls to reopen the school. “Unfortunately, some of your Armenians who have gone to America have become more American and forgotten their roots in the name of money and wealth,” the outspoken Cypriot politician stated.

“I promise you I will put the matter once again to the President of Cyprus,” Christophias said, adding that, “I am sure that the authorities and the government in Armenia share our views.”