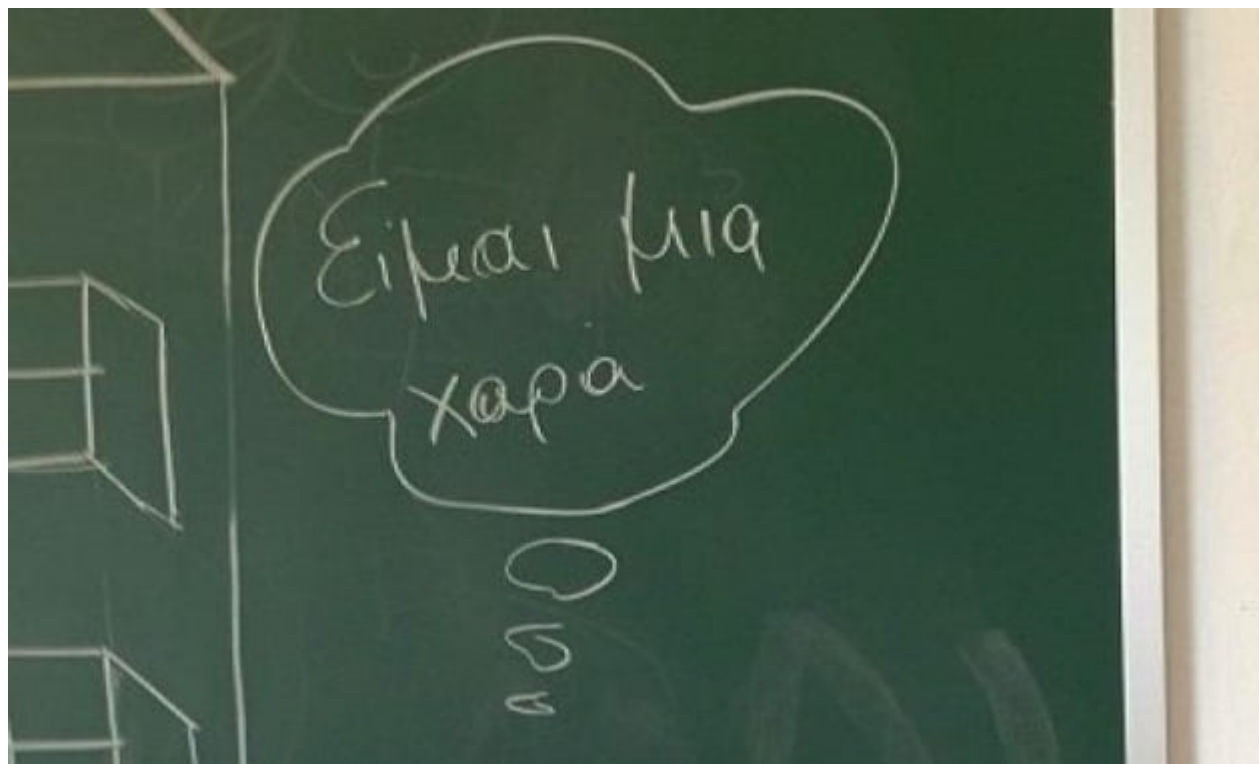
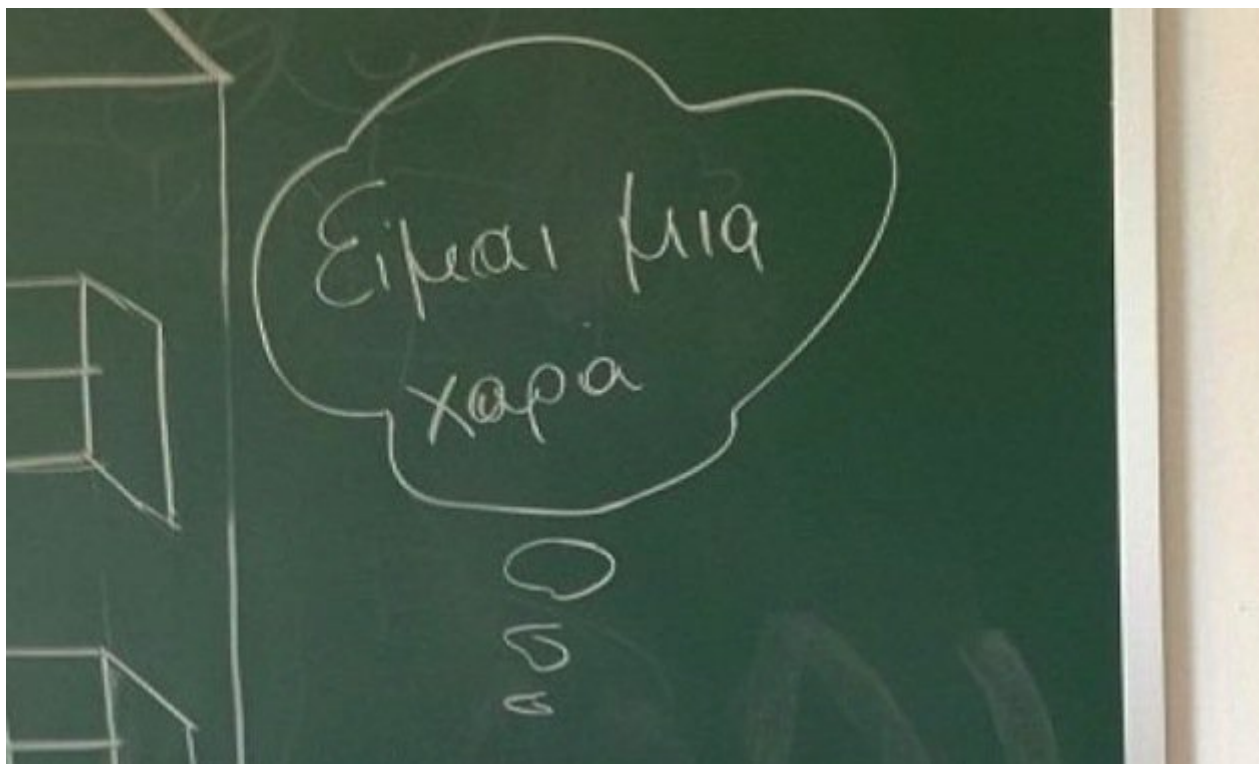


I'd be indifferent (Saint Paisios the Athonite)

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The joy felt by spiritual people isn't the same as the worldly joy sought by so many people today. Let's not confuse things. Did the Saints have the kind of joy that

we're seeking? Did Our Lady? Did Christ laugh? What Saint went through this life without pain? What Saint had the kind of joy so many Christians in our day and age are looking for? For they don't want to hear anything unpleasant, so that they're not upset and don't lose their calm and composure. If, in order to be happy, I want not to be worried, and if, in order to be meek, I want not to lose my peace of mind, then I'm indifferent! Spiritual forbearance is one thing and forbearance born of indifference is another.