Myrtis has been named "friend of the United Nations"
Her message to the world leaders

Myrtis died of typhoid fever during the plague which hit Athens in the middle of the 5th Century BC. Typhoid fever is even today -2.500 years after- the cause of death for 500.000 to 700.000 people every year. Moreover, each year nearly nine million children under five are losing their lives from typhoid fever and other diseases that can be prevented and treated.

For this reason, the United Nations Regional Information Centre (UNRIC) "asked" Myrtis to become a friend of the UN Millennium Development Goals and join, in her own unique way, the United Nations world campaign "We can End Poverty".

This is how Myrtis became a friend and supporter of the United Nations. She "assumed" her duties without delay by sending a message to world leaders who attended the UN Millennium Development Goals Summit of September 2010.

So, Myrtis is not any longer only "face to face with the past" but also "face to face with the future of humanity".

