

Greece







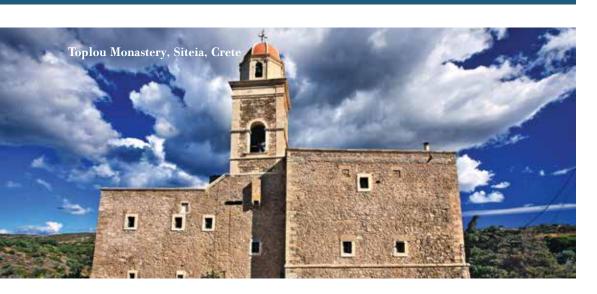
A 2,000-year Journey into the Light of Christianity



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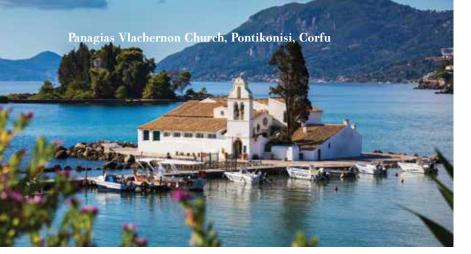
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A 2,000-year spiritual journey into the Light of Christian Faith

Wherever you are in Greece,
God is on your side... monasteries,
holy heirlooms, saints' holy relics,
spiritual struggles and sacrifices,
centuries of habits and customs.
Christian history and tradition
are kept alive at every corner
of the country.



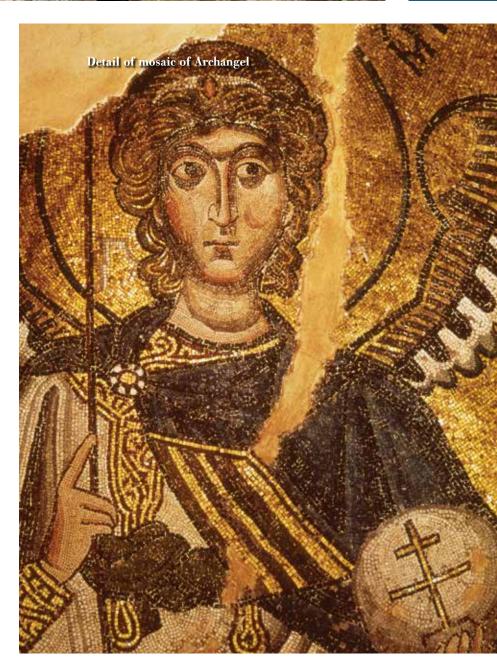


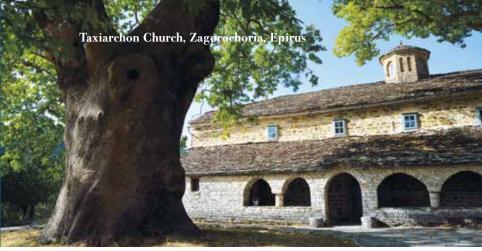
Since the emergence of Christianity in history, Greece and the Greek language were the top means of dissemination of the new faith. Ever since, Greek culture and Christian faith have coexisted in a constant, living course through the time, the history and the tradition of this country.

Early Christianity. In Greece, Christ's disciples, Andrew and Philip, but above all, the Apostle to the Nations, Paul, founded the first Christian church communities in the European continent. Apostle and Evangelist John writing the Book of the Apocalypse on the holy island of Patmos. In Greece – at Filippoi, Macedonia – St. Lydia the Philippian accepts baptism and becomes the first European Christian woman; great martyr figures emerge, such as Saint Dimitrios at Thessaloniki.

The Byzantine Period – the 1,000-year peak of Christian faith. Christian worship, arts and literature, in all their aspects, reach their peak. Ecumenical councils, big and small churches, monasteries, icons, relics, heirlooms of high cultural, religious and artistic value, many of which are listed in UNESCO World Heritage list, can be visited in every part of the country.

The post-Byzantine period – Ottoman Occupation – foundation of the modern Greek state. During the Ottoman rule, Greeks' devotion to church and their faith were constant and ceaseless, as proven by the number of new martyrs. Saint Kosmas the Aetolian, one of the most active figures of the large number in the modern Greek martyrology holds a prominent position. The Church, through worship and education, served as the main body of rescue of the Christian faith, the Greek language, and Greek cultural heritage. The contribution of the Greek clergy in the national struggle for Independence, was huge and unique; monuments have been erected as a tribute throughout the country.





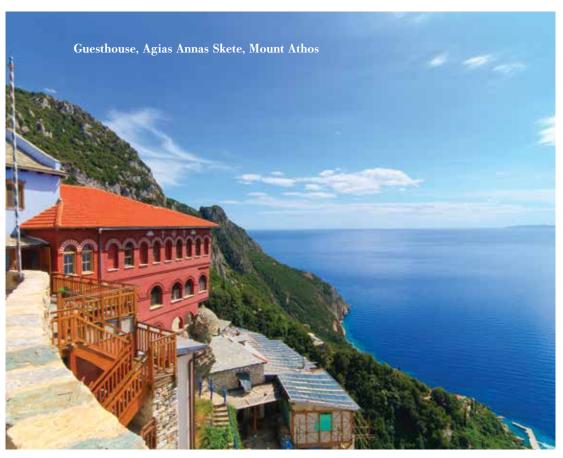


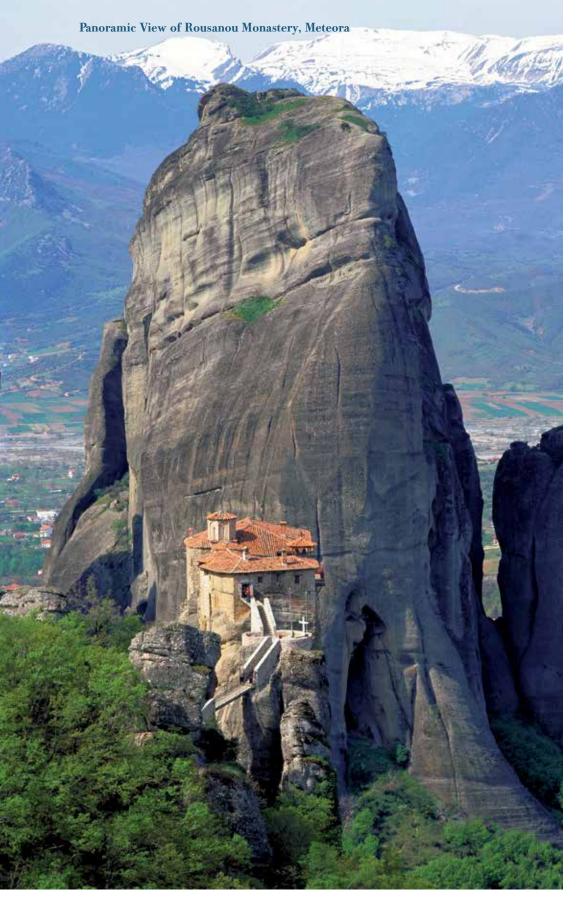


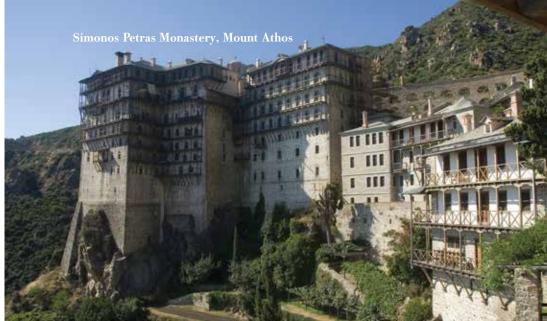


2,000 years of Ceaseless Monasticism

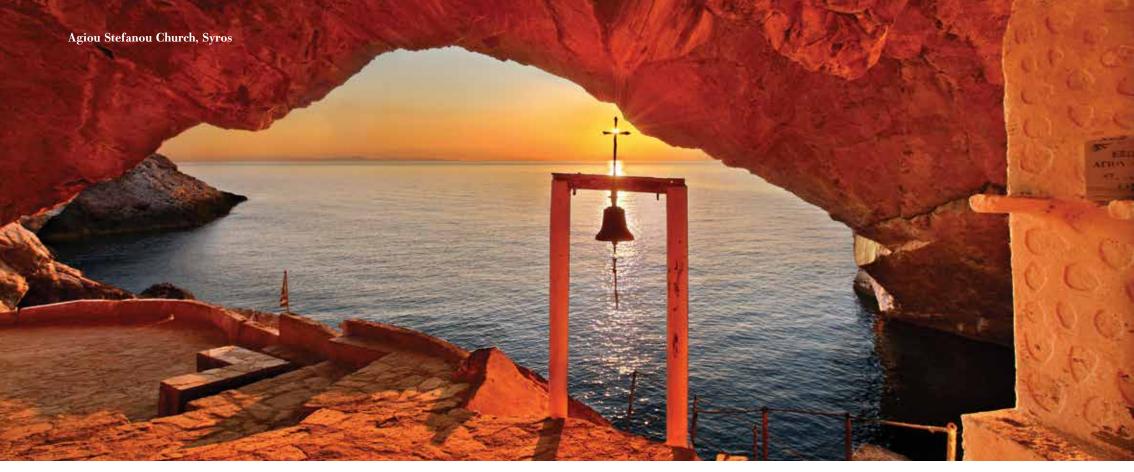
Some of the most important monastic communities in the world emerged In Greece. Mount Athos, Meteora and other historic Greek monasteries are not only places of historic and cultural interest; they were created and always remain places of living worship, testimony of faith, prayer and spiritual exercise.

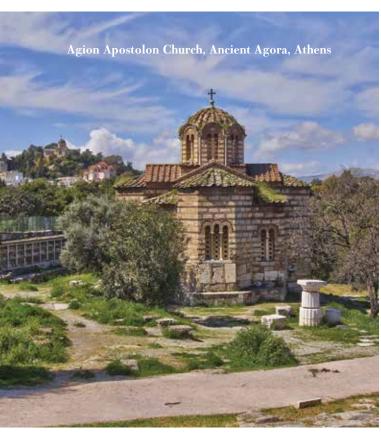










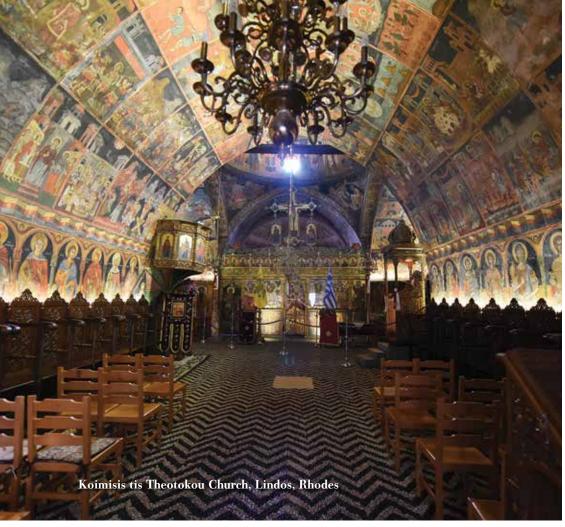


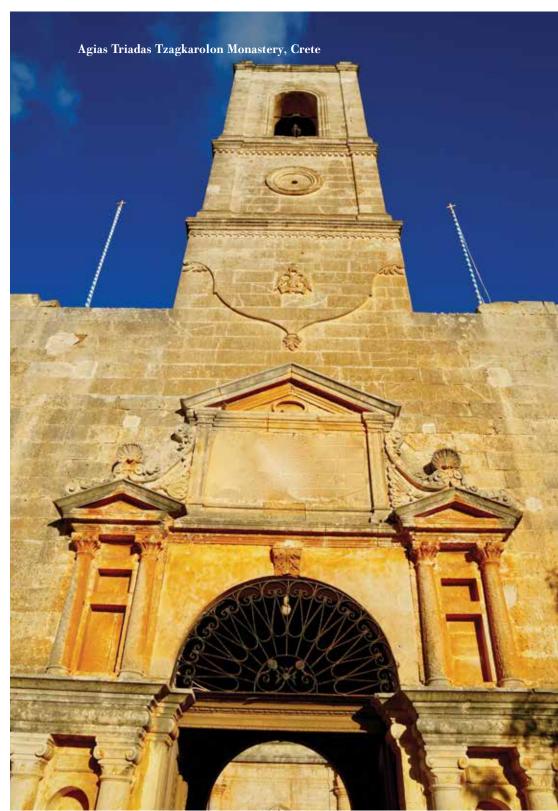
2,000 years of Living Religious Tradition

Greeks express their deep faith to the Trinitarian God, their worship to Virgin Mary and the saints, and their trust to the Church as an institution, as Christ's body and genuine guardian of the Christian faith and life. In every corner of the country, from Epirus, Macedonia and Thrace to Crete and from the Ionian to the Aegean Sea, religious traditions and customs, religious celebrations and festivals are an integral part of the people's daily life. Christianity met Hellenism and bonded in harmony, in a 2,000-year living, worship tradition, creating the unique global phenomenon of the Christian Hellenic culture.

Today, Greece, with respect to religious sentiment and the visitor-pilgrim's modern needs, is expecting you for an unparalleled, spiritual journey into history and culture, a revealing life experience in the truth and values of Christian faith and wisdom, Hellenic philosophy and culture.

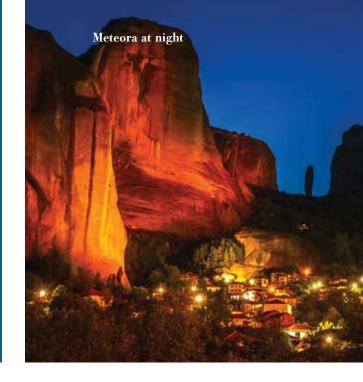


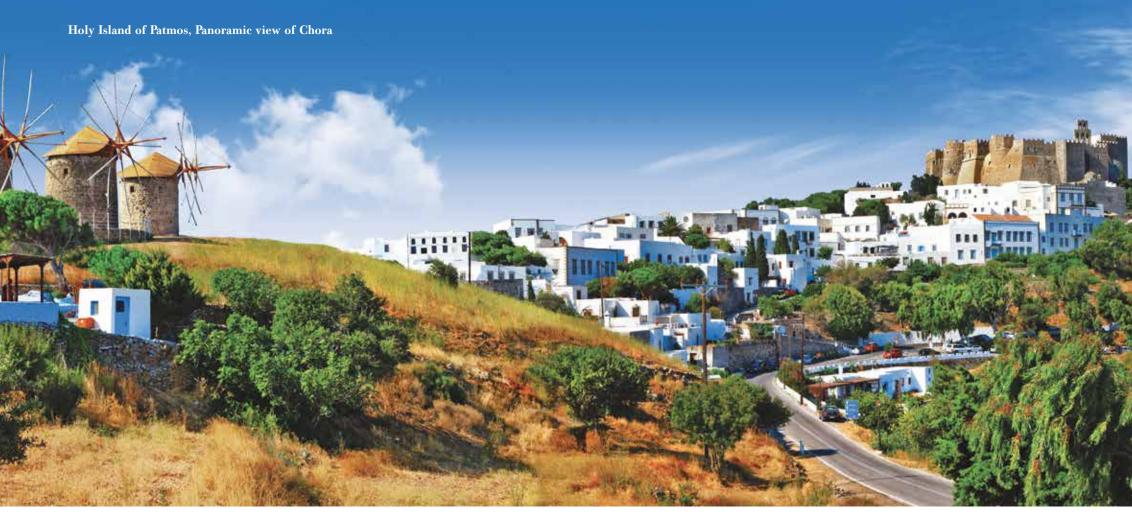


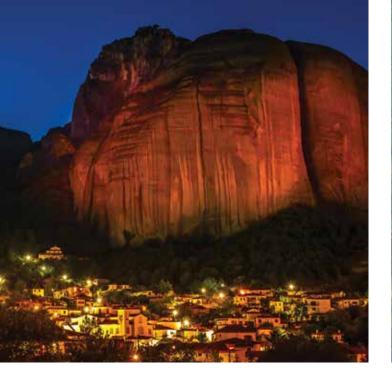


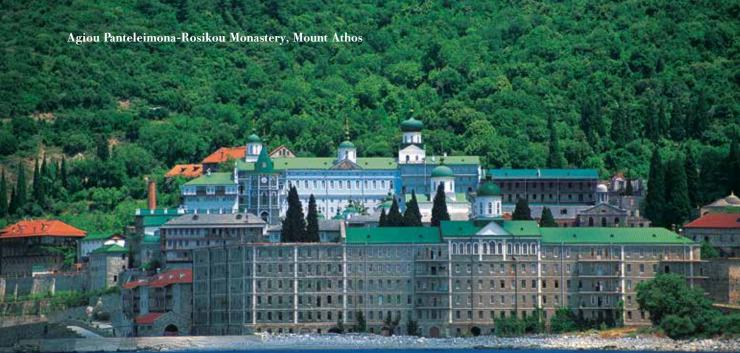
World Pilgrimage Destinations in Greece

Greece: one of the most important centres of the world's Christian community. Apostle Paul's Tribunes, Mount Athos, Meteora, the Holy Island of Patmos are top journeys in faith and culture.











In the Steps of the Apostle Paul A Route of Faith and History

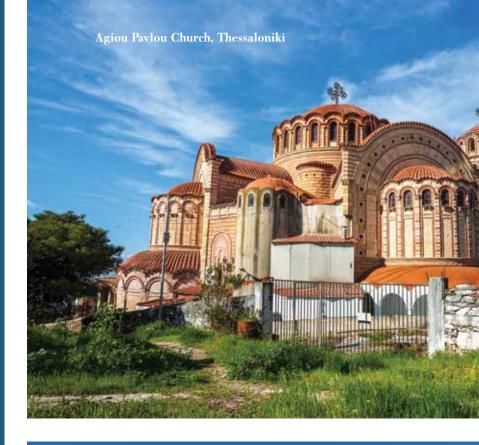
"Love does not envy, love does not boast, it is not proud... love always bears, always trusts, always hopes, always preserves". Apostle Paul, First Epistle to the Corinthians.

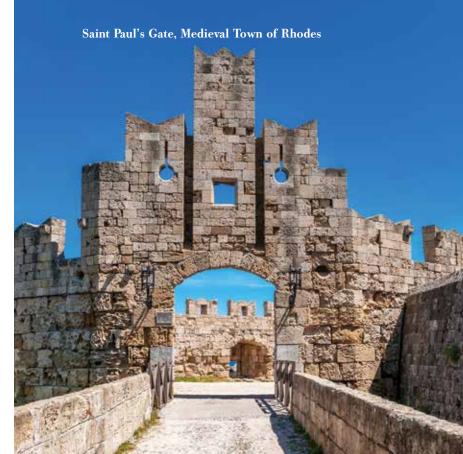
The path of Apostle Paul in Greece is a route of faith and history, because Apostle Paul, "first after the One", spread the Christian faith more than anyone else, travelling the length and breadth of the then known world; a route of history because his steps and his stops in Greece are turning points in our country's history.

Apostle Paul visited Greece in the framework of his 2nd and 3rd Apostolic tour. One night in 49 A.D., Paul, being at Troas, Asia Minor, had a vision during the night of a Macedonian man calling him to continue his missionary work: "Come over to Macedonia and help us." Apostle Paul's transition to Greece and preaching the Christian gospel is a milestone in European history, as here, for the first time, Apostle Paul delivers his gospel message in the European territory and sows the first seeds of what will later be one of the basic characteristics of European culture: Christianity.

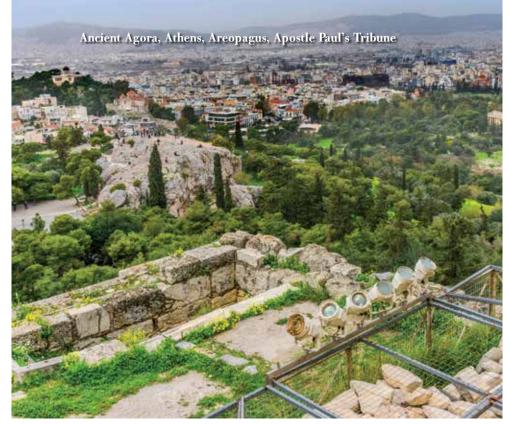
"In the Steps of Apostle Paul" is a route passing from all the Apostle of the nations's stops in our country; besides being a top pilgrimage, historic and cultural route, it is an opportunity to see some of the most beautiful places in Greece.

- **♦**Samothrace
- **♦**Kavala (anc. Neapolis)
- **♦**Filippoi
- **♦**Amphipolis and Apollonia
- **♦**Thessaloniki
- **♦**Veroia
- **♦**Katerini
- **♦** Athens
- **♦**Corinth
- **♦**Lesvos, Chios, Samos, Kos, Rhodes
- **♦**Crete (Kaloi Limenes)
- **♦**Kefalonia
- **♦**Nikopolis
- **♦**Lefkada



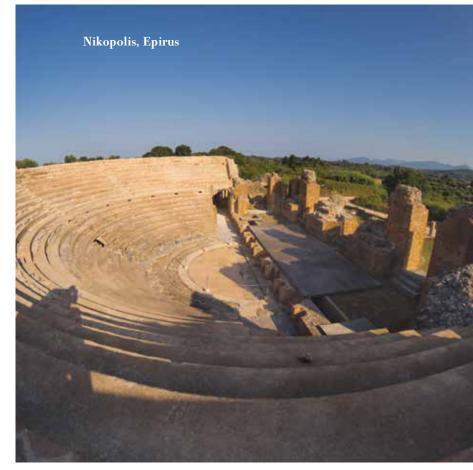








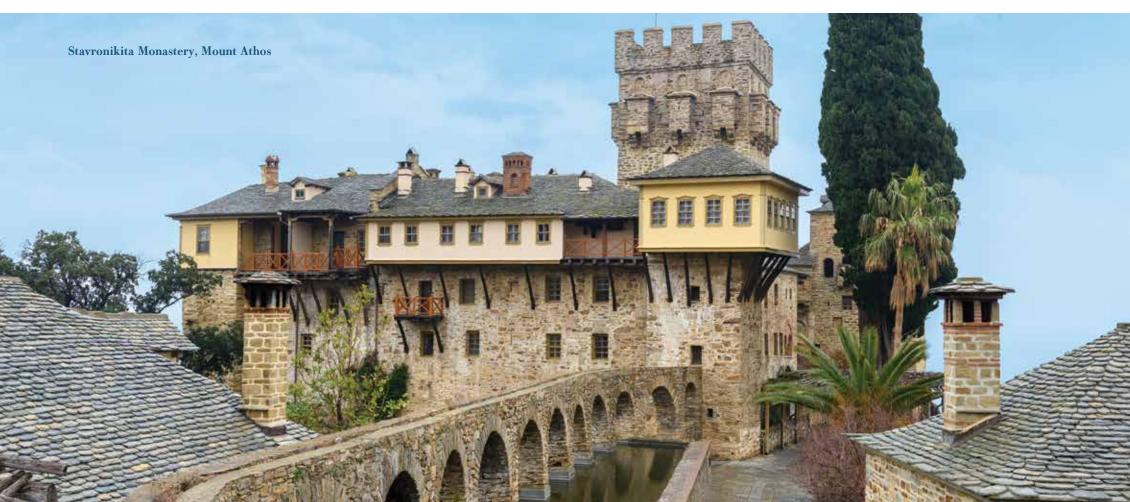


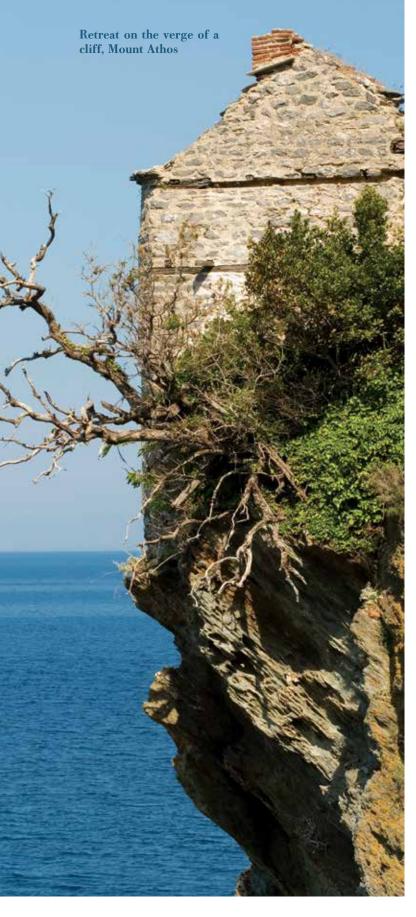


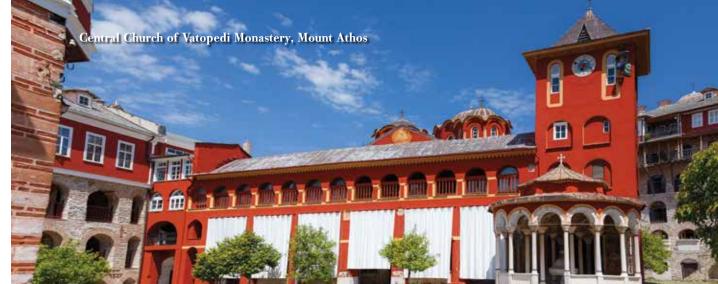


Mount Athos The Ark of Orthodoxy

Time stops here. At Athos Peninsula, the greatness of the Greek nature meets the divine greatness, at the biggest and most active monastic community in the history of Christianity.







At the most eastern of the three peninsulas of Halkidiki, in a total area of 360 square kilometres, in a landscape of unique natural beauty and serenity, the most important monastic community in the world, the Monastic State of Mount Athos extends. The timeless "Ark of Orthodoxy".

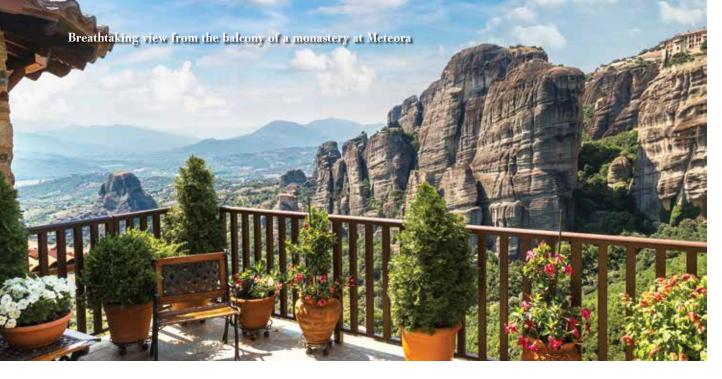
According to written sources, groups of ascetics had already existed since 843 A.D., who had an organisation with status and recognition, a fact which means that, at least since the last decades of the 9th century A.D., the peninsula hosted hermit monks. A decisive factor in promoting Mount Athos as one of the most significant and longest-existing monastic centres was Saint Athanasios Athonitis' settlement on it, in 957 A.D., and the foundation by him later of the Megisti Lavra monastery. Ever since, Mount Athos and its monasteries systematically received aid from the Byzantine Emperors.

Over the centuries, the splendor of the "heavenly state" continually increased, while its spiritual light remains unchanged to date.

In total, twenty monasteries exist and operate on Mount Athos. They are groups of buildings where fortified wings with towers enclose an inner courtyard, at the centre of which the central church is usually erected. Apart from that, there is the refectory, chapels, cylinders and other auxiliary buildings. The monasteries are organised in communes, led by the Abbot. Apart from the above sovereign monasteries, there are also institutions subordinate to them. They are divided into sketes, cells, buts and seats.

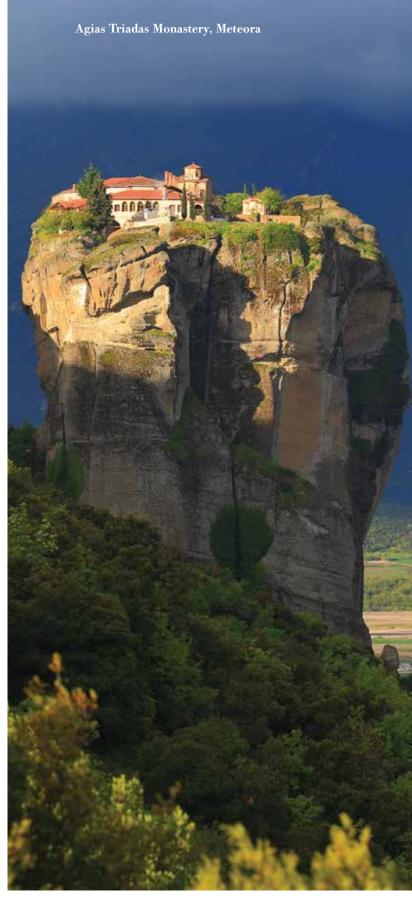
Nowadays, the monastic community of Mount Athos is a leading benchmark of the world Christian community and one of the most significant pilgrimage destinations worldwide.

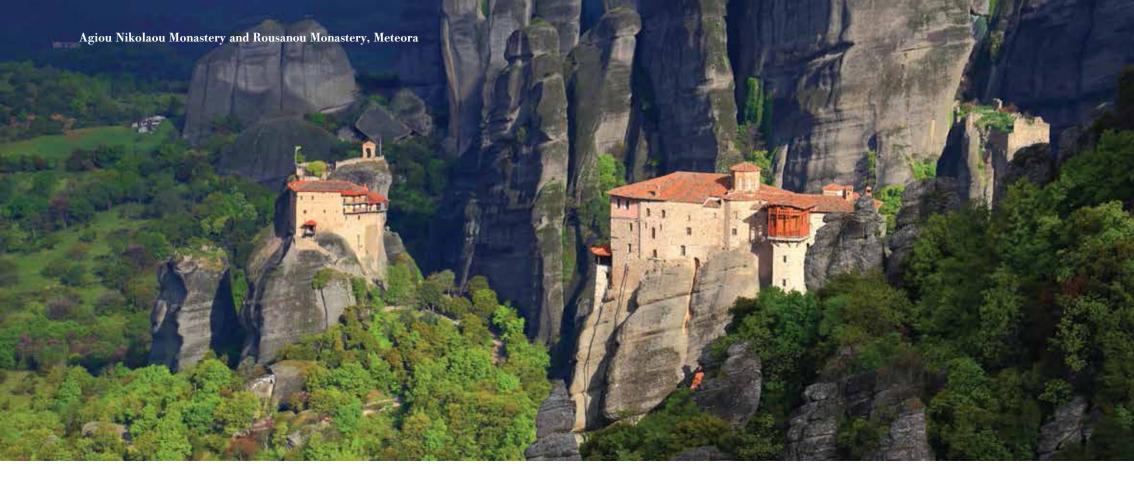
Visiting and staying at the Holy State of Athos is a lifetime experience, deeply engraved in the visitor's memory and heart. Many believers come back again and again, seeking heavenly warmth, serenity and strengthening of their souls.



Meteora The Sacred Rocks

A unique landscape worldwide. A nature wonder and, at the same time, a miracle of faith. Each rock, each cave is one more step to lead humans closer to God.

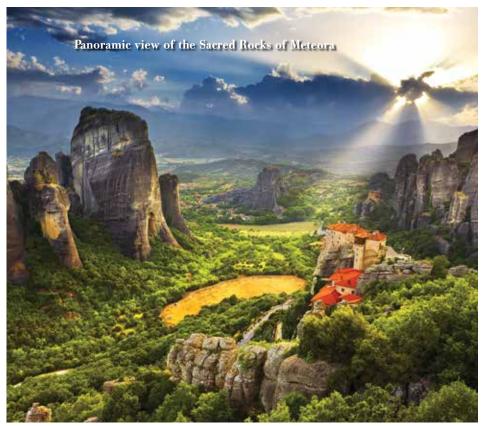




In the heart of mainland Greece, massive rocks, created millions of years ago, suddenly emerge before the visitor's eyes. Meteora is a unique geological phenomenon. At this unearthly beauty, one of the biggest monastic communities in the Orthodox history, has been flourishing and bearing fruit.

The sacred silence, the steep, massive rocks, the crypts, the caves and the cavities have been a magnet for hermits since the early 11th century. During the 14th century, Agios Athanasios of Meteora founded the first monastery here, the Great Meteoron. Historical accounts show that there were 30 monasteries of Meteora total.

Today, six monasteries are visitable at Meteora; adorned with exquisite art hagiographies, unique libraries, significant monastery and church embroideries and many objects, utensils and heirlooms of the monastic art and life, which the devout visitor is there to see and experience, respecting the place as a place of prayer, devoutness, worship and communication with God.





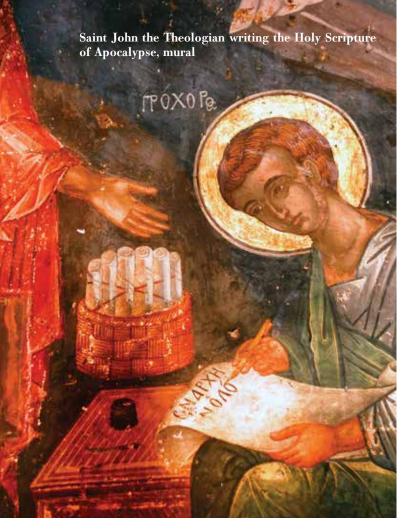




Patmos Holy Island God's Apocalypse in Greece

"I, John, your brother... was on the island called Patmos... and I heard behind me a loud voice like a trumpet saying: write what you see in a book..."

John the Evangelist, Apocalypse.



The Cave of the Apocalypse

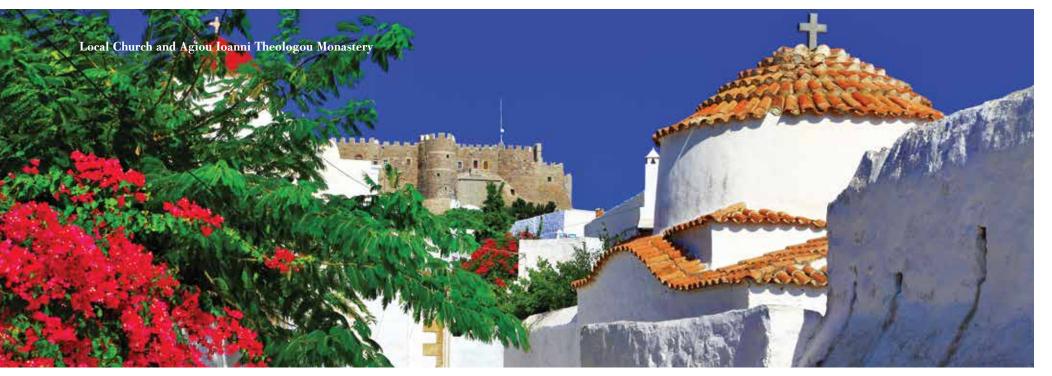
At the Holy Cave of the Apocalypse, the visitor-pilgrim, with the assistance of prayer, his faith and his participation in the Divine Worship, will be able to comprehend the miracle that was performed on this white, holy island of the Aegean. One of the most historical appearances of God's presence (Epiphany) in Greece took place on small Patmos.

Here, Christ's beloved disciple, John the Apostle and Evangelist, exiled by Emperor Domitian, finds a shelter on the island and the Holy Cave. According to the holy tradition, the rock was split in two and through three smaller cracks, which symbolise the Holy Trinity, God's voice was heard, dictating to John the scripture of the Holy Book of Revelation.

The visitor-pilgrim will see the place where the Holy Scripture was written, will touch the triple crack on the rock and will see, in every detail, the place where John the Apostle and Evangelist rested.

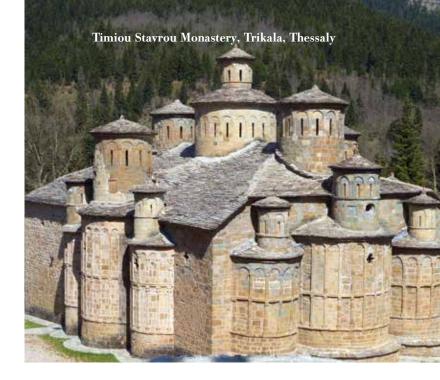
Monastery of Saint John the Theologian

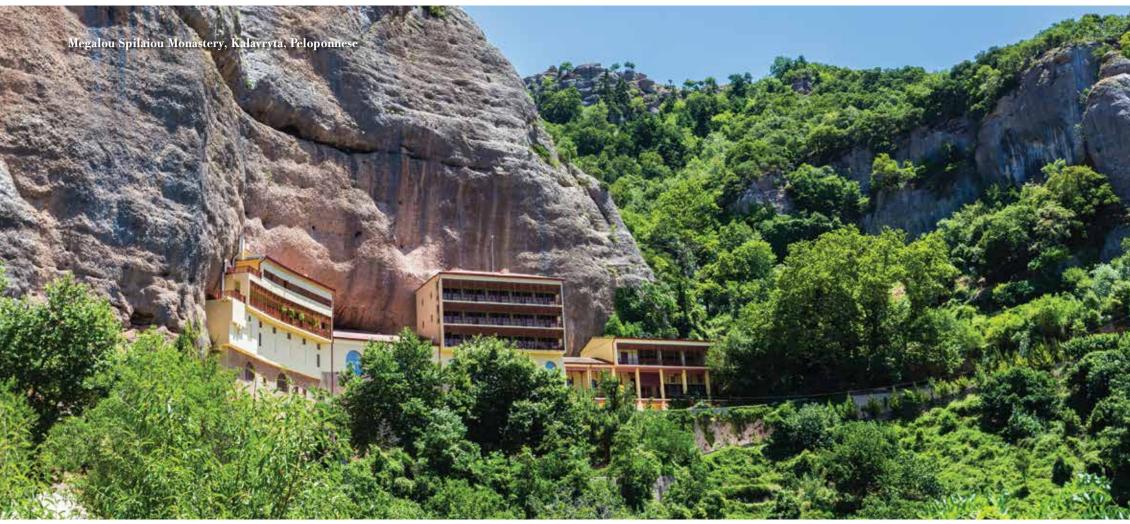
Built on the top of Chora, Patmos, the monastery overlooks the entire island, resembling a Byzantine fortress, continuing its congregational-monastic life, and having accumulated a great wealth of books and heirlooms of incomparable cultural value. Saint John, Apostle and Evangelist's Cave and Monastery are today pilgrimage sites for the global Christian community.

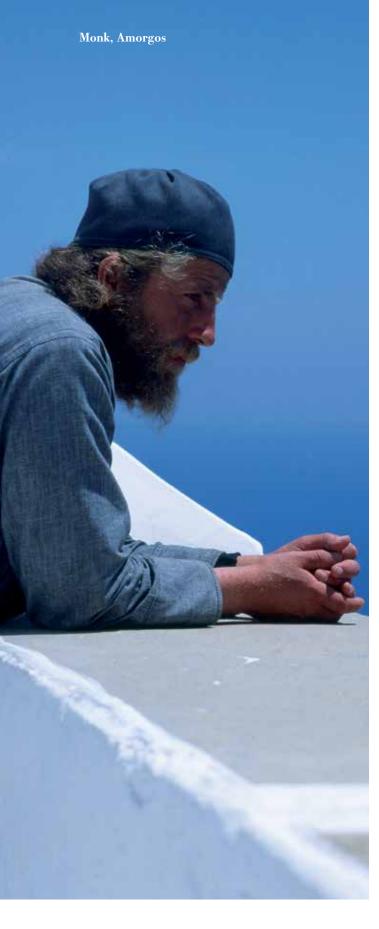


Monasteries Participating in the monastic life

The moment you pass the gate of a monastery, a spiritual journey filled with serenity, power and love, starts. The days of your stay here will always light your way.





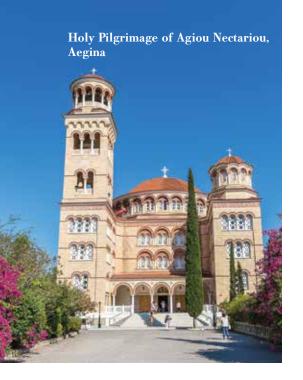




In Greece, monasteries, as well as the other places of worship, are not museum locations. They were created, and still remain, main living places of worship, prayer and spiritual life and guidance. At many monasteries, hospitality is extended with respect to the believers', visitors' or pilgrims' religious feeling and needs. The visitors-pilgrims have the opportunity to experience:

- ♦ a 2,000-year living, monastic tradition
- ♦ monastic states that consist spiritual beacons of the global Christian community
- ♦ top examples of Byzantine, religious architecture of all historical periods
- ♦ treasures of sacred heirlooms (miraculous icons, holy relics, golden bulls, mass books, holy grails, masterpieces of woodcarving, silversmithing and goldsmithing and gold embroidery)
- religious work, namely participation in the monks' activities (icons hagiography, writing religious books, making crosses, making candles, soap, honey, olive oil, wine, traditional sweets and beneficial herbs)
- ♦ culinary creations of the austere but famous, and quite healthy, monastery cuisine

The pilgrimage experience at the monasteries in our country is a true ritual. A soul-regenerating experience which helps modern humankind to get power and light and to reset the real values in life, society and the course of mankind.



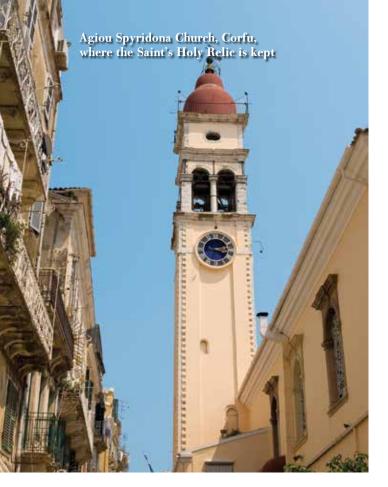
The Saints in the worshipping of the Church The Miracles and their Holy Relics

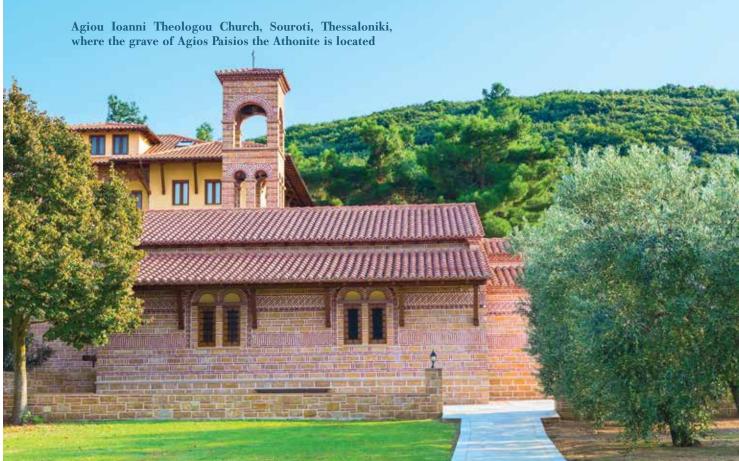
The pilgrimage of the holy relics... the deep anticipation of the miracle... centuries of religious customs and traditions...

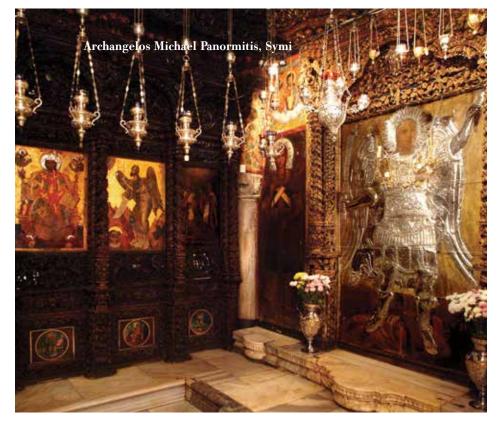
Greece, an experiential journey, which leaves its mark in the heart and conscience.











In Greece, the presence of the saints and the anticipation of the miracle are alive in people's hearts. The visitors-pilgrims-believers go to their churches, where they pray, beg, worship and show due honour to their holy relics, their holy, existing objects. Some offer their vow. A vow that most times is not just a tangible good, but a commitment and a promise for life for a new, consecrated life.

Saints' miracles serve as God's presence and result of faith, a spiritual revelation that transforms consciences and leads them to the divine path.

In every part of the country, the local Saints' presence and honour is the motive for a grand and glorious celebration. The local customs, centuries of folklore wealth meet the religious ritual in events of unique cultural nature. The vigils-prayers, the processions, the food – made with love – offered to all the attendants, the celebrations, the festivals with the local dances and the bands of traditional music, compose a lifetime experience. Each visitor spontaneously becomes an integral part of the celebration and the honour to the saint that celebrates.



Pilgrimage Sites and Icons of the Virgin Mary throughout Greece

On majestic mountains and blue and white islands, one can find as many names for the Virgin Mary as places one visits, and as many capacities Greeks attribute to the Mother of the Lord, whom they consider their own mother too.



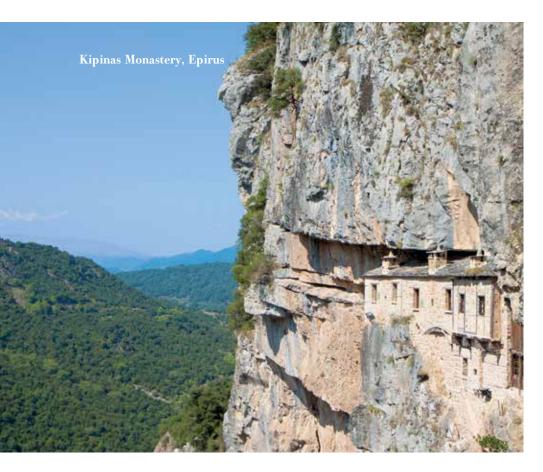
Virgin Mary holds a prominent position in the lives, traditions and hearts of Greeks. Each place and each part of our country honours her, throughout the year, with their own traditions and customs, their own folklore wealth, and call her in their own special way, always recognising her benefactions. Countless believers have worshipped and pinned their hopes on every single holy icon of hers. Every one of her holy icons can narrate a special, overwhelming miracle.

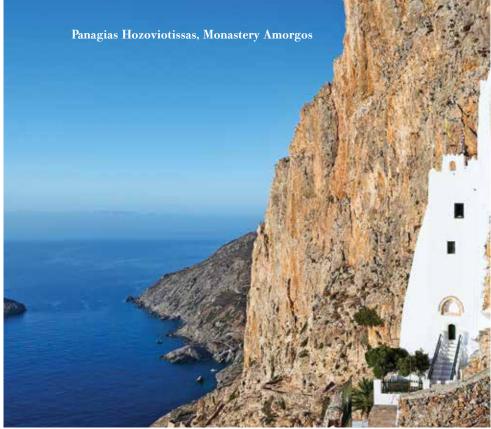
Virgin Mary (Panagia) in the Aegean

"Virgin Mary held the sea on her skirt, Sikinos, Amorgos and her other children". Od. Elytis, Nobel prizewinning Greek poet.

The visitor shall live a lifetime experience in the Aegean, as hundreds of churches are dedicated to the Virgin Mary. They are nestled on rocks, in caves, between the endless blue and the sparkling white of the Aegean Sea. Some are brilliant and magnificent, others smaller and wonderful in all respects, and others humble chapels. On 15 August, the summer Easter for Greeks, on the day of the Dormition of Virgin Mary, the entire Aegean Sea and Greece become a vast celebration. Greeks go to Church, are part of the worship life of the Church, praise and worship the Mother of God, and then they dance and sing.











Hellenic Monastery Cuisine Monastery Products

Taste brilliant creations, where the Mediterranean diet meets the austere, culinary tradition of the monasteries. Discover the best in their kind organic monastery products from the blessed Greek land.





The places where the monasteries in Greece are located have been blessed with the bounty of God's Grace. For centuries, the monks and nuns have been growing and collecting, by themselves, the goods of the land and the sea, obtaining their everyday food. The monastic diet follows the diet rules of the Church, with the provided fast days, where necessary. Hellenic monastery cuisine is directly related to the famous Greek and Mediterranean diet and is one highly enjoyable and healthy exponent of it.

Pure Organic Monastery Products

When visiting the Greek monasteries don't forget to take with you some of the top monastery food products:

- ♦ Famous monastery wines and spirits
- ♦ Olive oil products, from the best in the world Greek olive varieties
- �Pure, raw honey
- ♦ Bakery products and homemade pasta
- ♦ Jams, traditional sweets and preserves

Health and Personal Care Products

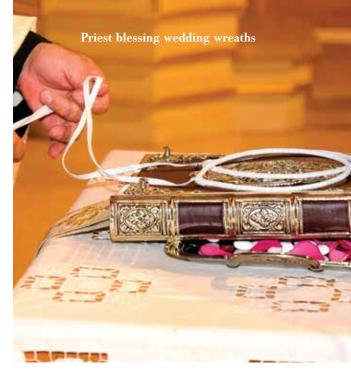
Based on Greek flora (rare herbs, aloe, lavender, chamomile, marigold, nettle and pure beeswax), products with proven therapeutic and cosmetic properties are produced.

Ecclesiastical Items - Utensils Souvenirs - Gifts

A series of ecclesiastical items (vessels, vestments, incense, rosaries, obley seals, etc.), exceptional reproductions of holy icons, Byzantine-style silverware and tasteful wooden cooking utensils are excellent ideas for souvenirs and presents.

Religious Celebrations and Festivals Weddings and Christenings

Centuries of religious customs – the devoutness of the Greek, Orthodox Easter – Holy Mysteries of marriage and baptism taking place in wonderful landscapes. In Greece, the grace of God blesses the Joy of Man.





Whatever time of the year you visit Greece, or any part of it you travel to, you will see religious events. Be sure that the celebration atmosphere is so intense that before you know it, you will end up taking part in it!

Greek Orthodox Easter

In Greece, the Resurrection of the Lord, the greatest celebration of Christianity, is accompanied by the explosion of colours and fragrances of the wonderful spring Greek nature.

Discover a unique "mosaic" of religious worship events and folk traditions to the music of the unparalleled melodies of the Byzantine music of the Church and the unique rare hymns of Holy Week.

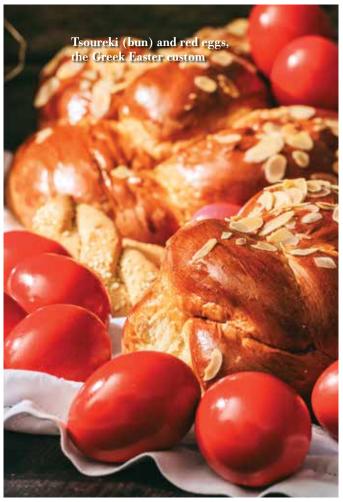
In Athens, Corfu, Zakynthos, Patmos, Peloponnese, Skiathos, Syros, Folegandros, Chios, Dodecanese, Epirus, Macedonia and Thrace, Crete, in every part of the country, Greek Orthodox Christian Easter turns into a major regenerative, unique and unparalleled lifetime experience.

Weddings Christenings

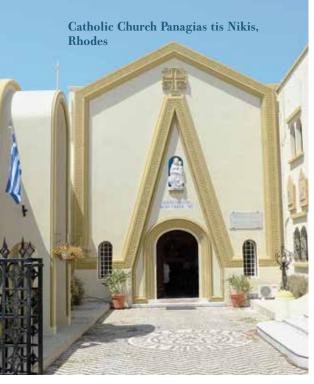
In the beauty of Greek landscapes, which often resemble a fairytale setting, the imposing Byzantine churches and the romantic chapels offer the perfect atmosphere in which to administer the Holy Mysteries of Marriage and Baptism.

The Aegean and Ionian Islands, as well as Halkidiki, Monemvasia, Pilio, Nafplio, Ioannina and Nafpaktos, look alike with a romantic time travel; they are also the perfect destination for a honeymoon.







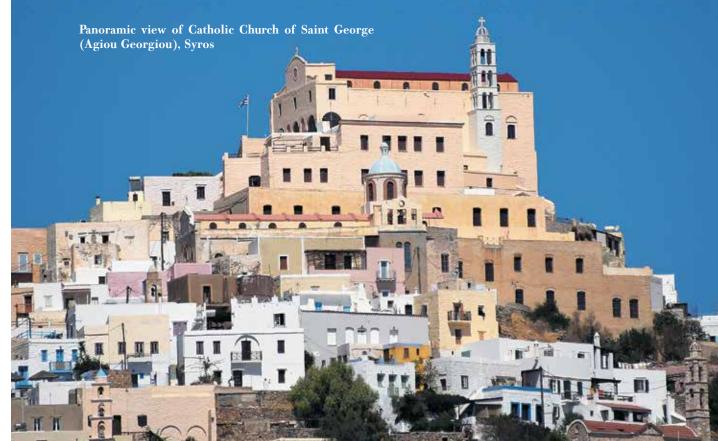


The Catholic Church in Greece Centuries of spiritual coexistence

In the Aegean and the Ionian, in Athens and in Thessaloniki, Greek Orthodox and Greek Catholic Christians coexist creatively, worshipping God together, at the great celebrations of Christianity.



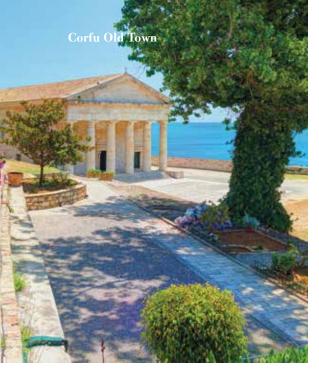




As early as the 8th century – but mainly after the conquest of Constantinople by the Crusaders in 1204 – Bishoprics in Greece were created, regulated by Rome. During the Venetian occupation, significant communities of Greek Catholic Christians were created in Greece, mainly in the Cyclades, the Dodecanese, and the Ionian Sea, which continue thriving to date.

On Syros and on Tinos, the visitor will see entire purely Catholic villages. During the great celebrations of Christianity, and particularly at the Easter period, you will find yourselves before the unique phenomenon of the communities of Orthodox and Catholic Christians celebrating with common customs and traditions. Especially on islands such as Tinos and Syros, the procession of the Epitaphios of both communities, on Holy Friday, offers a rare sight and an unparalleled religious experience.

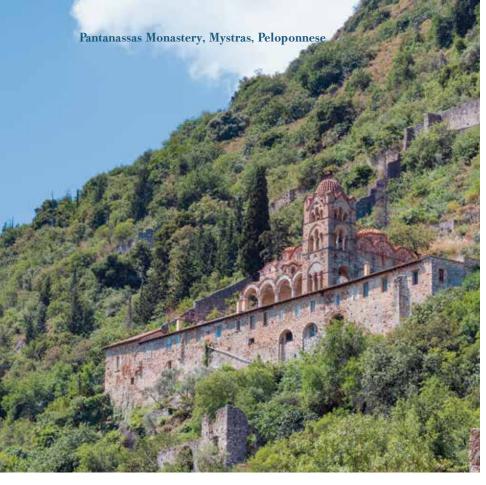
The Catholic Church of Greece, with its little power (the number of Greek Catholic Christians does not exceed 50,000, but during the last decades, about 200,000 foreign-speaking immigrants have been added) works on every aspect towards human elevation and moral progress, constantly offering its cooperation to everyone. Its contribution to education, arts and culture and cultural heritage conservation, and its action in the areas of charity and support to the less privileged in our society are its own Christian witnessing in a changing world.

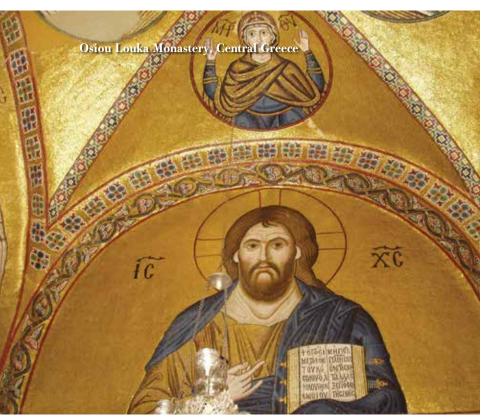


UNESCO Monuments

At the crossroads of cultures, at a place where the roots reach the haze of prehistory, the top Christian monuments in Greece, from the UNESCO World Heritage list, are universal, cultural heritage.







- **Early Christian and Byzantine monuments of Thessaloniki.** 15 Early Christian and Byzantine monuments "jewels" of World Cultural Heritage.
- ♦ Archaeological Site of Mystras. The Byzantine fortress town in Peloponnese. The "Palaces of the Byzantine Palaiologan dynasty", the imposing churches (of Agios Dimitrios (Saint Dimitrios) of Pantanassa and the historical monasteries (Perivleptos, Vrontochion).
- New Monastery (Nea Moni) of Chios. The wonderful monastery, which was built in honour of Virgin Mary, was always under the high protection of the Byzantine throne. Founded in 1042, it is world-famous for its masterful mosaics.
- **♦** Daphni Monastery. Founded in the 6th century. Impressive for its architecture and excellent mosaics. "Pantokratoras" (Almighty) is a masterpiece of the world Icon-painting, made with tesserae.
- ♦ Osios Loukas (Saint Luke) Monastery. Prime example of middle Byzantine art and architecture. Rare mosaics, bright marbles, dazzling chandeliers, prove/demonstrate the high position of the monastery during the specific historical period.
- **♦** Patmos. The historic centre of the island (Chora), the Monastery of Saint John the Theologian, and the Cave of the Apocalypse, where the Evangelist wrote the scripture, are universal spiritual heritage.
- ♦ Mount Athos. One of the most imposing UNESCO monuments, worldwide. The architecture of the monasteries and their school of hagiography have decisively influenced Orthodox Christian art, worldwide.
- ♦ Meteora. A rare geological phenomenon and a historic monastic community. It has been characterised as a monument of cultural and natural heritage by UNESCO.
- Rhodes Medieval Town. One of the rare survivals of the medieval world, Rhodes stands intact in time. The Order of Saint John's Knights Hospitaller left its mark. It hosts 40 sacred monuments of religious interest.
- ♦ Corfu Old Town. With its two fortresses, it is considered to be one of the most significant fortified towns in the Mediterranean Sea. With multiple cultural influences, the town hosts significant religious monuments, Agios Spyridon (Saint Spyridon) Church being the most imposing of all.

Appendix

Emblematic Pilgrimage Destinations per Region of Greece

Sacred heirlooms, holy relics as well as wonder-working icons are devoutly kept in all monasteries in Greece.

ATTICA - SARONIC GULF

Monasteries

- -Pentelis Monastery Athens
- -Agiou I. Prodromou Karea Monastery Athens
- -Asomaton Petraki Monastery Athens
- -Osiou Efraim Monastery Nea Makri
- -Paraklitou Monastery Oropos
- -Agiou Ierotheou Monastery Megara
- -Osiou Meletiou Monastery Megara
- -Pantokratora Monastery Tao "NTAOU PENTELIS"
- -Panagias Faneromenis Monastery Salamina
- -Agiou Ioanni Prodromou Makrinou Monastery Megara
- -Agiou Symeon Monastery Kalamos
- -Anastantos Christou Monastery Varnavas
- -Eisodion Theotokou Monastery Markopoulo
- -Koimisis tis Theotokou Kleiston Monastery Fyli
- -Vithleem Monastery Koropi
- -Panagias Pantanassas Monastery Keratea
- -Agias Eirinis Chrysovalantou Monastery Karellas Koropi
- -Zoodochou Pigis Monastery Poros
- -Profiti Ilia Monastery Hydra
- -Agiou Nektariou Monastery Aegina
- -Agiou Mina Monastery Aegina
- -Panagias Kecharitomenis Monastery Troezen

Holy Relics

- -Holy Relics of Saints of Petraki Monastery Athens
- -Saint Filothei's Holy Relics (Agias Filotheis) Filothei, Attica
- -Saint Apostle Paul's Holy Relics (Agiou Apostolou Pavlou) Athens
- -Saint Gregory's, 5th Patriarch of Constantinople, Holy Relics (Agiou Grigoriou) - Athens
- -Holy Fathers' Ntaou Pentelis Holy Relics Penteli, Attica
- -Saint George Neapolitis' Holy Relics (Agiou
- Georgiou Neapolitou) N. Ionia, Attica
- -Saint Eleftherios' Holy Relics (Agiou Eleftheriou) -N. Ionia, Attica
- -Saint Barbara's Holy Relics (Agias Varvaras) -Agias Varvara, Attica
- -Saint Nicholas Plana's Holy Relics (Agiou Nikolaou) Athens

- -Saint Ephraim the Great Martyr's Holy Relics (Osiomartyra Efraim) Nea Makri, Attica
- -Saint Nektarios' Holy Relics (Agiou Nektariou) Aegina
- -Saint Constantine's of Hydra Holy Relics (Agiou Konstantinou Ydraiou) Hydra

Holy Pilgrimage Sites and Icons of Virgin Mary (Panagia)

-Icon of Panagia Faneromeni - Salamina

THRACE

Monasteries

- -Agiou Ioanni tou Theologou Aetochoriou Monastery Alexandroupoli
- -Panagias Evrou Monastery Alexandroupoli
- -Dadias Soufliou Monastery Evros
- -Panagias Archangeliotissas Monastery Xanthi
- -Pammegiston Taxiarchon Monastery Xanthi

Holy Relics

-5 New Martyrs' Holy Relics - Samothrace

Holy Pilgrimage Sites and Icons of Virgin Mary (Panagia)

- -Icon of Panagia Kosmosoteira Feres, Evros
- -Icon of Panagia Archangeliotissa Xanthi
- -Icon of Panagia Faneromeni Komotini
- -Icon of Panagia Dadias Soufli
- -Icon of Panagia Evrou Makri, Evros

MACEDONIA

Monasteries

Eastern Macedonia

- -Panagias Eikosifoinissas Monastery Drama
- -Analipsis tou Sotira Monastery Taxiarches, Drama
- -Agias Paraskevis Domirou Monastery Rodolivos, Zichnes
- -Panagias Monastery Thasos

- -Timiou Prodromou Monastery Serres
- Profiti Ilia Monastery Proti, Serres
- Analipsis tou Christou Monastery Proti, Serres

Central Macedonia

- -Agiou Ioanni Theologou Monastery Souroti, Halkidiki
- -Evangelismou tis Theotokou Monastery Ormylia Chalkidiki
- -Metamorfosis Monastery Chalkidiki
- -Koimisis tis Theotokou Panoramatos Monastery Thessaloniki
- -Metamorfosis tou Sotira Monastery Chortiatis, Thessaloniki
- -Evangelismou tis Theotokou Monastery Olympiada, Chalkidiki
- -Agias Anastasias Monastery Vasilika, Chalkidiki
- -Vlatadon Monastery Thessaloniki
- -Panagias Dovra Monastery Veroia
- -Panagias Soumela Monastery Veroia
- -Agiou Grigoriou Monastery Koufalia, Thessaloniki
- -Agias Triadas Monastery Sparmos, Olympos
- -Panagias Olympiotissas Monastery Elassona
- -Agiou Dionysiou Monastery Olympos

Western Macedonia

- -Osiou Nikanoros Zavordas Monastery Grevena
- -Agion Anargyron Melissopotamou Monastery Kastoria
- -Koimisis tis Theotokou Monastery Mavriotissa, Kastoria
- -Genethliou Theotokou Monastery Kleisoura, Kastoria
- -Koimisis tis Theotokou Monastery Kladorachi, Florina

Holy Relics

Eastern Macedonia

- -Saint Gregory the Theologian's Holy Relics (Agiou Grigoriou Theologou) Nea Karvali, Kavala
- -Saint John's, Founder of John the Baptist Monastery, Holy Relics (Agiou Ioanni Ktitora I. Monis Timiou Prodromou) - Serres
- -New Holy Martyr Nikitas' Holy Relics (Ieromartyra Nikita tou Neou) Serres

Central Macedonia

-New Holy Martyr Akilini's Holy Relics (neomartyra Akylinis)

- Zagkliveri, Chalkidiki
- -Agios Efthimios' of Peristera Holy Relics (Agiou Efthymiou Peristeron) - Chalkidiki
- -Tomb of Saint Paisios the Athonite (Osiou Paisiou Agioreiti) - Vasilika, Chalkidiki
- -Saint Dimitrios' Holy Relics (Agiou Dimitriou) -Thessaloniki
- -Saint Gregory Palamas' Holy Relics (Agiou Grigoriou Palama) Thessaloniki
- -Saint Theodora's Holy Relics (Agias Theodoras) Thessaloniki
- -Saint Cyril and Methodius' Holy Relics (Agion Kyrillou kai Methodiou) - Thessaloniki
- -New Holy Martyr Kyranna's Holy Relics (Agias Neomartyra Kyrannas) - Lagkadas

Holy Pilgrimage Sites and Icons of Virgin Mary (Panagia)

Eastern Macedonia

- -Icon of Panagia Faneromeni Nea Irakleitsa, Eleftheroupoli
- -Icon of Panagia Gorgoepikoou N. Peramos, Kavala
- -Icon of Panagia Pangaiotissa Eleftheroupoli
- -Icon of Panagia Eikosifoinissa Drama

Central Macedonia

- -Shrine of Megali Panagia Chalkidiki
- -Icon of Panagia Michaniona, Thessaloniki
- -Icon of Panagia Goumenissas Kilkis
- -Icon of Panagia Soumela Vermio, Veroia
- -Icon of Panagia Dovra Veroia
- -Icon of Panagia Olympiotissa Elassona

Western Macedonia

-Icon of Panagia Mavriotissa - Kastoria

EPIRUS

Monasteries

- -Panagias Molyvdoskepastou Monastery Konitsa, Ioannina
- -Panagias Stomiou Monastery Konitsa, Ioannina
- -Panagias Vellas Monastery Kalpaki, Ioannina
- -Koimisis tis Theotokou Giromeriou Monastery Filiates, Thesprotia $\,$
- -Agias Paraskevis Pountas Monastery Kanalaki, Thesprotia
- -Genesiou Theotokou Kato Panagias Monastery Arta
- -Genesiou Theotokou Rovelistas Monastery Arta
- -Profiti Ilia Iliovounion Monastery Iliovouni, Preveza
- -Agiou Dimitriou Monastery Zalongo, Preveza

Holy Relics

- -Saint Kosmas' of Aetolia Holy Relics (Agiou Kosma Aitolou) -Konitsa, Ioannina
- -Saint John's of Konitsa Holy Relics (Agiou Ioanni Konitsas) Konitsa, Ioannina
- -Saint Nikanor Holy Relics (Agiou Nikanoros) Konitsa, Ioannina
- -Saint George's of Ioannina Holy Relics (Agiou Gerogiou Ioanninon) Ioannina
- -Saint Nicholas' of Metsovo Holy Relics (Agiou Nikolaou Metsovou) Metsovo
- -Saint Theodora's of Arta Holy Relics (Agias Theodoras Artas) Arta
- -Maximos Graikos' of Arta Holy Relics (Maximou Graikou Artas)
- Arta
- -Saint Charalampos' Holy Relics (Agiou Charalampous) Preveza

Holy Pilgrimage Sites and Icons of Virgin Mary (Panagia)

- -Icon of Panagia Molyvdoskepasti Konitsa
- -Icon of Panagia Vella Kalpaki, Ioannina

THESSALY

Monasteries

- -Meteora Monasteries
- -Panagias Ano Xenias Monastery Almyros, Volos
- -Koimisis tis Theotokou Kato Xenias Monastery Almyros, Volos
- -Pammegiston Taxiarchon Monastery Nileia, Volos
- -Agiou Vissarionos (Dousikou) Monastery Pyli, Trikala
- -Koimisis tis Theotokou Vytouma Monastery Kalampaka, Trikala
- -Yperageias Theotokou Monastery Karditsa
- -Petras Katafygiou Monastery Karditsa

Holy Relics

- -Piece of Holy Girdle of Virgin Mary (Timias Zonis Theotokou) Almyros, Volos
- -Saint Achillius' Holy Relics (Agiou Achilleiou) Larisa
- -Holy New Martyr Georgios' Holy Relics (Agiou Neomartyra Georgiou) Rapsani
- -Saint Seraphim's Holy Relics (Agiou Serafeim) Karditsa

Holy Pilgrimage Sites and Icons of Virgin Mary (Panagia)

- -Icon of Panagia Ano Xenias Almyros
- -Icon of Panagia Koronis Karditsa
- -Icon of Panagia Petras Karditsa

CENTRAL GREECE - EVIA - SPORADES Monasteries

-Panagias Prousiotissas Monastery - Karpenisi

- -Koimisis tis Theotokou Ligovitsiou Monastery Aitoloakarnania
- -Ampelakiotissas Monastery Nafpaktos
- -Timiou Prodromou Monastery Desfina, Fokida
- -Profitis Ilia Parnassidas Monastery Fokida
- -Panagias Varnakovas Monastery Nafpaktos
- -Koimisis tis Theotokou Agathonos Monastery Lamia
- -Genesiou Theotokou Damastas Monastery Lamia
- -Osiou Louka Monastery Voiotia
- -Sagmata Monastery Voiotia
- -Evangelistrias Monastery Voiotia
- -Osiou Geronta David Monastery Limni, Evia
- -Evangelismou tis Theotokou Monastery Skiathos
- -Metamorfosis tou Sotira Monastery Evia

Holy Relics

- -Saint Agathon's Holy Relics (Osiou Agathonos) Lamia
- -Saint Luke's Holy Relics (Osiou Louka) Voiotia
- -Saint Luke's, Archbishop of Symferoupoli, Krimaia Holy Relics (Agiou Louka) - Voiotia
- -Saint John the Russian's Holy Relics (Agiou Ioanni Rosou) Evia
- -Saint David the Elder's Holy Relics (Agiou David Geronta) Evia
- -Saint Riginos', Bishop of Skopelos, Holy Relics (Agiou Riginou) - Skopelos

Holy Pilgrimage Sites and Icons of Virgin Mary (Panagia)

- -Icon of Panagia Prousiotissa Karpenisi
- -Icon of Panagia Tatarna Karpenisi
- -Icon of Panagia Ampelakiotissa Nafpaktos
- -Icon of Panagia Varnakova Nafpaktos
- -Icon of Panagia Damasta Lamia
- -Icon of Panagia Faneromeni Artaki, Evia

-Icon of Panagia Liaoutsanissa - Kymi, Evia

- -Icon of Panagia Ntinious Istiaia, Evia
- -Icon of Panagia Eikonistria Skiathos
- -Icon of Panagia Chiliadou Evia

PELOPONNESE

Monasteries

- -Pammegiston Taxiarchon Monastery Epidavros, Argolida
- -Koimisis tis Theotokou Kalamiou Monastery Lygourio, Argolida
- -Timiou Prodromou Monastery Stemnitsa, Gortynia
- -Filosofou Monastery Gortynia
- -Kernitsas Monastery Arcadia
- -Ano Monis Chrysopigis Divris Monastery Ileia
- -Megalou Spilaiou Monastery Kalavryta
- -Agias Lavras Monastery Kalavryta
- -Taxiarchon Monastery Aigialeia
- -Koimisis tis Theotokou Faneromenis Monastery Chiliomodi, Corinthia
- -Timiou Stavrou Mapsou Monastery Corinthia
- -Agiou Patapiou Monastery Loutraki, Corinthia
- -Koimisis tis Theotokou Monastery Lechova, Corinthia

- -Agiou Vlassiou Monastery Trikala, Corinthia
- -Panagias Myrtidiotissas Monastery Kythira
- -Genesiou Theotokou Monastery Mani, Lakonia
- -Agiou Nikolaou Varson Monastery Tripoli, Arcadia
- -Panagias Malevis Monastery Arcadia
- -Koimisis tis Theotokou Voulkanou Monastery Messinia
- -Tessarakonta Martyron Monastery Sparti
- -Agion Anargyron Monastery Sparti
- -Zermpitsas Monastery Sparti
- -Koimisis tis Theotokou Monastery Patras
- -Eisodion Theotokou Monastery Patras
- -Eleousas Monastery Patras

Holy Relics

- Saint Patapios' Holy Relics (Osiou Patapiou) Loutraki
- Saint Andrew's Holy Relics (Agiou Andrea) Patras
- Saint Andrew Cross (Agiou Andrea) Patras

Holy Pilgrimage Sites and Icons of Virgin Mary (Panagia)

- -Icon of Panagia Megalospilliotissa Kalavryta
- -Icon of Panagia Trypiti Aigio
- -Icon of Panagia Voulkaniotissa Messinia
- -Icon of Panagia Ypapanti Kalamata
- -Icon of Panagia Sgrapas Pylos
- -Icon of Panagia Eleistra Koroni
- -Icon of Panagia Chrysokelariotissa Messinia
- -Icon of Panagia Zermpitsa Sparti
- -Icon of Panagia Giatrissa Mani
- -Icon of Panagia Malevi Arcadia
- -Icon of Panagia Eloni Arcadia
- -Icon of Panagia Chrysovitsiou Arcadia
- -Icon of Panagia Myrtidiotissa Kythira

IONIAN ISLANDS

Monasteries

- -Agiou Dionysiou Strofadon Monastery Zakynthos
- -Agiou Dionysiou Monastery Zakynthos
- -Platyteras Monastery Corfu
- -Palaiokastritsas Monastery Corfu
- -Pantokratora Kamarelas Monastery Corfu
- -Agiou Gerasimou Monastery Kefalonia
- -Panagias Faneromenis Monastery Lefkada

Holy Relics

- -Saint Dionysios' Holy Relic (Agiou Dionysiou) Zakynthos
- -Saint Joseph Samako's Holy Relics (Osiou Iosif Samakou)
- Zakynthos
- -Holy New Martyr Theophilos the Zakynthian's Holy Relics (Agiou Neomartyra Theofilou tou Zakynthiou)
- Zakynthos
- -Saint Spyridon's Holy Relic (Agiou Spyridona) Corfu

- -Saint Gerasimos's Holy Relic Kefalonia
- -Saint Panagis Basias' Holy Relics (Osiou Panagi Basia) Lixouri, Kefalonia
- -Saints Raphael Joachim's of Ithaca Holy Relics (Agion Rafail Ioakeim Ithakision) Ithaca
- -Saints Timothy and Mavra's Holy Relics (Agion Timotheou kai Mavras) Lefkada

Holy Pilgrimage Sites and Icons of Virgin Mary (Panagia)

- -Icon of Panagia Faneromeni Lefkada
- -Icon of Panagia Katharon Ithaca
- -Icon of Panagia Anafonitria Zakynthos

ISLANDS OF THE NORTHERN AEGEAN

Monasteries

- -Agiou Rafail, Nikolaou, Eirinis Monastery Lesvos
- -Leimonos Monastery Lesvos
- -Archangelou Monastery Mantamados, Lesvos
- -New Monastery (Nea Moni) Chios
- -Agiou Mina Monastery Chios
- -Timiou Stavrou Monastery Samos
- -Zoodochou Pigis Monastery Samos

Holy Relics

- -Saint Raphael, Nicholas and Irene's Holy Relics (Agion Rafail, Nikolaou kai Eirinis) - Mytilini, Lesvos
- -Saint Theodore's, New Martyr of Byzantium, Holy Relics (Agiou Theodorou) Mytilini, Lesvos
- -Saint Ignatius's, Archbishop of Mythimna Holy Relics (Agiou Ignatiou) Mythimna, Lesvos
- -Pieces of 25 Holy Martyrs Mythimna, Lesvos
- -Apostle Thomas' Holy Relics (Apostolou Thoma) Chios
- -Saint Isidore's Holy Relics (Agiou Isidorou) Chios
- -Saint Markella's Holy Relic (Agias Markellas) Chios
- -Saints Kirikou and Ioulitti's Holy Relics (Agiou Kirikou kai Ioulittis) Samos

Holy Pilgrimage Sites and Icons of Virgin Mary (Panagia)

- -Icon of Panagia Agiasou Lesvos
- -Icon of Koimisi tis Theotokou Petras Lesvos
- -Icon of Evangelismos tis Theotokou Chios
- -Icon of Panagia Mitir Theou Chios
- -Icon of Panagia Zoodochou Pigis Oinouses

CYCLADES

Monasteries

- -Profiti Ilia Monastery Monastery Santorini
- -Panagias Hozoviotissas Monastery Amorgos
- -Zoodochou Pigis Monastery Paros

- -Agiou Arseniou Monastery Paros
- -Panagias Myrtidiotissas Monastery Paros
- -Agiou Nikolaou Monastery Andros
- -Zoodochou Pigis Monastery Andros
- -Koimisis tis Theotokou Monastery Tinos

Holy Relics

- -Saint Arsenios' Holy Relics (Agiou Arseniou) Paros
- -Saint Methodia's Holy Relics (Agias Methodias) Kimolos
- -Saint Pelagia's of Kechrovounio Holy Relics (Agias Pelagias Kechrovouniou) Tinos
- -Saint Ignatios' of Marioupoli Holy Relics (Agiou Ignatiou Marianoupoleos) Kythnos

Holy Pilgrimage Sites and Icons of Virgin Mary (Panagia)

- -Icon of Panagia Chozoviotissa Amorgos
- -Icon of Panagia Kalamiotissa Anafi
- -Icon of Ypapanti tou Sotiros Episkopi, Santorini
- -Icon of Koimisi tis Theotokou Ios
- -Icon of Panagia Ekatontapyliani Paros
- -Icon of Panagia Zoodochou Pigis Naxos
- -Icon of Evangelismos tis Theotokou Tinos
- -Icon of Panagia Theoskepasti Andros
- -Icon of Panagia Tourliani Mykonos -Icon of Panagia Chrysopigi - Sifnos
- -Icon of Panagias Koimisi Serifos
- -Icon of Panagia Korfiatissa Milos
- -Icon of Panagia Odigitria Kimolos -Icon of Panagia Pantanassa - Sikinos
- -Icon of Panagia Folegandros
- -Icon of Koimisi tis Theotokou Ermoupoli, Syros
- -Icon of Panagia Kanala Kythnos
- -Icon of Panagia Kastriani Kea

CRETE

Monasteries

- -Koimisis tis Theotokou Agkarathou Monastery Heraklion
- -Odigitrias Monastery Heraklion
- -Arkadiou Monastery Rethymno
- -Agias Triadas Tzagkarolon Monastery Chania
- -Agiou Ioanni Theologou Preveli Monastery Rethymno
- -Agiou Ioanni Theologou Toplou Monastery Siteia
- -Agiou Georgiou Sellinari Monastery Neapoli, Lasithi
- -Panagias Odigitrias Gonias Monastery Chania -Agias Marinas Monastery - Voni, Heraklion

Holy Relics

- -Saint Apostle Titus', First Bishop of Crete, Holy Skull (Agiou Apostolou Titou) - Heraklion
- -Saint Myron's Tomb and Holy Relics (Agiou Myrona) Heraklion

- -Holy Martyr Mina's Piece of Holy Relic (Agiou Megalomartyra Mina) - Heraklion
- -Saint Panteleimon's Piece of Holy Relic (Agiou Panteleimona) - Heraklion
- -Saint George's Pieces of Holy Relic (Agiou Georgiou)
- Heraklion
- -Ten Saints' Tombs and Pieces of Holy Relic (Agioi Deka) Heraklion
- -Saint Methodius' of Nyvritos Pieces of Holy Relic (Agios Methodiou tou en Nivrito) - Heraklion
- -Holy Four Martyrs' Holy Skulls (Agion Tessaron Martyron) Rethymno
- -Saint Joseph Gerontogiannis' Holy Relic (Agiou Iosif Gerontogianni) - Siteia
- -Saint Nikiphoros the Leper's (local Saint) Piece of Holy Relic (Agiou Nikiforou) - Chania
- -Saint Andrew's of Jerusalem, Archbishop of Crete, Piece of Holy Relic (Agiou Andrea tou Ierosolymitou) - Heraklion

Holy Pilgrimage Sites and Icons of Virgin Mary (Panagia)

- -Icon of Panagia Palianis Monastery
- -Icon of Panagia Koudouma Monastery
- -Icon of Panagia Myriokefalon Holy Metropolis of Rethymno and Avlopotamos
- -Icon of Panagia Chrysopigi Chrysopigis Monastery
- -Icon of Panagia Eleousa Parish of Potamoi Amariou
- -Icon of Panagia Faneromenis Monastery
- -Icon of Panagia Kardiotissa Keras Kardiotissas Monastery
- -Icon of Panagia "Kyrias ton Angelon" ("Lady of the Angels") -Gonias Monastery
- -Icon of Panagia Viannou Monastery

DODECANESE

Monasteries

- Agiou Ioanni Theologou Monastery Patmos
- Panormiti Monastery Symi
- Agiou Savva Monastery Kalymnos
- Tharriou Monastery Rhodes
- Panagias Ypsenis Monastery Rhodes
- Skiadiou Monastery Rhodes
- Spilianis Monastery Nisyros

Holy Relics

- -Saint Meletios' Holy Relics (Osiou Meletiou) -Ypsenis Monastery, Rhodes
- -Saint Filimon's of Arnitha Holy Relics (Agiou Filimonis Arnithas) Rhodes
- -New Martyr Constantine's of Hydra Holy Relics (Neomartyra Konstantinou tou Ydraiou), patron saint of the town of Rhodes, Church Eisodion Theotokou, Neochori
- -Saint Savvas' Holy Relic (Osiou Savva) Kalymnos

- -Saint Christodoulos' Holy Relic (Osiou Christodoulou) Patmos
- -Apostle Thomas' Holy Skull (Apostolou Thoma) Patmos
- -Saint Antypas' of Pergamos Holy Skull (Agiou Antypa Pergamou) - Patmos

Holy Pilgrimage Sites and Icons of Virgin Mary (Panagia)

- -Panagias Ypsenis Monastery Rhodes
- -Panagias Tsampikas Monastery Rhodes
- -Skiadiou or Panagias Skiadenis Monastery Rhodes
- -Panagias tou Filerimou Monastery Rhodes
- -Koimisis tis Theotokou Church, Lindos Rhodes
- -Panagias Katholikis Kremastis Church Rhodes
- -Eisodion tis Theotokou Church Rhodes
- -Monastery Pilgrimage of Panagia Diasozousa Patmos
- -Evangelismou tis Theotokou Monastery Patmos
- -Panagias Spilianis Monastery Nisyros
- -Panagia Portaitissa Astypalaia
- -Chapel of Panagia Kavouradaina Leros
- -Icon of Panagia Katholiki Kremasti Rhodes
- -Icon of Panagia Tsampika Rhodes
- -Panagias Mesochoriou Church Karpathos
- -Koimisis tis Theotokou Olympou Church Karpathos

MOUNT ATHOS

Mount Athos Monasteries

- 1. Megistis Lavras Monastery
- 2. Vatopediou Monastery
- 3. Iviron Monastery
- 4. Chilandariou Monastery
- 5. Dionysiou Monastery
- 6. Koutloumousiou Monastery
- 7. Pantokratora Monastery
- 8. Xiropotamou Monastery
- 9. Zografou Monastery
- 10. Docheiariou Monastery
- 11. Karakallou Monastery
- 12. Filotheou Monastery
- 13. Simonos Petras Monastery
- 14. Agiou Pavlou Monastery
- 15. Stavronikita Monastery
- 16. Xenophonta Monastery
- 17. Grigoriou Monastery
- 18. Esfigmenou Monastery
- 19. Agiou Panteleimona Monastery
- 20. Konstamonitou Monastery

Emblematic Churches, Icons and Shrines of the Catholic Church in Greece

ATTICA

-Saint Denis Cathedral (Agiou Dionysiou) - Athens

-Saint Paul Church (Agiou Pavlou) - Piraeus

PELOPONNESE

- -Saint Andrew Church (Agiou Andrea) Patras
- -Altars of Saint Joseph (Agiou Iosif) and Panagia of Karmilos -Saint Andrew Church (Agiou Andrea), Patras
- -Metamorfosis tou Sotira Church Akronafplia, Nafplion

DODECANESE

-Panagias tis Nikis Church (Santa Maria) - Rhodes

IONIAN ISLANDS

-Catholic Cathedral of Saint James and Saint Christopher (Agion Iakovou kai Christoforou) - Corfu

CYCLADES

Syros

- -Saint George Cathedraal (Agiou Georgiou) Ano Syros, Syros
- -Icon of Virgin Mary Mother of Hope (Panagias Miteras tis
- Elpidas) Saint George Cathedral, Ano Syros, Syros
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