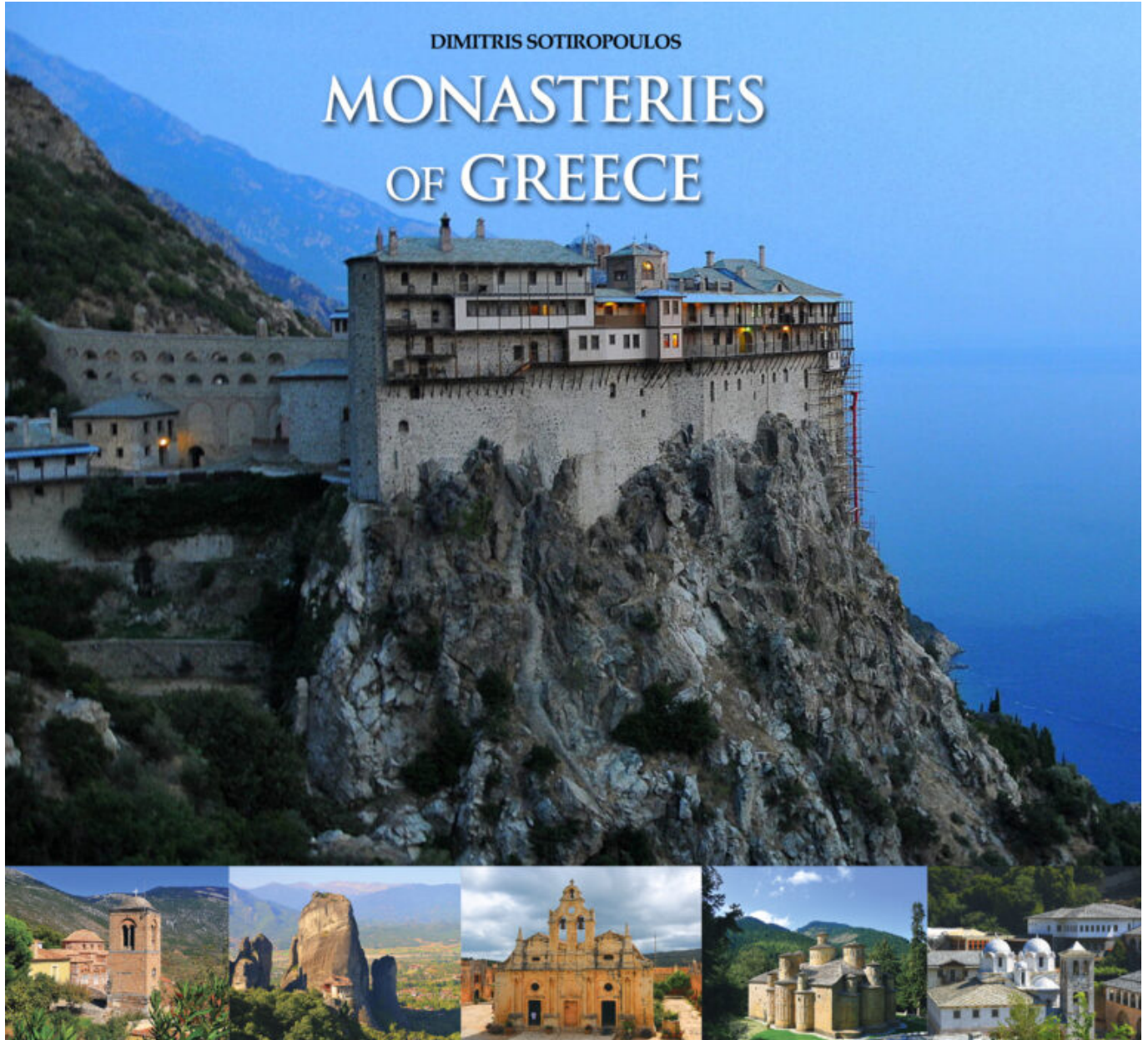


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# MONASTERIES OF GREECE - Μοναστήρια της Ελλάδας

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Ένα μοναδικό οδοιπορικό στα ελληνικά Ορθόδοξα Μοναστήρια από τον Συγγραφέα, Φωτογράφο και Εκδότη Δημήτρη Σωτηρόπουλο. Το βιβλίο περιέχει πάνω από 600 φωτογραφίες υψηλής ανάλυσης από 160 Μοναστήρια.



Osios Loukas the Elder, Central Greece



Panagia Kipha, Epirus

## Introduction



Dimitris Sotiropoulos was born in Athens in 1979 and lives in Piraeus. He is a Photographer, Writer and Publisher, with origins from Peloponnese and Crete. He also works as a Freelance Photographer for Getty Images, one of the world's biggest stock photo agencies.

Until now, he has published eleven books. Three about Mount Athos and the other eight for the Monasteries of Peloponnese, Central Greece, Meteora, Thessaly, Epirus, Macedonia & Thrace, Crete and Cyclades.

All these books include hundreds of high resolution photos, detailed descriptions and informations about the Orthodox Greek Monasteries. They are unique for their quality and educational value.

"Monasteries of Greece" is the 12th book of Dimitris Sotiropoulos Publication and the first one in the English language.

Almost 200 Monasteries are included in this book: From Mount Athos, the only untouchable monastic community of the world to the most populated area of Greece, Attica, we pass through Central Greece and Peloponnese, before travel to the famous Monasteries of Meteora, Thessaly, Epirus, Macedonia and Thrace, with very important Byzantine Monasteries, are also included. Finally, you can read about the Holy Sites of Crete and Cyclades Islands.

We hope that you will find useful the book, as a travel and pilgrimage guide to the Orthodox Greek Monasteries. After all-who knows?-we could meet in one of them...!

*Dimitris Sotiropoulos*

Orthodoxy in Greece is not only a part of our culture, tradition and history, but it is also the heart of our Christian Faith, which is preserved through thousands years, from generation to generation. These Holy Places are the Orthodox Monasteries of Greece, old and new, byzantine and modern.

So it is a great pleasure to dedicate a book in the sacred places of Orthodox Christianity. It was also a great request from many people from different countries: From Europe to Americas, Asia, Africa and Oceania, a lot of Christians asked us to publish a book in English, in order to discover Greek Orthodox Monasteries. As a result, our Publications, after eleven books about Greek Orthodox Monasteries in Greek, decided to publish "Monasteries of Greece".

There is no doubt that in modern times, the power of images is terrific. So, a very large part of this book is dedicated to photos: Hundreds of high resolution pictures, from the exterior to interior of the Monasteries, are included to travel us through the history and spiritual importance of these religious monuments.

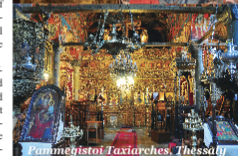
Also, detailed descriptions and historical references of the Monasteries, written in a clear and simple way, give us the informations we need about them. Every chapter has, at its end, contact informations (Telephone, Address etc) of the described Monastery. There are also maps with the exact positions of the Monasteries in every prefecture, so a visitor could easily find them.



Agia Triada Anagorotou, Crete



Agios Germainos, Macedonia

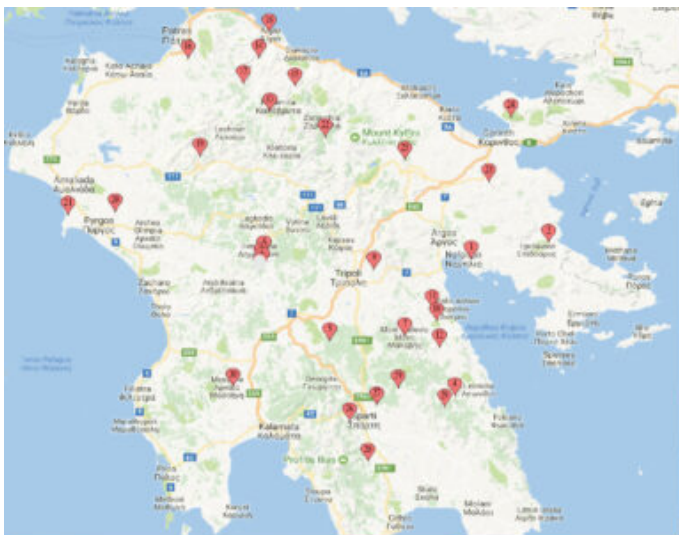


Panmegaloi Taxiarches, Thessaly



Panagia Artokosta, Peloponnese

Όπως αναφέρει ο συγγραφέας, η συγκεκριμένη έκδοση ήταν αποτέλεσμα της επιθυμίας πολλών Ορθόδοξων, Ελλήνων και όχι μόνο, από διάφορες χώρες του εξωτερικού, που ζητούσαν να υπάρχει ένα βιβλίο για τα ελληνικά Μοναστήρια στην αγγλική γλώσσα. Έτσι, ο Δημήτρης Σωτηρόπουλος, μετά την έκδοση αντίστοιχων βιβλίων στα ελληνικά, προχώρησε σε μια μοναδική εκδοτική δημιουργία που στόχο έχει να κάνει γνωστά τα Ιερά Προσκυνήματα της πατρίδας μας σε κάθε γωνιά της Γης.



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| 2. Kalami         | 7. Panagia Malevi       | 12. Panagia Artokosta | 17. Panagia Makoiliaria | 22. Ag. Georgios Fenos | 27. Agioli Tessarakonta |
| 3. Philoiochoron  | 8. Panagia Emalion      | 13. Agia Lavra        | 18. Panagia Tripti      | 23. Panagia Fancromeni | 28. Zerbini             |
| 4. Panagia Eikona | 9. Agios Nikolaos Varon | 14. Taxiarchon        | 19. Panagia Chrysoptigi | 24. Osios Papatros     | 29. Agios Anargyroi     |
| 5. Kaitzees       | 10. Palaiopanagia       | 15. Mega Spiliou      | 20. Panagia Kremasti    | 25. Panagia Letevra    | 30. Vouliakton          |



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Το βιβλίο περιλαμβάνει εκατοντάδες φωτογραφίες υψηλής ανάλυσης από τα Μοναστήρια, λεπτομερείς αναφορές για την ιστορία τους, χάρτες με την τοποθεσία, καθώς και στοιχεία επικοινωνίας (τηλέφωνα, διευθύνσεις κλπ) των

Ιερών Μονών. Είναι ένας πλήρης προσκυνηματικός οδηγός που περιέχει 160 Μοναστήρια από το Άγιον Όρος, την Στερεά Ελλάδα, την Πελοπόννησο, τα Μετέωρα, τη Θεσσαλία, την Ήπειρο, την Μακεδονία και τη Θράκη, καθώς και την Κρήτη και τις Κυκλάδες.

Πρόκειται για μια ιδιαίτερα σημαντική έκδοση, με σεβασμό στα Ιερά Σεβάσματα του τόπου μας, που δεν πρέπει να λείπει από τη βιβλιοθήκη όσων ενδιαφέρονται για τον πνευματικό και πολιτιστικό πλούτο των ελληνικών Μοναστηριών.


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**Holy Monastery of Timios Prodromos in Akritochori**




**MACEDONIA SERRES**

**T**his magnificent holy retreat, also called the Women's Hermitage or Convent of Saint John the Baptist, rises above the village of Akritochori, with unsurpassed views of Lake Kerkiti and the wetland. A dependency of the Holy Monastery of Xenophon of Mount Athos, the convent was built according to the architectural standards of that Holy Mountain.

Established in 1981, it is a sumery with over 35 nuns living there. It receives many visitors from both the prefecture of Serres and neighboring prefectures. Its interesting architecture is surrounded by landscaped outdoor areas with grass and trees. The Holy Monastery of Saint John the Baptist, or Timios Prodromos, celebrates on August 29.



Inside the impressive Citharedon.



**INFORMATION**

Women's Monastery  
Date: 1981  
Celebrates: 29 August  
Holy Metropolis: Sidirokastro  
Regional Unit: Serres  
Address: Akritochori  
Telephone: (+30) 23230-71189

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## Holy Monastery of Agioi Tessarakonta

A beautiful, green location near Chrysaia, approximately 8 km northwest of Sparta, is one of the most important Monasteries in Lakonia, dedicated to Holy Forty Martyrs (Agioi Tessarakonta). It was founded in 1305 a little bit higher, at the gorge of the stream of Sofronia, and was transferred to the present day location in the beginning of the 17th century. At the old Monastery the church has been constructed inside a natural formed cave and was painted by Constantine Manasses. Initially at the present day location were only the fields and its warehouses, but gradually the area became a metochi, and finally it became the main building of the complex, mainly due the problems in the provision of goods and the safety of the monks. The Monastery became a martyric one in the 16th century and had several privileges, which allowed it to evolve into an important intellectual centre. In 1770 it was torched by the Turco-Albanians and was abandoned, but it operated again in the years of the Revolution of 1821, and it proved to make a significant contribution to supplies and food. It was torched again in 1826 by Ibrahim, and in 1943 by the Germans.

Externally it has the form of a fortress with a tall precinct shaped by the complex of the cells and the auxiliary areas. At the centre of the yard is the Cathedral, a cross-in-square church with a dome, which was built in 1620. The wall paintings, of 1820, are the work of Georgios Monchos, famous painter of the Cretan School from Nafplio. Next to the Cathedral is the chapel of Zoodochos Pigi (LIFE-GIVING SOURCE) which dates from 1707 and is said to have the underground, secret school in the years of the Turkish Occupation. The Monastery has an excellent library, relics and rare documents that are exhibited at its museum.



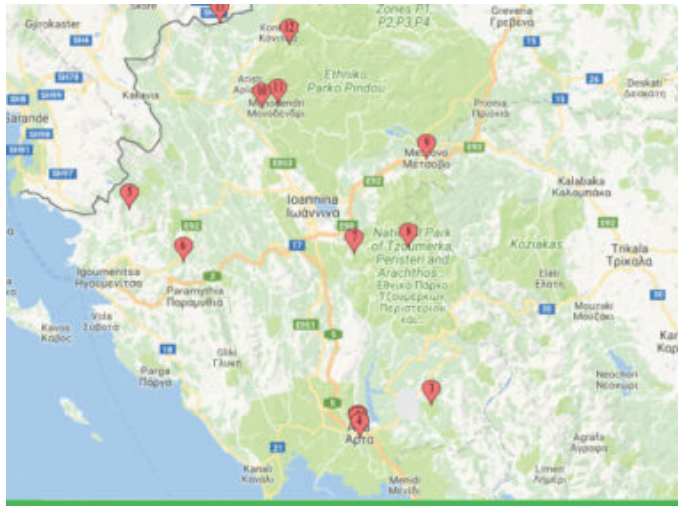
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### INFORMATION

**Men's Monastery**  
 Date: 17th century  
 Celebrates: 9 March  
 Holy Metropolis: Monemvasia and Sparta  
 Regional Unit: Lakonia  
 Address: Chrysaia Sparta  
 Telephone: (+30) 27310-26780

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1. Panagia Pantepitima
2. Agia Theodora
3. Panagia Rouvliota
4. Kato Panagia
5. Gimoneri
6. Paganeri
7. Panagia Tsenika
8. K. Konya
9. Agios Nikolaos
10. Evangelistria
11. Agia Paraskevi
12. Stomoi
13. Panagia Molydoskepastou



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