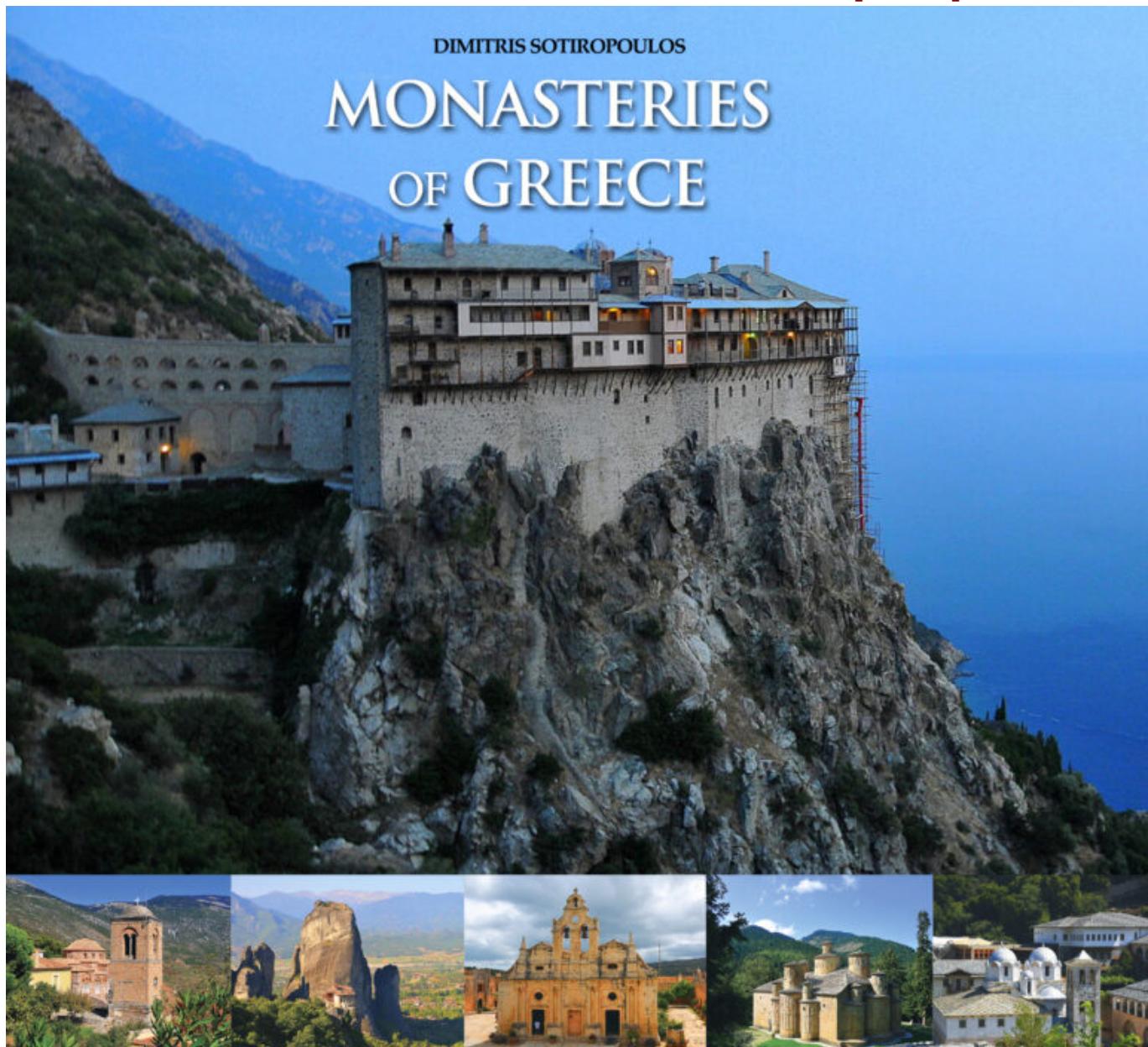


MONASTERIES OF GREECE - Монастыри Греции



Уникальный путеводитель по греческим православным обителям на греческом языке выпустил писатель, фотограф и издатель Димитрис Сотиропулос. В книге содержится более 600 фотографий высокого качества из 160 монастырей.

Как указывает автор, это издание явилось результатом желания многочисленных православных верующих из Греции и не только, из разных стран мира, которые просили создать книгу о греческих монастырях на английском языке. Таким образом, Димитрис Сотиропулос издав

соответствующие книги на греческом языке, создал уникальное издание, в котором ставится задача познакомить со святыми местами нашей родины людей в самых удаленных уголках земли.

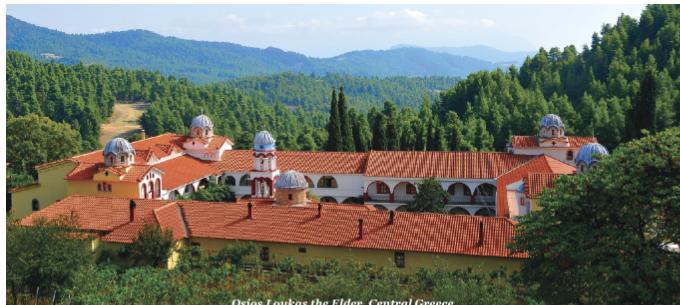
Книга содержит сотни фотография высокого качества из монастырей, подробное описание их истории, карты с местоположением, а также и контакты для связи (телефоны, адреса и пр.) со святыми обителями. Это полноценный путеводитель по 160 обителям Афона, материковой Греции, Пелопонеса, Метеор, Фессалии, Эпира, Македонии и Фракии, а также обителей Крита и Кикладского архипелага.

Речь идет об очень важном издании, в котором чувствуется уважение к святыням нашей страны, и оно обязательно должно оказаться в библиотеке всех тех, кто интересуется духовной и культурной традицией греческих монастырей.

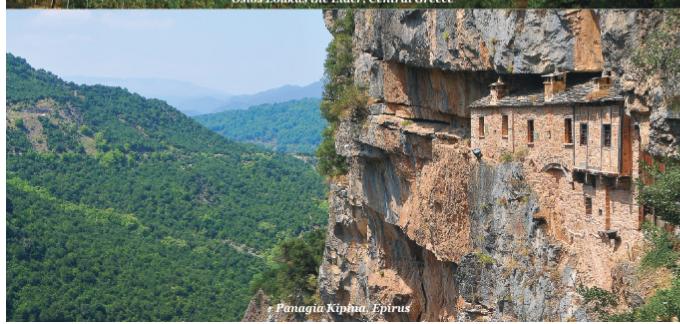
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Димитрис Сотиропулос родился в Афинах в 1979 году, постоянно живет в Пирее. Он является фотографом, издателем и писателем, будучи родом по линии родителей с Пелопонеса и с Крита. Он работает в компании Getty Images, одном из самых крупных фотоагентств в мире. На данный момент из-под его пера вышли 11 книг: три об Афоне и восемь о монастырях Пелопоннеса, материковой Греции, о Метеорах, об обителях Фессалии, Эпира, Македонии и Фракии, Крита и островов Кикладского архипелага. Все вышеперечисленные издания являются уникальными по качеству и содержанию. Книга "Monasteries of Greece" является двенадцатым изданием Димитриоса Сотиропулоса и первой его книгой на английском языке.



Osios Loukas the Elder, Central Greece



Panagia Kipina, 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 those 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 Publications and the first one in the English language.

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,拜antine 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 America, Australia, 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 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 each Monastery, all its details, contact informations (Telephone, Address etc) of the described Monastery. There are also maps with the exact positions of the Monasteries in every pre-

lecture, so a visitor could easily find them.

Almost 200 Monasteries are included in this book: From Mount Athos, the only untouched monastic community of the world to the most populated area of Greece, Attica, we pass through Central Greece and Peloponnese, 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



Agia Triada Tzagarolou, Crete



Agios Germanos, Macedonia



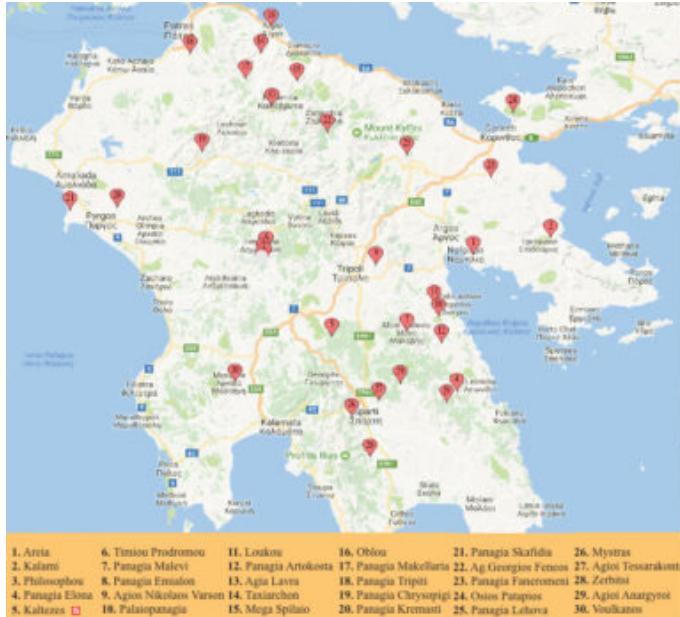
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PELOPONNESE

Holy Monastery of Timios Prodromos in Akritochori

This 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 Kerkini and the wetland. A dependency of the Holy Monastery of Xenophontos of Mount Athos, the convent was built according to the architectural standards of that Holy Mountain.

Established in 1981, it is a nunnery 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 Catholicon.

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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 Chrysafia, approximately 8 km northwest of Sparta, is one of the most important Monasteries in Lakonia, dedicated to the Holy Forty Martyrs (Agioi Tessarakonta). It was founded in 1303 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 stauropegic 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 complexes of the cells and the auxiliary areas. At the centre of the yard is the Catholicon, a cross-in-square church with a dome, which was built in 1620. The wall paintings, of 1620, are the work of Georgios Moschos, famous painter of the Crystal School from Nauplio. Next to the Catholicon is the chapel of Zoodochos Pigi (Life Giving Source) which dates from 1707 and is said to host 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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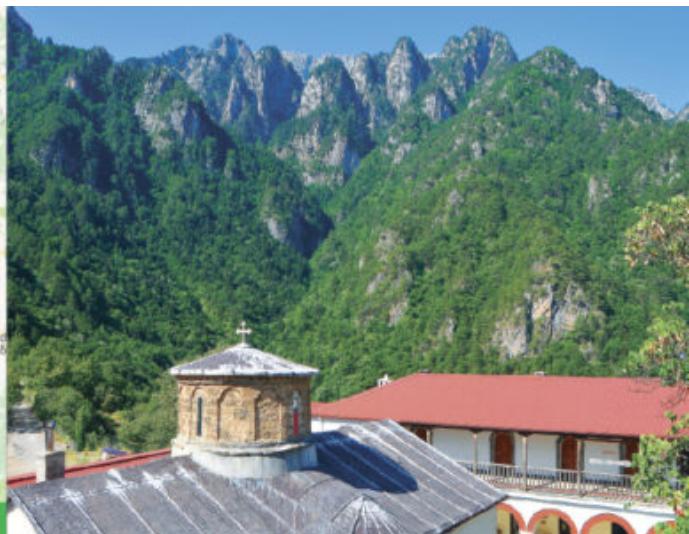
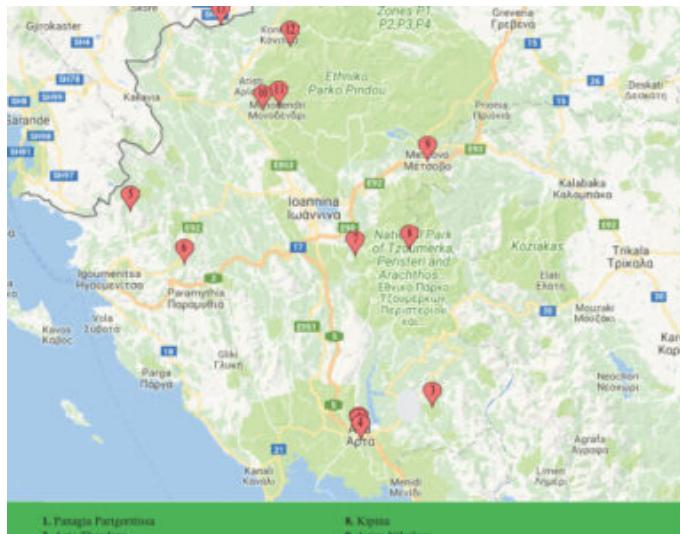


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Men's Monastery
Date: 17th century
Celebrates: 9 March
Holy Metropolis: Monemvasia and Sparta
Regional Unit: Laconia
Address: Chrysafia Sparta

Telephone: (+30) 27310-26780

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EPIRUS