



France – Greece

July 27 – August 12, 2022



Dear brothers and sisters,

The ROCA Assistance Fund, with the blessing of Archbishop Andronik of New York and North America, invites everyone to the pilgrimage "Holy Orthodox Shrines of France and Greece". The trip will take place from July 27 to August 12, 2022. Below is the anticipated schedule.

If you are interested in spending time in joint prayer, touching the thousand-year-old Orthodox history and the shrines of France and Greece, write to us about your intention to come on this pilgrimage.

The pilgrimage accepts children from 12 years and older who would be travelling without parents and children from 3 years old with parental supervision. For all questions about the preliminary schedule, as well as transportation, accommodation, cost, etc., please contact us either by telephone 845-825-9949 or email RocaAF@gmail.com. Participants have

the option to travel only to France or only to Greece.





Preliminary schedule of the pilgrimage:

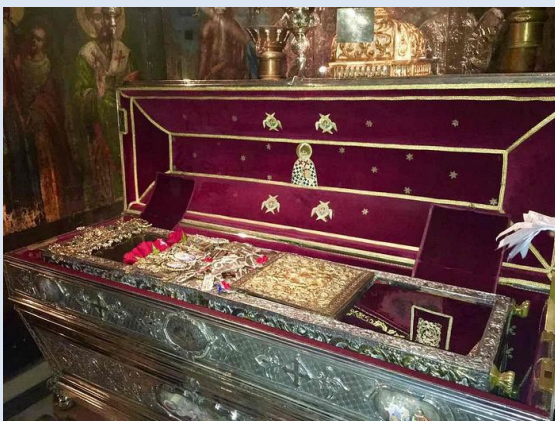
From July 28 to August 3 - France. Accommodation in the Holy Mother of God Lesna Monastery, where the Holy Icon is located - the Lesna Icon of the Mother of God. The Lesna Icon became the spiritual center of the monastery. The Mother of God repeatedly saved the monastery and the sisters on their life path. The monastery also safekeeps other relics such as the Akhtyrka Icon of the Most Holy Theotokos, a rosary of saints John of Shanghai Seraphim of Sarov. We will visit numerous Orthodox shrines in Paris as part of a sightseeing tour of the city.

August 3 to August 12 - Greece. Journey into its history! Athens - Aegina - Euboea - Meteora - Corfu - Thessaloniki - Suroti.

In Greece, a vibrant program awaits us with visits to cathedrals, churches, and monasteries: the Cathedral of the Annunciation of the Holy Mother of God, the Areopagus, the Church of the Holy Life-Giving Trinity, the Acropolis (without it the capital of Greece is unthinkable), the Port of Perea and the island of Aegina, where the Holy Trinity Convent, founded by St. Nektarios in 1904, is located. Nektarios of Aegina - Bishop of the Alexandrian Orthodox Church, Metropolitan of Pentapolis. Author of the Orthodox hymn to the Most Holy Theotokos "Agni Parthena." People say: "There is nothing incurable for Saint Nektarios."



Monastery of the nun Irina Chrysovalandou and the Holy Great Martyr Catherine, the Church of St. John the Russian in Euboea. Pilgrimage program "Meteora" - holy monasteries. Visit the icon-painting workshop. And, of course, the island of Corfu! Church of St. Spyridon of Trimifuntsky (the saint's relics are buried in the church). Church of St. Nicholas, the churches of the city of Kerkyra. Monument to the righteous warrior Admiral Feodor Ushakov on the seashore. The legendary Russian naval commander, who did not lose a single battle, liberated Corfu from the French invaders. Trip to the monastery of the Mother of God Kassopitra.



A trip to Paleokastritsa, where the monastery of the Life-Giving Spring is located, in the monastery of the miraculous icons of the Mother of God. Paleokastritsa is one of the most beautiful places on the island of Corfu, a cape overgrown with dense forest and surrounded on three sides by the sea. Beautiful coves for swimming in the sea. And much, much more.