



Ancient Greece, Island of Patmos and Dodecanese Islands

July 20- 30, 2024

Dear brothers and sisters,

The ROCA Assistance Fund, with the blessing of Archbishop Andronik of New York and North America, invites everyone on the pilgrimage: "Holy Orthodox Shrines of the Greek Islands". The trip will take place from July 20 to 30, 2024. 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 Greece and Greek Islands, 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.



Preliminary schedule of the pilgrimage:



Greece. Journey into its history!

Athens - Aegina - Euboea - Meteora - Patmos Island - Tinos Island - Anros Island - Syros Island - Thessaloniki - Ouranoupoli - Athos.

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. Nectarios 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 Nectarios."

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.

The Christian center of the Cyclades islands is the island of Tinos, where the Church of the Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary of Tinos, famous throughout Greece, is located. The miraculous icon of the Mother of God was found in the 19th century. The story associated with the appearance of the icon and the temple is simply breathtaking. The Greeks consider the Virgin Mary of Tinos to be the main helper in the National War of Liberation against the Ottoman yoke.



Island of Patmos! Island of the Apostle and Evangelist John the Theologian. Cave of the Apocalypse. It was here that the Apostle John the Theologian, around the year 67, received the Revelation, also known as the book of the Apocalypse.

Holy Mount Athos. Holy Mount Athos is the earthly inheritance of the Mother of God, the only male monastic state in the world. On this pilgrimage, men will have the opportunity to

visit Mount Athos itself, while women will be able to enjoy beautiful views of the mountain while cruising along its southwestern coast.

This is only a brief description of the pilgrimage. Of course, picturesque views await us, the blue sky of Greece, excellent food, beautiful bays for swimming in the sea. And much much more. We invite everyone on this unforgettable journey.

