

FRIENDS OF MOUNT ATHOS: PILGRIMAGE 2016
BYZANTINE AND CRUSADER CYPRUS
22 to 30 October 2016

Following the highly successful pilgrimages to France (2002), Greece (2004), Romania (2005), Finland (2006), Turkey (2007), Egypt (2008), the Black Sea (2009), Russia (2010), Georgia (2011), Serbia (2012), Armenia/West Georgia (2013) Aegean Turkey/Dodecanese Islands (2014) and The Holy Land (2015) the society is now arranging its thirteenth excursion, this time to medieval Cyprus (north and south). The event will be for nine days (including travel) from Saturday 22 October till Sunday 30 October 2016.

The island of Cyprus has a great number of Byzantine monuments. Ten of these are of such historical and artistic significance and are of such value that UNESCO has included them in its list of World Heritage Sites. All ten churches dating from the 11th to the 17th century are located in the spectacular mountainous region of Troodos.

Cyprus has had a rich and varied history as indicated by its abundant archaeological ruins, medieval and post-medieval churches and monasteries, crusader castles and palaces. There are also a number of outstanding museums. Its mountains landscapes, gorges, beaches and Mediterranean cuisine are unmatched.

UNESO Painted Churches and Monasteries of Medieval Cyprus

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>St. Nicholas of the Roof (Kakopetria village)</i>• <i>Our Lady Phorviotissa (Asinou village)</i>• <i>Our Lady of Arakos (Lagoudera village)</i>• <i>St. John the Lampadistis (Kalopanayiotis village)</i>• <i>Our Lady of Moutoulas (Moutoulas village)</i>• <i>The Holy Cross (Pelendri village)</i> | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Archangel Michael (Pedoulas village)</i>• <i>The Holy Cross of Agiasmati (Platanistassa village)</i>• <i>Our Lady of Podithou (Galata village)</i>• <i>Transfiguration of the Saviour (Palaichori village)</i> |
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Team leader will be Metropolitan Kallistos. The maximum number of participants will be 50 and the cost (excluding flights) for accommodation, meals, guides, and domestic transportation will be around £1500.

If you wish to participate in this event, please notify Dimitri Conomos as soon as possible at 5 Moreton Road, Oxford OX2 7AX, or email him at dimitri2609@gmail.com. Cheques will no longer be made out to The Friends of Mt Athos for our pilgrimages; instead, we shall now be using a Tour Operator based in Germany. Shortly I shall be receiving details of the bank to which monies will be sent. For the moment, therefore, what is needed is the number of participants. With restricted places the selection will be made on a first-come basis. Please send the following details to Dimitri (*note **Passport names***).

Passport Name(s):

Address:

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Telephone, fax, email:

Signature(s):

Please indicate here if you require vegetarian meals and/or a wheelchair at the airports.