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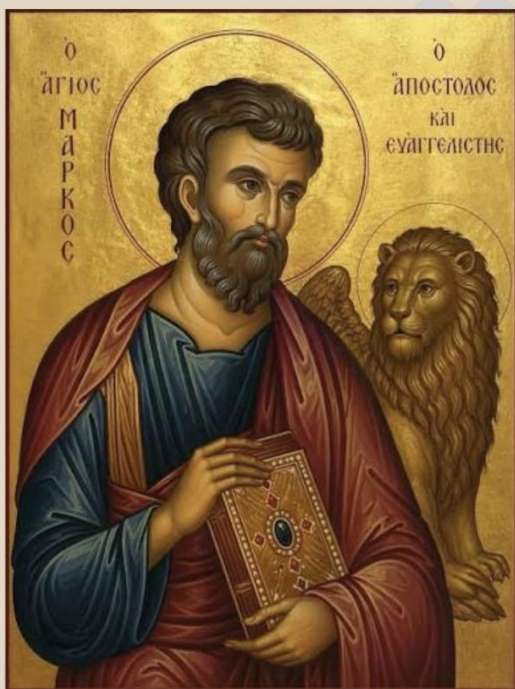
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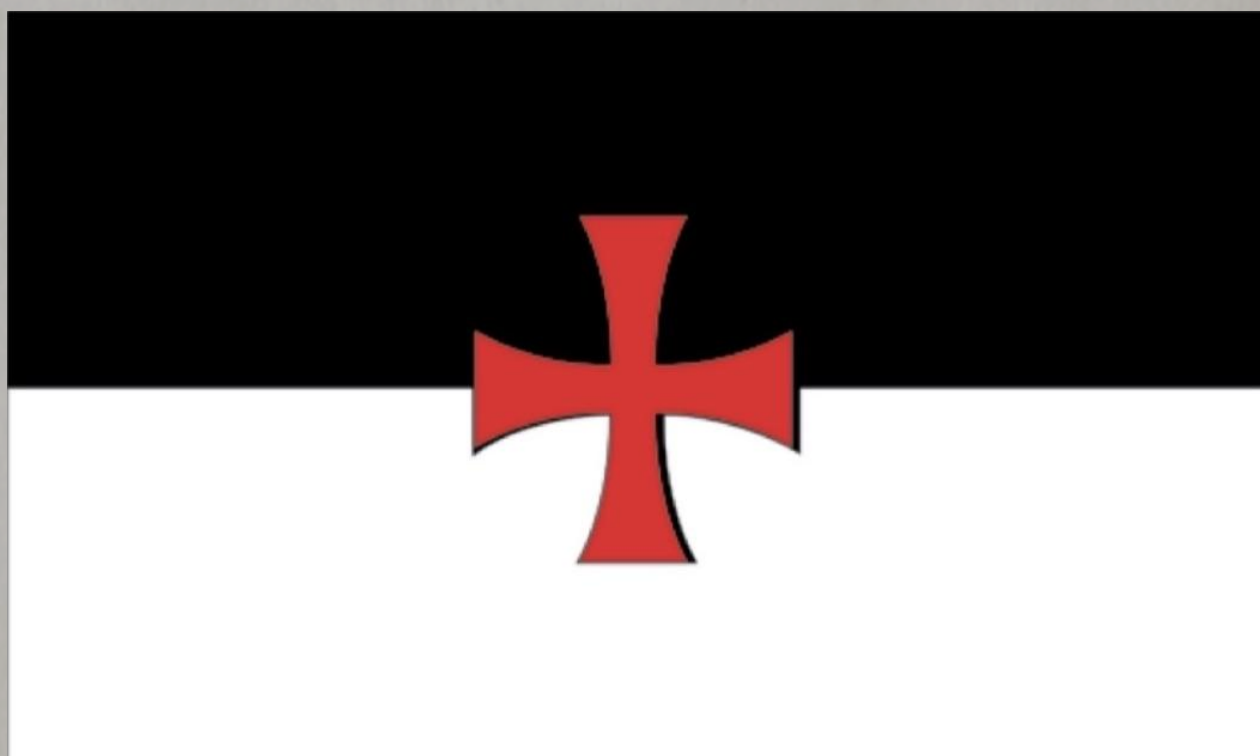
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HIS GRACE THE RIGHT REVEREND mr. IGNATIUS**

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TRIP PLAN

1st DAY, 15/5/2026, FRIDAY: ATHENS – WEATHER – NECROPOLIS GIZA –GEM (GREAT EGYPTIAN MUSEUM)

Early morning meeting at Athens airport and flight to the capital of Egypt, Cairo by Aegean Airlines (A3932 at 06.55). Arrival (08.40), welcome from our Egyptian representatives.

Departure for a guided tour of the Necropolis of Giza, the symbol of Egypt and the only surviving one of the Seven Wonders of the ancient world, the famous pyramids: of Cheops (Khufu's pyramid, the largest, built in 2250 BC which we will visit), of Chephren (with the characteristic surviving partial lining of smooth white stone, but which was gilded in its time) and Mykerinos (the smallest), then the Temple of the Valley where the priests mummified the body of King Chephren, in the imposing Sphinx, the legendary guardian next to the tombs with the body of the lion and head of King Chephren which is considered the largest monolithic statue in the world with a length of 72 meters.

Stop at papyrus and perfume workshops.

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We continue with a guided tour of the **Great Egyptian Museum (GEM)** whose architecture is particularly impressive, with the giant statue of Ramses B' welcoming visitors to the entrance. The museum is designed to offer a unique experience, combining ancient Egyptian heritage with modern museological practices. His exhibitions feature over 12,000 objects from all periods of Egyptian history, organized into thematic sections highlighting kingship, religious beliefs and daily life by historical period.

Of particular interest are the separate rooms that house the finds of Tutankhamun's untouched tomb as well as the separate building erected to house Cheops' solar boat, a funerary wooden vessel discovered buried next to **Cheops' Great Pyramid** and dated to about 2500 BC. Return and check-in at the **Golden Tulip Flamingo Cairo hotel** in the late afternoon. Free time. Overnight.



2nd DAY, 5/16/2026, SATURDAY : CAIRO - ALEXANDRIA



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Breakfast.

Departure (with luggage) to visit - hearing of the Archbishop Ashot, Metropolitan of the Armenian Orthodox Church in Egypt & Africa.

We will visit the **Holy Church of the Monastery of St. George**, from the 12th century AD at the place where St George was imprisoned and tortured. Then we will visit the famous **Virgin Mary Hanging Church (9th century)** and the Roman fortress. We continue with a guided tour of the **National Museum of Egyptian Culture (NMEC)**, the new home of the pharaohs that houses the 23 royal mummies among those of Hatshepsut & Tutmosi. Departure by road to **Alexandria**, the famous city founded by Alexander the Great and was the largest spiritual center of the world during the period of antiquity. We continue for Arrangement at the **Metropole Luxury Heritage Hotel Since 1902 by Paradise Inn Group. (5*)**. Overnight.

3rd DAY, 5/17/2026, SUNDAY : ALEXANDRIA



Breakfast.

Departure for the **Orthodox Patriarchate**, where we will attend the **Patriarchal Divine Liturgy** in the **Holy Church of the Annunciation of the Virgin Mary**, presided over by **His Holiness the Pope and Patriarch of the Great City of Alexandria, Libya, Pentapolis, Ethiopia, all the land of Egypt and all Africa His Holiness Theodore II**. Hearing from the Patriarch after breakfast.

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We will be guided to the Greek Quarter, where we will visit the **Church of Agios Savvas (Old Patriarchate) of Ighiasmenos**, where the column on which, according to church tradition, Saint Catherine was martyred and the **House Museum of Cavafy (GREEK POET)** located opposite of the church.



The apartment was converted into a museum in 1992, on the initiative of Kostis Moskov (cultural attaché at the Greek Embassy), while in 2022, the Onassis Foundation, in collaboration with the Hellenic Cultural Foundation, began a major restoration of the site that reopened in 2024, as a cultural space that presents his life and heritage.



Then we will be driven for the official meal in honor of the Patriarch to the famous **Blue & White restaurant of the Hellenic Nautical Club of Alexandria**. Following a panoramic tour of the city where we will see the **Roman Theatre**, the column of Pompey, we will enjoy the symmetry of Tahrir Square, the gardens of Salalat (Salalat), the Courthouse, the **Citadel of Qaytbay**, one of the most remarkable monuments of the Arab period, built on the site once stood the **Lighthouse of Alexandria** as well as the elaborate **Abbu El - Abbas (Abu El - Abbas) Mosque** dedicated to the people of the sea (sailors and fishermen), the largest in the city. Free time. Overnight.



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4th DAY, 15/18/2026, MONDAY : ALEXANDRIA-CAIRO

Breakfast. Departure with luggage to visit the New Library of Alexandria, which was built in memory of the Hellenistic “Museum”, which included the largest library in the ancient world, as well as laboratories, a zoo and a botanical garden, guesthouses and an observatory.

Transfer to the **Patriarchate of Alexandria** for an **honorary event** of the members of the Order and other guests.



Then we head to Cairo and visit the largest and most famous market of Cairo, the famous **Han-el-Khalili** oriental bazaar dating back to 1380, named after the inn built by Emir Jaharks el-Khalili.

Countless small shops and a multitude of merchants and peddlers with various items are touting their business! Fabrics, bakirias, leather, gold, silver, copper, jewelry and so many items at unique prices, in the traditional Arabic atmosphere of «suk». Transfer and check-in at the Golden Tulip Flamingo Cairo Hotel. Optional Nile cruise with dinner. Overnight.

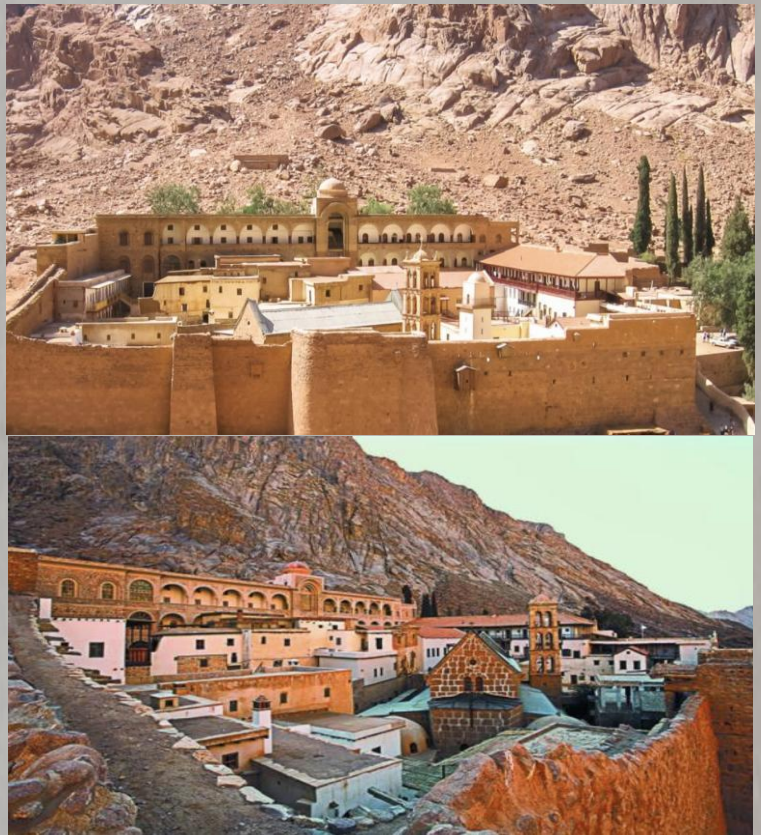


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5th DAY, 5/19/26, TUESDAY : CAIRO – MOSES FARAN MONASTERY –St.CATHERINA HOLY MONASTERY

Breakfast. Departure for the **Sinai Peninsula** after passing through the **1,500 meter underwater tunnel of the Suez Canal**, the world's longest canal, totaling 168 km, running north – south, the Suez Isthmus, joining the Mediterranean Sea with the Red Sea. We continue to the sources of Moses, the place where the people of Israel were encamped on their way out of Egypt. Our next stop will be at the Holy Monastery of Prophet Moses which has been since the 4th century the largest Christian center on the Sinai peninsula and seat of a Bishop and today the ruins of the old episcopal five-aisled Basilica are preserved.



We then head to the **Holy Monastery of Agia Ekaterini**, the oldest Christian institution with an uninterrupted function in the world, crossing part of the desert.



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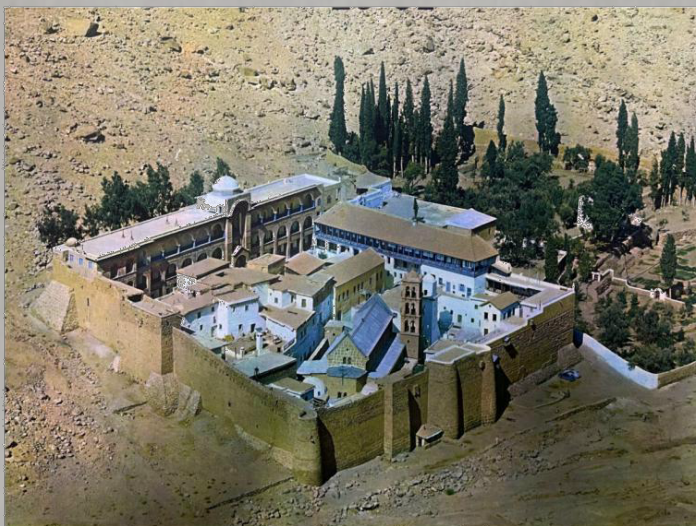
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The monastery is built at the foot of Mount Moses and at an altitude of 1,570 meters. Arrangement at the hotel. Guided tour by the monks where we will visit the chapel of «burning and non-burning Saint Vatu» (built in the 4th century by St. Empress Helen), the well of Jethro, the Osteophylakion and the Monastery Museum with priceless ecclesiastical relics. Vespers attendance, meeting with the Sinaitic fathers, dinner, overnight.



Note: For those who can and desire, they can participate in the ascent to the point (2,280 m), where Moses received the orders according to tradition. The sunrise that will find us, over the desert and the wild mountains offers a unique and unrepeatable sight. Departure after 12.00 midnight, according to the time of sunrise.

DAY 6th , WEDNESDAY, 5/20/2026: SAINT CATHERINE – CAIRO - ATHENS



Breakfast. Optional attendance of the morning service, at the Catholic Church of the I. Monastery of Ag. Catherine. Departure for Cairo airport with a stopover. Return flight to Athens (A3935 at 19.55),



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The fifteen-member delegation of the Grand Priory of Greece of the Sovereign Military Order of the Temple of Jerusalem paid a visit to the Armenian Diocese of Egypt in Cairo. The Diocese is the historical ecclesiastical region of the Church in Africa, subordinate to Esmiadzin



A ceremonial visit on Saturday 16/5 to the Diocese of the Armenian Church of Egypt where the Knights and the Ladies were welcomed by the Head of the Diocese (Prior) Bishop Ashot Mnatsakanian.



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During the meeting, the **Armenian Archbishop Mr. ASOT** welcomed the order. The **Grand Prior** and the **Spiritual Patron of GP Greece, His Eminence Bishop of SALONON Mr. Ignatios** delivered greetings.



A guided tour and pilgrimage followed.

In the Ceremonial Hall, the M.E.D. decorated the Metropolitan Archbishop Mr. Asot with the “Knightly Merit” medal and presented him with an honorary plaque with the logo of the Pilgrimage Excursion.

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ΑΓΑΠΗΤΕ ΔΟΚΤΩΡ ΠΑΥΛΟ ΤΣΟΛΑΚΙΑΝ,
Γενικό Διοικητή της Ελλάδος του Ιπποτικού Τάγματος του Ναού των Ιεροσολύμων,

Εκφράζουμε τη βαθιά μας πνευματική χαρά και ικανοποίηση σε Εσάς και σε όλα τα μέλη της συνοδείας Σας, που είχατε την καλοσύνη να μας τιμήσετε, συμπεριλαμβάνοντας στο ιστορικό πρόγραμμα της επίσκεψής σας στην Αίγυπτο, τον Ιερό Ναό μας του Αγίου Γρηγορίου του Φωτιστού στο Κάιρο και την Εθνική Μητρόπολη. Είμαστε ευγνώμονες και Σας ευχαριστούμε επίσης που, με αυτή την εύθετη ευκαιρία, μας παραδώσατε επίσημα την ανώτατη διάκριση του «ΙΠΠΟΤΙΚΗΣ ΑΞΙΑΣ» του Κυρίαρχου Ιπποτικού Τάγματος του Ναού των Ιεροσολύμων, την οποία λάβαμε διά χειρός του πνευματικού μας αδελφού, Θεοφιλεστάτου Επισκόπου Σαλώνων κ.κ. Ιγνατίου, Πνευματικού Προστάτου του Τάγματος στην Ελλάδα. Αυτό το παράσημο αποτελεί για εμάς όχι μόνο μεγάλη τιμή, αλλά κυρίως μια δεσμευτική και ιερή κλήση.

Θεωρούμε χρέος μας, πέρα από τα λόγια των ευχαριστιών μας, να προσευχόμαστε πάντοτε για Εσάς και να Σας ευχόμαστε κάθε επιτυχία στην αφιερωμένη διακονία Σας. Είναι μεγάλη πνευματική χαρά για εμάς, να βλέπουμε στους σημερινούς καιρούς τη δομή Σας -η οποία από τα βάθη της ιστορίας μέχρι τις μέρες μας είναι ταγμένη στην αποστολή της Εκκλησίας- να στέκεται αρωγός και προστάτης αυτής. Κάποτε οι ιππότες ανέλαβαν το τάμα να προστατεύουν τους παραδεδομένους από τον Χριστό Αγίους Τόπους και τις χριστιανικές αξίες. Σήμερα, οι ανά τον κόσμο ιππότες, και στη δική Σας περίπτωση Εσείς, στην επικράτεια της Ελλάδος, είστε αφοσιωμένοι στη συνέχιση της αποστολής των ιδρυτών προκατόχων σας, για την εκπλήρωση του θελήματος του Θεού σε αυτόν τον κόσμο.

Η υπερηφάνεια μας ήταν διπλή βλέποντάς Σας στην υπεύθυνη θέση του Γενικού Διοικητή του Ιπποτικού Τάγματος της Ελλάδος. Έχοντας γνωρίσει σε κάποιο βαθμό το εθνικό Σας σύστημα αξιών, τις υψηλές ιδέες Σας, καθώς και την επί έτη αφιερωμένη διακονία Σας, είμαστε βέβαιοι ότι με τον ίδιο ζήλο και την ίδια ευλάβεια θα συνεχίσετε να επιτελείτε αυτή την υψηλή Σας αποστολή.

Με την ευκαιρία αυτή, Σας παρακαλούμε να μεταφέρετε τις ελικρινείς μας ευχαριστίες και την εκτίμησή μας σε όλα ανεξαιρέτως τα μέλη του Τάγματός Σας, διαβιβάζοντας παράλληλα τον θερμό αδελφικό μας χαιρετισμό και στον Επίσκοπο Ιγνάτιο.

Είθε ο Ύψιστος Θεός, με το Παντοδύναμο και Φιλάνθρωπο Δεξί Του Χέρι, να διατηρεί το ιπποτικό Σας τάμα ακλόνητο και καρποφόρο. Οι υψηλές Σας ιδέες για τη χριστιανική αγάπη, την ειρήνη και τη βοήθεια προς τον πλησίον, είθε να είναι η άσβεστη δάδα που θα φωτίζει τον θεάρεστο δρόμο Σας.

Μετά ευλογιών και αδελφικής αγάπης,

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Blind Sunday Service at the Patriarchate of Alexandria



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Sunday May 17th

At the Patriarchal Church of St. Savvas, His Holiness Pope and Patriarch of Egypt and All Africa Theodore II conducted the Divine Liturgy Service with the Bishop of Salona and Spiritual Patron of GP Greece Mr. Ignatius and the Auxiliary Bishop of the Holy Archdiocese of Athens Mr. Damaskinos.



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At the conclusion of the service, His Holiness Pope and Patriarch of Egypt and All Africa
blesed the Order.



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Photographic material from the brothers present, as well as from the site romfea.gr. On the website, you can find the special tribute at the link:

<https://www.romfea.gr/epikairotita-xronika/76706-i-kyriaki-tou-tyfloy-sto-patriarxeio-aleksandreias-foto>

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24ωρο ΠΡΑΚΤΟΡΕΙΟ ΕΚΚΛΗΣΙΑΣΤΙΚΩΝ ΕΙΔΗΣΕΩΝ

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The Order then hosted an official lunch for His Holiness at the Nautical Club of Greece.



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Monday, May 18, 11 a.m. A decoration ceremony was held in the Patriarchal Throne Hall, with honors and gifts.



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His Holiness the Pope and Patriarch of Egypt and All Africa, Mr. Theodore, decorated the G.P. OF GP Greece, and appointed him with the rank of **Supreme Taxiarch. He also conferred the rank of **Taxiarch** on the Grand Cross Knight. Br. G. Papachristos**





+ I hope of life this day all the way through

Τ ᾯ ΠΡΟΤΕΡΗΜΑΣΙ ΚΑΙ ΛΪΞΑ ΚΕΚΟΣΜΗΜΕΝΩ ΑΓΑΠΗΤῶ
 ΚΑΤΑ ΠΝΕΥΜΑ ΥΙῶ, ΕΥΣΕΒΕΣΤΑΤΩ ΚΥΡΙΩ
 Δε Παύλῳ Τροάδιαν

ἐγνωμεν νῦν κατ' ἰδίαν ἡμῶν Πατριαρχικὴν Προαίρεσιν,
ἀπονεῖμαι τὸν Ἀνώτερον Ταξιάρχην τῆς Ἀρχαίας
Πατριαρχικῆς Τάξεως Παραβαλλανέων Σύλλα τοῦ
ἡγιασμένου, εἰς ἀναγνώρισιν τῶν ὑπηρεσιῶν αὐτοῦ πρὸς
τὴν Ἀγίαν τοῦ Σωτῆρος Χριστοῦ Ἐκκλησίαν καὶ τὸν
Θρόνον τοῦ Ἁγίου Ἐνδόξου Ἀποστόλου καὶ Εὐαγγελιστοῦ
Μάρκου, πάσης τῆς προσηκούσης τούτῳ τιμῆς πάντοτε καὶ
παρὰ πάντων ἀξιοῦμενος.


 ΘΕΝ ΕΙΣ ἘΝΔΕΙΞΙΝ ἘΔΟΘΗ ΤΟ ΠΑΡΟΝ ἩΜΕΤΕΡΟΝ
 ΠΑΤΡΙΑΡΧΙΚΟΝ ΣΙΓΙΛΛΙΟΝ ΜΕΤ' ΕΥΧΩΝ ΚΑΙ ΕΥΛΟΓΙΩΝ Τῷ
 ΤΙΜΗΘΕΝΤΙ ἘΝ Τῇ ΠΑΤΡΙΑΡΧΙΚῇ ΚΑΘΕΔΡᾷ ΤΗΣ ἩΜΩΝ
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 ΣΗΜΕΡΟΝ Τῇ 18^α ΜΗΝΙ Μαΐου
 ἔΤΕΙ ΣΩΤΗΡΙΩ ΒΚΣ'



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Subsequently, the G.P. of GP Greece, decorated His Holiness Pope and Patriarch of Egypt and All Africa Theodore II with the **Grand Cross**.



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The G.P. of GP Greece decorated as well, the **Auxiliary Bishop of the Holy Archdiocese of Athens Mr. Damaskinos** with the highest decoration of "**KNIGHTLY MERIT**".



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He also offered commemorative plaques with the logo of the Pilgrimage to

Bishop Damaskinos and Bishop Ignatius of Salona.



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The Grand Prior, offered on behalf of the Members of Grand Priory of Greece to His Holiness mr. Theodoros II, a donation of 3.000 €, and a knight templar statuette for his office.



His Holiness mr Theodoros II, offered as a personal gift to the Grand Prior a an episcopal rod, which had been given to him by the Patriarch and Catholicos of All Armenians, His Holiness **KAREKIN I.**

This offer, of the historical rod, was a great Honor to the Grand Prior and The Order.

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Σὸν ἀγαπῶ μου πνευματικό υἱό,
μόνα ἑθνικό Διοικητή
τοῦ Ναϊτικῶν Ταύματος τῶν
Τερασσάμων
Δρα Πάυλο Τσολακίαν
μέ θερμές πατρικές ἐλπίδες

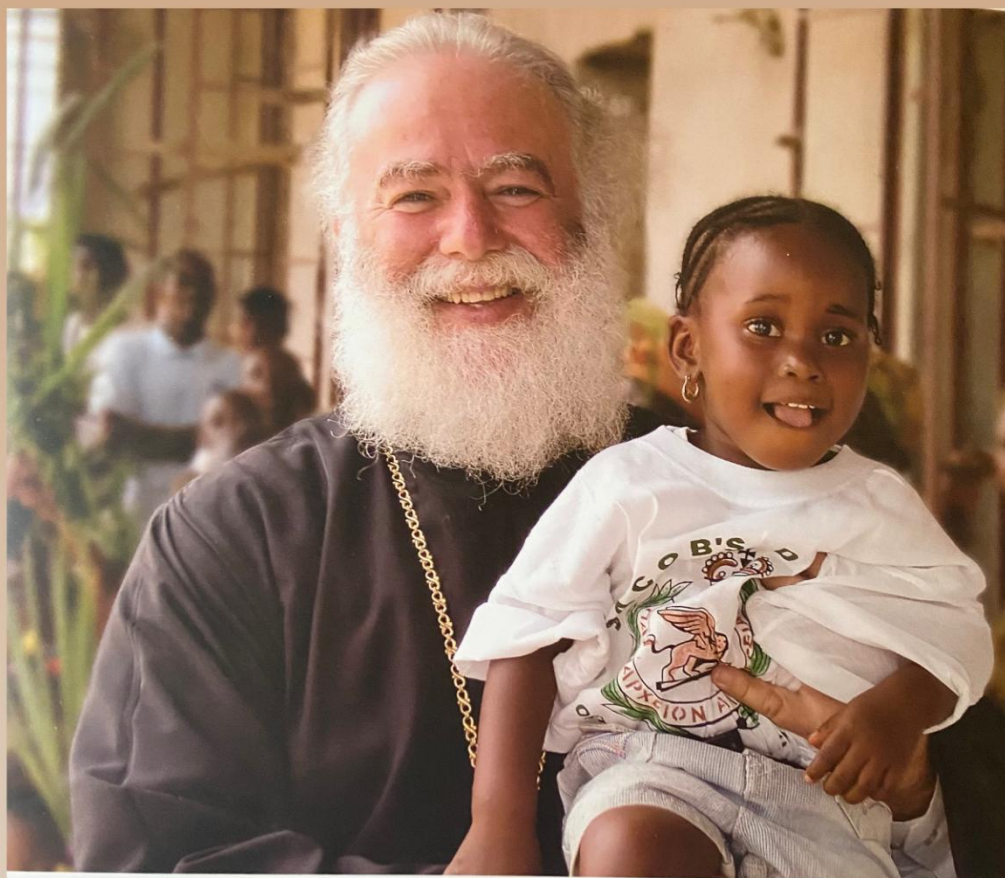
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To my spiritual son, Grand Prior of the Knight Templars
Order of Jerusalem, Dr. Paul Tsolkian,

With warm paternal blessings

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HIS HOLINESS, THE POPE AND PATRIARCH OF EGYPT AND ALL AFRICA IN HIS OFFICE. FROM HIS LEFT, THE GRAND PRIOR CHEV. BR.Dr PAVLOS TSOLAKIAN, WITH HIS WIFE ASPASIA ZORBA- ON THE RIGHT OF HIS HOLINESS MR. THEODOROS II.

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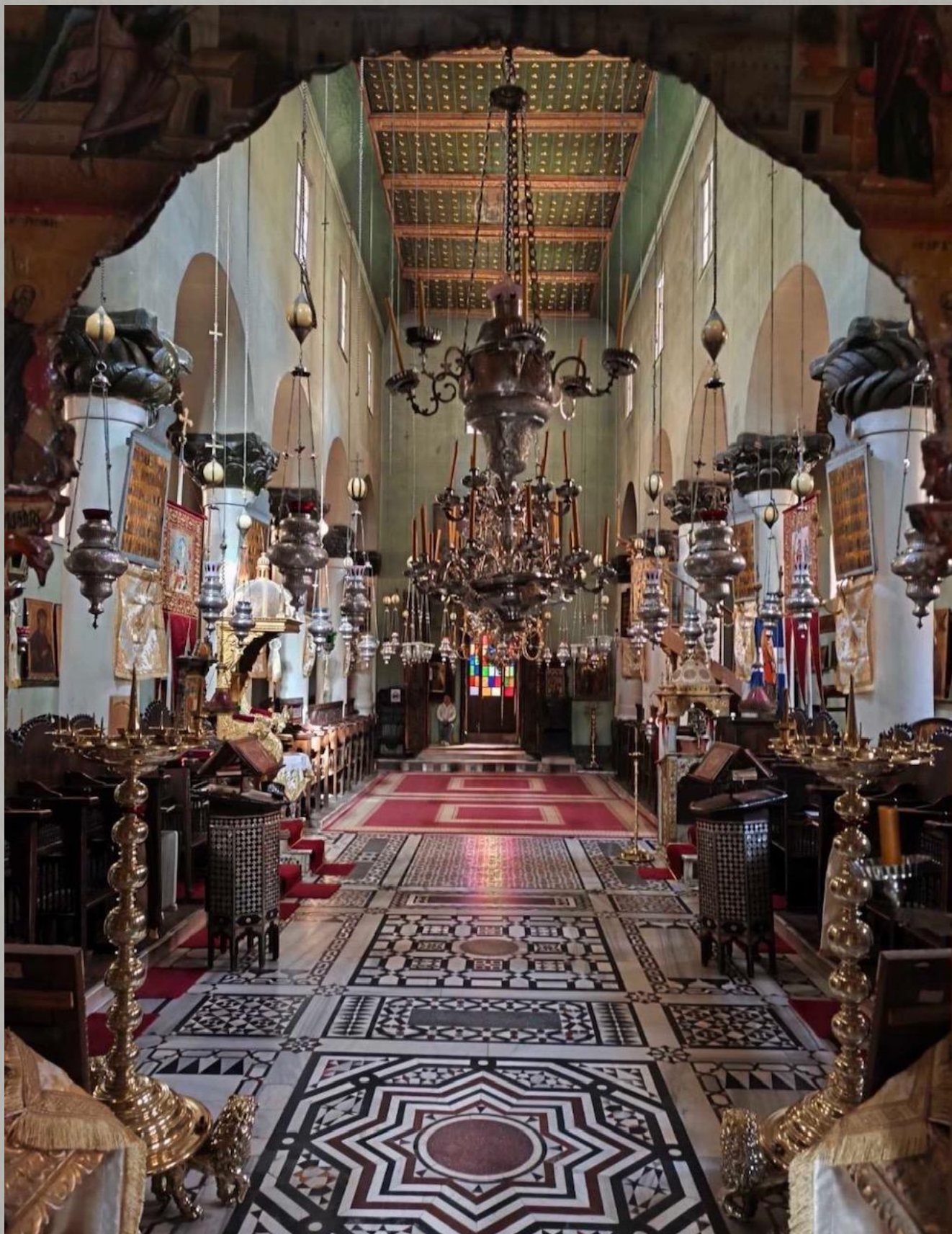
Visit to Saint Catherine of Sinai.

During the Order's visit to **Saint Catherine of Sinai**, due to the absence of the Bishop of Sinai, Faran and Raitho, Mr. Symeon, we were welcomed by **Father Michael**, who took care of our stay and guided tour.



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“The Holy Monastery of Saint Catherine of Mount Sinai (Arabic: **دير القديسة كاترين**), officially known as the Holy Autonomous Basilica Monastery of Saint Catherine of the Holy and Theobadist Mount Sinai, is considered the oldest Christian monastery in the world, although the Holy Monastery of Saint Anthony near Cairo also holds a similar distinction. It is built on the slopes of Mount Sinai, in the south of the Sinai Peninsula in Egypt. Since 2002, the Monastery has been a UNESCO World Heritage Site.”

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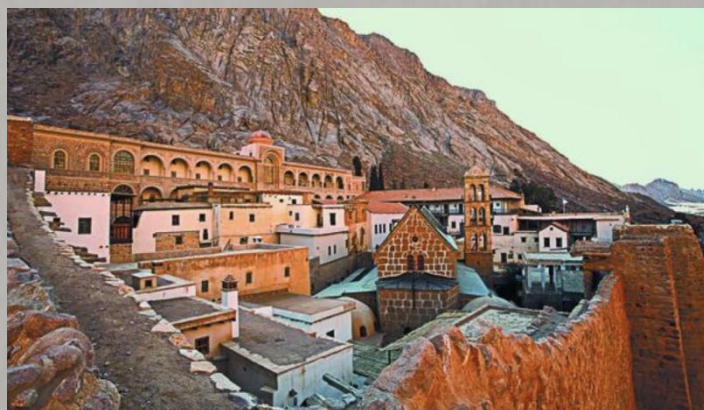


Among the devout landscape, the historical buildings, the icons tell the story of the presence of Christian believers and monks, over the centuries. The manuscripts and books of the monastery, of comparable value to those of the Vatican, the hospitality, the museum, the chapel of Agia Vato (where Moses saw the burning Vato), made this visit unforgettable for all of us pilgrims.



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