

## DESCRIPTION AND GENERAL CHARACTERISTICS

### Location:

Brief description of the location, municipality, neighborhood environment in which it is located (geo-referenced) Greek Monastery established 888 AD, re-established c. 1525 AD. Celebrates on the 22th of December each year.

### Description:

Description of the resource, its landscape, natural and ethnographic values, architecture, activity developed...

The Monastery of St. Anastasia in the tradition founded by Empress Theophano, wife of Leo VI the Wise, 888 AD. However, there is no historical evidence for the existence of the monastery during the Byzantine period. In 1522 the monk Theonas (later Metropolitan of Thessaloniki and Saint) found here (between Basilika and Galatista) a ruined church and built a monastery, which flourished and gained huge real estate and many dependencies, in Halkidiki and the Balkans. In 1821 the Turks burned the monastery and his record and slaughtered all the monks. Since that time only the south wing with the groin are saved. The remaining buildings were built after the destruction by the Turks. The monastery belongs to the chapel of Saints Kirikou and Ioulittis, which was painted by Galatsianou painters in the 19th century, and is one of the few surviving examples of post-Byzantine painting in the area of Halkidiki.

The monastery belongs directly to the Ecumenical Patriarchate and currently the directed by the Metropolitan Miletus.

### Protection category:

In case the resource has been classified under a protection category, please specify. No relevant

## ACCESSIBILITY

### 1. Accessibility of the resource (universal):

Aspects of social interest, access conditions to people with reduced mobility (disabled, elderly, children), equipment or specific services for these groups, etc.

There are no known issues related with reduced mobility.

### 2. Resource Signaling:

**Outside.**- Road signs to reach the resource (guidance) and to identify the resource (position)

**Indoor.**- indoor signs for the visit .

Take the road Thessaloniki - Polygyros and drive for about 32 Km. There is a sign to drive you to the monastery.



### 3. Level of accessibility:

**Outside (To reach the resource).**- Transport, external access...

**Inside the resource.**- Internal access, itineraries, toilets...

The monastery is located at the 32nd Km. of Thessaloniki - Polygyros road and is accessible by car.

The closest airport is Macedonia airport in Thessaloniki (which is an international airport) with a lot of arrivals from many European countries.

## MARKETING

### 1. Marketing profile:

Online, tour operators / Travel Agencies, how the resource is marketed: individually, inside a touristic package, specialized, etc.

As a monastery, there is no defined marketing profile. The resource is addressed mainly to religious visits.

### 2. Information available of the resource:

Online, brochures, videos... (if possible provide links)

<https://el-gr.facebook.com/pages/%CE%99%CE%95%CE%A1%CE%91-%CE%9C%CE%9F%CE%9D%CE%97-%CE%91%CE%93%CE%99%CE%91%CE%A3-%CE%91%CE%9D%CE%91%CE%A3%CE%A4%CE%91%CE%A3%CE%99%CE%91%CE%A3-%CE%A4%CE%97%CE%A3-%CE%A6%CE%91%CE%A1%CE%9C%CE%91%CE%9A%CE%9F%CE%9B%CE%A5%CE%A4%CE%A1%CE%99%CE%91%CE%A3/208200148522>

[http://www.monastiria.gr/index.php?option=com\\_content&view=article&id=1028&lang=el](http://www.monastiria.gr/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=1028&lang=el)

<http://magdax.blogspot.gr/2012/03/monastery-of-stanastasia-thessaloniki.html>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=C77tpFn60wM>

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=R3IKl8hvn\\_Q](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=R3IKl8hvn_Q)

[http://www.agro-tour.net/web/guest/activities/~/-/topicarts/view/44828/209/164?\\_topicarts\\_redirect=%2Fweb%2F-guest%2Factivities%2F~%2Ftopic%2F209%2F164%3F\\_topicarts\\_page%3D2](http://www.agro-tour.net/web/guest/activities/~/-/topicarts/view/44828/209/164?_topicarts_redirect=%2Fweb%2F-guest%2Factivities%2F~%2Ftopic%2F209%2F164%3F_topicarts_page%3D2)

## VISITS

### 1. Capacity of the establishment:

Type and number of visits to the resource must be in accordance to the activity

The area attracts visitors mainly related with religion.

## 2. Schedule and Availability for visitors: (Open all year-round/on request...)

Open all year-round, 24/7.

## 3. Admission:

Free/Cost Free

## 4. Limitations: Possible problems (infrastructure, access...)

Possible improvements that can be performed.

The Monastery is not accessible to people with disabilities.

## 5. Visit the resource: (guided tour, self-guided)

Self-guided

# TOURIST RATING OF THE RESORT

## 1. Hierarchical level of resource:

- **Level 3:** With exceptional Attractive and of great significance for the international tourist market. Capable to motivate by itself an important stream of visitors (actual or potential).
- **Level 2:** Attractive with exceptional features in a country, able to motivate a stream of foreign or domestic visitors (current or potential), either alone or together with other adjacent resources.
- **Level 1:** Attractive with some striking feature, able to interest visitors from long distance that had come to the zone by other touristic reasons, or capable to motivate local tourist flows.
- **Level 0:** Attractive without enough features to be included in the previous hierarchies, but which is also part of the touristic heritage as an element that can complement other resources in higher hierarchies in the development of touristic resorts.

## 2. Tourism demand:

Due to lack of official statistics for the area, we can assume that the profiles of people who visit the area are mainly locals and people related with religion.

The resource it could only be a one stop point for someone heading to Taxiarchis.