

Holy Cross Roman Catholic Church

MULTICULTURAL CHRISTIAN CYPRUS TOLERANT TO OTHER RELIGIONS AND DOCTRINES



During the centuries Orthodox and Catholics, Muslims and Armenians lived together in Nicosia. Their life together was mostly peaceful and this is proved by the large number of both Christian and Muslim religious monuments.

Location	Monuments
Nicosia	Agios Ioannis Theologos Cathedral Panagia Chrysaliniotissa Church Agios Kassianos Church Omerie Mosque / Augustinian convent Araplar Mosque / Holy Cross Missirikou Church Panagia Phaneromeni Church Panagia ton Hariton, Maronite church Holy Cross Roman - Catholic Church St Paul Anglican Church Agios Eleftherios Metochion of Holy Monastery Macheras Archangel Michail Tripiotis Church Agios Savvas Church Bairaktar Mosque Agios Antonios Church

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OLD NICOSIA**

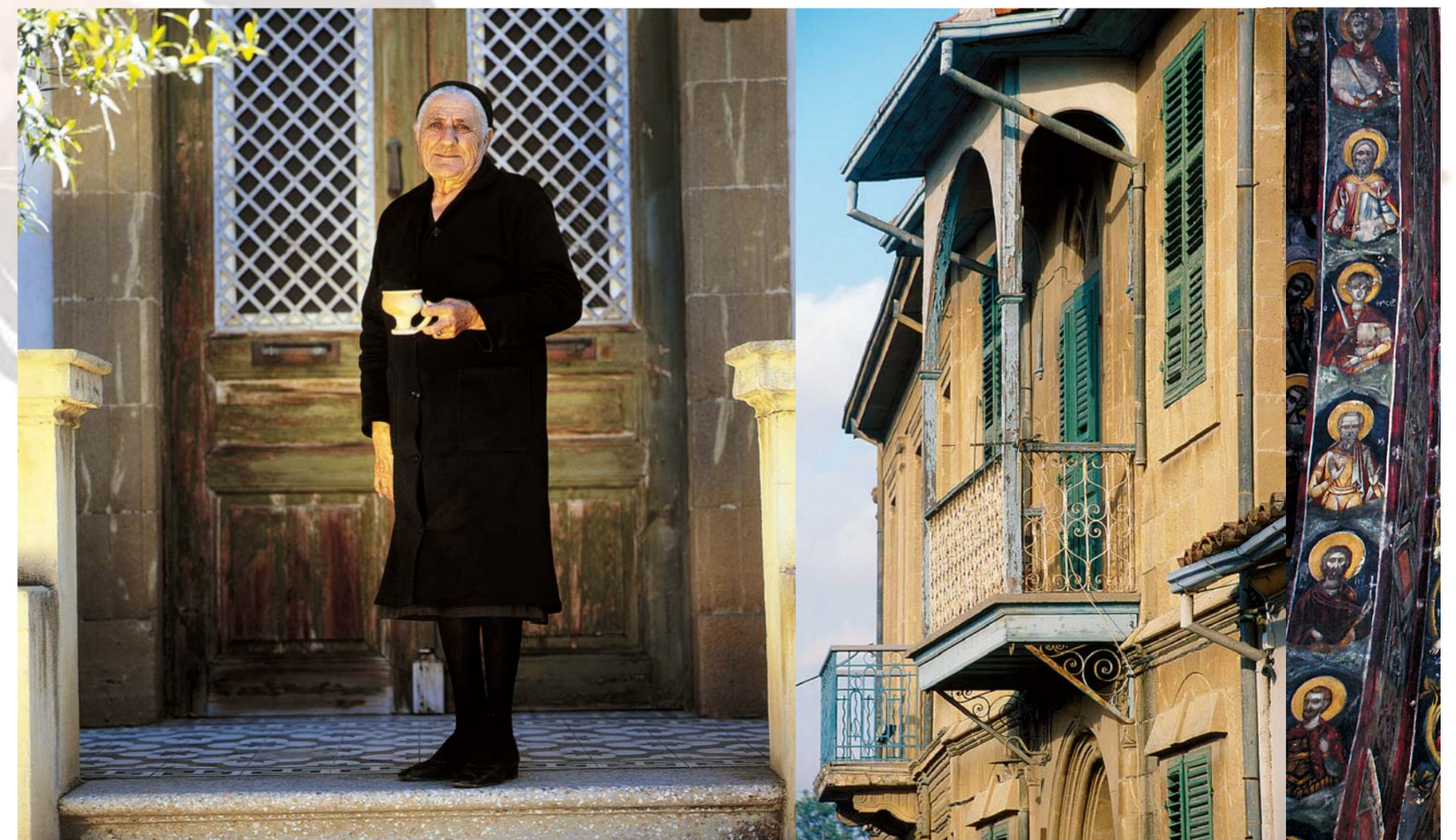
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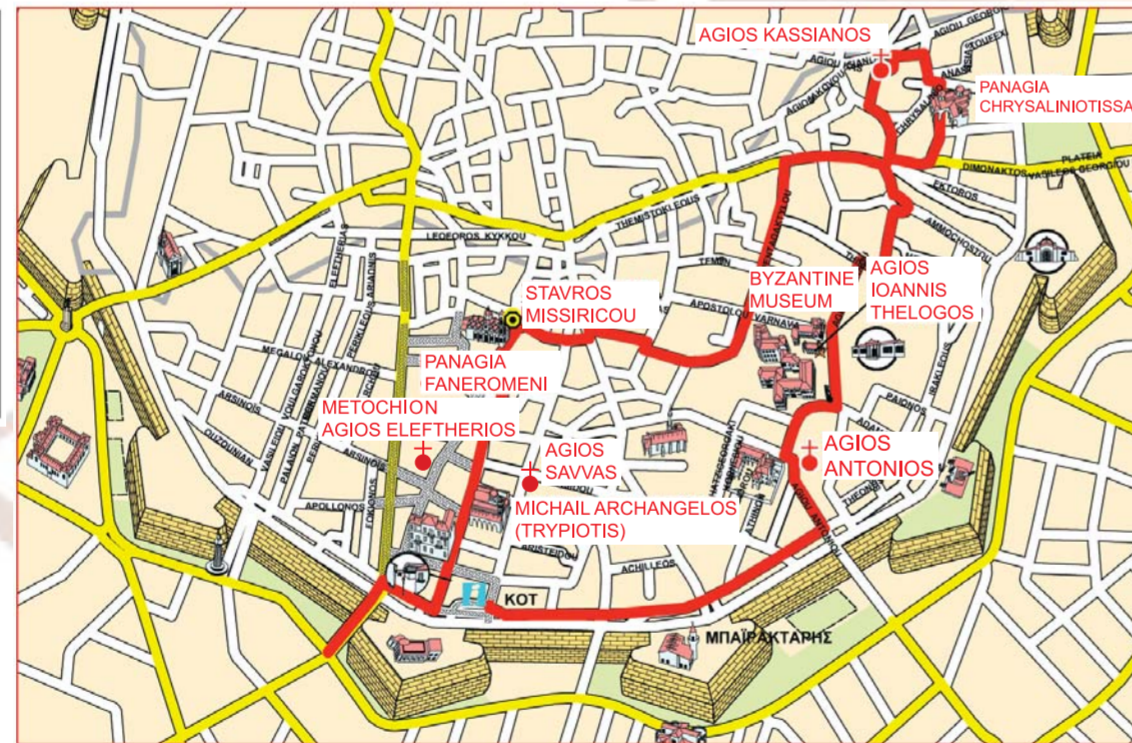
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OLD TOWN NICOSIA PILGRIMAGE TOUR



Reference	
	Motorway
	Main road
	Secondary road
	Loose surface road
	Limit of area under Turkish occupation since 1974
	Sovereign Base Area boundary
	Dam
	Religious Route
	Monastery
	Church
	Mosque
	Hermitage
	Sacristy
	Museum
	Monument
	Antiquity
	Town
	Municipality
	Community

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OLD TOWN NICOSIA



Archbishopric Palace



Pancyprian Gymnasium



The Town Hall

 **Agios Ioannis Theologos Cathedral**

The Agios Ioannis Cathedral is situated in the centre of Old Nicosia, between the old and the new Archbishopric palaces and opposite the Pancyprian Gymnasium. The cathedral was built circa 1662 – 1663 by Archbishop Nikiphoros. It has a single nave, a steeply pitched roof and a narthex on the west side built by Archbishop Chrysanthos in 1779. The Agios Ioannis Theologos Cathedral is the only church from the Ottoman period, the interior of which, is completely covered with frescoes that date back to 18th and 19th century. The woodcarved iconostasis of the church is one of the most beautiful of its kind in Cyprus and was created during 18th century. The cathedral was built on the site of the Agios Ioannis Tou Pipi Monastery. It was founded during the Byzantine period, most probably in the 11th century and was in full operation until the 17th century. In the beginning of the 18th century the Archbishop established his authorities in the premises and from then on it became the seat of the Archbishops of Cyprus.



«Love is the first thing
That we follow in Christ
A flag that we should have
On the highest of the masts»

Charalambos Demosthenous, Poems, p. 21

Agios Ioannis Theologos Cathedral

Mon – Fr: 09:00-16:00 / Sat. 09:00-12:00
Tel: 22430587

 **Byzantine Museum, Archbishop Makarios III Foundation**

The Byzantine Museum is situated in the courtyard of the Agios Ioannis Theologos Cathedral and is considered as the most prominent religious art museum in Cyprus. There is a collection of important icons from the 8th to 19th century, detached frescoes and some parts from mosaics of the Panagia Kanakaria Church dating back to from 6th century and frescoes from the Agios Euphimanos Church in Lysi, detached by the Turkish illegal antiques dealers after 1974 and later brought back to Cyprus.



Litany during the Agape Vesper at Agios Ioannis Theologos Cathedral

Mon – Fr: 09:00-16:30 / Sat. 09:00-13:00
Tel: 22430008

 **Panagia Chryssaliniotissa Church**

The most important Byzantine church in Nicosia and the only one in the medieval town that can be dated back to the middle – Byzantine period. The original church was barrel – vaulted with a dome, but in the following years underwent many interventions that changed the original shape. A lot of important icons from The Panagia Chryssaliniotissa Church are exhibited in the Byzantine Museum Archbishop Makarios III Foundation.



The Panagia Chrysaliniotissa Church (east side)

Summer opening hours: Mar – Aug: 08:30-12:30 and 16:00-19:00
Winter opening hours: Sep – Apr: 08:30-12:30 and 14:00-17:00
Tel: 22430857

 **Agios Cassianos Church**

The Agios Cassianos Church is situated near the Panagia Chrysaliniotissa Church, and its present form consists of two naves and a steeply pitched roof. According to the epigraph it was built in 1854 on the site of a previously existing church. Many important icons from that church are exhibited in the Byzantine Museum Archbishop Makarios III Foundation.



Agios Cassianos Church

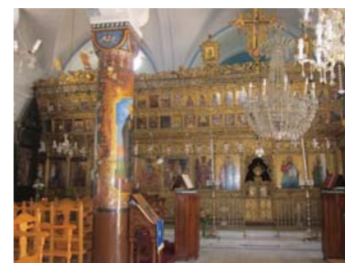
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 **Agios Savvas Church**

The Agios Savvas Church is an old temple enhanced and modified during the centuries. The earliest historical evidence shows the church was renovated in 1781 and previously in 1608, according the epigraph. The memorial plaque on the western side of the church states the church was built in 1851. The wood carved iconostasis was made in 1801 and extended in 1870 prior to the building of a second altar, similar to the Agios Cassianos Church. The Agios Savvas Church keeps two treasures: The Holy Cross from the old iconostasis dated from 1659, a work of Pavlos the Hagiographer, and a golden Chalice dated from 1596.



Agios Savvas Church



Agios Savvas Church - interior

Daily: 06:00-12:00 and 15:30-18:00
Wednesday and Sunday afternoon closed, Tel: 22755120

 **Panagia Phaneromeni Church**

The Panagia Phaneromeni Church was built in 1792 on the site of a convent of the same name which formerly existed under the Venetian rule but its founding probably dates to the Middle Byzantine period. To the east of the temple stands the marble mausoleum of the national heroes and martyrs Archbishop Kyprianos, the bishops and priests executed by the Ottomans in 1821.

Mon – Sat: 06:00-13:00; Apr – Oct: 16:00-20:00 / Nov – Mar: 15:00-18:30
and Sunday: 06:00 – 12:00, Sunday afternoon open only if there is a sacred service
Tel: 22673296, 22660761



Panagia Phaneromeni Church




Panagia Phaneromeni Church Interior



Phaneromeni Gymnasium



National Martyrs Museum

 **Holy Cross of Missirikou Church**

The Holy Cross of Missirikou Church is located east of Phaneromeni. This is a small church which dates back the Venetian period i.e. the first half of the 16th century. During the Ottoman period the church was turned into a mosque and named Araplar Mosque (‘Mosque of the Arabs’). The church has three naves with a dome, but no frescoes survived.



Holy Cross of Missirikou Church

 **Agios Antonios Church**

The Agios Antonios Church is located in the center of the old town of Nicosia, within close distance from the Archbishopric, the Agios Ioannis Theologos Cathedral and the Mansion of Dragoman Hadjigeorgakis Kornesios. The church dates back to 18th century and belongs to the architectural model of single roomed and tile roofed churches built during the Ottoman period. Especially valuable are the wood carved iconostasis and the masterly stone carved bell tower of the church.

Daily: Mon-Sat: 07-11:00/Apr – Aug: 16:00-18:30 / Sept – Mar 15:00-16:30 Tel: 22432838



Agios Antonios Church – Interior



Agios Antonios Church



Mansion of Dragoman Hadjigeorgakis Kornesios

 **Archangelos Michail Tripiotis Church**

The Archangelos Michail Tripiotis Church is a three-domed basilica that has almost square plan. It is built using smooth porous stones. The architectural style is typical of the churches from the second half of the 16th century i.e. Venetian period, such as the Agios Neophytos Monastery’s cathedral in Paphos, the churches of Agia Ekatherina in Kritou Tera and Agios Mamas in Morphou. According to the inscription on the east of the south entrance the Agios Michail Tripiotis church was built on donation by Priest Iakovos and the Christian parishioners in 1695 during the Ottoman period. The construction of the church hints for some large scaled repairs or additions to the existing church of the 16th century. If the inscription is accurate the architectural pattern of the church is unique and unusual for the Ottoman period. It is probable the church was built on the site of an Orthodox monastery the only remains of which is the church. A very valuable icon influenced by 15th century Italian art is kept in the church alongside some others from the Ottoman period.

Apr – Oct: 07:00-12:00 and 17:00 – 18:30 / Nov – Mar: 07:00-12:00 and 16:00-18:00
Wednesday and Sunday afternoon closed, Tel. 22663601



Archangel Michail Tripiotis Church (eastern entrance)



Archangel Michael Tripiotis Church Interior



Door from the old town Nicosia

 **Agios Eleftherios Church, Metochion of the Macheras Monastery**

The Metochion of the Macheras Monastery is located on the walking side of Onassagorou Street. The church was built by the National Struggle hero Archbishop Kyprianos in 1804.

Opening hours: 08:00 – 12:00 and 16:00 – 18:00
Tel: 22664737



Agios Eleftherios Church Metochion of the Holy Monastery of Macheras

Nicosia, Old town

MUSEUMS

Cyprus museum, 1 Museum Str, tel. 22865854. **Spiritual and Cultural Center of the Archbishop Makarios III Foundation – Byzantine Museum and Art Galleries, Courtyard of the Archbishopric Palace**, Archbishop Kyprianou Sq., tel. 22430008 **Cyprus Folk Arts Museum**, Archbishop Kyprianou Sq., tel.22432578 **Museum of National Struggle**, Archbishop Kyprianou Sq, tel. 22305878 **Pancyprian Gymnasium Museum**, Agios Ioannis and Thiseos Str. corner, tel: 22466014 **Nicosia Municipal Arts Centre**, 19 Paleas Ilektrikis, tel. 22797400 **Chrysaliniotissa Multicraft Centre**, 2 Dimonaktos Str, corner of Iponaktos Str., tel.22348050 and 99629611 **Famagusta gate**, Athenon Ave., tel.22797660 **Mansion of Hadjigeorgakis Kornesios - Ethnological Museum**, 20 Patriarchou Gregorou Str., tel. 22305316 **Bank of Cyprus Cultural Foundation**, 86-90 Phaneromenis Str, 1011, tel. 22128157, www.boccf.org **Omerie Mosque**, Trikoupis Str and Tilliras Sq. **Casteliotissa Medieval Hall** **Leventis Municipal Museum of Nicosia**, 17 Ippokratous, Laiki Gitonia, tel.22661475 **Ledra Observatory**, Ledra Str, Shiacolas Tower, tel. 22679369 **George and Nepheli Tziapras Museum & Pierides Collection**, 86-90 Phaneromeni Str., tel: 22760522 and 22128191 **Postal Museum**, 3B Agios Savvas Str., tel. 22304711 **Loukia and Michalakis Zambelas Art Museum**, 27 Archbishop Makarios III Ave., Kaimakli, tel. 22456098



Archieratical Mitre of Archbishop Makarios III (1950 – 1977)



Agios Trifilios of Ledra (Nicosia), Agios Varnavas Chapel, Archbishopric Palace