

Prophet Elijah

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The skete of

Prophet Elijah belongs to the monastery of Pantokrator. It was founded in 1757 by the famous Slavonic enlightener and translator Paisios Velichkovski (1722-1794). Being very young Platon turned into monk and took the name Paisios. A few years later Father Paisios and his brotherhood asked to give them a deserted cell dedicated to the prophet Elijah. In a few years Father Paisios founded a skete in the place of the old cell and spent 5 years there developing the skete.

The skete

reached the peak of its flourishing under the guardianship of Father Paisios II, the benefactors from Russia helped to build a stately katholikon dedicated to St. Elijah. Its construction was finished by 1881.

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Nowadays the skete is inhabited by 15 monks.

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The miracle-working icons within the skete

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The Theotokos of Tikhvin. The Russian tsar Alexander II took it to the front of the Russian-Turkish war.

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Treasure held within the skete

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The left foot of Apostle Andrey, the relics of St. John the Baptist, the martyr Stephanos, the prophet Jeremiah etc.