

The church of Hághios Demetrios is located on the northern outskirts of the village Thoknia, approximately seven kilometres away from the city of Megalopolis and dates to the first decades of the 18th century. It is a small singlenave church with a semicircular sanctuary apse at the east side. It is covered by a longitudinal barrel-vault, based on two reinforcing arches. In the middle of the western strainer-arch a stonebuilt pier was added in a later period to support the vaulting, which was demolished after the completion of the consolidation works. The church is built of rubble masonry and connective lime mortar, while big ashlar stones are used in the corners, spolia from ancient buildings. The access to the interior of the church is achieved by two doors, while three small windows provide natural light in its interior. The division of the nave from the sanctuary is performed by a newer carved iconostasis of the 19th century.

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ΥΠΟΥΡΓΕΙΟ ΠΟΛΙΤΙΣΜΟΥ ΚΑΙ ΑΘΛΗΤΙΣΜΟΥ 25Η ΕΦΟΡΕΙΑ ΒΥΖΑΝΤΙΝΩΝ ΑΡΧΑΙΟΤΗΤΩΝ ΕΦΟΡΕΙΑ ΑΡΧΑΙΟΤΗΤΩΝ ΜΕΣΣΗΝΙΑΣ

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Ï (áüò ôï õ Aãli õ Äçì çônli õ ânloêloá óòò âüñåååð ðáñōöÝð ôï ō ï éêéóì ï ý ôçò Èùêí láð, óå áðuóôáóç åðôÜ ðåñlðïō ÷eeiìì Ýôñùí áðu ôçí ðüëç ôçò Ì åãáëüðï ëçò êát ÷ñï í ï ëï ãålôát óôtò ðñþôåò äåêáåôlåò ôï õ 18ï õ álþí á. Đñüêålôál ãlá léêñþí äéáóûÜóåùí lïíü÷ùñï êáì áñï óêÝðáóôï í áü, ì å ì lá ðñï åî Ý÷ï õóá çì léõelí äñléþ áølaá láñï ý óôá áí áôï eléÜ. Ç êÜeőøÞ ôï ő ðñáāì áôï ðï éålóáé ì å äéáì Þêç çì têőetí äñtê þeáì Üñá, atá ôçí eáe yôtánç dô þni þ ôçò ï ði láð äláì ï ñöþí ï í ôál äýi óölá äüí lá ði õ âálí Tối ảở lðá ná cô Üàù í . Ó ô Tì Ý c Tí ô Tố a cô cê Tý óöåí äï í ßi ő êáôáóêåőÜóôçêå óå ì åôáãåí Ýóôåñç öÜóç ëtèüêôtóôï ò ðåóóüò ãtá ôçí õðï óôÞñtîç ôçò èï ëï äï ì láò, ï ï ðï li ò êáèáénÝèçêå êáôÜ ôç äéÜñêåéá ûùí ðñüóöáûùí åñãáóéþí áðï êáôÜóôáóçò. Ï íáüò åßíáé êôéóì Ýíïò ìå áñãï ëlèï äï ì Þ êál óõí äåôlêü áóâåóôï êï í láì á, aí þ óô eð ãù í Bảo ôi ố Ý ÷ i ố í ả í ôi é + 60 è aß ë á î å ô ôi ß ëlei é ðni ån÷üì åí i é áðu án÷ála éoþnéa oçò ðånei ÷Þò (spolia). Ç ðni óðýëáóç óòi ì í çì åli ãlí ảôát áðü äýi èýñảo, ảí þ ôñlá ì têñÜ áí i lãì áôá åî á ó ö á ë ka ï ó î ü ő ő ó é ê ü ö ù û é ó ì ü ó î ï ảóùôảnêcu ôi õ. Í ảuôảni îõcuãcõðôi ôýì đếi ôi õ 19^{ro} á (bí á ä (á (ñ á)) í (á nữ á þ) á á ð ữ ô rí e o nhù ò





Αψίδα πριν και μετά τις εργασίες συντήρησης.



ðánī ōólŪæi of áeðábál Ýfáb öèi nÝb. Ölei óð-í Þèçéáf, óýì öùfá lá state of preservation, dated to the year 1729, according to the ôï (÷ï ãṇÜöçóçò ōðÞñîå ï Áèáí Üóti ò Êï ōëüðï ōëi ò áðü ôçí Êáñýôátí á, ði ō ì í çì i í åýåôát åðlóço óotó åðtāñáöÝò ôi ō ðáëáti ý êát ôï ỗ í Ýi ỗ êáèï ëtêi ý ôçò ì ï í Þò Êáëáì Ni ỗ, đôi ÖáñÜãāt ôi ỗ Ëi ýđti ỗ ðïôáìïý. Ïéôïé÷ïãñáößàò ìðïñïýí íá áðïäïèïýí âÜóåé ôa÷íïôñïðæþí êáæ åæïíïãñáöæþí êñæçñlùí óôï êáëææå÷íæü añaádôþnei ôçò i lei ayí alað oùí Đaalþoùí ruanüöùí lù líç eal Ì é á ë Üêc. Îï å lê î î a ñ á ö lê ü ð ñ ü a ñ à î à ð å ñ le á ì â Ü î å lê î c î ðánÜóðáóc ộcò ânảöï ênáði ýóáð Èài đuêi ō đôi đảôánởi đoálnéi đọð ÓôI TO ĐE LÃ TO ĐE LÃ TO ĐE LÃ TO ĐÃ ĐƯỢC THE TO ĐƯỢCH THE TO ĐE LÃ TO ĐE LÃ TO ĐƯỢCH THE LÃ TO ĐƯỢCH THE LÃ THE LÂ THE L óôió äýi âáóiêuôiñãó áðu ôió i ði lãó åiêi í læi í ôái Uãii i. Ç êái Uñá the life of Christ and the Virgin Mary. In the central part of the vaulting, äédéñålbáéì å ôdéí låð óð äéÜ÷ùñá, óðá ïði lá áí áððýóói í ôdé óệcí Ýð ði õ ×ñtóði ei ātei ý êát ôi õ Èåi ì çôi ñtei ý êyêei õ. Óòi êåi ôñteu ôì Þì á ôçò êáì Üñáò, ì ảôáî ý ôùí äýï óöảí äï í llùí, ảéi í læáôái ï Đáí ôï êñÜôùñ óả Old Testament complete the decoration of the center of the barrelì ảôÜeeti ì ả ôi đó đýc đãng Ađáãã để có ýó. Đảng ảông Ü, i é đýc đãng óêçíÝò ðĩō êëåNíïōí ôç óýíèåóç å\eïíïāñáöïýí èÝìáôá áðü ôçí ĐáëáiÜ ÄiáèÞêc.

Ôï ì í çì ảNi áí ô0 ảô þỡ có á á nữ aï ì ï ó0 á 0 cê ữ ð nï â eÞì á0 á. Ì åãÜëåò ñùãì Ýò ål÷áí áðï äti ñãáí þóåtôç óõí ï ÷Þôçò ôï t÷ï ðï tláò êát êtí äýí ảỗa ì a êáô Üñ não óç. Ôï Ýñ ãï ì a ôlôëï «Óô a nÝù óç – áð ï êáô Üóô áóç ôï ỗ tầnĩ ý Í áĩ ý ÁãN ỗ Äçì cônN ỗ óôc È ùêí Ná, Ä. Ì åãáëuð ï eçò, Đ.Å. Áñêáälláò» êát ðñï ûðï ëï ātóì ü 270.000€ åí ôÜ÷èçêå dôï Åðt÷åtñçdtáêü Đnũanaììa «Äoôle Þo Åee Üäao, Đảe rõií Þor o-tiíluí Í Þouí 2007-2013» êát î åêlí có a áðu ôcí 25c ÅÂÁ ì å ôc ì Ýèï äï ôcò á oô að tó oá cháo. Ì ảôÜ ôï í Ï êôbâñéi ôï õ 2014 êáé Ýùò ôï ðÝñáò ôùí ảñãáóébí ôcí åõèyíç êát ôïí óõíôïítóìü áíÝeáâå ç Åöïñålá Áñ÷átiôÞôùí l aoocílao. Ó i dealoi o i o yñai o aeoaeyo ceaí i e dañae Uoù

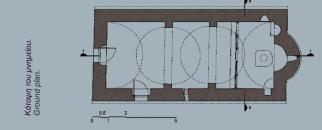
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- èëdôpñåò ùò ðñüóèåôá óôï éàllá åí lló÷ōóçò ôùí ôï éir ði éþí. ÅîõãéÜí èçêå ç èï ëï äï ì lá êáé áí ôéêáôáóôÜèçêå ç óôÝãç ì å êï Bëá ÷åéñï ðï Bçôá êåñáì Bäéá âŏæáí ôéí ï ý ôýði ō.
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- Ï é ôï é÷ ï ã ná ö là ò cô å na þè çê aí, ó ō í ô ç n þè çê aí ê aé êáèáñlóôçêáí, åí þ åñãáólåò óõí ôÞñçóçò åêôåëÝóôçêáí êáé óði îðeüãeððii ôýì ðei ôi ðíái ý.
- ÔÝEÏ Ò, ĐÑAÃÌ AΘÏ ĐỀ ¢PÈÇÊAÍ Ì LÊÑPÒ ÊBÑ AÊAÒ AÑÃAÓLAÒ ÓΘÏ Í ðaneaÜeeríoá ÷þnr orðiíçiabro aea oçí eaeyoanç aí Üaaerþ

- Dîr li (çì âlir à á cù bà fá é cá bù a fha cir 🖟 là bìr (+ ri a fha cò là bìr (+ ri a ôçí êôçôï ñéè åðéāñáöÞ, êáôÜ ôï Ýôï ò 1729. ÊôÞôï ñáò ôçò dedicatory inscription. The donor of the frescoes was Athanasios Koulopoulos, from Karytaina, mentioned also in the inscriptions of the old and the new katholikon of the Kalamiou Monastery at the gorge of Lousios River. On the basis of stylistic and iconographic criteria the frescoes can be attributed to the workshop of Pediotes family (painters John and Michael Pediotis). The iconographical program consists of the representation of the Virgin and Child on the conch of the apse and, in a lower level, a zone of celebrating hierarchs. The frescoes of the lateral walls of the nave are divided into zones, where saints are represented. The barrel-vault is decorated with scenes from between the two reinforcing arches, the Pantocrator is depicted in a medallion surrounded by the four Evangelists. Four scenes from the

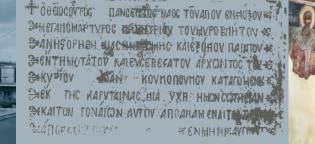
> The monument suffered serious structural problems. Large cracks had disrupted the cohesion of the masonry, while the building was ready to collapse. The project entitled "Conservation - restoration of the Church of Agios Demetrios in Thoknia, Municipality of Megalopolis, Arcadia" with a budget of 270.000 € was included in the Regional Operational Program of "Western Greece, Peloponnese -Ionian Islands 2007-2013" and was initiated by the 25th Ephorate of Byzantine Antiquities by self-supervision. After October 2014 and until the completion of work the responsibility and coordination was undertaken by the Ephorate of Antiquities of Messinia. Within the project, the following work was carried out:

- Reinforcement of static efficiency of the church by applying grout injections.
- Final pointing.
- Transversal metal tractors and wooden struts were placed as extra reinforcing of the masonry.
- Consolidation of the vaulting and retiling of the roof with handmade tiles of Byzantine type.
- In the interior, support and rehabilitation of the two reinforcing arches took place.
- Removal of stone-built pier in the nave.
- The floor was repaired.
- The metal doors of the temple were replaced with new wooden of traditional type doors.
- The wall-paintings were fixed, conserved and cleaned, while conservation work was performed also in the woodencarved iconostasis.
- Finally small-scale operations in the surrounding area took place in order to enhance the monument.











Εσωτερική άποψη του μνημείου κατά τη διάρκεια και μετά τις εργασίες αποκατάστασης. Internal view of the church during and after the restoration works.



