

July 12, 2022

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Metropolitan Markos of Chios is requesting donations for the Monastery of Agia Markella memorial in Chios. He is asking for help with the repairs of the memorial, particularly from those of Chios descent, but also from all St. Nicholas parishioners. The story if some don't remember it is:

Monastery of Agia Markella

There's a monastery in her name and the church is open to visitors. Many come to pray for the health of loved ones or to heal their own ailments.

The martyrdom site sits on a path past the beach along the cliffs. It's a nice 15–20-minute walk. Every July 22, pilgrims from all over Chios flock to the monastery and martyrdom site to honor the saint.

Once at the site, there's a large cross attached to a rock and a tiny chapel. It's said that young Markella fled from her home in nearby Volissos to the sea to escape her father, a pagan, and prayed for protection. The rock opened and she was able to hide her entire body inside except for her head. Her father decapitated her and threw her head into the sea. Holy water is said to spring from the rock, and during the annual service, the sea water boils during the entire prayer.

Please consider donating by July 20th. Online donations can be made on our website stnicholastarpon.org or sending a check to the church office at 17 E. Tarpon Ave, Tarpon Springs, FL 34689.

Many thanks,

Nikitas Manias
Archon Deputatos
Parish Council President

Thank you,
[Denise Letourneau](#)
Admin, St Nicholas Cathedral