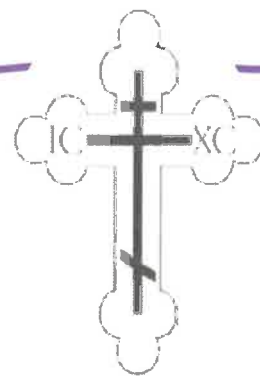


Arkadi Trisagion

Cretan Association of West Palm Beach



Sunday, November 3rd

Trisagion for All Those Who Heroically Died at the Monastery of Arkadi in Crete

The great Cretan revolt of 1866 was the eruption that shook the foundation of the Sultan ruling of the Ottoman Empire. Early in 1866, Christian Crete was up in arms, this time because of Ottoman failure to carry out promised reforms. As the Pasha summoned reinforcements from Istanbul, Sfakia declared union with Greece. The Sfakiots forced a whole Turkish army to surrender in the Plain of Apokoronas, but the victory did not last. The palikares were too irregular and too disorganized to achieve permanent gains. On November 8, 1866, the Turks attacked the fortified monastery of Arkadi, which the Cretan guerillas were using as a strong point. It fell after two days of ferocious fighting. As the Turks entered, Yamboudakis with the agreement of all defenders, put a torch to the powder magazine blowing up hundreds of women and children and all the Christian defenders, and with them a great number of Turkish assailants. News of Arkadi and its explosion rang around the world drawing support and admiration for the Cretans from such diverse figures as Garibaldi and Victor Hugo. Many poets around the world wrote poems about this unique sacrifice of the "olokaftoma" of Arkadi and its courageous defenders.

Memorial

Cretan Members Asleep in the Lord 2024 Memorial

Katherine Kanellakis, Manolis Kanellakis, John Stavroulakis, Theodore Athanasakes, Mary Athanasakes, Mihail Anagnostakis, Angeliki Anagnostakis, Gus Andrews, Kostas Drosakis, Despoina Drosakis, Christos Balaskas, Antonis Lucas, Nikos Harlen, Maria Harlen, Vlasios Fragoulis, Kostas Androulakis, Maria Androulakis, Andreas Galanoudakis, Stanley Pieri
Nikki Galanoudakis, Emmanouil Galanoudakis, Ekaterini Papadomihelakis, Vasilia Zografakis, Maria Furakis, Marina Petrou, Joanne Dalber, and George Esopakis