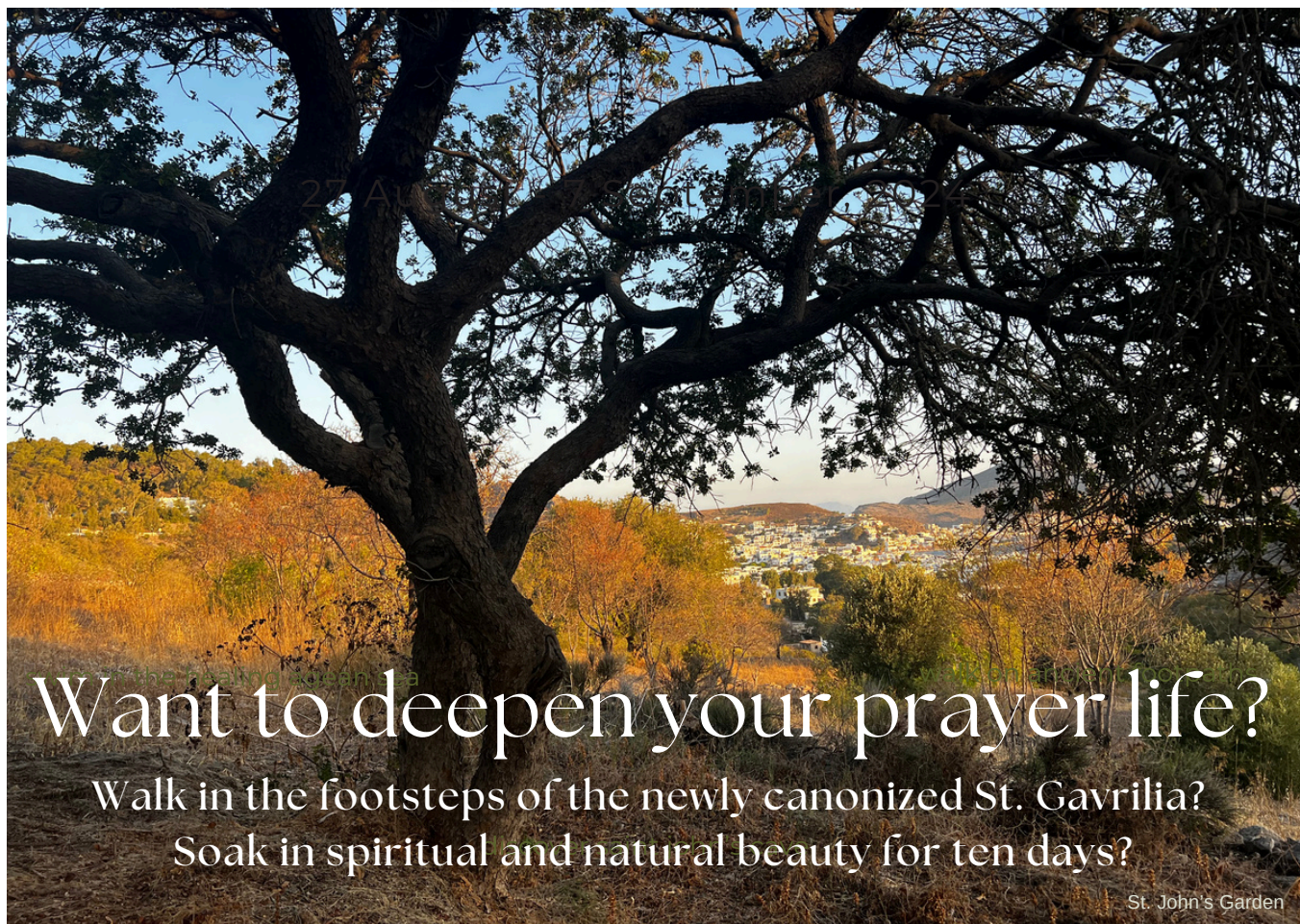


learn, pray, discuss with like-minded pilgrims



POUSTINIA PILGRIMAGE



Want to deepen your prayer life?

Walk in the footsteps of the newly canonized St. Gavrilia?  
Soak in spiritual and natural beauty for ten days?

St. John's Garden

Join Poustinia Pilgrimage & Axia Women for their first Orthodox women's pilgrimage to Patmos, Greece in partnership with the Gardens of Discovery on Patmos!

A time set apart to focus on stillness and being with God, sharing our experiences as women, immersed in the holy wisdom and tradition of the Orthodox faith and walking in the footsteps of a newly canonized saint.

Share in daily gatherings •  
Pray in St. John's cave •  
Contemplative walking on ancient footpaths •  
Make a handmade prayer journal • Venerate relics on Leros Island • Fall in love with your prayer life •  
Small group of up to 20 pilgrims



Evangelismos women's monastery

The island of Patmos, Greece - a holy place, blessed by Saint John the Beloved, Saint Amphilochios the lover of trees, Metropolitan Kallistos Ware, and recently canonized Saint Gavrilia, the "ascetic of love". Patmos has been a spiritual pilgrimage site for generations, known to Christians throughout the ages as 'The Jerusalem of the Aegean'.

At the core of this pilgrimage, we will be following in the footsteps of Saint Gavrilia, with readings, talks and exploration.



Jennifer Anna Rich author and owner of Poustinia Press, will lead the morning gatherings with a spiritual talk, prayers of stillness, and discussion.

Jennifer Nahas, Axia facilitator and outdoor guide, will lead a mid-day activity including contemplative walks on ancient footpaths that criss-cross the island.



Special guest: Theologian & Professor Valerie Karras will facilitate the evening gathering before dinner with a theological talk, prayers, and discussion.

Ioanna Jeanne Knights, Theologian and founder of Gardens of Discovery on Patmos, will lead us in an understanding of the interwoven history of Patmos and its theology of care of creation today.



Cost: \$3250, excluding airfare

Pilgrims will meet at the Athens airport on August 27th, spend 10 glorious days together, and be returned to the airport on September 6th.

### Sample Daily Schedule:

Breakfast  
Morning prayers of stillness  
Morning gathering  
Lunch  
Mid-day activity  
Afternoon free time/siesta/exploration  
Short talk and discussion  
Evening prayer  
Dinner

### Other highlights:

- Patmos sacred music festival
- Guided excursions to holy places
- Healthy, delicious mediterranean food and wine (opa!)
- Exploring the Acropolis and Plaka in Athens on your final day
- Swimming in the warm Aegean Sea!

this pilgrimage will take place in partnership with



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# Pilgrimage to Patmos, Greece Fall 2024 Application Form and Liability Waiver

Full name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Email address \_\_\_\_\_  
Cell phone \_\_\_\_\_ Home phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Date of birth (day) \_\_\_\_\_ (month) \_\_\_\_\_ (year) \_\_\_\_\_  
Passport number \_\_\_\_\_ Nationality \_\_\_\_\_ Expires \_\_\_\_\_  
Emergency contact name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Food restrictions / allergies \_\_\_\_\_  
Home parish / affiliation \_\_\_\_\_  
Roommate request for shared room \_\_\_\_\_  
Prefer quiet sleeping room \_\_\_\_\_ (noisy sleeper) \_\_\_\_\_

Basic trip cost: \$3250\*. does not include airfare.

Non-refundable deposit: \$1,000 due with application.

Non-refundable final payment due: July 15th, 2024.

If we have to cancel for reasons beyond our control, all money will be refunded.

Purchase of travel insurance required within 7 days of deposit. I agree: \_\_\_\_\_

Rooms will be shared occupancy. Travelers should be able to walk 2-3 miles at a leisurely pace on uneven terrain, wearing comfortable walking shoes or boots, and equip yourselves with a sun hat, sun screen and water bottle. Please expect imperfect wifi connections, possible waiting in line for ferries, etc.

Orthodox women only, please. We reserve the right to refuse applications that do not seem a good fit with our program.

I assume sole responsibility for all risk associated with Covid-19 or other unexpected complications while traveling. In the case of unforeseen events, Poustinia Pilgrimage and Axia Women may be of assistance in securing food, lodging or transportation, but will not be responsible for the costs associated with unanticipated events that could include injury, illness, death or other loss. I agree to assume complete personal responsibility for all medical and personal risk.

Please print out, scan and submit application form to [axiawomen@gmail.com](mailto:axiawomen@gmail.com) and [jenniferannarich@gmail.com](mailto:jenniferannarich@gmail.com), then pay your deposit on the secure website, below. Once accepted, confirmation will be based on the order each deposit is received.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Feel free to contact us with any questions. we're so happy you will be joining us!

[Pay Your Deposit Online Here](#)