

MONASTERY OF HOLLY PRODROMOS (JOHN THE BAPTIST)

Above the left bank of the river Lucius, on the basis of a high and wild rock and almost opposite of the monastery of the “Philosopher”, dominates the historic monastery of “John the Baptist”. Built in the 16th century, today is one of the largest monasteries in the Peloponnese, where we can still find the majority of monks, in comparison with other monasteries of Arcadia. According to tradition, the foundations are dated back to the mid-12th century (1167).

Its Cathedral is located in the cavity of the rock, its shape reminds a domed Basilica and there are paintings on the outside. Previously at this point must have been a hermitage. The frescoes, despite the damage, are substantial. According to Foti Kontoglou they date from the 16th century and belong to the Cretan School. The monastery has a remarkable library with important theological and philosophical books. At the Abbey and the “Arhondariki” one can find old photographs of church people and other historical figures.



