

The holy monastery of Prophet Ilias is built on the small plateau on the top of the Iliovounion mountain, between the villages of N. Kerasounta and Stefani. Due to the fact that the Monastery of Rogon was destroyed, the Monastery of Prophet Ilias was then built in a cave under the summit of the mountain. It was renovated in 1852 which is confirmed in the property epigraph inscribed on the outer southern side of the cathedral.



The monastery of Prophet Ilias was the wealthiest one in the province of Louros. It was pending 22000 piasters per year on the local schools. Moreover, the abbots Dionysios B' and Ierotheos Mpaikos spent 1000 Ottoman pounds on the construction of the Louros bridge (Kalogeros bridge).

Students of the General High School of Thesprotiko present, with the permission of the Ephorate of Antiquities of Preveza (ΥΠΠΟΑ/ΓΔΑΠΚ/ΕΦΑΠΡΕ/552784/395019/59 53/23.10.2019), the church of Prophet Ilias in Illiovounia, Preveza.



The cathedral of the monastery, three aisled basilica, is divided into narthex, the main temple and the sanctuary. The entrance to the church is accessed through the south side of the temple, the floor of which is six steps lower than the ground. The narthex lacks iconographies while the main temple and the sanctuary are full of ruined murals dating back to 1878. Although the monastery is still considered to be functioning nowadays, it is abandoned!

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The narthex is separated from the main temple with an old trellis while the main temple with two rows of three pillars in three aisles. The ambo and the Despotic throne of the church are finely carved on wood.



The iconostasis of the church is made of carved marble with Despotic icons, all of them painted on a canvas apart from that of Prophet Ilias which is painted on wood.



On the roof of the narthex there are three inner domes while on the roof of the main temple four inner domes in each side aisle and two big ones in the main aisle.



The bell tower built in 1908 is on the west part of the monastery and in a prominent position.

