

# Mystras

CENTRE OF BYZANTINE CULTURE

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## **VIEW ON PART OF MYSTRAS**

In the centre Palace of the Despot, left under the church of Ayia Sophia, on the right the small church of Evangelistria, Ayioi Theodoroi church and right above the Hodegetria (Afentiko) church.

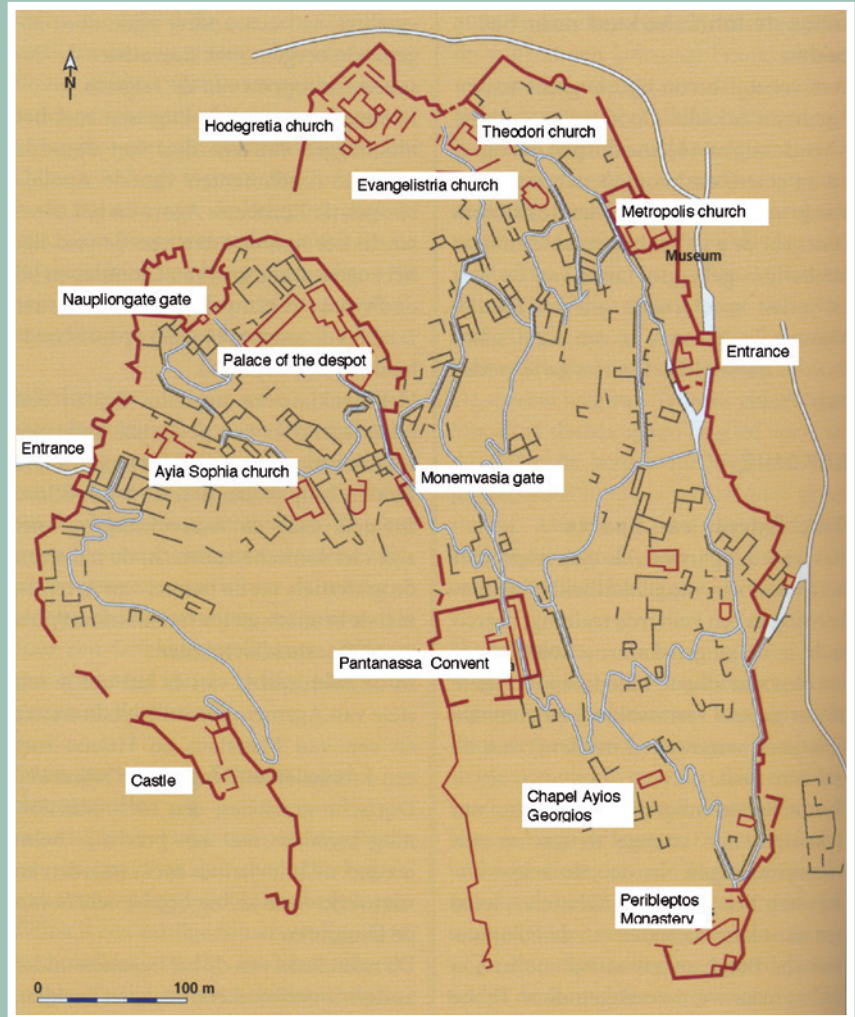
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# Plan of Mystras



# Evangelistria Chapel

## CHURCH OF EVANGELISTRIA

Small church of Evangelistria, which functioned as a cemetery chapel, built probably beginning 15<sup>th</sup> century

# Metropolis

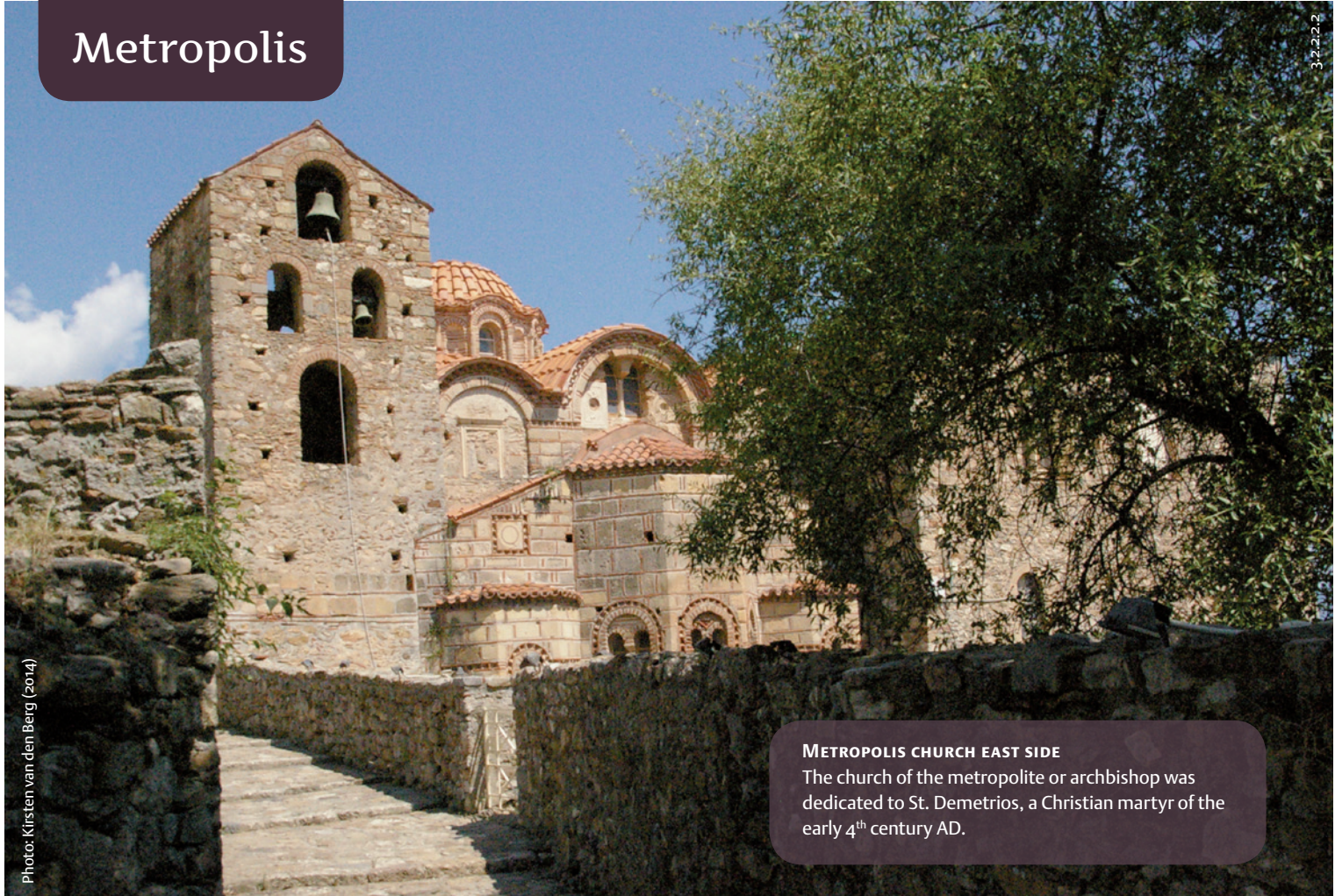


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## **METROPOLIS CHURCH EAST SIDE**

The church of the metropolite or archbishop was dedicated to St. Demetrios, a Christian martyr of the early 4<sup>th</sup> century AD.



### GATE METROPOLIS COMPLEX

The gate entering the Metropolis complex.

On the floor in the church is a carving of the Byzantine double eagle, believed to mark the spot on which Constantine XI stood to be crowned as emperor in January 1449. After that he leaved to Constan-  
tinople to fight the Turks; he died during one of these fights.

**NICHE NEAR THE GATE OF THE METROPOLIS COMPLEX**  
Niche with fresco near the gate entering the Metropolis complex: Bishop slaughtered by Turks as a punishment for a citizen's revolt in 1760. In the church more frescoes, most of them has been preserved.



# Ayioi Theodori church

## ΑΥΙΟΙ ΘΕΟΔΟΡΙ ΚΗΡΗ

Ayioi Theódoti kheri, built between 1296 and 1310, dedicated to military saints. Built on the model of the Daphne monastery near Athens.

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