

## **Maria Panou**

Maria Panou is a Greek artist who has been studying painting since a very young age under several artists. Attracted by the art of the Hellenistic and Byzantine Era, she began studying Byzantine painting under Dr. Georg Kordis in 2015. Dr. Kordis, world-renowned iconographer is artist in residence at St. Vladimir's Seminary in NY through its Institute of Sacred Arts. Soon thereafter she was invited to join Dr. Kordis's team of icon painters where she has participated in painting approximately twenty Christian Orthodox Temples in the United States and abroad.

- ❖ St. Prophet Elias Orthodox Church, Frankfurt, Germany
- ❖ The Dormition of our Lady Orthodox Church, Melburne, Australia
- ❖ The Sign of the Theotokos Orthodox Church, Montreal, Canada
- ❖ Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church of Columbia, Columbia, South Carolina
- ❖ Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Orthodox Church, Pocatello, Idaho
- ❖ Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church, Indianapolis, Indiana
- ❖ St. George Orthodox Christian Church, Indianapolis, Indiana
- ❖ St. Sophia Greek Orthodox Church, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
- ❖ Holy Trinity Orthodox Church, Pittsburg, Pennsylvania

Since 2020 Maria Panou has undertaken several independent projects painting small temples and chapels on the island of Agistri in Greece.

- ❖ The chapel of Prophet Elias, Dorousa island
- ❖ The chapel of Annunciation
- ❖ The Temple of St. Theodor
- ❖ The Temple of St. Barbara
- ❖ The chapel of St. John the Baptist

## Exhibitions

As a member of Ochre, [ochre.gr](http://ochre.gr), a group of contemporary painters who seek to enter into a creative dialogue with the visual and theological body of the art of iconography, Maria Panou has participated in multiple exhibitions showing her own work in Greece and abroad.

Most recently with works inspired by the life of Dostoevsky, she participated in the exhibition *Saved by Beauty*, which originated in Athens and traveled to the United States and was exhibited at the Maliotis Cultural Center in Boston, the Los Angeles Western American Diocese Alhambra, San Fransisco the Russian Center, and the Sheen Art Center Gallery, a Catholic-affiliated performing arts complex where "art and spirituality meet" in New York City. [https://easterndiocese.org/news\\_220409\\_1](https://easterndiocese.org/news_220409_1)

Maria Panou resides in Greece. She is also a teacher of iconography in the Writing the Light Certificate Degree program, under Dr. Kordis's guidance and supervision, in collaboration with Saint Vladimir's Orthodox Theological Seminary, based in New York.