The Hellenic Society Prometheas invites you to a lecture by:

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Approaching the Divine: Life and Art on Mount Athos

Mount Athos, a rocky peninsula in northeastern Greece, has been the home of an unbroken monastic life since the ninth century. Known as the Holy Mountain, Athos has attracted thousands of people, both monks and visitors, who seek spiritual renewal and salvation of their souls through contemplation and closer communion with God.

This talk aims to discuss various aspects of monastic life on Mount Athos, such as the government of Athos, the everyday life of this peculiar monastic politeia, their prayer, work and food. Moreover, this presentation will focus on Athonite architecture and masterpieces of Byzantine and Post-Byzantine art, such as wall-paintings, illuminated manuscripts, and other treasures.

Georgios Tsimpoukis was born in Athens in 1977. He studied Archaeology and History of Art at the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens, where he obtained his B.A. (2001), as well as his M.A. (2004) and Ph.D. (2012) in Byzantine Archaeology. His Ph.D. thesis (published by Bookstars, 2013, in Greek with summary in English) discusses the Revelation of John in the monumental painting of Mount Athos. He has participated in conferences in Greece and abroad, and has written several papers on Post-Byzantine art. Today, he works as an underwater archaeologist in the Hellenic Ministry of Culture and Sports, in the Ephorate of Underwater Antiquities (Department of Crete).

Wine and Light Refreshments will be Offered Following the Presentation

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