

#1195 The Patmos Revolution – The School of Patmos

The School of Patmos. One of the most important events in Greece's history during the time that Greater Greece (which included Constantinople, renamed Istanbul) was ruled over by the Ottoman Turks was the founding of the School of Patmos. As the Turks strengthened their hold on Asia Minor (modern day Turkey), a number of Greek monks, clergy, and laity fled to Patmos. Few Turks chose to settle on the island. Under Greek monastic direction, it became renowned as an intellectual center. In 1713, one monk, Makarios Kalogeras, founded the School of Patmos. Latin, religious studies, philology (the study of linguistics, especially as connected with literature and as a field of study that sheds light on cultural history), and rhetoric (the art of speaking and writing effectively) were taught.



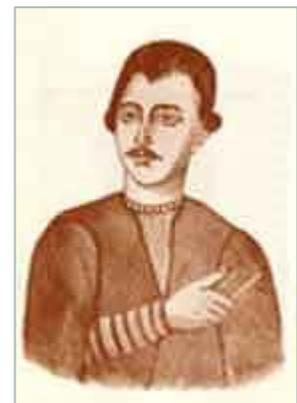
Filiki Eteria

The School of Patmos and the rebirth of Greece. During the years of Turkish rule, the School of Patmos contributed greatly to the rebirth and intellectual awakening of the Greek nation. A founder of Filiki Eteria (Friendly Company), Emmanuel Xanthos, was cultivated there. Other distinguished members of the Friendly Company that were from the School of Patmos were Dimitrios Themelis and Pangalos. The island gained its independence from the Turks during the Greek War for Independence, but unfortunately landed back in the hands of the Turks because the new Greece that was established by the treaties that ended the conflict did not include the islands of the Dodecanese, of which Patmos was and is a part. Patmos was ruled by Turkey from 1537 to 1912 (with the exception of the brief span of independence during the 1821-1832 Greek War for Independence). Italy gained control over Patmos in 1912 as the result of an Ottoman-Italian war. Patmos was finally ceded to Greece in 1947. [Reference the map in [#1191–Doc 1](#), showing the expansion of Greece.]

Key Understanding: *Patmos and the Greek Revolution.* One of the three men who founded Filiki Eteria, Emmanuel Xanthos, attended the School of Patmos, a breeding ground for the Greek War for Independence.

*Revelation 1:9 (KJV) **I JOHN**, who also am your brother, and companion in tribulation, and in the kingdom and patience of Jesus Christ, **WAS IN THE ISLE CALLED PATMOS**, for the word of God, and for the testimony of Jesus Christ.*

Emmanuel Xanthos



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