

## ArtServe Presents “Journey to Mount Athos”

ArtServe will open “Journey to Mount Athos” on Jan. 23rd. The compelling cultural exhibition brings the artistic and historic traditions of Greece to South Florida. The exhibition runs through March 6, 2026, and launches with a free, public opening reception on Friday, Jan. 23rd at 6 p.m.

Presented in partnership with the Mount Athos Foundation of America and supported by the American Hellenic Educational Progressive Association (AHEPA), “Journey to Mount Athos” offers visitors a rare opportunity to experience Greek heritage through large-scale visual art, photography and cultural artifacts. The exhibition is anchored by 34 retractable art banners from the Mount Athos Orthodox Church Center and includes the “Princeton Exhibition” of 46

photographs and four canvas prints, along with original works by local Greek artists.

The exhibition features a collection of cultural artifacts that reflect the depth and diversity of Hellenic tradition, including framed poetry, musical instruments and objects from South Florida’s Orthodox churches and schools. Among the highlights are two authentic traditional Greek costumes from different regions, generously provided by Anastasia Kastrenakes

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Crete Costume

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Merkel. Drawn from her personal collection, the garments offer a tangible link to Greece’s regional identity and craftsmanship. Merkel played a key role in the planning of the exhibition and worked closely with ArtServe to ensure their thoughtful presentation.

Together, the exhibition’s elements trace a cultural journey beginning in Fort Lauderdale’s sister city of Thessaloniki and culminating at Mount Athos,

one of the most important centers in the Orthodox Christian world.

Throughout the exhibition, ArtServe will highlight South Florida’s vibrant Greek community by promoting upcoming festivals and cultural events hosted by local churches and organizations. Guests will also have opportunities to connect with groups including AHEPA and the Hellenic Society of South Florida.

“This exhibition is a cultural bridge,” said

ArtServe CEO Jason Hughes. “It brings together art and history to give our community a deeper understanding of Greek heritage and the values that connect cultures across generations.”

ArtServe is located at 1350 East Sunrise Boulevard in Fort Lauderdale and is open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Daily admission is free. For more information about these events, or to become a member, volunteer or support ArtServe’s mission, visit [www.artserve.org](http://www.artserve.org) or email [membership@artserve.org](mailto:membership@artserve.org).

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