

## **September at the Museum of Byzantine Culture – Cultural events**

### **European Cultural Heritage Days 2023**

"Cultural Heritage and Tradition: Testimonies of Yesterday in Today"

#### **Tuesday 19 – Sunday 24 September 2023**

The European Cultural Heritage Days is a joint action of the Council of Europe and the European Union in which Greece has participated since 1996. The National Coordinator is the Directorate of Archaeological Museums, Exhibitions and Educational Programs of the Ministry of Culture.

The aim of the action is, among other things, to raise awareness among the public and the authorities about the need to protect cultural heritage in the face of the challenges of the modern era.

This year, Greece adopts the common pan-European theme of the celebration under the title "Cultural Heritage and Tradition: Testimonies of Yesterday in Today".

The Museum of Byzantine Culture participates in the European Cultural Heritage Days with the following actions:

- **Tuesday 19 September 2023** Visit of elderly people to the Museum and participation in an activity entitled "Stories old and new from everyday life". The participants will tour the "Early Christian city and residence" gallery together with the staff of the Museum and will talk about objects of daily life and the memories they recall in relation to the recent past. The action will continue at a place of the Municipality of Thessaloniki, where a small exhibition with personal items that can tell their story will be held.
- **Saturday 23 and Sunday 24 September 2023: Admission is free for the public.**

### **Participation of the Museum of Byzantine Culture in the 87th Thessaloniki International Trade Fair**

**Wednesday 13 and Friday 15 September 2023 | Pavilion of the Ministry of Culture inside the 87th Thessaloniki International Trade Fair**

The Museum of Byzantine Culture, in the context of its extroverted policy and the constant effort to cultivate a dynamic relationship with the general public, participates in the 87th Thessaloniki International Trade Fair with its innovative and successful educational activity "Knowing the Byzantine Seals.

From seals to ips". The participants in the workshop, that will be held at the pavilion of the Ministry of Culture, will have the opportunity to get to know, with the help of digital media and applications, a little-known object of the Byzantine period, the bullae (e.g. seals), and to seal a Byzantine document by producing their own bullae.

Workshop implementation days and hours:

**Wednesday 13/9/2023, 18.00-19.00**

**Friday 15/09/2023, 18.00-19.00**

Maximum number of participants in each workshop 10 people

No reservation is required to participate in the workshop. First come first served.

**Friday 15/09/2023, 19.00-19.30**

"EDUCATION AND CIVILIZATION. THE MUSEUM OF BYZANTINE CULTURE IN THE DIGITAL ERA"

Speaker: Dr. Agathoniki Tsilipakou, General Director of the Museum of Byzantine Culture

### **Temporary exhibition is continued**

«**PHOENIX-AGON**».

The most crucial elements are reuse and recycle that contribute to circular economy, as well as the constant struggles that ensure freedom and prosperity. It all regards a visual dialogue of the modern artefacts of the Numismatic Museum with contemporary artistic creations, structured in two units:

i. "PHOENIX": Coins, Medals and two unique worldwide Moulds and Seals of the Governor Ioannis Kapodistrias (first governor of Greece) with the reborn phoenix on them are in dialogue with the creation "Anagennisis" (Reborn) of the sculptor Aphrodite Liti made of metal elements and glass mosaics and the creation "Phoenix" of the artist Yiorgos Bardakas, made of recycled materials, demonstrating how a sculpture can be reborn from the "can". The most crucial elements are reuse and recycle that contribute to circular economy.

ii. "AGON": Medals, Awards and unique worldwide Moulds of the King Otto I, demonstrating warriors (male and female) of the War of Independence of Greece in 1821, are in dialogue with paintings by the artist Nikos Tsiaparas, inspired by them, highlight the sustainable struggle for independence and freedom of individuals and nations.

Organization: Museum of Byzantine Culture, Numismatic Museum (Athens) under the support of the Greek part of ICOM (International Council of Museums).

Free entrance.

**Duration: 8 June to 13 September**

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