In 1963, Grigoris Lambrakis was murdered. The novel 'Z' and became known throughout Europe. The city experienced a wave of urbanism and the decision for Thessaloniki to become the Capital of Culture. In 2012, the city celebrated the 100-year anniversary of its foundation and the decision for the city to become the Refugee Capital.

The walls that once separated Thessaloniki from the sea were dismantled, and the city was connected to the sea. The city became a port, and Thessaloniki was a developing city of great promise. The city walls, at military camps abandoned after World War II, resulted in the formation of new suburbs. Thessaloniki changed once more: apartment buildings became the norm. The former Co-reigning City of the East became the Refugee Capital.

After World War II, Thessaloniki became the capital of the refugees. Pre-war Thessaloniki was founded, and the first concentration camps and the community of refugees had to house new arrivals. Pre-war Thessaloniki was founded, and the first concentration camps and the community of refugees had to house new arrivals. Pre-war Thessaloniki was founded, and the first concentration camps and the community of refugees had to house new arrivals.

In 1926, the University of Thessaloniki was founded and the first Jews were transported by train to Nazi Germany, adding dark pages to the local history. In 1922, with the dissolution of the Eastern Bloc, numerous European immigrants arrived in the city. After World War II, Thessaloniki became the capital of the refugees. Pre-war Thessaloniki was founded, and the first concentration camps and the community of refugees had to house new arrivals. Pre-war Thessaloniki was founded, and the first concentration camps and the community of refugees had to house new arrivals.

The Byzantine metropolis contains a large number of humanism and led to the Palaeologan League. The sacking of the city by the Latins for the first time and the decision for the city to become the Refugee Capital.

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Roman Monuments

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1 Palace complex of the Roman Caesar Galerius Valerius Maximianus Navariniou Square. Its construction began in the late 3rd–early 4th century AD. It is one of the most important monuments of Late Antiquity, the only one of its kind preserved in Greece. Monumental structures that served as an imperial residence have been excavated.

2 Hippodrome Ippodromiou Square. There is no visitable section of the Roman Hippodrome, but we can picture the size of the ancient construction by viewing the length and shape of modern-day Ippodromiou Street.

3 Section of the ancient road at the Macedonian Museum of Contemporary Art. Within the International Fair. A section of a Roman-era cobbled road is preserved in the basement of the Museum. The road originated at the Cassandrean gate of the city, in the Syntirivani area, and headed southeast.

4 Galerius’ Triumphal Arch Camara. [305 AD]. Constructed to commemorate the victory of Galerius over the Persians. Its intricate relief scenes depict battles and victories in that war, expressing the omnipotence and unity of the Tetrarchy leaders.

5 Monumental fountain from the Roman Era Junction of Egnatiea Street & Mitropoliou Gennadiou Street. Constructed beside a central road artery of Roman Thessaloniki (decumanus maximus).

6 Roman Forum Junction of Olympiou Street & Filippou Street. An administrative centre of the Roman era that, in its excavated form, began being organised in the mid-2nd century AD. The entire complex was organised around a rectangular cobbled square. On its three sides, there were two-storey arcades, with a double colonnade of the Corinthian order, directly connected on its perimeter to public and private spaces.

7 Roman temple. Antigonidion Square. The temple, made of architectural elements from an older archaic temple, was dedicated to the worship of Augustus. Significant findings in this area include the torso of a male statue wearing a cuirass and an enormous statue of Zeus Aegichos [Aegis-bearing], dating back to the 2nd century AD, of exquisite artistry.

8 Public administrative buildings at Kyprion Agonistion Square Olympiou Street, Venizelou Street and Aghiou Dimitriou Street. Olympiou Street, Venizelou Street and Aghiou Dimitriou Street. Remnants of monumental, mostly public buildings were excavated at this site. The findings date back to the 3rd century BC and possibly constituted the administrative centre of the city dating back to the Hellenistic and Roman era. The ruins of the buildings that are preserved and are visible to this day testify to the timelessness of this district of the city, which preserved its urban character throughout the Byzantine and Post-Byzantine era.

9 Church of Aghioi Apostoloi Junction of Olympiou & Paparrigopoulos Street. [1310–1314]. The church, built by the Patriarch Nephon and his pupil, Abbot Pavlos, was the catholicon of a monastery dedicated to the Virgin Mary. Its interior contains excellent mosaic decoration, characteristic of the final period of Palaeologan art.

10 Church of Aghia Ekaterini Junction of Tsamadou & Oedipoda Street, Ano Poli. [late 13th–early 14th century]. Once served as catholicon to a Byzantine monastery. Its elegant dimensions and the structure of its facades, with recessed niches and arches, brick half-columns and ceramic decoration, make this monument an excellent example of Paleologan architecture.

11 Church of Profitis Elias Junction of Olympiodos & Amfilochias Street. Church of Profitis Elias as Junction of Olympiodos & Amfilochias Street. The Church, dedicated to Christ, was the cathedral of the Byzantine Akapniou Monastery. It is unique in terms of architectural type and is known for its portrayal of the Infant, representative of the final period of Paleologan painting.

12 Church of Hosios David Latomos Monastery) Junction of Bouboulinas Street & D. Poliorkitou Street–Ano Poli. The catholicon of the monastery of Christou Sotira tou Latomou [Christ the Saviour, the Quarryman] or ton Latonon [or Quarrymen], a name due to the existence of stone quarries, is renowned for its mosaic of the Vision of Prophet Ezekiel in its alcove, one of the most important mosaics of the Early Christian era.

13 Viatadon Monastery 64 Eptapyrgiou Street. [1351–1371]. A Patriarchal and stauropegec monastery, the only Byzantine monastery still operating in the city. It was founded the monk Dorothenus Watis, a pupil of Gregory Palamas and subsequently Metropolitan Bishop of Thessaloniki. The monastery was initially dedicated to Christ the Almighty and today honours the Transfiguration of the Saviour.

14 Heptapyrgion NE end of the Acropolis. A complex of various construction phases from the early Christian–early Byzantine period up to the years of Ottoman rule. When converted into a prison in the 19th century, buildings and auxiliary areas were added. The building currently houses the offices of the Ephorate of Byzantine Antiquities of Thessaloniki.

15 Acropolis Walls–Lapardas Tower–Anna Paleologina Gate–Trigonion Tower or Alyssiose Tower. The so-called intermediate wall separat-
ed the Acropolis from Ano Poli [the Upper City]. Following the wall towards the northeast, the Gate of Anna Paleologina [1355–1356] opens up, which once led to the area outside the walls. The intermediate wall ends towards the NE at Alysseos Tower or Trigonion Tower. This is a circular tower constructed in the 15th century, incorporating an older square tower that formed part of the Byzantine fortifications.

9

Church of Aghios Nikolaos Orphanos 20 HeroDOTou Street. The catholicon of a Byzantine monastery. The ruins of its entrance have also been preserved. The exquisite mural decoration of the Church constitutes one of most complete painting complexes preserved in Thessaloniki and is representative of Paleologan art.

10

Church of Taxiarches 40 Theotokopoulou Street. A cathedral, most likely of a Byzantine monastery dedicated to the Archangels and Taxiarches, Michael and Gabriel. A two-storey building with an underground sepulchral crypt. Fragments of its mural décor have been preserved (2nd half of the 14th century).

11

Byzantine baths section of Theotokopoulou Street & Krispou Street (Kule Kafe). [13th century]. The only public Byzantine baths currently preserved in Thessaloniki. A small building of rectangular design, it retains all the areas necessary for a bath: an antechamber, a tepid area, a warm area and a reservoir.

12

Church of Aghios Dimitrios–Crypt 97 Aghiou Dimitriou Street. Built on the ruins of a Roman bath complex. Demetrius, an officer in the Roman Army, was imprisoned and martyred there in 303. The original small bethel was succeeded by a Basilica church. It was destroyed almost completely in the fire of 1917 and rebuilt between 1918 and 1948. The church, dedicated to the patron saint of Thessaloniki, is one of worship and is renowned for its mosaics that survived the great fire of 1917. Eleven anathemat mosaics of the 5th, 7th and 9th century are preserved at the two pillars of the chancel and at the western wall of the central aisle. Beneath the transept of the Church is the Crypt, which, in the Late Byzantine Era, was the centre of the Saint’s miraculous myrrh production. It currently houses an exhibition primarily consisting of Early Christian and Byzantine sculptures.

13

Church of Panayia Chalkeon Junction of 2 Chalkeon Street & Egnatias Street. [1028]. This church was built in and named after the coppermiths district by Christophoros Protopatharios, Keapeano [Governor] of Lagouvardia, his wife Maria and his children Nikiphoros, Anna and Katalkali, as a sepulchral chapel.

14

Church of the Acheiropoietos 56 Aghias Sofias Street. [5th century]. Built as a three-aisled wooden-roofed basilica with a narthex and gallery over the ruins of a Roman bath complex. Its interior is distinct for its architectural sculptures on the colonnades separating the three aisles. Excellent mosaics are also preserved on the intrados of the colonnade arches, the galleries and the trivelion [arcade] in the narthex.

15

Church of Aghia Sophia Aghias Sophias Square. [late 7th–early 8th century]. This church is dedicated to Christ, the true Word and Wisdom of God and was built at the location of a large 5th century Early Christian Basilica. A typical example of a domed transitional cross-in-square church with a peristoon, in imitation of the Aghia Sophia in Istanbul. The mosaic décor in its interior testifies to the high intellectual and artistic level of the city throughout the centuries.

16

Church of Metamorphosis tou Sotiros Junction of Egnatias Street & Paleon Patron Germanou Street [1340 onwards]. Possibly built as a sepulchral chapel to a Byzantine monastery. Its mural décor is part of the Paleologan tradition.

17

Church of Aghios Panteleimon. Junction of Arrianou Street & Iassonidou Street. [1295–1314]. This church was the catholicon of the Theotokou Peribleptou Monastery and is also known as Mr Isaacs’s Monastery, by its founder, the Metropolitan Bishop, Jacob.

18

Eastern Walls–Rampart–White Tower Through Filikis Etairates Street, where visible sections of the rampart and triangular cantilevers of the main wall are preserved, we reach the White Tower, at the meeting point between the marine and eastern land wall. The tower, in its present-day form, was built in the 15th century as a part of the modernisation of fortifications, replacing an older Byzantine tower. It currently houses the City Museum.

19

Rotunda Aghioi Georgiou Square Originally built as a pericentric building along the sacred road connecting the triumphal arch of Galerius with the palace complex, the building, possible of a worshiping and secular–administrative character, served the needs of the palace complex or was a monument dedicated to the glory of Constantine. In the 5th century, it was converted into a Christian church dedicated to the Aghioi Asomatoi or the Archangels. Its excellent mosaic décor covers the arches of the conches and the intrados of the windows and dome in three zones.

20

Yahudi Hamam Junction of Komninon Street & Vassileiers Irakliou Street (Louloudadika district). [late 15th–early 16th century]. This building, located in the Jewish district, was known by various names: Pazar Hamam (Bazaar Bath) or Pazari Kebir Hamam [Great Bazaar Bath] or Halil Aga Hamam, after its founder. It was constructed as a double bath, with two separate sections, one for men and one for women.

21

Bezezteni Junction of Venizelou Street & Solomou Street. [15th century]. A point of reference for the commercial life of the city under Ottoman rule. Possibly built during the rule of Sultan Mehmet II (1455–1459). The external surrounding stores were added in the early 20th century.

22

Yeni Hamam (Aegle) Junction of Komninon Street & Vassileios Irakliou Street. Known as Alizar, after the cinema that operated in the colonnaded courtyard of the monument, it was built by the daughter of military commander Hamza Bey, initially as a small district mosque. It was expanded with the addition of two rectangular domed areas and an asymmetrical perimetric enclosed arcade.

23

Hamza Bey Mosque Junction of Egnatias Street & Venizelou Street. [1447–1468]. Known as Alizar, after the cinema that operated in the colonnaded courtyard of the monument, it was built by the daughter of military commander Hamza Bey, initially as a small district mosque. It was expanded with the addition of two rectangular domed areas and an asymmetrical perimetric enclosed arcade.

24

Bey Hamam–Loutra Paradosis Junction of Egnatias Street & Aristotelous Street. [1444]. Built by Sultan Murad II. It was the first bath to be built after the occupation of the city by the Ottomans and was the largest double bath in Greece, with independent sections for men and women.

25

Yeni Hamam (Aegle) Junction of Kassandrou Street & Aghiou Nikolaou Street. [late 16th century]. A small Ottoman bathhouse. It was built by Hüsrev Kedhuda, manager of glebe proper ties in Thessaloniki. It belongs to the double bath type, with separate sections for men and women, and a three-section plan. It suffered significant damage due to its use as a cinema.
Alaca Imaret 91-93 Kassandrou Street. (1484). Built by Ishak Pasha, Grand Vizier under the rule of Mehmed II and administrator under the rule of Bayezid II. Based on its architectural type, it belongs to the category of early Ottoman mosques with a reverse-T plan with a central area, lateral compartments on the western side and a pillared arcade.

Tourbes Musa Baba Terpsitheas Square–Ano Poli. (mid-16th century). It is the only intact Ottoman Mausoleum preserved in Thessaloniki and the only surviving construction of a building complex that housed the religious and social activities of the order of Bektashi Dervishes. It has an octagonal plan and is domed.

Pasha Hamam. Junction of Kalvou Street, Piniou Street & Karatza Street. (1520-1530). Built by the governor of Thessaloniki, Cezeri Kasim Pasha, initially as a single and later converted into a double bathhouse, with sections for men and women.

Yeni Camii (Old Archaeological Museum). 30 Archaeologikou Mouseiou Street. (1902). Built according to designs by Italian architect Vitaliano Poselli, in the then-European district of Pyrgoi, as a mosque for the Donneh community (Jews who had converted to Islam). A characteristic example of 20th century eclectic architecture. In 1924, it housed the Archaeological Museum of Thessaloniki. It currently hosts cultural events.

Dioiketikeron Junction of Aghiou Dimitriou Street & F. Dragoumi Street. (1891). Built near the ruins of a Byzantine palace by architect Vi-taliano Poselli, this was the Konak (administration building) of the Ottoman period and seat of the Wali. An additional storey has been added to the original building, along with the pediment of the facade. It currently houses the Ministry of Macedonia & Thrace.

Customs House, Port Passenger Terminal Piers A & B of the Port. (1910-1912). Built by architect Alex Valory, the contractor being Eli Modi-ano. It is the first building in the city constructed with a reinforced concrete frame. The warehouses on Pier A, which currently house the Photog-raphy Museum and the Cinema Museum, also date back to the same period.

Old Central Pump House 47 26th Oktovriou Street. (1880-1894). The complex was erected 1,500 metres from the western walls of the histor-ic centre of the city. The management and ex-ploitation of Thessaloniki’s water supply was then undertaken by the Ottoman Water Com-pany, which had been founded by Belgian capitalists in 1888 with its headquarters in Istanbul. The project was constructed by Belgian engi-neers. The old Central Pump House building has been restored and converted into the Water Supply Museum.

Ottoman Bank. Junction of 7 Frangon Street & Leontos Sofou Street (~1903). Built as an Ot-toman Bank in the Frangomachalas district, which was full of inns and commercial arcades. It was built on the foundation of Jake Abbott’s mansion, which was destroyed after a bombing attack by Bulgarians in 1903. Sultan Abdul Mejid had been a guest at the Abbott mansion in 1858. The sculptures in the courtyard had been trans-ported there from Abbott’s country house. The architects Barouh and Amar undertook the re-construction of the Ottoman Bank. They adopt-ed a Neo-Baroque style with French influences. The building operated as an IKA (Social Insur-ance Institute) branch and today houses the State Conservatory of Thessaloniki.

Old Faculty of Philosophy, AUTH Aristotle Uni-versity of Thessaloniki). University Campus, Ethnikis Aminis Street. (1887). Built as the Ot-toman School of Public Administration [Idadi-ye Mekteb]. Designed by architect Vitaliano Po-selli. In 1927, the newly formed University of Thessaloniki was housed here. The building is known as the Old Faculty of Philosophy of Aris-totle University, part of which remains housed there to this day.

Aghios Dimitrios Hospital 2 Elenis Zografou Street. (1902-1903). Built as a Hospital for De-stitute Foreigners (Qureba Hastanesi) and then converted into a Municipal Hospital [Hamidiye Belediyesi]. It included the Rabies Clinic build-ing (modern-day Ano Poli nursing) and the Gar-dens of the Pasha. It currently belongs to the Municipality and operates as Aghios Dimitri-os Hospital.

Kipoi tou Passa Entrance from EL. Zografou Street and OCHI Avenue. (1904). A green space that served as garden to the Hospital located to the south. The origin of its name is unknown. The constructs found there are an example of the fantastic architecture movement, the only similar construct found in the city being a drink-ing fountain in Modiano mansion.

Sintrivani Junction of Ethnikis Aminis Street & Egnatias Street, Sintrivani Square. (1889). The fountain was a gift by Sultan Abdul Hamid to the people of Thessaloniki. On the day of its in-auguration, cherry sorbet flowed from the foun-tain. It remained in the same position until 1936. The present-day fountain is a faithful recon-struction of the original and was placed in the same spot in 1977.

3rd Army Corps–Strategeion 1 Leforos Stratou (Stratou Avenue). (1900-1901). In 1830, this was the first building to house an Ottoman bar-racks in the region. This building was erected in 1900-01, designed by Vitaliano Poselli and funded by the residents of the city. In 1916, it was used as the government house by the tempo-rary Venizelos government. It currently houses the headquarters of the 3rd Army Corps.

House of Mustafa Kemal Atatürk 75 Apostol-ou Pavlou Street (within the premises of the Turkish Consulate). (1870). Erected by Murder-Hadi Mehmed Vakil. The founder of the Repub-lic of Turkey is alleged to have been born here in 1881 and to have lived here until 1888. After the signing of the Treaty of Lausanne, the build-ing became the property of the Greek State. It then became the property of the Municipal-i-ty of Thessaloniki, which donated it to Musta-fa Kemal. Since 1953, it has been operating as a museum and attracts many Turkish visitors to the city.

Ano Poli (Upper/Old City) Library 7 Kriosou Street–Romeile Square (Kule Kafe). (1897-1905). Erected as the residence for an Ottoman military man. An example of a Balkan residence with a broad facade and curved windows on the cen-tral axes. It currently belongs to the Municipal-ity and houses the Municipal and Children’s Li-brary of Ano Poli.

Çinari Junction of Kleious Street & Alex. Papa-dopoulou Street. Çinari is the Turkish word for plane tree. This district is home to the drinking fountain of Murad II and the Çinari café (typical of the cafés of the Ottoman period), as well as buildings of Balkan architecture dating back to the early 20th century. The area retains the character of an old neighbourhood of a bygone era.

Scholi Tyflon 32 Vassilissis Olgas Avenue. (1879). Built by Hazif Bey according to designs by architect Xenophon Peondis. It housed the Constantinides trade school, the Aghios Stylianos Crèche, etc. During the German Oc-cupation, it was requisitioned by the Germans. Since 1961, it has housed the School for the Blind.
Villa Mehmet Kapanci 105 Vassilissis Olgas Avenue. A three-storey villa designed by Pierro Arrigoni. An example of a country house with Venetian, Art Nouveau influences and Neo-Gothic and Neo-Arab elements. The first owners of the plot are alleged to have been Yusuf and Ahmet Kapanci. During the German Occupation, it housed the Gestapo, while NATO services operated in the building from 1954 to 1973. It served as the headquarters of the Thessaloniki Cultural Capital of Europe 1997 Organisation and currently houses the Organisation of Planning and Environmental Protection of Thessaloniki.

Villa Ahmet Kapanci 108 Vassilissis Olgas Avenue. (1898). Built as the country house of Ahmet Kapanci. A characteristic building in the eclectic style, it consists of a main building and a tower. It hosted the triumvirate of Venizelos, Kountouriots and Danglis. It currently houses the National Bank of Greece Cultural Foundation (MIET) and operates a bookstore and exhibition area.

Villa Mordoch 162 Vassilissis Olgas Avenue. (1905). Built for Turkish divisional commander Seifollah Pasha by architect Xenophon P. Nidis. An example of eclectic architecture, with Byzantine, Art Nouveau influences and Neo-Gothic and Neo-Arab elements. The building stands out for its corner tower-like layout with a dome. In 1930, it became the property of Mordoch. It operates as an IKA multi-clinic and currently houses the Organisation of Planning and Environmental Protection of Thessaloniki.

Jewish Monuments

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1. B4
Monastirioton Synagogue 35 Syggrou Street. (1927). The Monastirioton Synagogue (Synagogue of the Monastiriot) was founded with a donation by Ida Aroesti in memory of her husband, Isaac. Families from Monastiri (present-day Bitola) who had settled in Thessaloniki after the Balkan Wars and World War I also contributed to the erection of the building. When the Jewish population of the city was transported to the Nazi concentration camps, the Synagogue was used by the Red Cross and thus escaped destruction. It remains in operation today, serving the religious needs of the Jewish Community.

2. B5
Yad Lezikaron Synagogue 24 Vassileos Irakleiou Street. (1984). The Yad Lezikaron Synagogue is dedicated to the memory of the victims of the Holocaust. It was built on the site of ‘Bourla’, a small bethel also known as Caal de la Plaza (Market Synagogue) that had been operating since 1921 to serve the religious needs of the numerous Jews who worked in the nearby marketplace.

3. B5
Holocaust Monument Eleftherias Square. (1997). Sculpture by the Glint brothers. Its installation at Eleftherias Square in 2006 is linked to the fact that this was the place where the Nazis gathered Jewish men in July 1942, subjecting them to humiliation and torture.

4. B4
Jewish Museum Junction of Venizelou Street & Aghiou Mina Street. (1906). The building was erected to function as a commercial gallery and the Bank of Athens was housed on its first floor. It is one of the few buildings in the city centre that survived the fire of 1917. It currently houses the Jewish Museum of Thessaloniki and is open to the public.

5. B4
Stoa Saoul Junction of Ermou Street, Venizelou Street & 15 Vassileos Irakleiou Street. A commercial arcade complex built by Saul Modiano, a renowned Jewish banker, connecting Vassileos Irakleiou Street with Ermou Street and Venizelou Street and Ionos Dragoumi Street. The arcade housed the offices of architect Eli Modiano and the Modiano Mortgage Bank. It was constructed between 1867 and 1971, while a section of the arcade was destroyed in the fire of 1917. It was reconstructed in 1929, modifying the facade into a ‘T’-shape. It serves as a historical document to the flourishing of the Modiano family, which began with Saul, a poor employee who became one of the richest men in the Ottoman Empire.

6. B5
Agora Modiano Junction of 24 Ermou Street, Vassileos Irakleiou Street & Komnenon Street. (1922). The largest indoor market of Thessaloniki. It was built on the site of the Modiano Mortgage Bank. It was incorporated into arcades surrounded by stalls, in accordance with European standards of the time. At present, it remains the central marketplace of the city, with stalls selling meat, fish, spices and other wares, as well as tavernas and bars. Its condition urgently requires preservation work.

7. B7
Villa Modiano 84 Vassilissis Olgas Avenue. (1906). The building was constructed for Yako Modiano according to designs by Eli Modiano. It is one of the first buildings of the famous civil engineer after returning from Paris. The French influence is obvious, with dominant Art Nouveau elements. The building stands out for its taperozoid shaped roof. In 1913, the building was purchased by the municipality and was offered to King Constantine as a palace. It was then used as the residence of the governors of Macedonia, which is why it is known in the city as the Palaios Kyverneion (Old Government House). It later housed the Military Medical School. Since 1970, it has housed the Folklore and Ethnological Museum of Macedonia-Thrace, which is open to the public with occasional and permanent exhibitions.

8. B7
Casa Bianca Junction of 214 Vassilissis Olgas Avenue & Th. Sofoulis Street. (1911). In 1911, Dino Fernandez-Diaz, a Jew of Spanish origin, purchased the plot for his Swiss wife, Blanche. The Fernandez family was a key player in the business life of that era. The mansion was erected according to designs by Pierro Arrigoni. It came to be known as Casa Bianca from the name of his wife. Despite its eclectic temperament, it is mostly an Art Nouveau building and is one of the best known mansions of the city, both for its architecture and for a romantic story: the romance between the daughter of the family, Alina, and Second Lieutenant Albertis, at a time when the difference between social classes and religious belief was a deterrent. It currently belongs to the Municipality and houses the Municipal Art Gallery.

9. B9
Villa Allatini 198 Vassilissis Olgas Avenue. Villa Allatini, designed by Italian architect Vitaliano Poselli, was built before 1888 as the country house of Charles Allatini, near the family mills. Along with the Modiano family, the Allatini family were among the most powerful business families in the city. This villa was the largest and most luxurious in the Exoches area. The building is located in the centre of a particularly large courtyard and stands out for its red brick construction. From 1909 to 1912, Sultan Abdul Hamid was exiled after the Young Turk Revolution and stayed at the villa. In 1926, it housed the newly founded University of Thessaloniki.
Post-Byzantine Churches

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1. **Aghios Minas** Junction of Ikonos Dragouni Street & Vassileos Irakleiou Street. In its present-day form, it is a characteristic example of a 19th century church-building. The church had existed from the 9th century, according to industry, remains unutilised and awaits its re-inclusion in the active web of the city.

2. **Nea Panayia** Junction of Dimitriou Gounari Street & Mitropoleos Street. Dedicated to the Dormition of the Virgin Mary, the church was previously known as Megali (Great) or Tran (Powerful). It was built on the site of the catholicon of a 12th century monastery dedicated to the Virgin Mary. The church was burned in a fire in 1690 and was reconstructed in 1727 as a three-aisled basilica with a gynaeconite (women’s gallery), an open stoa to the west and a portico to the south. Its wall decorations are of great interest, as they revive Palaeologan models and thus comprise the only complete 17th century wall painting in Thessaloniki.

3. **Aghios Antonios** Junction of Filikis Etaireias Street & Margariti Street. This was a private chapel of the Metropolitan Church of Thessaloniki and was used as an asylum for the mentally ill. According to its layout, it is a small, two-aisled building with its eastern side abutting on the interior of a triangular tower of the Byzantine wall. It dates back to the 18th century, with the open porticoes to the south and west added at a later date.

4. **Hypapante** Junction of Egnatias Street & Agapistou Street. According to written sources, the church, which was a monastery dependency of a Mr. Joel, was given by Patriarch Joasaph to the Monastery of Aghia Anastasia. After numerous tribulations, it came under the jurisdiction of the Metropolitan Church and served as a parish church after 1865. It is a three-aisled basilica with a gynaconeite.

5. **Panagouda or Panayia Gorgepekoos** Junction of Egnatias Street & Paleon Patron Germainou Street. (1818). Dedication to the Nativity of the Virgin Mary, the present-day church is a stone-built three-aisled basilica with an irregular plan and a gynaconeite, built on the site of a previous church that was destroyed by a fire in 1817.

6. **Aghios Charalambos** Junction of Exadaktylou Street & Egnatias Street. (1905). This is a glebe of Simonopetra Monastery of Mt Athos. It was built on the site of a previous, smaller church.

7. **Aghios Athanassios** Junction of Egnatias Street & Sokratous Street. (1818). Despite later interventions, it retains its original form as a three-aisled basilica with a gynaconeite in the form of an internal gallery that is supported on pillars and surrounds the church in a T shape. It has not been verified whether it was built on the site of an earlier church of the same name found in 14th century sources.

8. **Aghios Georgios** Rotunda Square. Located west of the monument named after it, it served as a chapel of the Metropolitan Church of Thessaloniki until 1758. Its present-day form—a three-aisled basilica with an added continuing space on the southern side—is the result of a renovation that took place in 1815.

9. **Laodigtria or Panayia Lagoudian** Junction of Ioulianou Street & Athinas Street. According to sources, the church was founded in the 14th century by a man named Lagoudiatis or Lagoudatis. In the 15th century, it was the catholicon of a nunnery that was a dependency of Vlatadon Monastery. Its present-day form as a three-aisled basilica with a gynaconeite is the result of a renovation that took place in 1802.

10. **Allatini Mills** Junction of Antheon Street & Th. Sofouli Street. (Mid-19th century). The Allatini Mills Industrial Area. The industrial activity of the Allatini family began with Moses Allatini, who operated a roller mill and pottery, and continued with his sons, who founded the Fratelli Allatini company. The present-day central building of the Mills was constructed in 1898 according to plans by Vitaliano Poselli after the previous building burnt down. The building complex includes the administration building (old residence), warehouses, refrigeration areas and the roller mill building, surrounded by the boiler room, the machine shop and the chimney of Belgian construction. The complex, which is historical for the city and the beginning of industry, remains unutilised and awaits its re-inclusion in the active web of the city.

Modern monuments

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1. **Ladadika** Area around Morrichovou Square. (Mid-19th century). This area was the Byzantine port of Thessaloniki. During the period of Ottoman rule, it was embanked and, under the name Istra, was the city’s centre of wholesale trade. The Ladadika quarter was named from the wholesale trade of oil and was spared from the devastating fire of 1917, retaining the character and memories of the late-19th century market. Different types of buildings and styles compose an image of the city’s architecture and street planning out of the past. Today, the area remains vibrant, as it is home to numerous offices, restaurants and cafés.

2. **Eleftherias Square** (1870). This was the area where the waterfront used to be and was the Byzantine sea wall rose to the north. It was opened up when the wall was demolished and present-day Venizelou Street was constructed to link the Konak (Government House) with the waterfront. It was the first entrance of visitors to the city arriving by sea and was home to hotels, restaurants and nightclubs. It was originally named Apothvaras (Wharf) Square and subsequently Olympus Square, as it offered a view of the legendary mountain. It was renamed Eleftherias (Liberty) Square during the rise of the Young Turks, who marched to the square shouting messages of liberty and egalitarianism. After the fire of 1917, its role diminished, as Aristotelous Square was planned. It also served as the
site of the first drama in the tragic history of the Jews of the city (see Holocaust Museum). In the 1950s, it was converted into a parking space and bus terminal.

3 BS

Aristotelous Square The creation of the square was planned after the great fire of 1917 that destroyed the centre of Thessaloniki. A historic and vital part of the city, it served as the central axis of the redesign of the city by Ernest Hébrard. The architecture of building facades is inspired by European or colonial models, as well as Neo-Byzantine tendencies in the individual decor of buildings. It is a rare example of implementation of scheduled architecture. The buildings were constructed from 1930 to 1960. Thanks to its orientation, the square enjoys an enchanting view of Mt Olympus. The square is home to numerous points of reference of the city, including Electra Palace Hotel and Olympia Cinema, headquarters of the International Film Festival.

4 BL

Hotel Vienni 2-4 Egnatias Street. (1925). The hotel was erected in an area that, after 1880, was home to numerous hotels. The owner was Kostas Manolos and the plans were designed by architect Georgios Kambanellis. It was constructed on the site of the Church of St Kyriaki that belonged to the Greek Community. Its facade shows the influence of eclectic trends in corporated in the general principles of organisation of a neoclassical building.

5 BS

Nedelkos Building 109 Egnatias Street. (1909). Erected according to plans by architect Xenophon Peonidis, the building served as residence to Ioannis Nedelkos and later came to be known as ‘Nedelkos Clinic’. After the earthquake of 1917, it was designated for demolition, but renovation and reconstruction works began within the framework of the works for the Cultural Capital of Europe 1997. Since 2004, it has housed the activities of the Agioritiki Es-tia (Mount Athos Centre), a non-profit company of the Municipality of Thessaloniki that aims at promoting Mount Athos.

6 BS

Old Oekokyriki School 132 Egnatias Street. Purchased after 1890 by the Greek Community and served as a school since 1893. It is directly linked to the development of the education of the city’s Greek Community. It has housed a Boys’ School, a Girls’ School and the Domestic Sciences School. It currently houses the 13th Gymnasium (Lower Secondary School).

7 BS

The ‘Red House’ 31 Aghias Sofias Street. (1926). An interbellum building designed for Ioannis Longos by Panayiotis Stais. Its facade is dominated by curves and uses traditional materials (brick, wood). The overhangs of the central sections, with a tower-like character, are of interest, while the curved corner bay window is impressive. Legend had it that it was a ‘haunted’ house, and it has remained empty for years.

8 BS

Former Greek Consulate 6 Aghias Sofias Street. (1889-93). Andreas Syngros covered the expense of the erection of the building, designed by Ernest Ziller. The area was the centre of the Greek Community from 1590 until the fire of 1890. The building is among the rare examples of pure Neo-classical style in the city. It housed the Greek Consulate, which contributed greatly to the Macedonian Struggle. Since 1981, it has housed the Museum of the Macedonian Struggle.

ANAPOLI (UPPER/OLD CITY)

This is the northern-most and highest section of the old hub of the city and has preserved elements of its historical past. Its first residents were Christian families in the 4th and 5th century and by the 16th century it had become a primarily Turkish quarter, except for the neighbourhoods around Byzantine monasteries and churches. Due to its inaccessible terrain, it was always a residential area. After 1922 and the population exchange, the abandoned homes became primarily the residences of refugees from Asia Minor. The dominant characteristic of the residences of traditional Balkan architecture was the sahnis, i.e. a bay window on the upper storey. The area has largely preserved its unique residential character to this day, with low houses, narrow, maze-like streets, steep inclines and openings with a view of Thermai-Gulf.

9 BS

Building at 25 Theophiliou Street (Kule Kafe). A remarkable building that was possibly built to house an Ottoman school in the late 19th century, it bears elements of neoclassical architecture. The building belongs to the Municipality of Thessaloniki and, until recently, housed the department of the Deputy Mayor for Culture.

10 BS

Mansion at 13 Theophiliou Street (Kule Kafe). (late 19th century). A mansion that stands out for the pedimental corners above the bay windows and the decorated wooden elements dominated by curves. The building belongs to the Hellenic Public Real Estate Service and houses the Publishers’ Association of Northern Greece and the Society for the Preservation of Historical Archives.

11 BS

Building at 17 Herodotou Street (late 19th century). Herodotou Street, passing in front of the Church of Aghios Nikolaos Orfanos, is one of the few Byzantine streets of the city. It was home to Christian families as the church was never converted into a mosque. The building was purchased by the Ministry of Culture in 1979 and has since housed the Ephorate of Contemporary and Modern Monuments of Central Macedonia.

12 BS

Building at 47 Mousson Street Mousson Street and Akropoleos Street were the main roads of the Taxiarhes neighbourhood that bordered Vlatadon Monastery. The conversion of the Church of Taxiarhes into a mosque drew the Muslim population to the region, while its adja-cency to Vlatadon Monastery, which remained a functioning Christian monastery, rendered the area one of the most densely populated and mixed neighbourhoods in the Upper City. The two-storey building with a courtyard and a wooden extension (type of bay window) of note-worthy design was donated in 1910 to the Min-istry of Culture. Today, it co-houses the Ephor-ate of Contemporary and Modern Monuments of Central Macedonia.

13 BS

Archaeological Museum 6 Manoli Andronikou Street. (1962). After its temporary housing at Yeni Camii, the museum acquired a perma-nent home at the building designed by Patrok-los Karantinos. An important representative of modernism, he was inspired by the introversion of the Greek home. The museum houses occasional and permanent exhibitions on the region of Macedonia from the prehistoric era to late antiquity.

14 BS


15 BS

Papafioi Ophanage 33 Papafi Street. (1894-1903). Ioannis Papafis was born in Thessaloniki in 1792 and although he lived abroad, he never forgot his birthplace. His endowment covered the expense for the erection of the building, designed by Xenophon Peonidi and surrounded by pine trees. It was Papafis’ wish that a Boys’ Orphanage named ‘Meliteus’ be founded and maintained. Its E-shaped plan symbolised Eleftheri Ellida [a Liberated Greece]. Apart from accommodation, the orphanage also provided orphans with technical training (tailoring, carpentry, shoemaking, furniture-making, electrical work, etc.) and has since been a major institution of the region.
ironmongery, machining). It currently operates as the Boys’ Care Centre of Thessaloniki.

16 D7
Former Russian Hospital 35 Papanastasiou Street. (1907). Built to serve the needs of the Russian Community, it operated until the Russian Revolution, at which time the Russian Community was dissolved. It then became a maternity clinic and currently houses the Historical Archives of Macedonia.

17 D7
Villa Michaelidi 24 Vassilissis Olgas Avenue. (1890). In 1886, this plot, extending to the sea, was purchased by Ch. Themelis. The residence became the property of Levy Saul Modigliani and subsequently of the brothers Mario and Joseph Naar, before being purchased by the Michaelidis family in 1926. It is a remarkable building, typical of the eclectic style that prevailed in Thessaloniki from the late 19th to the early 20th century.

18 D7
Salem Mansion 20 Vassilissis Olgas Avenue. (1878). Built by a French Jew named Jegorba. In 1894, it was sold to Jewish lawyer Emmanuel Salem, a distinguished attorney of Thessaloniki with an international career. In 1898, the mansion was the birthplace of his son, Raphael Salem, an outstanding mathematician who excelled at American Universities and gave his name to the ‘Salem Numbers’ and a prize for mathematicians. In 1924, the building was purchased by the Italian State, to which it continues to belong, and served as the Italian Consulate until 1978. The building remains unused and in need of restoration.

19 D7
Former Melissa Orphanage 36 Vassilissis Olgas Avenue. (1897). Built for Osmani Ali Bey. In 1913, King Ferdinand of Bulgaria was a guest here and in 1914, it was converted into the Bulgarian Consulate. In 1915, upon the arrival of the Armée d’Orient (Army of the Orient) in Thessaloniki, it was occupied by the French and housed the French Army Headquarters. After the destruction of Smyrna, Melissa Orphanage was relocated here. The building was requisitioned during the German Occupation and operated as an orphanage once more from the liberation until 1977. It currently houses the Centre for Byzantine Research of Aristotle University.

20 C8
Château Mon Bonheur 110 Vassilissis Olgas Avenue. (1890). Built by Dimitris Ioannis Tsakirdekis according to designs by Frederic Charpentier. It consisted of two buildings: a mansion and a café. The building stands out for its Venetian-style battlements and external red brick facades. The building is in need of restoration.

21 C8
Villa Chatzilazarou 131 Vassilissis Olgas Avenue. (1890). Built by Euphrosyne Chatzilazarou, wife of Pericles Chatzilazarou, according to designs by architect Xenophon Peoniadis. It was once home to PIKPA and Villa Allatini. The building has obvious elements of Art Nouveau in its window frames and ironwork. It was once home to PIKPA and its soup kitchen. In 1952, Nikolaos Zardinidis purchased the villa from the heir of the original owner. Since 1997, it has housed the Conservatory of Northern Greece and the Villarte Centre of Culture and Art.

22 C8
Villa Morpurgo 16 Chaeronias Street. The villa was erected before 1906 according to designs by architect Vitaliano Poselli. The owner was an Italian Jewish woman named Fanny Ouziel, wife of Moise Morpurgo, director of the Allatini flour mill. It is adjacent to the Ouziel residence and Villa Allatini. The building has obvious elements of Art Nouveau in its window frames and ironwork. It was once home to PIKPA and its soup kitchen. In 1952, Nikolaos Zardinidis purchased the villa from the heir of the original owner. Since 1997, it has housed the Conservatory of Northern Greece and the Villarte Centre of Culture and Art.

23 B5
Holy Catholic Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception of the Virgin Mary 19 Frangon Street. (1899). Built on the site of an older church, the cathedral was consecrated during the German Occupation and operated as a place of worship. It was designed by architect Vitaliano Poselli and remains in operation. It is located adjacent to the Armenian Catholic Centre and the offices of the Community.

24 B4
Armenian Orthodox Church of the Virgin Mary 4 Dialeiti Street. (1903). The church was erected after extensive actions by the Armenian Community to acquire a place of worship. It was designed by architect Vitaliano Poselli and remains in operation. It is located adjacent to the Armenian Cultural Centre and the offices of the Community.

25 B4
Orthodox Cemetery 159 Aghiou Dimitriou Street. (1875). Ceded to the Brotherhood of Friends of the Poor as a burial site for the Orthodox Christian community.

26 B4
Armenian Cemetery, Protestant Cemetery Elenis Zografou Street-Evangelistria. Constructed in the late 19th century.
ROMAN MONUMENTS
1 Palace complex of Roman Caesar Gaius Galerius Valerius Maximianus
2 Hippodrome
3 Section of the ancient road at the Macedonian Museum of Modern Art
4 Galerius Triumphal Arch (Camara)
5 Monumental fountain
6 Roman Forum
7 Roman temple
8 Kyprion Agoniston Square
9 Rotunda
Early Christian and Byzantine Monuments

1. Walls
2. Church of Aghios Apostoloi
3. Church of Aghia Ekaterini
4. Church of Profillis Elias
5. Church of Hosios David (Lateomas Monastery)
6. Watadon Monastery
7. Heptapyrgion
8. Acropolis Walls–Lapardas Tower–Anna Paleologina Gate–Trigonion
9. Tower or Alyssios Tower
10. Church of Aghios Nikolaos Orphanos
11. Byzantine baths
12. Church of Aghios Dimitrios – Crypt
13. Church of Panayia Chalkeon
14. Church of the Acheiropoeitos
15. Church of Aghios Panteleimon
16. Church of Metamorphosis tou Sotiros
17. Church of Aghios Dimitrios – Crypt
18. Rampart–White Tower
19. 19 Rotunda

Post-Byzantine Churches

1. Aghios Minas
2. Neo Panagia
3. Aghios Antonios
4. Hypapante
5. Panagouda or Panayia Gorgoepekoos
6. Aghios Charalampos
7. Aghios Athanasios
8. Aghios Georgios
9. Laodigitria or Panayia Lagoudiani

Map of Thessaloniki Monuments
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9 25 Theophiliou Street
10 13 Theophiliou Street
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22 KASTRA (CASTLE)
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ARISTOTELEID PANEPISTIMEO
THESALONIKIS (UNIVERSITY AREA)

CHOROS DIETHNOUS EKTHESIS
THESALONIKIS (HELEXPO TIF)