



**The Holy, Royal and Stavropegic Monastery
of Panagia tou Machaira**

CYPRUS TOURISM ORGANISATION

It is located at the eastern extremity of the Troodos range, at an altitude of 870 meters, close to the Kionia peak (1,423 meters). It is built on a beautiful slope full of pines that rolls down to Pedieos River. It is a royal monastery because its construction was financially assisted by the emperor, and stavropegic because it is autocephalous, as indicated by the cross placed at its foundations. It is dedicated to the Virgin and celebrates on *Eisodia*, the Entrance of the Virgin to the Temple, on 21 November.