

## Spiros Monastery

The Monastery is ruled by the Lord Abbot Gregory Nazienses, Primate of the Church of Holy Spiros, whose remains are enshrined in a sarcophagus in the most westerly part of the Basilica (6).

The Basilica and Monastery buildings are enclosed by a 10' stone wall, punctuated by 20' towers of 2 floors, reached via the battlements. The monks are somewhat paranoid about defences, since they (rightly) fear the revolt of the countryside, or an invasion from vengeful Davarin (dwarves), that they slaughtered here on the island when they invaded it 63 years ago.

Behind these walls, they live in the cloistered buildings – mainly with dormitories and an infirmary on the first floor, with a library (10) and scriptorium (11), their major industry in the monastery, on the ground floor. Thorough indoctrination takes place in the cloister chapel (14) or lecture room (12), along with lessons in reading, writing and arithmetic in the latter.

The monks or lay brothers prepare food in the kitchens (9), and keep the bathroom and garderobe (16) clean. The Master Herbalist (17) prepares all the necessary concoctions necessary for the infirmary, and also to enliven the daily meals. A few horses are kept in the stables (23), along with a few wagons for transport to other areas on the island. The surrounding village supplies the rest of their needs.

The water supply comes from a huge water catchment on the kitchen roof, and the plumbing is quite advanced for this era.

The monks and lay brothers have devotions in the basilica six times a day – at dawn, midday, mid-afternoon, after sunset and at midnight, and 3 hours before dawn.

Supplies to and from the outside world are stored in the crypt and cavern below the crypt, with the cave behind the Spiros Falls (26), giving entrance to the caverns from the outside world. The first level of the Monastery, and Crypt and cavern below will be detailed in later maps.

The hierarchy of the Order is as follows:

Abbot:	Lord Gregory Nazienses
Prior:	Demetrios Theotaso
Master Healer:	Eugenios Paraminos
Master Herbalist:	Epaminthenes Solomonides
Master Scrivener:	Nicholas Kanargeo
Master Cellarer:	Sapphos Salos
Master Storer:	Irisios Epistratou
Master of Brothers:	Medeos Adiakaso

Master Ostler: Niko Stoichosia

There are 80 monks in all, and 50 lay brothers. All are celibate, and the senior members are also castrate.