



## Artist in focus: El Greco. 27.11.23

### Some suggested reading:

David Davies et al., *El Greco* [exh.cat.], Yale University Press, 2003.

A highly authoritative and beautifully illustrated catalogue published in conjunction with the El Greco exhibition organised by the National Gallery, London and the Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York.

More recently many eminent El Greco scholars have contributed to the catalogue of the exhibition held at the Art Institute, Chicago, *El Greco: Ambition and Defiance* (edited by Rebecca J. Long), Yale University Press, 2020. Highly recommended.

Fernando Marías, *El Greco, Life and Work, a New History*, Thames and Hudson, 2013.  
Currently out of print, but can be found 'new or used' at disparate prices online.

Anastasia Drandaki, ed. *The Origins of El Greco: Icon Painting in Venetian Crete* [exh.cat.], Hellenic Museums Shop, 2009.

This exhibition was held at the Alexander S. Onassis Cultural Center in New York City (November 17, 2009-February 27, 2010) and curated by Anastasia Drandaki of the Benaki Museum in Athens. Useful for those wanting to explore el Greco's artistic origins in more depth.

Franz Philipp, "El Greco's Entombment of the Count of Orgaz and Spanish Medieval Tomb Art." *Journal of the Warburg and Courtauld Institutes*, vol. 44, 1981, pp. 76-89.

David Davies, "El Greco and the Spiritual Reform Movements in Spain." *Studies in the History of Art*, vol. 13, 1984, pp. 57-75.

### Suggested visits and exhibitions:

*El Greco*, Palazzo Reale, Milan.

13th October 2023 - 4th February 2024

<https://www.palazzorealemilano.it/en/mostre/el-greco>

The best place to see paintings by el Greco is in Spain – you should visit the Prado Museum in Madrid and his home town of Toledo.

In Toledo, don't miss:

- The Museo del Greco - <https://www.culturaydeporte.gob.es/mgreco/inicio.html>
- The Church of Santo Tomé - <http://santotome.org/el-greco> (allow time for queuing!)
- The Tavera Hospital (book a visit in advance) - [http://en.fundacionmedinaceli.org/monumentos/hospital/descubra\\_apuntes.aspx](http://en.fundacionmedinaceli.org/monumentos/hospital/descubra_apuntes.aspx)
- The Church of Santo Domingo el Antiguo (not easy to find, but worth it!)
- The Museo of Santa Cruz - <https://cultura.castillalamancha.es/museos/nuestros-museos/museo-de-santa-cruz>
- The Sacristy of the Cathedral

Warm wishes,  
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