

Ward Name: **Church District**

Motto: "By the will of the Five"



Colours: Blue trimmed white and black

Device: Azure a moon Argent between two eagle's claws Or winged Sable affrontee.  
Originally displayed Azure a sun Or, which was changed to a moon Argent after the Thyatian conquest. The eagle claws were added after the Hall of the Griffon was built, by permission of the Order.

Patron: Vanya  
Prior:  
Captain:

Overview: Like the Stronghold District, the Church District retains the original walls of Marilenev. However, unlike the Radu district, this region was taken over fully by invading Thyatians, who levelled many of the buildings and erected their own temples. These temples were in turn demolished or converted to the Church of Karameikos with the coming of Stefan. Rumours persist about the existence of underground vaults of the original Traladarans or later, more secret faiths. *[K:KoA]*

Demographics: Population: c2,500 in 27 blocks  
Primarily Thyatian

Thyatian upper class ward, with the obvious church influence. A place where the conservative Thyatian faction (a la Oderbry) is strongest. Also a strong chivalric feel. A mix of Thyatian (i.e. classical) and Karameikan (i.e. early renaissance) architecture. *[agathokle/the Piazza]*

History: The present-day Church District of Specularum was the site of a fortified village named Os-Khimn was constructed by the Notjoian-led Traldar people around BC1500. A century later following the demise of the their Nithian lords, the Traldar settlement is taken over by Hutaakans. Within a further three centuries, the village (now named Marilenev) is firmly established as a walled town with an expanding population just to the south-west of the earlier Nithian settlement. Various Traldar-centric temples are built in the Church District.

By AC400, the area has become a known power base for the region. Thyatian missionary clerics arrive in the area of Marilenev

and the first Thyatian shrine is built in the Church District on the site of the modrn Church of Karameikos.

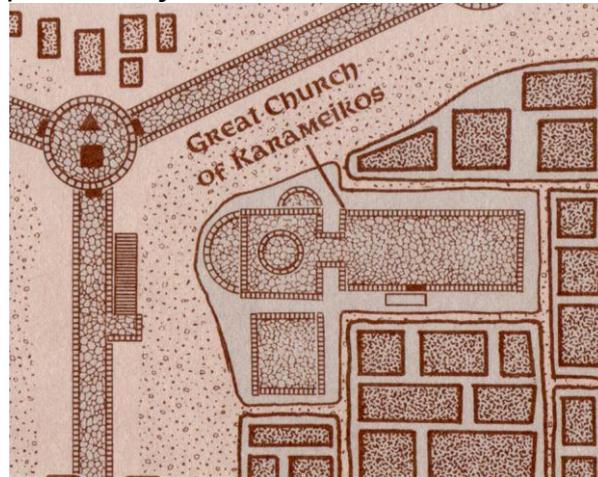
As a result of the Thyatian Occupation of the area in AC900, the Thyatians level mostof the buildings in the Church District and build their own temples.

When Srefan Karameikos acquires the Traladaran lands from the Emperor in AC970, he commences a major building programme. This includes the design and construction of the Great Church of Karameikos – it’s location being that of the earlier Thyatian shrine of 500 years before.

Monuments & Public Buildings:	4 Fountains 1 Well Column of Flavian Osteropoulos [ <i>agathokles</i> ]
Churches & Temples:	Major building is the Great Church of Karameikos Associated with this is the Hall of the Order of the Griffon There is a (Primary) School associated with the church.  Church of Thyatis [ <i>agathokles</i> ] – presumably remaining from the pre-Stefan period?  New Church of Karameikos Columbarium [ <i>agathokles</i> ] - a place for the respectful and usually public storage of cinerary urns (i.e. urns holding a deceased’s cremated remains). (Does the Church of Thyatis above act in this role as well?)
Inns & Taverns:	1 Inn “The Immortals’ Rest” ?  6 Taverns
Buildings:	Most businesses (shops and workp;aces) are located in the northern third of this District. The lower section is residential. There are a variety of businesses located here, not only providing supplies for the residential blocks, but supporting the religious buildings, e.g. golds/silversmiths, vestment makers, candle makers, etc.; also catering for “pilgrims” visiting this spiritual area. Stables Granaries Bathhouses (Thyatian)
Notable Residents:	Lord Oliver Jowett (Patriarch of the Church of Karameikos)* Magdel (Assistant to the Patriarch of Specularum) Alfric Oderbry (Leader of Thyatian faction of Church of Karameikos)

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*\*the Mirror Bay detail map in GAZ1 shows a large square building just south of the Great Church of Karameikos – presumably the Residence of the Patriarch*



Law  
Enforcement &  
Crime:

The Street Regiment of the City Guard stationed in the South End District provides some patrol of this area; (Does the Order of the Griffon provide some law enforcement here?)

See AllanP's article at the Vauts -

<http://www.pandius.com/speccgrd.html>

Other Notes: