

Some thoughts on the Monastery of Vatopaidi

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Allow me to begin by saying that for two months now we have

been dealing with a very delicate and complex issue, which I see that some people have precipitated, accelerated, analyzed, prejudged and, all too easily, reached a verdict of guilty.

In my view, however, the matter requires a great deal more time and a great deal more knowledge on our part, as I would be the first to admit.

Since I cannot be sure how clear it is to everyone how we came to find ourselves in such deep waters, I suggest that we realize that we require profound, specialist knowledge- and composite knowledge at that- regarding matters of history, the law, the Church and theology, as well as some experience of monasticism. Not, of course, subjective, individual views, but those based on the canons of the Church.

I do hope that at least those who have undertaken to clarify this complicated issue are possessed of this composite knowledge.

If we are to analyze the matter properly, we need to be clear from the beginning which of all the many possible headings we shall be dealing with, and these are:...

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