

Holy Mountain: Some people are determined to leave nothing standing

[Ξένες γλώσσες / In English](#)



Written by Father Moïsis, Monk of Mount Athos

It is difficult today not to be overwhelmed by the outcry in the media and the stone-throwing on the part of the mob, but, undaunted and unafraid, we shall attempt to achieve this for the sake of the truth. We shall not delve into the heart of the matter, which, of course, we do not know. Instead, we shall speak of certain parameters, certain statements which have been made, certain intimations we have and the climate which obtains.

The issue is the Monastery of Vatopedi. In the first place, the Monastery of Vatopedi is considered to be- and, indeed, is- one of the foremost monasteries of Orthodoxy. It has a splendid history stretching back more than a thousand years, has produced saints, has a wealth of heirlooms, superb architecture, a total 35,000 sq. m. building space, 100 monks (most of whom are young and well-educated) more than 150 workers (architects, engineers, builders, craftsmen and labourers). Factor in visitors and this represents some 600 servings of food a day.

Today's brotherhood,... [\(περισσότερα...\)](#)