

Philanthropist Athanasios Martinos sworn-in as new Mt. Athos civil governor



The new civil governor of Mt. Athos, Athanasios Martinos, was sworn-in on Wednesday.

Martinis, a well-known ship owner and philanthropist, was appointed to the high-profile post by Greek Prime Minister Kyriakos Mitsotakis.

Mt. Athos is a semi-autonomous Orthodox monastic community in northern Greece. Twenty monasteries, all male, are located on the eastern-most promontory of Halkidiki prefecture.

Martinis has been widely acknowledged by various Orthodox primates, including the Ecumenical Patriarch of Constantinople, His All Holiness Bartholomew I, the Patriarchs of Jerusalem and Alexandria, as well as the Archbishop of Athens and All Greece, His Beatitude Ieronymos.

The well-known shipping magnate is a benefactor of all the Holy monasteries on Mt. Athos, the most significant Orthodox center of monasticism in the world.

In a written statement, he noted that "...my sole motivation for assuming this specific position is to contribute to my country and to Mt. Athos."

Martinos has insisted on serving as the civil governor without any remuneration.