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Ecumenical Patriarch proclaimed 'spiritual proprietor' of Holy & Great Monastery of Vatopedi



The Ecumenical Patriarch of Constantinople, His All Holiness Bartholomew I, was proclaimed as the “spiritual proprietor” of the Holy and Great Monastery of Vatopedi, during a ceremony at the Monastery’s synodical hall on Monday.

The high distinction was bestowed upon the Ecumenical Patriarch by the Elder Archimandrite Ephraim, the Abbot of the Monastery, who cited Bartholomew’s care and imperative contribution towards Vatopedi’s cenobitic monasticism.

As the Patriarchate’s then Metropolitan of Philadelphia, Bartholomew had arrived 30 years ago as part of a three-hierarchy delegation to reconstitute and restore cenobitic monasticism in the Holy and Great Monastery of Vatopedi.

His All Holiness also toured the ancient Monastery's sacristy, where priceless heirlooms, Byzantine emperors' bulls and ecclesiastical treasures are stored.



