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Ecumenical Patriarch continues historic visit to Mt. Athos for fourth consecutive day



A historic four-day visit by the Ecumenical Patriarch of Constantinople, His All Holiness Bartholomew I, to the semi-autonomous monastic community of Mt. Athos concludes today, Tuesday.

The Ecumenical Patriarch has visited various Monasteries on Mt. Athos, located on the eastern-most and mountainous promontory of Halkidiki prefecture of northern Greece.

The Mt. Athos tour by His All Holiness has been covered from the very first moment by the Orthodoxia news agency, with videos, photographs and articles posted on the website.

On Tuesday, the Ecumenical Patriarch was received at the Pantokratoros Monastery, where he inaugurated a new building wing, before visiting the Coenobitic Skete of Prophet Elijah, which belongs to the Pantokratoros Monastery, for a brief pilgrimage.

The Ecumenical Patriarch was received with millennia-old Athonite tradition at the Holy Monastery, welcomed by the Elder Archimandrite Gabriel, the Monastery's Abbot, along with other Athonite Elders.

Afterwards, the Ecumenical Patriarch met with monastic representatives of the brotherhood of the Esphigmenou Monastery, where the latter is temporarily hosted.

The visit was highly symbolic, in support of the struggle waged by the brotherhood.

The Ecumenical Patriarch was greeted by Archimandrite Bartholomew and the rest of the Monastery's monks.

Bartholomew was due to arrive in Karyes, the monastic community's capital, in the afternoon.