

Ecumenical Patriarch returns to Fanar after historic visit to Thessaloniki, Mt. Athos - (PHOTOS + VIDEOS)



The Ecumenical Patriarch of Constantinople, His All Holiness Bartholomew I, on Wednesday returned to the Fanar-district Patriarchate seat, after his historic visit to Thessaloniki and Mt. Athos between Friday and Tuesday.

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The Ecumenical Patriarch began his numerous visits to Monasteries and pilgrimage sites on Mt. Athos on Saturday, before departing on Tuesday afternoon from the semi-autonomous monastic community's capital, Karyes, where, in an emotion address, he told a delegation of Athonite Elders and monks, who gathered to bid him farewell, that **"...Your Patriarch loves you without bounds. Until we meet again brothers and children under the Lord"**.

Before his departure, Bartholomew also revealed to assembled Elders and

Hieromonks that the Ecumenical Patriarchate has commenced a process to review the prospect of a **canonization of another reposed Archimandrite, the Elder Sophronius Sakharov of Essex.**

The Orthodoxy News Agency devoted much of its website since Friday to the visit by His All Holiness' to Thessaloniki and Mt. Athos, from the very moment he set foot in northern Greece up until Tuesday's farewell ceremony.







