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Greek Dep. FM visits St. Catherine Monastery of Sinai



Greek Deputy Foreign Minister Costas Vlassis' last stop, during his official visit to Egypt over the past few days, was the historic St. Catherine Monastery, officially known as the Sacred Monastery of God-Trodden Mount Sinai, in existence for 1,600 years in the Sinai desert. The visit comes at a particularly crucial period in the eastern Mediterranean for Hellenism and Orthodoxy.

The Greek minister, who holds the expatriate Greeks' portfolio, held meetings with members of the ethnic Greek community in Egypt, top government officials, and was received the Pope and Patriarch of Alexandria and All Africa, His Divine Beatitude Theodoros II.

Vlassis was also visited several Orthodox pilgrimage sites in the ancient land.

After the Sacred Monastery of God-Trodden Mount Sinai, he visited the Convent of Pharan, dedicated to the Prophet Moses.