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St. Catherine Sacred Monastery on Sinai closed to pilgrims



As first reported on Thursday, the St. Catherine Sacred Monastery of the God-Trodden Mt. Sinai announced that it will close to pilgrims and visitors until March 31.

Back in southeast Europe, **the Archbishop of Craiova, His Eminence Irineos**, conveyed a message of hope and optimism to the Metropolis' faithful, in the face of the Covid-19 pandemic, reminding of the significance of prayer in the life of a Christian amid times of trial.

Elsewhere in Europe, **Orthodox hierarchs in Belarus were briefed at the Minsk theology school on the spread of the coronavirus**, while receiving instructions on prevention and precautions – to be distributed to local clerics.

In Germany, the **Greek Orthodox parish of the Holy Apostles in Dortmund remains at the side of people in at-risk groups**, as Archimandrite Philotheos Maroudas announced that the Church will offer more help to its elderly parishioners and to those in need.