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## **Bulgarian monk from Mount Athos: Bulgaria is an example of unity of society, the church and state authorities**



In light of the Covid-19 pandemic, Bulgaria has shown a unique global example of the unity of society, the church and the government. This opinion was expressed in an interview with the Bulgarian National Radio by Priest Kalistrat from the Bulgarian Zografski Monastery in Sveta Gora (Mount Athos) in Greece. He expressed satisfaction with the God-granted wisdom of the bishops of the Bulgarian Orthodox Church. Bulgarian Orthodox temples remained open, but believers listened to the urges to follow the anti-epidemic measures and were able to watch the church liturgies online. According to the monk, the Bulgarians have incredible self-discipline that is not motivated by the pressure of the state authorities but by compassion for others.

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