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Mount Athos reopens for pilgrims; ceiling set on number per monastery



The semi-autonomous Orthodox monastic community of Mount Athos has again opened its borders to pilgrims, with the ceiling set at 15 male pilgrims per monastery; less for sketes and hermitages, in an announcement issued by the Holy Community. Additionally, a ban on the movement of pilgrims and visitors from one monastery to the other is still in force.