

Public health precautions in place ahead of Monday's Great Feast Day of Andrew the First- Called Apostle, in city of Patras



The western Greece port city of Patras will commemorate the feast day of its patron saint, Andrew the First- Called Apostle, on Monday.

Patras, in the ancient Achaia region of the northwest Peloponnese, is the place where St. Andrew was crucified on an X-shaped cross.

The feast day is annually celebrated with splendor and reverence in the city, although this year's unprecedented public health emergency has cancelled most of the services. Greek PM Mitsotakis, in fact, spoke with local leaders to impress upon them the need to maintain precautions ahead of Monday's feast day.

Elsewhere, the Romanian Patriarchate called on authorities in the country

to allow, even with public health restrictions in place, the annual pilgrimage of worshippers to the cave Monastery of St. Andrew, in the Black Sea city of Constanta.