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Mount Athos reopens to pilgrims, but with restrictions in place



The semi-autonomous monastic community of Mount Athos, in northern Greece, as of today is open to pilgrims.

According to the **Orthodoxia News Agency**, members of the rotating Holy Community, the body which exercises administration of Mount Athos, on Monday decided to reopen the Orthodox monastic community to pilgrims, but with a maximum number allowed to visit on a daily basis.

Among others, a maximum of 10 pilgrims will be allowed per monastery; five for each cenobitic skete.

Additionally, an encyclical accompanying the decision reconfirms a prohibition against visiting more than one monastery per pilgrimage, whereas preventative tests for Covid-19 will continue at entrance points to Mt. Athos.


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