

16/03/2022

## EU Commissioner Várhelyy responds to question on latest desecration at Panaghia Sumela Monastery



EU Commissioner **Olivér Várhelyy**, whose portfolio is the Union's Neighborhood and Enlargement, replied to a Greek MEP's question this week regarding the latest desecration allowed by Turkish authorities at the historic Panaghia Sumela monastery in northeast Asia Minor, in the Pontus region.

**Várhelyy** responded that the European Commission is committed to maintaining cultural legacy in Turkey, while saying that Turkey's culture and tourism ministry commenced a probe to find out which officials allowed the recent filming of a commercial with a disc jockey at the landmark Orthodox religious site.