

In a move described as “unprecedented and unacceptable,” Egypt has ordered the closure of the [Monastery of Saint Catherine of Sinai](#), the world’s oldest continuously functioning Christian monastery. This decision has sparked outrage from religious leaders and surprise within the Greek government, despite recent high-level diplomatic assurances.

Archbishop Ieronymos of Athens and All [Greece](#) reacted with palpable anger, lamenting in a statement, “Yet another historic Fall that Hellenism and Orthodoxy are experiencing.”

Information suggests a prevailing sense of bewilderment within the Greek government, given that the issue had reportedly been addressed during a meeting between Prime Minister Kyriakos Mitsotakis and Egyptian President Abdel Fattah el-Sisi earlier this month. The Greek Ministry of Foreign Affairs is now handling the crisis, acknowledging its utmost importance.

The monastery, founded by the Byzantine Emperor Justinian 15 centuries ago, has long enjoyed global renown and respect. Despite numerous historical upheavals, it has miraculously endured. ...