

AN IMPORTANT BOOK

Miracle on the Monastery Mountain,

by author and artist-with-a-camera, **Douglas Demetrios Lyttle**,
is the story of the unexpected, the unforeseen, the exciting,
and as many believe, the miraculous reawakening and renewal of
**The Byzantine Orthodox
Monastic Republic
of**



This beautiful large-format book, based on Lyttle's pilgrimages over the crucial years from 1972 to 1998, brings to you, in word and over 600 breath-taking images, the history of this male-only peninsula in the northeastern Aegean Sea; introduces you to monks and abbots in fascinating centuries-old monasteries, kellis (smaller dwellings), sketes (collections of smaller dwellings) and hermitages; portrays Orthodox services in churches and chapels in golden candlelight, surrounded by icons of the Apostles, saints and martyrs, and of Christ and His holy mother Mary, The Theotokos. Lyttle presents a different, older, profounder Greece, one of verdant wooded hills and valleys, overshadowed by the majestic granite peak of Mount Athos itself.

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is absolutely unique in the literature on the Holy Mountain.

- ✧ A "must read" for Orthodox Christians because of the importance of monasticism in the history of the Orthodox faith, and of its return, in our time, to that former significance, even in North America.
- ✧ An illuminating and insightful experience for non-Orthodox Christians as well, because the Church that began with the Apostles is alive, recognizable still, in Orthodoxy today.
- ✧ Lyttle's narration of his experiences on the Holy Mountain captivates; his photographs tell stories themselves and their beauty inspires.

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