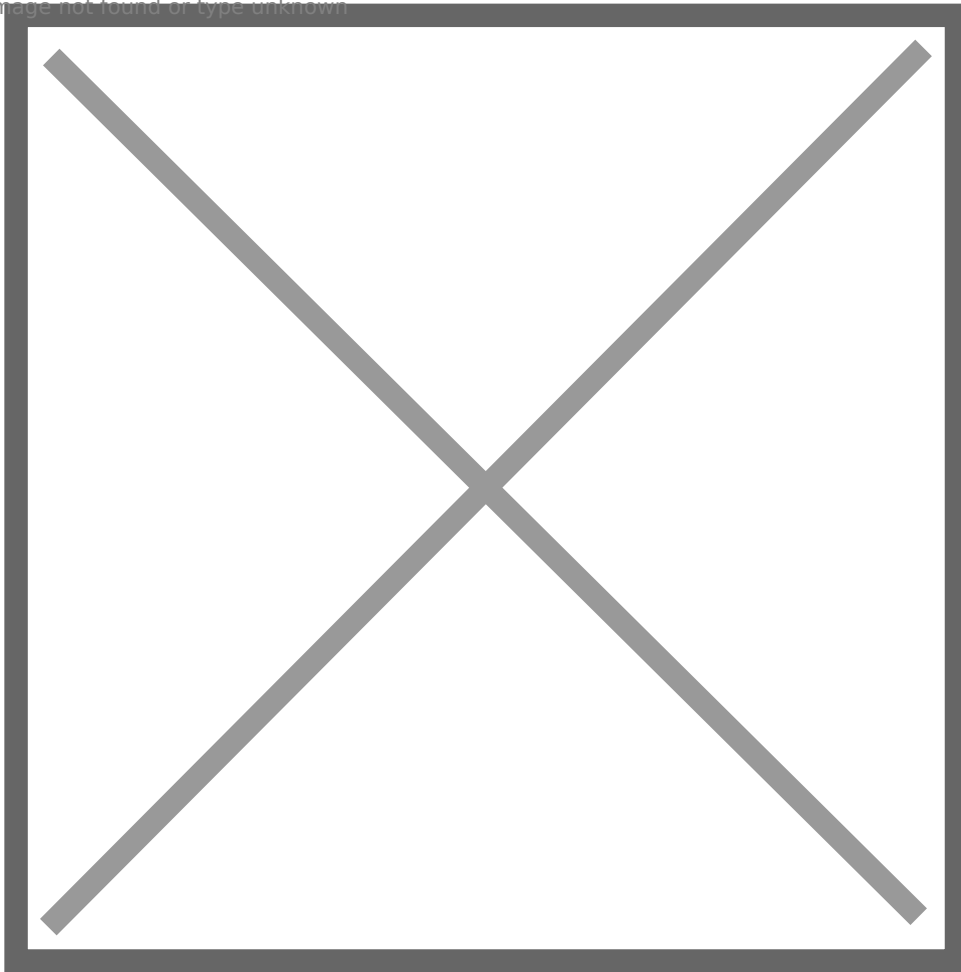


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## **An exclusive interview by the Abbot of the Great and Holy Monastery of Vatopedi, Elder Efrem (16 May 2010)**

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**to Yianna Papadaku**

**“Our meeting in 2006 was an initiative by Karamanlis”**

Father Efrem unleashes both fire and meaningful messages against members of the Karamanlis government in an interview with the Kyrakatiki (Sunday) Eleftherotyopia, shortly before the final verdict of the investigating committee for the

Vatopedi scandal.

He reveals that it was the then Prime Minister Karamanlis who had the initiative to meet with him at the Holy Mount Athos back in July 2006! However, he insists that the only subject of the discussion was the creation of the 'Saint Gregorios Palamas' Foundation. But, he avoids connecting the establishment of the Foundation at the Olympic land, even though its building plans had been in place since 2006, something the then Prime Minister knew about. [\*\*\*read more...\*\*\*](#) ([\*\*\*περισσότερα...\*\*\*](#))