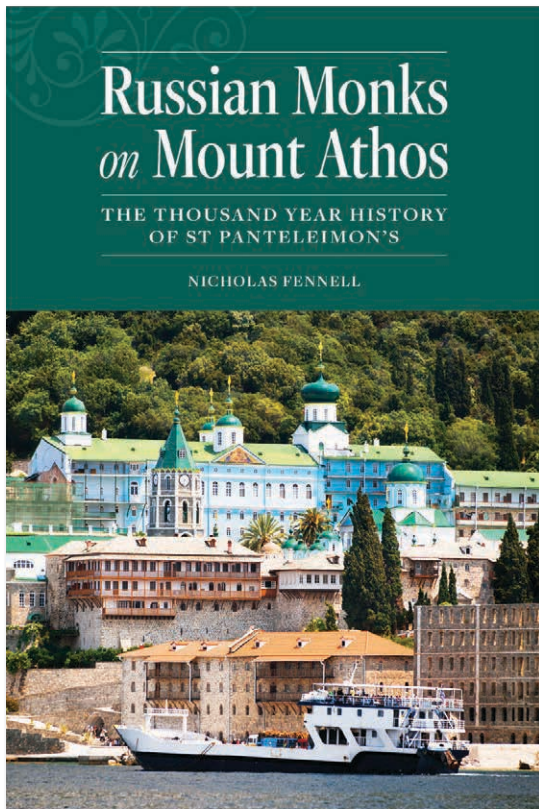




Russian Monks *on* Mount Athos

THE THOUSAND YEAR HISTORY OF ST PANTELEIMON'S



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The Holy Mountain of Athos is a self-governing monastic republic on a peninsula in Northern Greece. Standing on the shores of the Aegean Sea is one of the twenty ruling monasteries that comprise the republic, that of St Panteleimon — the only one of the twenty to carry a distinctly Russian character.

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