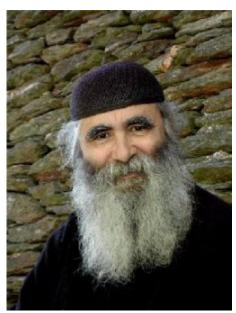
The Conversion of French Photographer Frère Jean (Gérard Gascuel) to Orthodoxy

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Photographer Gérard Gascuel who worked with Marcel Marceau and Salvador Dali and now is Hieromonk Gerasimos says he decided to become a monk after hearing an Athonite monk singing.

«I was 33 when the editor in chief of an influential Japanese magazine sent me to Greece to make a report about the life of Athonite monks,» Father Gerasimos was quoted as saying by the *Rossijskaya Gazeta* daily on Tuesday.

Going around the monasteries he came upon a monastery where there is an ancient tradition to keep skulls of deceased monks. ($\pi\epsilon\rho\iota\sigma\sigma\delta\tau\epsilon\rho\alpha...$)