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Greek PM abruptly announces closing of Churches for all but ‘personal worship’, until March 30, due to Covid-19



Greek Prime Minister Kyriakos Mitsotakis on Monday evening, as part of even stricter measures to prevent an expanding Covid-19 outbreak, announced that “… based on a government decision all services are suspended for all places of religious worship, for every confession and every religion. Churches will remain open for individual worship. The protection of public health requires clear decisions.”



The decision will extend until March 30, according to Education and Religious Affairs Minister Niki Kerameos.

The Greek premier made the statement via Twitter, roughly an hour after the Holy Synod of the Church of Greece announced that ecclesiastical services would be severely curtailed, leaving only a “very basic” Divine Liturgy to be celebrated

between 7 and 8 a.m.