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Orthodox Churches around the world to proceed with Holy Easter Week services, although most without worshipers



The Greek government is expected to announce new restrictive measures on non-essential movement outdoors, which will extend to Easter Holy Week and beyond. Orthodox Churches around the world are facing the same challenges entailed in holding services and Divine Liturgies during Holy Week, also known as “Passion Week”, amid global restrictions on non-essential movement and a ban on public assemblies due to the pandemic.

The Patriarchate of Antioch and All the East announced that Holy Services will be conducted with a bare minimum of clergy and cantors, but without the presence of worshipers. Additionally, in similar fashion to a decision by the Church of Greece last week, the Patriarchate of Antioch said the brilliant Resurrection of our Lord will be celebrated between Tuesday, May 26, to Wednesday, May 27, on the Feast Day of the Apodosis of Pascha.