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Serbian Church requests lifting of restriction on access to cathedrals, chapels



The Holy Synod of the Serbian Orthodox Church this week called on the Belgrade government to allow worshipers access to cathedrals and chapels during Holy Easter Week, thereby allowing Orthodox Christians who are not in quarantine or in high-risk groups to visit their places of worship.

At the same time, Serbian Church hierarchs expressed their solidarity and brotherly love with the Metropolitan Bishop of Montenegro and the Littoral, His Eminence Amphilochios, who was arrested and briefly held on Palm Sunday by police in the small Adriatic country, on a charge that he allegedly violated coronavirus restriction measures.

Read the full announcement of the Holy Synod of the Serbian Orthodox Church down below:

From its session, held today, on April 13 of this year, the Holy Synod of Bishops of the Serbian Orthodox Church addressed the state leadership

of the Republic of Serbia with a proposal and a request to approve the suspension of the curfew imposed due to the pandemic of coronavirus – on Easter, from 5 to 10 o'clock in the morning, so that Orthodox Christians who are not in isolation and self-isolation could participate in the Morning service and the Liturgy on their greatest feast day.

At the same session, expressions of brotherly love and solidarity were sent to Metropolitan Amfilohije of Montenegro and the Littoral, and of discontent at the actions of the Montenegrin authorities towards him.

From the Office of the Holy Synod of Bishops