

## **Cyprus to allow personal worship in churches as of Monday**



The government of the republic of Cyprus on Wednesday announced that personal worship will be allowed in places of worship as of Monday, with up to 10 worshipers at a time allowed into church, chapels and other faiths' temples.

The international recognized Cyprus government controls roughly two-third of the east Mediterranean island and is a member of the European Union and the Eurozone, the remaining part of the island is illegally occupied by the Turkish military, which has set up a pseudo-state in the occupied areas.

The presence of worshipers at services and Divine Liturgies will be allowed as of June 1.

Cyprus President Nicos Anastasiades made the announcement during a nationally televised address, who briefed citizens over a gradual lifting of coronavirus-related restrictions on non-essential movement and public assemblies.

A day earlier, the Greek government said personal worship will be allowed as of Monday, as well, while church-going will be allowed as of May 17, but with "social distancing" in place, along with using masks, gloves and disinfectant.