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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.