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Cyprus govt also eases Covid-19 restrictions on personal worship



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

The internationally recognized Cyprus government controls roughly two-thirds of the east Mediterranean island, and is a member of the European Union and the Eurozone, however, the remaining portion 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, briefing citizens on the gradual lifting of coronavirus-related restrictions against non-essential movement and public assemblies.

The Cypriot president also thanked the Archbishop of Cyprus, His Beatitude Chrysostomos, for his and the Church’s stance amid the pandemic.