

## **Metropolitan of Germany: If we had ignored restrictions, authorities would have sent police to keep churches closed**



**The Greek Orthodox Metropolitan of Germany, His Eminence Augoustinos, [spoke with the Orthodoxia News Agency](#) this week, on the occasion of an encyclical he issued to the clergy and laity, regarding measures and restrictions for places of worship in Germany, due to the coronavirus pandemic.**

In reference to a temporary prohibition imposed by German authorities on the holding of the sacrament of the Holy Communion, His Eminence stressed that if the restrictions had been ignored, the German state would have sent law enforcement to keep the churches closed.