

## **Trial of Metropolitan of Corfu to continue on Wed.**



**The trial of the Metropolitan of Corfu, Paxi and the Diapontian isles, His Eminence Nektarios, is expected to continue on Wednesday. The trial commenced on Monday morning at a first instance court on Corfu, with the Metropolitan facing two misdemeanor counts of allegedly violating public health restrictions.**

The restrictions were issued at the beginning of the coronavirus pandemic in Greece.

A local prosecutor took exception to the Metropolitan's sermon on the March 25 national holiday, where he called on the faithful to attend their churches and partake in the Holy Communion. Another alleged violation is related with a litany of

the holy relics of St. Spyridonas within the Metropolitan Cathedral on Palm Sunday.

In exiting the courthouse on Tuesday, His Eminence addressed the assembled faithful, thanking them for their support and love.



**Several other hierarchs have traveled to the Ionian island to declare their support and solidarity to the Metropolitan of Corfu, including the Metropolitan of Patras, His Eminence Chrysostomos, and the Metropolitan of Serres and Nigrita, His Eminence Theologos.**

Both Metropolitans also spoke to the **Orthodoxia News Agency**.



**Another hierarch who traveled to Corfu for the trial, the Metropolitan of Larissa and Tyrnavos, His Eminence Ieronymos, referred to the separate roles that Church and state must have, as well as what he charged are attempts to criminalize the partaking in the Holy Communion, in statements to the Orthodoxy News Agency.**





Before departing from the island, the three hierarchs worshipped before the holy relics of St. Spyridonas, and held a special prayer service.