

Corfu hierarch acquitted of charges of violating Covid-19 restrictions



The Metropolitan of Corfu, Paxi and the Diapontian isles, His Eminence Nektarios, on Wednesday was acquitted by a first instance court on Corfu of two misdemeanor charges related to state restrictions to prevent exposure to the coronavirus.

In exiting the courthouse, His Eminence emphasized that "...today, the Church was vindicated. Corfu was vindicated."

The Metropolitan faced two misdemeanor counts of allegedly violating public health restrictions. Those restrictions were issued last spring at the beginning of the pandemic in Greece.

A local prosecutor had taken exception to the Metropolitan's sermon on the March 25 national holiday, where the former called on the faithful to attend their churches and partake in the Holy Communion. The prosecutor had also discerned a violation with the holding of a litany of the holy relics of St. Spyridonas within the Metropolitan Cathedral on Palm Sunday.

Nevertheless, the first instance judge fully acquitted the hierarch.





