

## **Archdiocese of Thyateira & Great Britain - Covid-19 updated directives**



Reverend Clergy, Esteemed Presidents and Committee Members of the Communities of the Holy Archdiocese

Beloved in the Lord,

It is with great concern that the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of Thyateira and Great Britain, follows the extremely dangerous increase in COVID-19 cases and following the “Major Incident” declaration by the Mayor of London, we announce the following:

After prayerful and careful consideration and in consultation with Clergy, medical professionals and lay leadership of the Archdiocese, His Eminence Archbishop Nikitas of Thyateira and Great Britain has decided that all the Churches of the Archdiocese will close for public worship, beginning Saturday, 9 January, 2021, following the same policy enacted during the 1st National Lockdown in March 2020. This measure is enacted to preserve human life and to help in stopping the spread

of Coronavirus. Only the Clergy, one Chanter, and the Church vergers will be allowed in the Church for the Divine Services. At other times, Churches may open for private prayer with the understanding that only one person (or one family bubble) may enter the Church and pray; Church Trustees and Wardens are instructed to adhere to these guidelines without making exceptions. At the proper time, an announcement will be made, as to when the Churches will open for public worship.

The faithful are asked to pray and ask God to send His healing grace upon the world and to be obedient to the Church, the government regulations and medical professionals.

By direction of His Eminence Archbishop Nikitas

The Chancellor

Archim. Nikodemos Anagnostopoulos

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