

The agenda of the closely-watched meeting of the Church of Greece's



A closely-watched meeting of the Church of Greece's permanent Holy Synod's is set for this week, with crucial issues on hierarchs' agenda, such as the current government's initiative to change Church-state relations — changes that many hierarchs warn could alter the country's religious and national identity.

The official agenda also includes the issue of the government's insistence on constitutional revision in order to enshrine religious neutrality in Greece's constitution; Church property and even a proposal to alter the payroll regime for clerics in the country.

Finally, members of the Holy Synod are called upon to elect three new Metropolitans, specifically for the Metropolises of Glyfada, in coastal southeast Athens, in Peristeri, in western Athens, and in Sisanion-Siatista, in northern Greece