

March 20, 2021

Glory be to Jesus Christ!

Reminders for Church attendance

Here are government criteria, as well as Bishop approved criteria that we must follow for everyone's safety: (Sorry it is a long list, but each point is necessary to do our part to continue to limit the pandemic.)

- **REMEMBER:** Bishop has reminded us that there is still no obligation for anyone to attend service in a church as a group or to receive communion. This is in place until the end of the pandemic. The Divine Liturgy will continue to be shown online and one may continue to partake of spiritual communion. If you are high risk (elderly with healthy conditions), you are advised to delay your return to Church until you receive your vaccine.
- We are limited to the number of people who can attend. (70) The K of C hall is also available to 20 people as an overflow.
- The Church will be opened only 30 minutes before the service (9:30 am). This may limit exposure.
- We are asking everyone who comes to Church to be registered by putting your name, phone number and date you attend church on a piece paper, bring it with you from home, and drop it in the box at the back of the Church, along with your donation. If using a donation envelope, please put your name, phone number and date you attended service on it. If you forget to bring that from home, there will be forms and a pen in the book rack on the back of the pews. These can be filled out and then left in the box as you leave the church. Please leave the pen in the pew.
- Masks are mandatory. When entering and exiting the Church, allow a minimum of six feet between yourself and others.
- Cleanse your hands when you enter and when you leave.
- Ushers will be present to ensure we do not exceed our limit, assist with seating, making sure everyone is adequately distanced (six feet apart). Please follow their instructions. We will use every second pew. Once seated, please remain there until the end of the service. Families living in the same household may sit together.
- Please practice proper cough or sneeze protocols (into your arm). Avoid touching your face with your hands until you are able to properly wash (using soap and water and scrub for a minimum of 20 seconds).
- We all have a part to do to minimize bathroom use and possible contact with COVID. We must really be careful to ensure proper washing of hands before and after using the bathroom.
- There will be no lighting of candles as this requires touching of items that could be handled by someone else. Instead, offer your prayers in your heart.

- As the Body of Christ (Communion) is at the altar and will be served to the people, no one is to enter into the sanctuary (the place beyond the icons except for confession) to avoid any avenues of contact.
- Since singing has been known to spread particles, we will not sing, rather the entire service will be spoken.
- There will be no collection basket during the service. Instead, people are asked to drop their donations in the same box with their registration forms. People are asked not to share pens or pencils to fill out their donation envelopes or any other form. Use only the pen provided in the pew.
- Handshakes and/or hugs are not permitted.
- Communion will be held at the very end of the service. Those who are not partaking may leave through the door at the back of the church, maintaining a minimum of six feet between without touching too many surfaces.

Those who are planning to partake in communion:

- Wearing a Mask is mandatory. The communion minister will be wearing a mask.
 - Please maintain a distance of 6 feet
 - The body of Christ (only the dry host) will be placed in your hand.
 - Young children receiving communion in this manner need to be guided by a parent.
 - After receiving communion, move off to the side, remove your mask, and partake of the Holy Eucharist. Then please exit the Church via the door at the back of the Church.
- The Church will be cleaned and disinfected after use, however we all have a part to play to ensure everyone's safety. If you are not well, please do not attend for that week. We will do everything we can to limit exposure.

Please continue to pray for our world during this uncertain time and please look after each other by keeping ourselves safe!!!