

- As anxious as we are to see you, and as you are to return, if you or anyone in your home is sick or has a fever, **DO NOT** return to church until all are healthy. This might include exhibiting any of the following symptoms (fever, cough, shortness of breath, chills, muscle pain, headache, sore throat, or new loss of taste or smell), or have potentially been exposed to someone with confirmed or suspected COVID-19, then you should not attend services in-person. A potential exposure means having household contact or having close contact (within 6 feet) with an individual with confirmed or suspected COVID-19 for a prolonged period of time (over 10 minutes) while the person is symptomatic or 48 hours before symptoms developed.
- If you have underlying health conditions or are in a higher risk class, at this point please stay home. This may include being over the age of 65.
- For easier traffic flow, we are asking that everyone who is able to enter the church through the front doors and exit through the side door. If you need to use the ramp for both entering and exiting, please do so.
- Please wear a mask when you come to church. During communion please take off your mask when you are the next person in line to receive, and then put it back on after you have received the antidoron. If you don't have a mask, please let Fr Ben know in your email, as some have been donated to the church for this purpose and will be given to you.
- Please use the hand sanitizer as you enter the church, as you leave the church and as needed during the service. If possible, please bring your own hand sanitizer for your use at church, as well.
- An usher will greet you at the front door and will control entry into the church. If you have not previously signed up to attend, an effort will be made to accommodate you consistent with our maximum capacity and our need to maintain social distancing. You will be asked for your name and contact information - this will allow us to contact you if it is found out later that anyone who attended on a particular Sunday has been tested positive for COVID-19. If your attendance cannot be accommodated, your name will be given to Father Ben to be included in the next liturgy, if you wish. You are welcome to stream the service from the parking lot and the usher will call you in at the appropriate time if you have prepared to receive communion (please let the usher know you if this is the case).
- Please let the usher know if you plan to receive communion when you enter the church, so that you are directed to stand closer to the iconostasis. If you would like to light a candle in prayer before the service, request a candle from the usher. You may pray before the icons, but please refrain from kissing them. Offering baskets will be on tables as you enter and exit the church, and will not be passed during the service.

- We have removed the cloth chairs from the nave, but do have some of the metal chairs ready to be put out for anyone who needs one. These are easier to clean after each service. Please ask the usher when you enter if you would like a chair. You are welcome to sit on the floor during the sermon if you don't have a chair...and enjoy the enhanced acoustics! As chairs have been removed, please bring as few personal items as possible into the church (e.g. coats, purses, etc...).
- The basement will be closed off. Please do not go downstairs for any reason. The bathroom on the main floor, by the conference room, will be accessible to all.
- At the "kiss of peace" during the liturgy, please remain in your designated spot and refrain from kissing or other physical contact. A bow and/or stating "Christ is in our midst" would be appropriate.
- At the time for communion ushers will direct you - please remain standing where you are until you are guided forward. The same will be true at the end of church after the dismissal and announcements.
- When receiving communion, allow the priest to pour the Body and Blood into your mouth by opening your mouth wide, tipping your head back, and not closing your lips on the spoon. Please refrain from kissing the chalice after receiving communion.
- The antidoron will be handed to you by a server wearing gloves, after communion and at the end of Liturgy. There will be no coffee hour or other gatherings for the time being - after you receive the final blessing please exit the church through the side door.
- There will only be 2 or 3 designated chanters/singers, rather than a choir, as we follow the guidelines for social distancing.
- If, after attending church services, you find that you have tested positive for coronavirus, please notify Fr. Ben immediately. Fr. Ben will notify the appropriate entities, including the other parishioners present at the service - this is why our attendance lists, and the signing in of any guests, is so important at this time!