

Guidelines for a Limited Number of Worshipers In Church During the Coronavirus

- + Be aware of the age factor. Those who are over 60 are more at risk.
- + This is especially true if you have pre-existing conditions that could compromise your system. If that is the case, then you need to wait for a future date when we are more virus-free.
- + You must not have been exposed to coronavirus patients within a fourteen-day period before coming to church.
- + It is important that you show no signs whatsoever of the symptoms associated with the coronavirus – high temperature, shortness of breath, coughing, sore throat, lack of taste or smell, etc. Speaking of temperature, you need to make sure that yours is normal.
- + Everyone in church will be expected to wear a mask. The exceptions will be the priest and two choir members once the service begins. If for some reason, you cannot wear a mask, then please contact me. Masks will be provided for anyone who needs one.
- + Social distancing is essential, and the minimum distance is six feet. Bishop Paul made it clear that if I detect a lack of social distancing, I am to stop the service until the situation is normalized.
Any children must not be allowed to move around in the church.
- + Please use the sanitation fluid that will be in the narthex upon entering the church.
- + Candles will already be in the candle stands up front, so please light a candle from the existing flame.
- + The icons will not be venerated by a kiss, but by a reverent bow.
- + Please be aware of the minimum of six feet between each other when approaching the chalice. Everyone will approach wearing their mask, and then lowering it when you come right up to the chalice. Do not kiss the chalice.
- + I will bless everyone with the Cross at the end of the Liturgy from the amvon. Therefore, no one will approach the Cross. Following the Dismissal, we will leave the church beginning with those who are furthest in the back of the nave and thus closest to the door; and then the next parishioners closest to the door, until those up in front have left.