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Christ is Risen!

My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

I pray you and your households are well as we begin to see some businesses and the beaches beginning to reopen in New Jersey. However, we must be aware that this pandemic is not over yet and we all must continue to take precautions as we have been doing thus far, to stay safe and healthy.

First and foremost, we as a Church in America must follow the directions of the Federal, State and Local Governmental authorities as to when we can reopen to the public. Then, and only then, can the Metropolitans make a determination as to when and how to reopen the churches in their respective Metropolises, as they are spread across multiple states and will differ from state to state within any given Metropolis.

When the State of New Jersey allows churches to reopen to the public, our Spiritual Father, Metropolitan Evangelos, will be handing down the State of New Jersey directives as well as his liturgical directives for us as clergy to implement in our local parishes to maintain safe practices while allowing us to once again worship in our sanctuary.

Be assured that I, along with the Parish Council, have been discussing various options to implement and are waiting the final directives from the authorities and His Eminence to bring us back into our St. George Sanctuary we so dearly miss as quickly as possible.

Please be patient and prayerful in this matter as we all want a safe and healthy sanctuary for all us to once again worship in.

I will keep you informed as directives are hand down and plans further develop.

Please remember to keep all of the medical staff and first responders in your prayers as their work continues and also pray for those who are sick and suffering!

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