



June 10, 2020

My Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

It is with great joy and with the blessings of our Spiritual Father Metropolitan Evangelos following the Directives of the Federal, State and Local Authorities, that we will begin to worship publicly in our St. George Sanctuary beginning Sunday, June 14, 2020. We will be following a three phase opening procedure. Orthros begins at 8:30am and the Divine Liturgy at 9:30am.

In Phase One: **ONLY** the church proper will be open to the public for the Divine Liturgy. All Sacraments and other activities are still on hold. There will be **NO** Coffee Hour or ministry meetings, etc. until authorized to do so in the next phases. Other than the church proper, the other buildings in the complex will be closed to the public. I encourage you to visit our church website for a complete listing of the directives that must be followed for you to attend the Divine Liturgy.

https://www.stgeorgeap.org/files/4715/9009/7736/GOMNJ_THREE_PHASE_REOPENING_FINAL_.pdf

Below is list of bullet points for you to prepare to once again enter the sanctuary. These points (Directives) **MUST** be adhered to or you will not be able to attend the Divine Liturgy. **THERE ARE NO EXCEPTIONS!**

- Each family member (including children) must be registered to attend services. This may be done via <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904054FA4A92DAAF66-liturgy> or by calling the church office. This **must** be done by Friday by 12:00pm prior to the Sunday Liturgy. Once registered, you will need to be at church **no later than 9:30am**, or you may lose your seating.
- Attached is our St. George Church Reopening Disclaimer which you must sign and bring with you to church and submit upon entry.
- You may only attend without registering if space permits or someone who has registered does not attend. There is no guarantee of entry for those who arrive late as space is limited due to the Covid – 19 restrictions.
- Live Streaming of services will continue.
- Memorials may be scheduled by calling the church office. The Koliva (small tray) will be blessed and given to the family and NOT distributed to the congregation.
- **The front doors will remain closed. To enter the church, you must enter through the door of the Administration Building and proceed through the walk-way to confirm your registration before entering the Narthex.**
- ALL Parishioners must wear masks including children. NO EXCEPTIONS.



- You will be asked “If you have been in contact with anyone who has tested positive for COVID-19, or if you are taking care of anyone with COVID-19 symptoms within the past three (3) weeks”. If you answer yes, you will not be allowed to enter the Church.
- There will be NO gatherings of any kind after the Divine Liturgy is completed.
- There will be no Choir.
- Restrooms will be used one person at a time (one-in, one-out). The restroom in the Cry room of the church and the restrooms in the hallway of the administration building are the only accessible restroom during services.
- Parishioners are not to wander in the church or in the parish facilities or outside on the parish grounds.
- Parents are asked to keep their children from roaming the aisles of the church.
- Parishioners shall not arrive at church by ride share (Uber, Lyft, Taxi, etc.) or any other means of public transportation.
- You must sanitize your hands before getting and lighting a candle in the Narthex. (Sanitizer will be provided).
- There will be no Liturgy Books in the pews. You may bring your own or print out your own personal copy in English: https://www.stgeorgeap.org/files/7515/8464/4061/Divine_Liturgy_Book_smallest_English.pdf or Greek: https://www.stgeorgeap.org/files/5215/8464/4108/Divine_Liturgy_Book_Greek.pdf
- Ushers will seat **ALL** parishioners as they come into church. Families may be seated together. Seating will adhere to the six (6) foot social distance restrictions between non-family members.
- If, attending any service, a parishioner experiences symptoms or tests positive for COVID-19, they must contact the church office to inform the parish of the date and service attended.

Please be reminded, these directives are for the health and wellbeing of all our parishioners and are given to us by the Federal, State, and Local Authorities.

If you have any questions regarding these directives, please contact me or the Church Office.

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In Christ’s Service,

+Fr. Andrew Eugenis