

My dear parishioners.

It has been a while since we celebrated The Divine Liturgy gathered in our physical Church. Now as the government eases the strict stay at home regulations, many organizations find themselves preparing to gradually resume activities.

Our Lady of Redemption in Warren is ready but we want to be cautious to prevent a second wave and need to be vigilant taking preemptive measures. After consulting with our beloved Bishop Nicholas, and as the Archdiocese of Detroit recommends it, we have prepared the following **STRICT GUIDELINES** so we can attempt to come together again starting at **11:00 AM May 31, 2020.**

Please note that as we have done in the past several weeks, we will continue on Sunday at **11:00 AM** to Livestream the Divine Liturgy at [www.olormelkite.org](http://www.olormelkite.org) (YouTube, Vimeo and Facebook).

So, if you are **seniors or youths** (The pandemic does not discriminate) who **feel at risk** we ask that you **stay home** until it is safe. If you are sick or notice any of the known symptoms, please stay at home.

- We all need to wear **masks** as a **mandatory** requirement. Gloves are optional.
- Only the doors to the right (**IN**) and left (**OUT**) of the **main entrance** to the church will be used until further notice. Therefore, the hall and hall entrances **will not be available.** (NO COFFEE, NO GATHERING, NO SOCIALIZING)
- As you enter the Church:
  - Please **wait for ushers** to seat you.
  - **Keep your distance (six feet)** as social distancing will be enforced.
- During the processions do not touch the priest, the deacons or their vestments.
- No one other than the Clergy will be allowed in the area of the altar.
- Please do not touch or kiss the icons.
- Prayer books **will not** be used as everyone can pray along watching the two TV screens in the front of the church.
- Bulletins will be available so please take them home with you and do not leave them in the pews. Also, no tissues, masks or gloves to be left in pews or the church in general.
- No drinks or snacks for children.
- During the kiss of peace **do not** shake hands, **do not** kiss or hug, and **do not** blow kisses. A mere smile will be sufficient.
- **COMMUNION**: The priest will cut up The Eucharist into small pieces mixed with the blood of Christ in the Chalice. As you come up, **the priest/deacon** will utilize **a separate wooden spoon for each individual faithful which will then be placed in a container and burnt afterward.** As you wait for your turn to receive the Eucharist **please keep your distance.**
- If parishioners come in a large number and crowding becomes obvious, we will consider having a separate liturgy on Saturdays.
- **Sanitizing stations** will be available abundantly throughout the building so please use accordingly.

We look forward to pray in peace as a congregation in respect to everyone's safety so God can spare us and lead us into a healthy and happy future. Let us all heed the call and **follow the rules** for our own **safety** and that of other **parishioners.**

Yours in Christ

Archimandrite Michel, Deacon David and Deacon Rick

**P.S.** Special arrangements will be developed for Funerals and other sacraments.