

## Holy Trinity Reopening Plan

With the blessing of His Eminence Metropolitan Alexios, and on Behalf of the Parish Council on Sunday, June 14<sup>th</sup>, we welcome you back to our church!

We have been given the task of monitoring the safety of our parishioners while the COVID-19 pandemic remains. In conjunction with Metropolis, State of Mississippi and Biloxi guidelines, the leadership of our community is providing precautions that must be followed during communal worship, at least for the immediate future. I thank you ahead of time for following directions that help us create a safe worshiping environment. There will be a team of volunteer to greet, assist and usher you throughout the services. Please be patient and adhere to these precautions. God willing, they will be temporary and end soon.

Please review the Instructions for Attending Services at Holy Trinity. Do not hesitate to contact a member of the Parish Council or me should you have any questions. I pray that our upcoming reunion be as great a blessing for you as it will be for me.

**Also, I expect there to be many parishioners who want to receive Confession which will be given before Divine Liturgy. Please let me know if you want Fr Paul to give you confession so we have an idea on how many to plan for.**

Thank you for your understanding.

George Yurchak

President, Parish Council

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### INSTRUCTIONS FOR ATTENDING SERVICES AS OF SUNDAY, JUNE 14, 2020

For safety reasons we will be monitoring the number of people allowed in the sanctuary to maintain safe distancing of at least six feet. Space will be available in the Fellowship Hall to help overflow.

#### HIGH RISK POPULATION

Many of the parishioners at Holy Trinity are in the high risk population due to being over the age of 65. Holy Trinity has not had any cases of COVID-19. You will not be prevented from attending Divine Liturgy if you desire to do so.

#### BEFORE YOU ARRIVE TO CHURCH

- If you or anyone in your household has cold or flu-like symptoms, please stay at home.
- Everyone who attends church must bring and wear face covering/mask throughout the service. This includes children age 2 and above. If you need help obtaining a mask, please let us know.
- Please contact George Yurchak at [georgeyurchak@yahoo.com](mailto:georgeyurchak@yahoo.com) if you want to make a reservation to attend church. **A reservation is required per the Metropolis of Atlanta.**

**ONCE YOU ARRIVE, PLEASE GO TO STATION 1, OUTSIDE FRONT DOOR AND MAINTAIN SPACING WHICH IS MARKED BY TAPE**

Outside Greeter (s) will be positioned to assist you to:

- Answer your questions.
- Direct the queue for entering the building.
- Register you upon arrival.
- Take your temperature with a scan thermometer. Anyone whose temperature is above 100.4 will be asked to leave.
- Make sure you are wearing a disposable face covering/mask.

**From the Metropolis: "Wearing masks - Although local laws may not require masks to be worn, everyone attending services must wear a mask from age 2 and above. If a parishioner refuses to wear a mask, is uncomfortable wearing one or experiences difficulty breathing while wearing one during the service, this may be an indication that they are part of the vulnerable population and should remain home, and the clergy will make the appropriate pastoral accommodations for them to receive the sacraments if they so choose."**

- Hand sanitizing solution will be provided.

**ORDER OF OCCUPANCY**

The sanctuary will be open first for seating. Once safe distancing capacity is reached in the sanctuary, the choir loft, the cry room and then the Fellowship Hall will be open for seating. Everyone who attends church and wishes to receive Holy Communion will be able to do so no matter where they may be seated. The ushers will direct you at the appropriate time.

**INSIDE USHERS (PLEASE GO TO STATION 2)**

Inside the Sanctuary or Fellowship Hall:

- Inside the Sanctuary Narthex you will be able to light candles.
- You may venerate the icons, Holy Cross and Holy Gospel by making the sign of the cross and bowing. Please do not make contact.
- You must bring your own pew book. We have removed all handouts from the pew racks and book baskets.
- Children must remain with an adult family member at all times.
- Ushers will be on duty to seat congregants. The number of people in each pew will depend on the number of individuals or family members attending. Family members will not be required to safe distance within the pew/row.

## **DURING HOLY COMMUNION**

- Please follow the direction of the ushers to approach for Holy Communion.
- Communicants may remove their masks only momentarily to receive Holy Communion.
- Communicants may not touch the chalice or cloth.
- The red communion cloths will be held underneath the person's chin by the adult altar servers. Communicants may not wipe their mouths with the cloth.
- Antidoron will be distributed at the end of service.
- Congregants in the hall will receive Holy Communion and escorted by an usher into the church.

## **OFFERINGS**

- Please use electronic giving when possible. Instructions were previously put out but you can go to our website <http://www.holytrinitybiloxi.org/> and click on Members in the top menu and then select Online Giving.
- Baskets for your candle offerings will be in the narthex. There will not be a passing of the offertory during the service. Any additional offerings/stewardship/donations may be placed in the Offering basket which will be so designated.

## **AFTER THE SERVICE**

- Fellowship Coffee Hour continues to be suspended.
- While everyone will want to greet each other, use safe practices and please leave the campus immediately.
- For the sake of others, please do not socialize on the plaza, in the fellowship hall, in the parking lot.

Thanking you in advance for your cooperation and understanding.