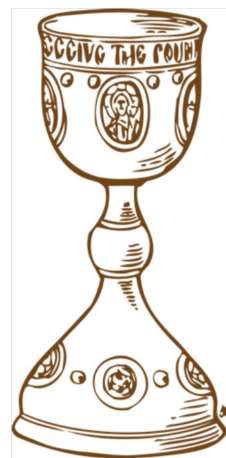


Christ is in our midst!

At long last, we are beginning to see some hopeful signs in the city which may allow us to resume public worship if these trends persist. We must fervently pray that our collective efforts and thoughtful cooperation with established health guidelines will bring about a general cessation of the virus' rapid spread.



And while we await that happy moment when we are able to return, we must consider the impact of our long exile from the Holy Mystery of our Lord's Body and Blood. After much prayer and consultation with the area clergy brotherhood and with the Parish Council, *I will begin offering the Holy Gifts to the faithful at the conclusion of the weekly Divine Liturgy beginning August 2nd.*

Please plan to arrive in the Cathedral parking lot at 10:30 and wait in your vehicles until the doors are opened by the attending council members. At that time, please proceed into the Cathedral to receive Holy Communion. (Please note the blue tape down the central aisle which denotes the spacing between communicants.)

Once you have received the Holy Gifts, you may proceed to the north and south transept doors as indicated by the blue arrows on the floor to return to your vehicles. Your stewardship offerings may be placed in the designated basket as you enter the Narthex.

It is our ardent hope that this arrangement need only take place for a couple of weeks before we safely resume public services. This act of *oikonomia* is offered as a pastoral response to the unprecedented period of exile imposed upon us by the virus.

Many of you have contacted me about Holy Confession. If you are among them, please plan to arrive at the Cathedral on Saturday, August 1st at 10:00 AM after the Divine Liturgy for the adoration of the Holy Cross and I will hear your confessions at that time.

Finally, I am happy to report that I have been given leave to resume baptisms, chrismations, and churchings for small groups of ten. If you are on the "waiting list" please contact me and we can make arrangements for your family.

With love for you in Jesus Christ,

Rev. Father Apostolos Hill | Dean