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OUR CHURCH RE-OPENS SUNDAY, JUNE 21st

By the grace of God and the power of the Holy Spirit, we are pleased to announce that we have received permission by Metropolitan Evangelos to reopen our church at 25% capacity on **Sunday, June 21, 2020**. **I have listed below the important guidelines and procedures that have been set by the Metropolis and the governmental health guidelines. Please read them and understand that you must follow them in order to attend. These are for your safety and the safety of your fellow parishioners.**

- Parishioners must screen themselves prior to coming to church including a temperature check even if they have not experienced any symptoms of COVID-19. If they have any symptoms, they are not to attend Church.

Parishioners must register their attendance with their full names and contact information as they enter the church.

- Parishioners shall not come to the Church by a ride share (Uber, Lyft), taxi, or by means of public transportation. It is strongly recommended that Parishioners arrive in their own vehicle or arrange for another parishioner to transport them.

- Parishioners must sanitize their hands upon entering the Church.

- Parishioners must wear protective masks throughout the Services.

- Parishioners must adhere to the social distancing guidelines of keeping a six foot distance from other parishioners at all times in the pews and throughout the Church. The only exception being for families that have quarantined together, as they will be able to sit together in a designated section of the Church.

- Parishioners are not to wander in the Church, in the Parish facilities, or outside on the parish grounds. Small children shall not be allowed to roam the aisles.

- Only one parishioner will be allowed in the restroom at a time. Parishioners must thoroughly wash their hands before and after using the restroom.

- Parishioners must leave the Church premises, including the parking lot and exterior grounds, upon conclusion of the Divine Liturgy, all the while maintaining social distancing standards.

- If after attending any service a parishioner experiences symptoms of or tests positive for COVID-19, in addition to immediately contacting their medical provider, they must contact the Church office to inform the parish of the date that they attended service.

I will also explain prior to Holy Communion how you are to approach the chalice and receive Holy Communion. We are very excited to see everyone. There is spaced seating, however plenty of room for everyone to attend with a maximum of 50 people at this time. Remember to bring your mask with you and you must sign in when you enter the narthex. No one is to go downstairs during services. You are only permitted in the Church proper. There will be no coffee hour until further notice. As you exit, do not stop until you are outside and maintain social distancing if you want to greet anyone you have not seen in a while. There will be some awkwardness with the masks and how to approach to receive Communion at first, but this is only a temporary situation and it is for the safety of all.

With love in Christ our Lord,

Father Manuel J. Burdusi