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Dear Parishioners,

Christ is Risen!

With Governor Wolf's order to move Cumberland County to Yellow status and with the blessing and approval of His Eminence Metropolitan Savas, we will be re-opening the church **on a limited basis** beginning with Orthros and Divine Liturgy on Sunday, May 24<sup>th</sup>.

It is important that we all support one another as one community with the shared priority of **the safety and well-being** of our parishioners and clergy. Because of the limitations to which we must adhere, you are asked to continue to experience church via our live stream.

The church will re-open under the following MANDATES and for the health of all, NO EXCEPTIONS can be made. See attached information from the Metropolis of Pittsburgh. Please read this letter and the guidance from the Metropolis thoroughly and carefully. Also, please share this information with your extended family who may not receive the email or Facebook notifications.

1. Those with any signs or symptoms of cold or flu (whether it is COVID or not) MUST stay home, as should those who have come into contact with COVID-positive persons within the last 2 weeks. **Those who are at high risk for severe illness from COVID-19 (65 years or older, live in a long-term care facility, underlying medical conditions) should not enter the church building and should participate in services online.** *By voluntarily entering this church facility, you affirm that you are not currently ill or experiencing COVID-19 symptoms; you acknowledge that while safety measures are being taken by the church, it cannot guarantee the safety of every person present; you agree to abide by the social distancing and safety guidelines being practiced in this church; you consent to hold the church harmless against any damages or claims regarding your voluntary presence. If you are not able to agree to and affirm the above statements, you may not participate in this worship service in person and may choose to join online.*
2. Attendance at Church will be limited to 25 people in the Sanctuary and 25 people in the Social Hall for a total of 50, which includes Clergy, Altar Attendants, Chanters, Ushers and Parishioners. Once the capacity of 25 is reached in the Sanctuary, the rest of the attendees will participate via live stream in the Social Hall. Holy Communion will be offered to all who are present and are prepared and wish to receive. **Only PRE-REGISTERED parishioners will be permitted.**

3. We are required to sign up each and every individual IN ADVANCE and document attendance for contact tracing purposes. **You must SIGN UP to attend service by calling the Church office** at 717-763-7441 for this Sunday, May 24<sup>th</sup> tomorrow **on Saturday** and from next week on, please call, Mondays and Tuesdays between 9am – 7pm and leaving a voicemail with your name, callback number, date of the specific service which you request to attend, and the names of family members that will accompany you, limited to 5 people total. **YOU ARE ONLY PERMITTED TO ATTEND WHEN YOU RECEIVE A CALL BACK FROM THE COMMITTEE CONFIRMING YOU ARE REGISTERED.** The committee will register people for services in the order in which your voicemails are received. Only pre-registered parishioners will be allowed into Liturgy. Those who are not pre-registered will be asked to return home. Unfortunately, we will NOT be able to allow unregistered parishioners to come in to light a candle or receive Holy Communion.
4. All social distancing guidelines will remain in effect and masks are required.
5. No money can be exchanged, so if you wish to make an offering for a candle, please bring your money or check in an envelope. Envelopes will be available at the Church.

You will receive further guidance while at the church from the ushers in attendance. Certain areas of the church will be blocked from access and entry to the church will only be allowed via the front door. Special seating will be designated with adequate spacing between households. It is not possible for Clergy or our Ushers to make exceptions to any of these mandates, so please do not ask. As we have said, because of the limitations on the number of people who may attend, we strongly encourage you to continue to experience the liturgies remotely with your loved ones, via live streaming,

We pray for an end to this pandemic and that we may all exercise patience and love with one another as we navigate these **temporary** though very difficult circumstances.

Yours In Christ,



Fr. Michael Varvarelis  
Dean of the Cathedral



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