



Saints Peter & Paul Ukrainian Orthodox Church

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Resumption of Liturgy Participation Plan

Sts. Peter & Paul-Youngstown, OH

With the blessings of His Eminence Metropolitan Antony and Archbishop Daniel, we will be reopening the church for Divine Liturgy and services on Sunday June 14th. As the Covid-19 still out there, there are several steps that we are taking to ensure your safety, in accordance with the Ohio Health Department

Start Date: Sunday, June 14, 2020

Sanitation of Church: complete sanitization will be done before the first service is held on June 14 and after each service is celebrated after that date.

Entry Areas:

- Approximately 50 people maximum capacity in church service.
- All parishioners will enter from the side door and will exit at the end of the service through the main central doors, that will be wide open after the dismissal.
- Caution tape across front steps and front doors will be closed with signs directing to the church side door.
- Temperatures taken with laser thermometer before entering,
- Temperature must be below 100.4 degrees to be admitted,
- Name, address, phone number will be logged for tracing,
- The pussy willows blessed on Palm Sunday will be handed out safely to each person in attendance.
- We will close down for 2 weeks if someone comes down with COVID-19; all parishioners will be notified.

These rules will be clearly posted on the entrance of the church.

Seating Arrangements: every other pew with six feet social-distancing between each person, with exception of family members who live together; parishioners will sit wherever Father has placed a bulletin to indicate six feet of separation.

Removal of hymnals/missals: all hymnals/missals, Bibles, flyers and envelopes will be removed; Father will put changeable parts of the Liturgy in the bulletin.

Bathrooms: will be sanitized before service, and each one that uses it will be asked to clean with alcohol all surfaces used, even the toilet seat, in order to leave it ready for the next person to use it.

Hand sanitizer/ Wipes: every person will be asked to sanitize hands before entering church, although sanitizer will be available in the Vestibule.

Masks/Gloves: Masks must be worn by all who attend; masks for those who forgot or do not have one will be available; gloves are optional, but will be available for anyone who wants to wear them.

Avoidance of physical contact: there will be no “Kiss of Peace”; no kissing cross or icons. Use a bow, as a simple sign of respect to icons and instead of Kiss of Peace, keeping social-distancing.

Collection Plate Location: Baskets for both collections (2) will be located on each side table in the Vestibule; no baskets will be passed; all donations should be put in an envelope and marked with the steward’s name and number.

Choir:

- Choir will social distance in the choir loft, with mask or face shield, one person in each part (bass, tenor, alto, soprano & choir director).

Communion Process: Confession only 1 hour before liturgy; parishioners may make arrangements with Father for private confession during the week.

- As the church was closed during Great Lent, everyone must go to confession before participating the sacrament of Communion.
- Father will wear a mask during proskomidia, the anaphora and while distributing Communion.
- Altar servers will be wearing masks and hold the Iliton during communion, no wiping of mouth; if needed, it has to be done with tissue paper that has to be handed to Father to properly dispose it.
- Communion will be given as usual out of the chalice, but once you approach the chalice, lower your mask, tilt your head back and open your mouth so that Father can pour the gifts in your mouth without touching. Do NOT take Communion off the spoon.
- Floor will be taped to reflect appropriate social-distancing of 6. ft for the Communion line.

Conclusion of Liturgy/Exiting:

- Dismiss by rows from front to back by Father who will distribute Prosphora and dismiss each row individually
- No congregating at the back of the church
- Dismissal will be permitted out the front and side doors; caution tape will be removed and main doors will be open for exit.
- There will be no in-person fellowships, adult study, or Church School at this time.

Church office: Church office will be closed, although the rectory office can be contacted during the week as usual.

The Consistory recommends that stewards over the age of 65 or with compromised immune systems still refrain from attending liturgical services until further notice.

Individual house call to receive sacraments or private visitation of the church may be made by contacting Father Ivan.

All these procedures were established for your protection. If by chance you have any adverse symptoms throughout the week, don't hesitate to contact the rectory to inform Father of your condition and when possible to schedule a priest visit until your recovery.

Understanding that not everyone will be able to come at first, the live-streaming will continue to be available for all members on YouTube.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation at this time. We look forward to keeping in touch with you. If you have any other question, please call the church office at 330 799 3830, and Fr. Ivan will be happy to help you.

May the blessings of the Lord be with you.

Fr Ivan Tchopko