



Holy Trinity Ukrainian Orthodox Church
61314 C.R. 21
Goshen, Indiana 46528

June 4, 2020

Feast of the Equals-to-the-Apostles Ss. Constantine and Helen

Glory to Jesus Christ! Glory forever!

Dear Parishioners,

With the blessing of their Eminences Metropolitan Antony and Archbishop Daniel in consultation with our church board and clergy, the following plan for reopening our parish has been approved. The decision has been made with regard to Federal recommendations and legal provisions provided by the state of Indiana.

Starting Sunday, June 7, those who desire to attend services will be allowed as follows. Individuals and families must maintain a six feet distance in the church and wear masks. Those over the age sixty-five are recommended not to attend at this time.

We will, as recommended by the State of Indiana and as required by our bishops,...

- Ask all individuals who are 65 and older or who have an underlying at-risk health condition to stay home and watch services online
- Ensure 6 feet between individuals or family units of the same households during services
- Space and mark seating, alternating rows when possible
- Clean between each service and regularly disinfect high-contact surfaces
- Place hand sanitizers in high-contact locations and ask all to sanitize their hands before entering the building
- Require putting on a face covering before entering the building and make masks available.
- Implement no-contact greetings.
- Avoid handing out materials
- Establish safe protocols for any communion and collection to avoid contact.

In addition to this, the following will either continue or be added to the above state mandated instructions.

- All services will continue to be broadcast over Facebook. Vespers and any weekday serves will continue to be done from Fr. Silouan's home site.
- The hall will be open only during service for use of the restrooms. There will be no coffee hour or other social gathers.
- Communion will continue to be done via the traditional use of the chalice and spoon with the requirement the communicants do not make direct contact with the spoon. If this occurs, a secondary spoon will be used as needed.
- One cantor will lead congregational singing from the south kliros. The choir loft will remain closed. Those in the congregation will be instructed on the importance of wearing of masks and the increased social distance needed when singing unmasked.

- Those serving in the altar area will be limited to the presiding presbyter, the deacon, and the subdeacon.

As directed by the bishops, we will begin at the church doors on Pentecost Sunday at 9:50 AM where we will sing the troparion for Palm Sunday as we enter followed by the Paschal verses and troparion, and then the liturgy will begin as normal. Feel free to bring the pussy willow branches that were delivered to your homes on Palm Sunday.

Yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Fr. Silouan Sloan Rolando". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large initial "F" and "R".

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