



HOLY TRINITY
GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH
• FORT WAYNE, INDIANA •



November 18, 2020

Beloved Holy Trinity Church Family Members,

As you might be aware, the steep increase in COVID-19 cases in the last few weeks placed Allen County in a COVID-19 “Red” zone. Following the new directives from the Governor of Indiana and the Allen County Health Commissioner **for mitigating the spread of COVID-19**, and in consultation with the Greek Orthodox Metropolis of Detroit, the executive board of our church decided to implement the **following measures going into effect on Monday, November 23rd** until further notice:

- A maximum of **twenty-five (25) people** will be allowed to participate in person in church at any service.
- Anyone who is currently experiencing any **symptoms of illness must stay at home**.
- All persons with **pre-existing health conditions**, and/or those **over the age of 65** are **strongly encouraged to stay at home** and watch the service’s live stream on Facebook.
- Every person who participates in any service in church is **required to wear a mask** at all times, **covering the mouth and the nose**. Those who do not wear masks will not be allowed to enter the church. We will offer masks at the entrance to everyone who does not have one for a donation of \$1. Please use entrance 2 for entering the church premises.
- Following the Metropolis guidelines, the only persons allowed to not wear masks during services are the priest and the chanter(s) on the solea, if they so choose. We are **not allowed to have a choir**, but we can have two chanters singing from the opposite sides of the church on the solea.
- We will have **only one adult altar helper** at any service, and no altar boys.
- There will be **no Coffee Hour** following any of the services.
- Following the conclusion of the services, people will not be allowed to congregate in the narthex of the church and are expected to exit the church immediately.
- **No other activities** will be allowed on the church premises.

If you want to participate in church services in person, you will have to **sign-up** for the Sunday services at the following link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0e4aa9aa2da0ff2-holy> or by **calling the church office** and **leaving a message** on the office voicemail indicating your name and how many people from your family will come to church. Our administrative assistant will receive the messages and sign you up in the order of when the message was left. She will call you to confirm your reservation. **The 25 spots will be filled in on a first come, first serve basis.**

It was with a heavy heart and after much prayer and deliberation that we decided to take these measures, but we believe that this is what we have to do now in order to comply with the directives of our health officials, to keep our parishioners safe, and to help our community slow the spread of COVID-19.

Thanking you for your understanding and cooperation during these everchanging times.

We remain faithful in your service,

The Executive Board of Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church