



ASSUMPTION GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

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ASSUMPTION PARISH (LOUISVILLE, KY) WORSHIP GUIDELINES

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Dear Parishioners,

The following procedures have been implemented based on the requirements and guidelines of the Metropolis of Detroit and the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

Due to capacity limitations as mandated by the Commonwealth of Kentucky and the Metropolis of Detroit, attendance and seat assignment at the service will be determined through an RSVP reservation system. Only those with assigned seats will be allowed to enter.

BEFORE COMING TO CHURCH

- † **Consider your risk.** Those who are at risk (persons with pre-existing health conditions and those over the age of 65) are strongly encouraged to stay at home.
- † **Assess your health.** Anyone who is currently experiencing any symptoms of illness must stay at home.
- † **Make sure you have a mask.** (Masks for children under the age of 7 are not required but preferred. *Note: Children 2 and under should not wear masks.*)

UPON ARRIVAL AT DIVINE LITURGY

A Parish Council Member will greet you to:

- † Verify all who enter the church have a mask.
- † Take your temperature with a touchless thermometer (anyone with a temperature of 100.5° or above will not be permitted to enter).
- † Direct you to your seat. Hand sanitizer is available at Candle Stand.

AT DIVINE LITURGY

- † Icons will remain on the Solea. *One may bow to show respect.* Please do not kiss any icon.
- † Seating (social distanced at 6 feet apart) will be numbered and assigned.
- † There will be no choir. (Chanter only)
- † No paper bulletins will be distributed. *Bulletins will continue to be sent electronically.*
- † No liturgical books will be in the pews.
- † Holy Communion procedures, given by the Metropolis of Detroit, are listed below.
- † No tray will be passed (the tray will be at the candle stand).
- † Antidoron will be distributed in plastic bags. The hand of the priest is not to be venerated with a kiss. *One may bow to show respect.*



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GENERAL APPLICABLE GUIDELINES

- † Capacity is determined by social distancing of family units (distance of at least 6 feet).
- † Fellowship groups, religious education and any other meetings that are typically held on church grounds will be primarily virtual (Zoom).
- † The priest may offer pastoral counsel and provide the sacraments of Communion, Unction, and Confession on an appointment basis. Proper precautions for limiting contact and proximity must be observed.
- † Weddings, Baptisms, and Funerals may also be conducted according to these guidelines.
- † No one is allowed be in any church facility without the express permission of the priest.

HOLY COMMUNION PROCEDURES (METROPOLIS OF DETROIT)

It is clearly understood that the Holy Communion is the very Body and Blood of Christ which cannot be tainted by any harmful thing, and that those who receive it with proper intent of mind and heart cannot be harmed by it. **However, for the pastoral reason that we do not want people to allow their fear of the coronavirus to separate them from the chalice, clergy are to drop the sacrament into the opened mouths of the faithful, being careful that the spoon not come into contact with the person.** If accidental contact with the individual is made, the spoon will be immediately sanitized by dipping it in grain alcohol (140 proof or more) for at least 30 seconds, dipping it in a rinse of water, and wiping it dry prior to the next use.