



Holy Trinity Russian Orthodox Church

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BALTIMORE, MD 21231

REV. FATHER JOHN VASS, PASTOR

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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

In obedience to the directives, related to COVID-19, issued by His Holiness Patriarch Kirill, and in compliance with state and city executive orders, **the clergy and parish council are pleased to announce the reopening of Holy Trinity Russian Orthodox Church effective Saturday, June 20, 2020.**

After three months of social distancing and a subsequent strict “stay-at-home” order, we are now allowed to welcome you to attend the Divine Services conducted in our church.

However, the governor’s order states, “that the total number of persons permitted in a Religious Facility at any one time shall not exceed 50% of that Religious Facility’s Maximum Occupancy.”

Consequently, we must limit the total attendance of Divine Services to 100 persons, including clergy, altar servers and choir. We will have no more than 50 people upstairs in the church, and 50 people downstairs in the hall watching Divine Liturgy on the TV, all following social distancing.

Our parish’s detailed precautions and guidelines are attached to this letter.

Remember, the Public Health Emergency is still in effect. Even though the stay-at-home order has been lifted, both The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the State of Maryland strongly encourage that we continue to take all necessary precautions to prevent the spread of COVID-19. <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-nCoV/index.html>

Thank you for your prayers, concern, and support. Together as a parish family and with the help of God’s Grace, we will get through these difficulties.

In Christ,

Archpriest John Vass
Rector

Victor Oleg Marinich
Parish Council President

If you cannot attend Divine Services...

All Divine Services are live-streamed <https://www.youtube.com/user/HolyTrinitySermons>

You may “remotely” place candles and/or submit names for commemoration during Divine Liturgy by completing this online form: <https://holy-trinity-russian-orthodox-church.myshopify.com/>