

# INSTRUCTIONS FOR ATTENDING SERVICES AT ST. NEKTARIOS

AS OF SEPTEMBER 1, 2020

For safety reasons we will be monitoring the number of people allowed in the sanctuary to maintain safe distancing of at least six feet. Space will be available in the Fellowship Hall to help overflow. In the event the sanctuary and the hall have reached their safe capacity, others will be asked to remain in their vehicles and partake of the services via live stream.

To accommodate parishioners, we will offer two services at least one weekend each Month. We ask that the Saturday services be primarily for our **Senior Population**. We also ask that our **Senior Population** also attend weekday services that are already scheduled instead of Sunday of that week.

Saturdays on September 26, October 31, and November 14 and 21.

Saturdays in September and October: Opening hymns and prayers at 9:45 a.m. Divine Liturgy at 10 a.m.

Saturdays in November: Matins at 9 a.m. Divine Liturgy at 10 a.m.

Sunday, Matins at 8:15 a.m. and Divine Liturgy at 9:15 p.m.

December's schedule will be announced.

## RECOMMENDED ATTENDANCE GROUPS and REGISTRATION – identified by age demographic groups

- Senior Parishioners attend Saturday Services.
- All other age groups attend Sunday Services.
- Attendance will not be strictly enforced in order for families to worship together.
- Everyone is asked to refrain from attending both weekend services. Please choose one.
- For both services, the outside greeters will register everyone before entering the building. They will be recording your name and phone number in the event follow-up contact tracing is needed.

## HIGH RISK POPULATION

Everyone is reminded that parishioners who are at higher risk for severe illness from COVID-19 as defined by civil authorities, shall be given dispensation not to attend services. Please refrain from attending. Those of high risk and/or with medical conditions are to contact the church office for our clergy to make special arrangements for them.

## BEFORE YOU ARRIVE TO CHURCH

- If you or anyone in your household has cold or flu-like symptoms, please stay at home.
- Everyone who attends church **must bring and wear a cloth or disposable face covering/mask** throughout the service. This includes children age 2 and above. If you need help obtaining a mask, please contact the church office.

## ONCE YOU ARRIVE

Outside Greeters will be positioned throughout the campus to assist you to:

- Answer your questions.
- Direct you to the open building for seating. Please look for markings in front of both buildings indicating six feet of spacing.
- Direct the queue for entering the building.
- **Register** you upon arrival.
- **Take your temperature** with a scan thermometer. Anyone whose temperature is above 100.4° will be asked to remain in their vehicle with all family in attendance until the end of the service when all others have departed.
- Make sure you are wearing a **cloth or disposable face covering/mask**.
- Provide **hand sanitizing** solution.

## ORDER OF OCCUPANCY

The sanctuary will be open first for seating. Once safe distancing capacity is reached in the sanctuary, the Fellowship Hall will be open where live streaming the service will be on. When the Hall is full, others will be asked to remain in their vehicles, viewing the service on their devices. **Everyone who attends church and wishes to receive Holy Communion will be able to do so no matter where they may be seated. The ushers will direct you at the appropriate time.**

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## INSIDE USHERS

Inside the Sanctuary or Fellowship Hall:

- Once you have sanitized your hands, you may light your own candle.
- The Fellowship Hall will have small Narthex set-up.
- You may venerate the icons, relics, Holy Cross and Holy Gospel by making the sign of the cross and bowing.
- You may bring your own pew book. A limited number of pew books will be available for a donation. We have removed all handouts from the pew racks and book baskets. Services are also available on AGESInitiatives.com.
- Children must remain with an adult family member at all times.
- Ushers will be on duty to seat congregants using the side aisles, by rows beginning from the front. Every other pew/row of seating will be closed to insure safe distancing. The number of people in each pew will depend on the number of individuals or family members attending. Family members will not be required to safe distance within the pew/row. Unfortunately, we will not be able to honor requests for your choice of seating.
- The Family Room in the Sanctuary will be closed as well as The Porch and the lower level of the Spiritual Life Center.

## VENERATING THE HOLY RELICS

- We will relocate the relics of St. Nektarios, St. Panteleimon, and St. Kyros to the sacrament table on the solea from their chapel altar tables.
- At the time for Holy Communion, the table will be moved to the center of the solea so all may venerate as they approach for Holy Communion.

## DURING HOLY COMMUNION AND EXITING THE SANCTUARY

- Please follow the direction of the ushers to approach for Holy Communion in one line. We have marked the center aisle every six feet.
- Communicants may remove their masks only momentarily to receive Holy Communion.
- Communicants may not touch the chalice or cloth.
- The red communion cloths will be held underneath the person's chin by the adult altar servers. Communicants may not wipe their mouths with the cloth.
- As everyone in the sanctuary has received Holy Communion, they will be directed to leave the sanctuary from the plaza doors. Antidoron will be distributed from this location.
- Congregants in the hall will be ushered to the sanctuary for Holy Communion, entering from the street side Chapel doors. They too will exit the plaza-side chapel doors.
- Those who have been viewing the service from their vehicles will line up in front of the sanctuary to receive Holy Communion. They will be assisted by the outside greeters as they approach the sanctuary.
- Holy Communion will no longer be available after the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy. You may make an appointment through the church office to commune during the week.

## OFFERINGS

- Please use electronic giving when possible. You may go to our website [www.stnektarios.org](http://www.stnektarios.org) and select online giving. You may also set-up online payments with your individual bank.
- The Giving Kiosk will be open in the hall.
- Baskets for your candle offering will be in the narthex. There will not be a passing of the offertory during the service. Any additional offerings may be placed in the candle baskets as well.

## AFTER THE SERVICE

- Fellowship Coffee Hour continues to be suspended.
- While everyone will want to greet each other, use safe practices and please leave the campus immediately.
- For the sake of others, please do not socialize on the plaza, in the fellowship hall, or in the parking lot.

***Thanking you in advance for your cooperation and understanding.***