



# HOLY TRINITY

## GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

3/14/2020

Beloved Holy Trinity Family,

We live in a broken world, a world that suffers from “wrath, famine, pestilence, earthquake, flood, fire, sword, foreign invasion, civil strife, and accidental death.” A world that can feel cold and lost, full of anxiety and fear. It is in these trying times that the Church reminds the world that there is more than sorrow, more than suffering, more than what meets the eye or what can be seen in a microscope.

Our Church, in recognizing the weakness of our flesh, is committed to protecting our bodies from all disease coming against us and will be taking measures to help ensure the safety of those who find refuge in our Church and in our parish. We will be following, as best as we are able, the directives of the Archdiocese to protect us all from further spread of this Covid-19 (Coronavirus), which can be found at this link: <https://www.goarch.org/-/directives-covid-19>. Until further notice, we will also be following these measures in our parish in this trying time:

- We will continue to have all of our Liturgical Worship services on the prescribed dates.
- If anyone is not feeling well, we plead you to refrain from attending until you are feeling better.
- We will make an effort to make our services available in some online format, potentially through our public Facebook page. If we are unable, there are other established online services that can be found here: <https://www.goarch.org/live-broadcasts>.
- After this Sunday, March 15<sup>th</sup>, all schools, gatherings, and non-essential meetings on Church property are suspended for the time-being.
- Due to the fluidity of this pandemic we will make every effort via email and the internet to keep you informed of changes to this plan.

Please make all efforts to follow best hygiene and protection practices at home and work, especially thoroughly washing your hands for 20 seconds and rinsing with warm water. I pray that you not only take this time to be extra vigilant for your bodily wellbeing, but also for the wellbeing of your soul. Follow nearly 2000 years of best practices: dust off your icons, your bibles, and your prayer books and use them. Our world, our country, our state, our cities and towns, our neighbors, our church, our faithful, our families, and our bodies & souls need prayer.

I ask you to pray for me and my family as well.

In Christ,

Fr. Anastasios Athanasiou, *Proistamenos*