

Holy Family Maronite Catholic Church - Reopening Guidelines

Please read carefully and abide by the following guidelines. These guidelines are based on the instructions from Sayedna Elias Zaidan (Eparchy of Our Lady of Lebanon), Archbishop Bernard Hebda (Archdiocese of St. Paul & Minneapolis) and the Governor of Minnesota. **Until further notice, the dispensation to physically attend Divine Liturgy on all Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation is still in effect, especially for those over 65 years of age or more susceptible to the Coronavirus.**

Liturgies will continue to be live-streamed on Facebook and via the Church's website: HolyFamilyMaroniteChurch.org. All those who feel safe and comfortable enough to attend in-person services may do so. Drive-up Communion will be available for those attending remotely from 5:00 to 5:15 PM on Saturdays and 11:00 to 11:15 on Sundays. **We highly recommend and urge parishioners who are sick or have any type of symptoms potentially related to COVID-19 to refrain from coming to church.**

As we reopen our church, the following **REQUIREMENTS** must be met by all attendees.

- **Church occupancy.** No more than 60 people can occupy the church building. This number includes the priest(s) and assistants.
- **Social Distancing** will be implemented in the pews, however families may sit together.
- **Holy Communion** will be given in the hand only.
- **All attendees are to wear masks** inside the Church premises and for the duration of the liturgy. Please bring your own mask. If you don't have a mask, one will be provided for you.
- **To minimize contact**, please enter the Church from the MAIN entrance. The SIDE DOOR will be used for office staff and deliveries only.
- **Please use the hand sanitizer** located at the MAIN entrance once you enter the church.
- **Please do not bring any items which contain bleach** into the church as it will damage the pews. The Church will be sanitized and disinfected after each public use.
- **If you have your own mass book**, please bring it with you and take it back home with you. The Qurbano books will not be available; however, you may purchase one for \$20.00 from the Church office.
- **The collection will be as usual**, however, you may also drop your offering into one of the two boxes provided (the tabletop chest or the lock box in the entry way), via U.S. Mail or online.
- **The Sacristy** will not be open to visitors at any time.
- **The Church Social Hall** will be closed.
- **The Narthex** will be closed before and after liturgy.
- **Please exit the Church directly following the liturgy.**

These are hard decisions that had to be made to protect you and everyone else so that we can continue to be able to come to church. We look forward to the day when this virus will be gone and we will all gather together once again with no restrictions. Until then, we deeply appreciate your patience and understanding. These are temporary steps that will be revisited constantly and shared as appropriate.

Fr. Emmanuel, Pastor of Holy Family Maronite Catholic Church