



# Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church

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## Holy Trinity Implementations CoVid-19 (Coronavirus) Pandemic March 18, 2020

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As the unprecedented public health crisis continues due to the CoVid-19 (Coronavirus) Pandemic, I wish to take this opportunity to inform you, the faithful of Holy Trinity, that ongoing updates will be emailed to you and posted on the parish website. These updates can be view at: [www.holytrinitywestfield.org/parish-news/](http://www.holytrinitywestfield.org/parish-news/)

### ✝ Divine Services

- March 18, 2020, His Eminence Metropolitan Evangelos of New Jersey has informed the parishes of his Metropolis that the Ecumenical Patriarchate of Constantinople has instructed that all liturgical services in every Eparchy under the Ecumenical Throne are to be suspended until at least March 29, 2020. This directive is effective beginning today, March 18, 2020.

**All Divine Services are cancelled  
As of Wednesday, March 18, 2020**

These actions are precautionary steps that will help contain the spread of this infectious virus.

Learn more about the Patriarch's decision:

<https://www.dogma.gr/kosmos/oikoumeniko-patriarcheio-anastellontai-oles-oi-leitourgies-kai-teletes-eos-telos-martiou/110981/>

<https://orthodoxtimes.com/ecumenical-patriarchate-all-religious-services-suspended-until-end-of-march/>

### **Keeping in touch with elderly and parishioners**

In times of crisis, often we are tempted to isolate ourselves from one another. With this particular public threat, we are asked to maintain a safe distance from others. But not to the extent that we overlook those who are more vulnerable and those who are part of our church family. Therefore, I ask all parishioners of Holy Trinity to maintain a connection with the church by contacting fellow parishioners to see how they are doing. I ask that you call an elderly parishioner to see if they need help buying groceries or picking up medication. If you know of a parishioner that needs assistance, please contact me as soon as possible so that I can reach out to them.

### **Encouragement**

Finally, I want you to remember that we are people of prayer. To whatever degree you practice social distancing, you are never too isolated to pray. Our Lord even indicates that being alone is appropriate for prayer, *“When you pray, go into your room, and when you have shut your door, pray to your Father who is in the secret place; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you openly.”* – Matthew 6:6

As people of prayer, we understand that our heavenly Father knows of the things we need before we ask Him. – Matthew 6:9. We are to take this epidemic seriously but not become overly anxious and worried, for which of you by worrying can add one cubit to your stature. – Matthew 6:27. Anxiety won’t make this epidemic disappear; it only causes panic. We are to practice safe techniques in confronting this terrible disease, but we are also called to continue our quest to seek the kingdom of God and all His righteousness. – Matthew 6:33. For in Him is our salvation and eternal life.

I pray to our merciful God for your wellbeing and strength as we confront this pandemic with faith and divine grace. I remain,

In Christ, the Physician of our souls and bodies,

*✠ Rev. Fr. Peter Deluizis*

For more information please visit the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention:  
<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>