













# St. Andrew's Greek Orthodox Church

## GUIDELINES FOR PARISHIONER CELEBRATION OF LITURGICAL SERVICES

St. Andrew Greek Orthodox Church of Chicago formed a Parish COVID-19 Safety Team to implement a plan to allow for the celebration of our sacraments and help ensure the safety of our community. When attending church, please observe the following guidelines established by State of Illinois, City of Chicago and the Metropolis of Chicago.

	<p><b>1. Remain home if sick or feeling sick.</b> If you are not feeling well, we ask that you stay home and recover to rejoin our community and keep your fellow parishioners safe and healthy.</p>	
	<p><b>2. Reserve your attendance.</b> Please visit Eventbrite at <a href="http://www.standrewchicago.eventbrite.com">www.standrewchicago.eventbrite.com</a> or contact the church office by 1 pm on Friday to reserve spaces for Sunday service. Please abstain from attending week-over-week out of respect to our fellow parishioners wishing to attend services.</p>	
	<p><b>3. Arrive early.</b> We ask that parishioners arrive and park well before services at 9:30am to avoid bottlenecks in the church.</p>	
	<p><b>4. Check temperature.</b> Before entering the church, a volunteer will use an infrared "touchless" thermometer to take your temperature. If your temperature is above 100° F, you will be asked to respect the well-being of our fellow parishioners and return home.</p>	
	<p><b>5. Practice social distancing.</b> As you enter the church, please be mindful to remain at least 6 feet apart from our fellow parishioners. Please refrain from handshakes, kisses or hugs with others. You may venerate the icons by bowing or performing the Sign of the Cross.</p>	
	<p><b>6. Bring a facemask.</b> While in the church, all parishioners are asked to wear facemasks at all times. The church has limited facemasks and cannot accommodate all parishioners' needs.</p>	
	<p><b>7. Enter through the breezeway doors.</b> Please note that the main church doors will be locked. To avoid bottlenecks in the Narthex or breezeway, a volunteer will be stationed outside the breezeway doors and signal you to enter the church.</p>	
	<p><b>8. Observe all signage.</b> Signage in the parking lot and outside and inside the church will inform you of requested behaviors. Please adhere to the directions listed on the signage.</p>	
	<p><b>9. Before you take your seat.</b> You will be handed candle(s) for lighting. If you wish to light small or 7-day votive candles, you need to do so with your own individual candle. Please see a volunteer for assistance if needed. Offerings will be accepted but change cannot be provided. No trays will be passed during service. A volunteer will escort you to your seat.</p>	
	<p><b>10. Before you receive communion.</b> Holy Communion will be delivered at the conclusion of service. Communicants will approach the chalice, use the hand sanitizer near the altar, avoid touching the cloth and avoid wiping their mouths. Antidoron will not be distributed during or after service.</p>	

Our volunteers are here to help you. Someone will offer you a candle, direct you to designated seating, direct you to receive communion, and answer your questions. As trays will not be passed during service, please consider a donation in the baskets in the Narthex when you enter or exit, at our electronic kiosk in the Narthex, or by visiting [www.standreworthodox.org/stewardship](http://www.standreworthodox.org/stewardship).