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Glory to Jesus Christ!

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

We know these last few months have been a most trying time for us as a community in Christ at St. George's. Many restrictions have been placed upon not only our parish community but our society as a whole due to the deadly Coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak. This has been a time of great trial and tribulation for many of us; a time of adjustment to our 'normal' way of life. It has also been a time of stillness and quietness giving us the opportunity to grow our personal relationships with our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

It is with much rejoicing and thanksgiving to our merciful Lord that we are able to communicate with you at this time. As our society is slowly but surely coming to grips with controlling the spread of the Coronavirus, we notice that more and more businesses are able to open once again, restrictions with gathering sizes are decreasing and as of this Friday (June 19th) we are entering into a new phase of re-opening in the Niagara Region which includes places of worship.

As a parish council we have spent considerable time reviewing all the rules and regulations being put forth from both our Ukrainian Orthodox Church of Canada, other churches and our civil authorities on how the re-opening of our temples should take place. Much time has been spent formulating a Reopening Plan on how this reopening will happen for us at St. George's. We are confident we have undertaken every precaution to keep all of us safe and healthy as we transition back to public worship.

With this said, we will have limited seating available in the church, holding to our provincial regulations of physical distancing. Attendance will be on a first come first serve basis (come early!). We require everyone who comes into the church to wear a face mask. We encourage each of you to bring your own face mask, however in the event you do not have one; we have a small limited supply available in the church. More detailed information about the new procedures and protocols that will be in place is covered in the attached reopening plan.

Every time we leave our houses we take upon ourselves the responsibility to keep ourselves and those around us safe while out and about, whether it is to the grocery store, pharmacy or somewhere else. The Church is no different. We ask all of you who decide to come this Sunday and for subsequent services to adhere to procedures and protocols in place. If you do not feel comfortable coming to

church during this time, that is also okay. We are living in a new and strange time, and it is only through God's mercy we will overcome this time of pestilence.

If you have any questions, please contact Fr. Gregory or a member of the Executive.

Our doors will be open this Sunday, June 21, 2020.

Hours: 9:00 a.m.

Divine Liturgy at 9:30 a.m.

With love in our Lord Jesus Christ,

Rt. Rev. Fr. Gregory Mielnik

Rector

Greg Taras

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