



Presentation of Christ Greek Orthodox Church

A Parish of the Greek Orthodox Metropolis of Pittsburgh
Reverend Father Constantine Kokanos, Parish Priest

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St. Cyril, Patriarch of Jerusalem

Dear Parish Family,

We continue to be overwhelmed by updates concerning the Coronavirus and its impact on our lives. While our faith in God must remain unwavering, we must also be sensitive to limiting interactions with those around us who are susceptible to illness.

With this in mind, services at the Presentation of Christ Church are closed to parishioners and visitors until further notice, per His Eminence, Metropolitan SAVAS', Encyclical dated March 17, 2020 (see below). All other meetings and gatherings continue to be canceled until further notice.

"Church services may continue as scheduled within our parishes, but the parishioners are directed to participate via the internet. A minimum compliment should be present at the parish (no more than 5 persons including the priest, all of whom should be physically healthy and at low risk for the disease, who will participate at the invitation of the priest)...Those clergy, cantors, and parish leaders who fall within the higher risk groups (older than 65; having long-term respiratory conditions; being immunocompromised or living with the immunocompromised; etc.) must remain home."

During this time we will broadcast all services over our Facebook page. This can be viewed with a free Facebook account at www.facebook.com/PresentationOfChrist. Please continue to check our website calendar and social media for service times.

As we continue to practice social distancing and shelter in our homes I encourage all of you to increase or establish a daily prayer rule. Should you wish to hold "Reader's Services" in your homes, Service texts can be found at <http://www.agesinitiatives.com/dcs/public/dcs/dcs.html>

Please continue to pray for each other, and for our entire community.

Wishing you a blessed remainder of the Great Lent,

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Fr. Dean