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Beloved Faithful,

Based on the recent statement from the Archdiocese and the new recommendations from the President of the United States and the CDC regarding the necessity to limit gatherings to very small numbers:

1. All services in the parish should be done with only the priest and selected staff to help with the service. Doors will be locked and no one will be allowed in.
2. Parishioners should watch services on the internet from home.
3. No one will be allowed into the church complex unless given permission by the parish priest. That includes all church organizations and outside organizations. Furthermore, all aspects of the complex are included in this prohibition (the church proper, social halls, Church School areas, cultural centers, etc.). In cases where there is no parish priest, the president of the parish council should contact Fr. Teodor Petrutiu (248)330-3177 or Fr. Nick Kotsis (734)604-3214 for instruction.
4. Please note that the parish priest will still perform necessary pastoral functions. However, he may be limited in visiting nursing homes, senior facilities, and even hospitals.

In order to help reduce the spread of the COVID-19 virus, we have entered into a time in which we all must take extraordinary measures to do our part. We will notify you promptly as we adjust to this developing situation.

Please remain vigilant in your prayers for the health and salvation of all. Please remain vigilant in your prayers for those who are already sick. Please remain vigilant in your prayers for the doctors, nurses, and other medical professionals as they do their best to treat the sick and seek remedies for this virus.

While we know that everyone is affected by this situation, please keep your parishes in mind and continue to support them in every way you are able.

We will let you know as soon as any change in the situation allows for a change to these directives.

With Paternal Prayers and Love,

**+NICHOLAS
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