

# **RETURNING TO WORSHIP: IMPORTANT INFORMATION!**

## **PREPARING FOR SERVICES AND ENTERING THE CHURCH**

**Preparing:** This one-page document outlines the essential directions to follow in order to attend in-person worship. Please carefully read each of the steps below. During this first phase of re-opening a limited number of households will be permitted at each worship service. Please pre-register for the service you wish to attend by calling the Church office or responding to the email link above. We thank you for your continued support and we encourage you to utilize online giving on our website: [www.stpaulsgoc.org](http://www.stpaulsgoc.org).

### ***ONLY ONE ENTRANCE: DOOR NEAREST ANDERSON STREET***

**Entering the Church:** Please note that there will be only one entrance to the Church. This entrance is located on the Anderson Street side of the porch. Please use this entrance only as all others will remain closed.

### **DURING THIS FIRST PHASE OF RE-OPENING ALL ATTENDEES MUST ABIDE BY THE FOLLOWING GUIDELINES BASED ON THE METROPOLIS OF ATLANTA**

1. Pre-registration is required to attend all services. Please pre-register for the service you wish to attend by calling the Church office or responding to the invitation email you will receive.
2. During this first phase of re-opening a limited number of households will be permitted at each worship service. Extra services may be offered if necessary.
3. Although local laws may not require masks to be worn, everyone attending services is required to wear a mask from age 2 and above. Please bring a mask from home.
4. Before entering the Church, each person will be checked in by a parish volunteer.
5. Each person's temperature will be taken.
6. Hands must be sanitized upon entry.
7. After lighting a candle(s), you will be directed to an assigned seat by an usher and are asked to remain in that area for the duration of the service. Red (7-Day) Candles will be placed and lit on your behalf. Cashless offerings preferred.
8. Honor the icons and other sacred objects by a reverent bow and making the sign of the Cross instead of kissing.

9. Refrain from shaking hands or kissing others before, during and after the service.
10. Instructions for receiving Holy Communion and Antidoron will be explained by the clergy.
11. At the conclusion of the service, please exit by the door nearest the alley and return to your vehicle without congregating.
12. Please pray for our Parish Family and remember to **“Love your neighbor as yourself”** (Mat. 19:19).

**PLEASE READ THIS NOTICE BEFORE ENTERING THE CHURCH FACILITIES**

**By voluntarily entering this church facility:**

- I affirm that I am not currently ill or experiencing COVID-19 symptoms.
- I acknowledge that while the recommended CDC precautionary measures are being taken by the Church, it cannot guarantee the safety of every person present.
- I agree to abide by the social distancing and safety guidelines being practiced in this Church.
- I consent to hold the church harmless against any damages or claims regarding my voluntary presence here.

If I am not able to agree to and affirm the above statements, I will not participate in this worship service in person and may choose to join online at: <https://www.facebook.com/St-Pauls-Greek-Orthodox-Church-212199882137169/>

***Thank you for your cooperation and understanding!***

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