



SAINTS PETER & PAUL GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

May 30, 2020

✠ Isaacius, Abbot of the Monastery of Dalmatus
Macrina, grandmother of St. Basil the Great



To the Parishioners of Saints Peter and Paul

Peace be with you,

We write today with continued vigilance regarding the virus pandemic Covid-19 and measures taken and planned at our parish since our last mailing March 16, 2020. The health and welfare of our parishioners, families, friends, and communities motivates additional action in faith and love as we prepare for a phased reopening of the parish facilities for worship.

The successful transition to virtual services at <https://ssppglenview.org/> (replete with a virtual candle stand!) was nearly immediate, given the existing livestream platform and additional remote production capabilities mastered by *George Burbules*. Our schools have completed their work for the designated school years with virtual classrooms and our ministries have adopted meeting by ZOOM. These practices will continue through the next restricted access phases and provide a strong set of tools for the parish to meet the challenges imposed by physical separation.

The Metropolis on 20-MAY-2020 provided guidance on four phases of physical access to our facilities. The parish council reviewed the guidance and checklist on May 21, 2020, and the designated COVID Parish Safety Team met for the first time May 23, 2020 over the Memorial Holiday weekend.

The phases are summarized below with additional detail on the Metropolis website: <https://chicago.goarch.org/>. We appreciate that the Metropolis guidance is consistent with State and Local authority stipulations and CDC pandemic response guidance while providing flexibility for local communities to adjust to specific needs.

| Phase | Required Conditions |
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| Level One (Red) | No more than 5 people, including priest and other support staff essential for conducting the service. Online/Virtual services permitted. No ministry activities are allowed on the premises. |
| Level Two (Orange) | No more than 10 people, including priest and other support staff. ¹ Online/Virtual services are encouraged to continue. No ministry activities are allowed on the premises. |
| Level Three (Yellow) | Maximum number of people based on local directives and regulations. Non-liturgical ministry work on the premises may be petitioned to the Metropolis. |
| Level Four (Green) | Return to Pre-COVID attendance practices. |

¹ All acolytes must be at least 16 years of age.

Saints Peter and Paul parish, like all parishes in the Metropolis of Chicago, is currently in Phase One and planning for entry to Phase Two. The COVID-19 Parish Safety Team identified below will be meeting weekly to continue coordinating the preparations.

| Team Member | Expertise Area |
|--|--------------------------|
| Fr. Richard Andrews Dcn. Ted Saclarides | Clergy |
| Keith Anderson | Parish Council President |
| Alex Michalakos | Chair and Legal |
| Dr. Angelo Costa | Medical |
| Bo Lamotte Louie Pappamichael | Ushers and Greeters |
| Valli Kinsella-Luciano | Law Enforcement |
| Sandra Glisic | Parish Administrator |

The 34-point checklist for entry to Phase Two addresses items to prepare the facility, educate ourselves, and establish practices and procedures for increased attendance on site in a safe and sustainable manner. The Phase Two services are envisioned to enable worship leaders (i.e., clergy, chanters, ushers, etc.) to be present, learning and practicing proper procedures for subsequent phases that will allow for more worshippers.

During the current Phase One and subsequent Phase Two there will be no provision for parishioners to either sign up or show up and light a candle.

Stay tuned for updates, best accessed at our parish website (<https://ssppglenview.org/>) and our weekly updates (contact office@ssppglenview.org for addition).

We thank everyone for your patience as we work toward full attendance without restrictions.

Christ is Ascended!



Rev. Fr. Richard Demetrius Andrews

Protopresbyter



Keith Anderson

Parish Council President



Mr. Alexander Michalakos

Chair - COVID-19 Parish Safety Team