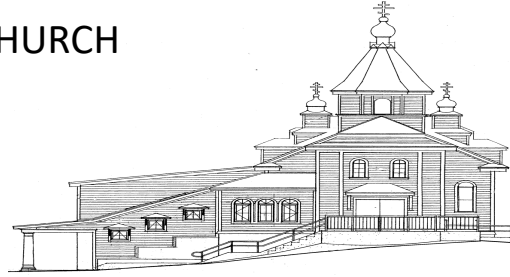


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Day of the Holy Spirit

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Pray you and your beloved are well.

Whereas the number of vaccinations against COVID-19 have increased and, concomitantly, the number of cases and hospitalizations have decreased; Whereas, with repeated conversation and prayer, the council and I cannot find common ground, the following changes to the guidelines are set forth beginning this Sunday:

- 1) If you are sick, or you have been in the presence of someone who is sick, or you or someone you associate with has a positive COVID test, please stay home. This guidance will continue to be in force no matter the conditions.
- 2) Mask wearing will be optional for all who have full immunity. If you feel safer and more comfortable wearing a mask, that is encouraged. Mask shaming will not be tolerated. For those who have not been vaccinated, you are encouraged to wear a mask to protect the most vulnerable in the parish. COVID-19 delta is now the major strain in the U.S. and in Massachusetts and disproportionately affects the elderly, the infirm, and the young.
- 3) All adults singing in the choir must be vaccinated.
- 4) Social distancing will be reduced to three feet provided the parties proximal to each other agree to this arrangement.
- 5) We will continue with sign-in sheets to facilitate tracing in case there is a flare-up in COVID cases.
- 6) The arrangement of the nave will remain as we acclimate to these changes.
- 7) For now, we will remain without candles.
- 8) Coffee Hour, when offered, will be outside.
- 9) Artoclassia and zapivka will remain on hold until we have clearance from the Metropolitan.

Once, we are comfortable with these changes, more will be set forth. The goal is to dispense with guidelines altogether.

As with any set of guidelines, success is determined by adherence.

With love in Christ,

Fr. Robert