



Friday, June 18, 2021

Dear Stewards of Holy Cross,

For the past 16 months we have navigated through the challenge of the pandemic of COVID-19. This past Tuesday, we learned that all restrictions pertaining to church attendance and worship have been lifted, according to the CDC, for those who have been fully vaccinated. We understand that some may still feel the need to wear a mask and remain socially distanced when attending services and other activities here at Holy Cross. All are welcome.

As a guide, we offer the following:

- We ask that unvaccinated people still wear masks on campus; enforcement will be based on the honor system.
- We keep the two side (smaller) sets of pews available for families and individuals who wish to maintain social distancing, i.e., continue to seat every other row.
- We will no longer take reservations or record the names and phone numbers of church service attendees.
- The Sacrament of Holy Communion will be offered at the traditional time during the Divine Liturgy.
- Parishioners are free to venerate icons upon entering the church.
- Open seating in all rows of the center two (large) set of pews will be available.
- Restrictions in the bookstore regarding social distancing are removed.
- Our Philoptochos will host the Coffee Hour inside The Oaks.
- Divine Liturgy books are returned to the pews and Sunday Hymns, Scriptural Readings, and Bulletins will be handed out before and after the Divine Liturgy.

We are grateful to our Lord, and especially on the Sunday of Pentecost, to be able to fully return to church services and slowly reboot our important parish ministries. We also thank our parish leadership who have work so very hard to insure a welcoming and safe environment for all here at Holy Cross. This will be a day by day, week by week, month by month adjustment as we return to our “normal routines”. May our Lord continue to bless us all and strengthen our faith through the inspiration of the Holy Spirit.

To all...welcome back!