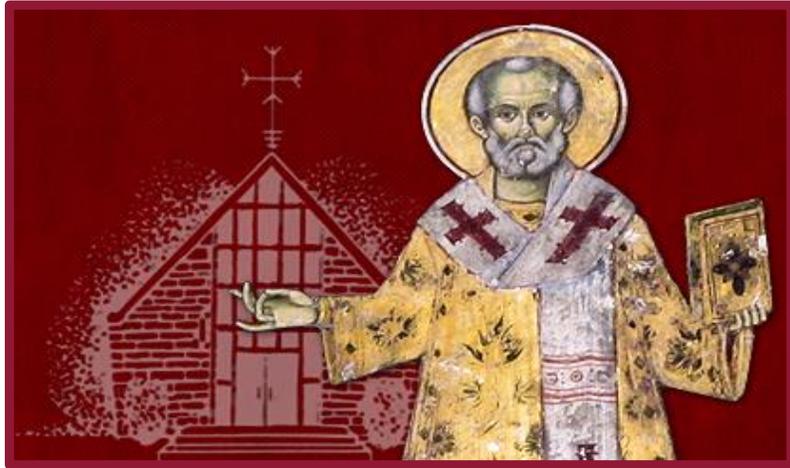


ST. NICHOLAS CHURCH



WELCOMES YOU BACK!

SUNDAY, JUNE 28, WE HAVE BEEN GIVEN PERMISSION TO BEGIN REOPENING THE CHURCH, AND WE INVITE YOU BACK HOME AS SOON AS YOU FEEL COMFORTABLE COMING IN. PLEASE TAKE A LOOK AT THE RULES BELOW. THESE ARE HERE TO ASSIST US ALL. SEE YOU SOON!

In order to attend:

1. Call the parish office (718-380-5684) and leave a message indicating your preferred date. Please provide the best phone number for someone to reach you.
2. You will receive a call back confirming your “reservation”. We are limited to how many people can attend each service, so please do not take offense if we are not able to accommodate every request.
3. Once you have received a confirmation and know the date of your attendance, please monitor your health. Those experiencing flu-like symptoms must stay home. Additionally, those who are in higher categories of risk—those whose immunity may be compromised or are above the age of 65—are advised to wait before venturing into public places.
4. If, for some reason, you must change your plans, please let the parish office know as early as you can so that we can try to get someone else in your stead.
5. Bring a mask to Church. Wearing a mask over the nose and mouth is mandatory for all in attendance who are over the age of two. While the Church has a limited supply of extra masks if you forget yours, we don’t want to have to turn anyone away if we run out.
6. Plan to pack a sweater, jacket, shawl, or coat. The windows will remain open and the air conditioner on during the duration of the service in order to ensure a constant flow of fresh air.
7. Be early for Church. The service starts at 10am, and all doors will be locked five minutes thereafter.
8. Enter and leave the Church from the side entrance. The front doors will remain locked.
9. When you come in, check in. Please sign the logbook, take your temperature, and leave your contact information. This will be used for contact tracing should it become necessary.
10. The parish hall is closed. Restrooms are available via the main stairway (not the one in the rear of the Church). Please wash your hands often. Sanitizing stations are set up as you enter the Church and at the candle desk.
11. You may venerate the icons by bowing in front of them and making the sign of the Cross. Until the virus risk has passed, please refrain from touching or kissing the icons, the chalice, the Cross, or the priest’s hand.
12. You will be assigned a pew. This is not optional nor can you relocate to a different pew. We are mandated to keep a certain amount of space between everyone in attendance.
13. At Communion time, Fr. Niko will invite you up by row. Please stay in your place until asked to come forward.
14. As a temporary measure during this time, Holy Communion will be served using multiple spoons. These will be sterilized between use.
15. Coffee hour, Church School, and Albanian classes will not take place at this time. At the conclusion of Liturgy, if you wish to mingle or fellowship with others, please do this outside. This will help us keep the Church as clean as we can, since we will know where and what needs to be sterilized.