

We want to assure you that we are following all guidelines from the Archdiocese and the CDC in disinfecting and making our communal worship space as safe as possible. All surfaces - icons, door handles and pews - have been sanitized and will be continually disinfected during the service.

We have been instructed to remove all books from the pews. Please use your smartphone or tablet to download the service from: <https://www.agesinitiatives.com/dcs/public/dcs/dcs.html>. Download the app for Apple, Android or the web. Please do this at home as our bandwidth at church is limited.

We encourage you to wash or disinfect your hands upon arriving at church and as you leave church. We encourage you to practice social distancing, bowing toward others and icons instead of kissing, hugging or shaking hands.

Regarding Holy Communion, we encourage you to approach with humility and repentance, recognizing the living, real, mystical presence of our Lord's Body and Blood in the forms of bread and wine. We encourage the Arabic style of receiving, allowing the priest to drop the Holy Eucharist into your mouth without touching or closing your mouth on the spoon (lavitha). This is in line with the tradition of our church during time of plague.

If you are sick, immune compromised or have an underlying illness, we encourage you to pray at home rather than putting yourself or others at risk.

We have done our due diligence to follow instructions and make our worship space as safe as possible. Our trust, our hope for deliverance and protection, is in Divine Providence, in God the Father, His Son and our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, and in the Holy Spirit, along with the Theotokos, the saints and angels.

Please join with us either at St. Katherine or from home as we pray for God's mercy, deliverance and protection.

Faithfully,

+Fr. Demetri Tsigas

God is Love. We are created in God's Image. We were created to love. Imperfect people in a fallen world serving a Perfect and Holy God.