



REOPENING of Our Lady of Fatima for In-Person Public Services

Dear Parishioners and Friends of Our Lady of Fatima,

Christ is in our midst! After almost a year of closure, we are pleased to announce the resumption of public services for our parish. Our first in-person service will be a Divine Liturgy celebrated on **Sunday, February 28, 2021**.

PLEASE NOTE the TIME and LOCATION CHANGE: All Sunday Divine Liturgies will be held next door in the main sanctuary of Saint Monica's church at 1:00 pm.

Material contained in this document is based on the most current information available, and is subject to change at any time. We will update the OLF website with any revisions as they become known.

Your personal safety is of the utmost importance as we begin our reopening process. We will follow current coronavirus health and safety guidelines issued by the State of California, San Francisco Department of Public Health and the San Francisco Archdiocese to the maximum extent possible. These regulations may impact the manner in which we conduct services for the foreseeable future. We ask for your understanding and cooperation in our efforts.

For your planning purposes, following is some general information regarding our reopening. Further details will be provided as they are developed.

- All attendees must read, complete and sign the OLF informed consent form before entering the church. This document is available at the OLF website and will also be available before services at the check-in kiosk at the northwest side (parking lot) entrance of Saint Monica's church.
- A flyer containing all the rules and guidelines (for both Saint Monica's and Our Lady of Fatima) will be available at the entrance. Read them carefully. Please remember we are guests in Saint Monica's facility. We ask that you respect their space and rules at all times.
- The northwest side (parking lot) entrance to Saint Monica's church is the **only** entrance open and available for use. There is no access from the Geary Boulevard entrance.
- For safety and health reasons, there is no access to the Our Lady of Fatima facility at this time. Please contact Deacon Kyrill in advance if you need access to OLF for a specific reason.
- Both parking lots will be open for use as usual.
- No social gatherings or group activities will be allowed inside the church.
- Coffee fellowship and agape meals are suspended until further notice.
- The restroom immediately inside the entrance will be open for use.
- Masks must be worn and social distancing guidelines must be followed at all times inside the church. Icons may be venerated but not touched.
- All social interaction (e.g., personal greetings, etc.) must be conducted only outside the church.
- Congregational singing or chanting is not allowed at any time under any circumstances (not even brief responses such as "Lord have mercy" or "Amen").
- In order to provide sufficient ventilation, some windows and doors may need to remain open during the service. Please dress accordingly.
- Instructions for receiving the Holy Mysteries will be announced prior to distribution. Individual sterilized spoons will be used for the distribution of the Eucharist.
- Those who are at higher risk of coronavirus or feeling ill should not attend services at this time.

We look forward to the resumption of services to celebrate our rich Byzantine traditions here at Our Lady of Fatima. Look for more information in this space!

Yours in Christ,

Father Kevin