



ARMENIAN ALL SAINTS APOSTOLIC CHURCH

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V. Rev. Father Ghevont Pentezian

Dear Parishioners,

In light of the COVID-19 (Coronavirus) Pandemic and the declared state of emergency in Illinois, We are writing to reassure you that the health and well-being of our community is our highest priority. For this reason we wish you to know the following:

1. The Board of Trustees will make sure the sanctuary is clean and disinfected . Sunday morning *Badarak* and Friday evening Lenten services will continue through the end of Lent. During the Lenten Season, parts of the Divine Liturgy which would normally entail direct contact (i.e. Holy Communion; Kiss of Peace and kissing of the Bible) are not performed. Further information about the post Lenten period will be forthcoming.
2. The Board of Trustees has decided that all after-church fellowship hours are suspended until further notice.
3. The Ladies' Guild Meecheenk Luncheon is cancelled.
4. We recommend to all that are at a higher risk of getting sick such as the elderly and those who have an underlying medical condition to refrain from going into crowded places, including church, for their safety and wellbeing. Hayr Ghevont will be available on the phone or can visit you at the place of your comfort for prayers or blessings.

We urge you to follow the guidelines of the Centers for Disease Control:

- Clean your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Put distance between yourself and other people if COVID-19 is spreading in your community. This is especially important for *people at higher risk of getting very sick* such as the elderly and those who have an underlying medical condition.
- Stay home if you are sick, except to get medical care.
- Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when you cough or sneeze or use the inside of your elbow. Throw used tissues in the trash and Immediately wash your hands. If soap and water are not readily available, clean your hands with a hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol.

In addition to the above, His Eminence Archbishop Anoushavan, our Prelate is working with both the Religious and Lay members of the Executive Council of the Prelacy and in consultation with the pastors and Boards of Trustees of our various parishes, to formulate an action plan in our churches for after the Lenten season is finished.

It is our goal that all who attend services and worship in our church will feel comfortable and not fearful or uneasy. If you feel uncomfortable coming to church, or of higher risk, please rest assured that we totally understand if you decide to stay home.

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Also, if you have recently traveled to high risk countries or have come into contact with someone who may be infected with COVID-19, you should stay home for at least two weeks to ensure that you have not been infected.

Please know that we all need to weather this crisis together as a community of faith, without fear or anxiety, trusting in Almighty God to protect us from all mishap.

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