



Our Lady of Lebanon Church

Maronite Catholic Rite
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Dear Parishioners & Friends,

Re.: Opening the Church

During this pandemic, I raise a special daily prayer to the miraculous Blessed Mother that through her intercession all of you and your family members remain safe and protected from the coronavirus.

Now, the closing of the church is coming to an end and we will gradually go back to a new normal with some safety guidelines required by the law of the State of West Virginia. It is for your protection from this deadly virus and for the protection of our church.

Starting Saturday, May 23rd, we will resume Masses with the following procedures and guidelines until further notice. In order to keep a 6-ft social distancing and serve you in a safe manner, we are limited to 33 persons inside the church during Mass. Due to the limitation, we will have additional Masses scheduled to accommodate you. Once the church reaches the 33 person limit, the doors will be closed and you may wait for the next mass. If you have questions, please call the rectory. We ask for your kind patience during this challenging time.

- **Two Masses on Saturdays:**

4:00 p.m. for Senior citizens (65 and over)

5:30 p.m. for all other parishioners

- **Two Masses on Sundays:**

9:00 a.m. for Senior citizens (65 and over)

10:30 a.m. for all other parishioners

Religious Guidelines:

- 1. Elderly who are ill are encouraged to stay home.*
- 2. If you are sick with a cold or flu, please stay home.*
- 3. Wear your own face mask while you are inside the church (masks are not provided by the church).*
- 4. Sit on the white sheet of paper placed on every other pew to maintain the 6-ft distance required by law. Family members **living in the same household** do not need to maintain a 6-ft distance to each other.*
- 5. Cleanse your hands with sanitizer, provided by the church, before you come to receive Communion. Keep a 6-ft distance to others while you are in the aisle.*
- 6. You will receive Communion in your bare hand. **Do not** wear gloves when you receive Communion in your hand.*

I missed you all and I could not wait to celebrate Mass for you.

I want to thank all those who remembered the church during the pandemic by sending their donations to defray the expenses of the utilities which meters never stop running and the bills had to be paid no matter what.

I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Msgr. Bakhos Chidiac, pastor