

IMPORTANT: PLEASE REVIEW

Dear fellow parishioners:

We are pleased to share that we have expanded the number of Holy Week services and the number of rooms being utilized to accommodate more parishioners while still following city guidelines. Throughout Holy Week, Fr. Andrew will conduct services in the Main Church and additional rooms will have video screens showing the services. Please review the updated Holy Week schedule which will be posted on our website and reflected on the Sign Up registration site. Note that most services will be livestreamed so you can view from home as well.

We are prepared to welcome fellow parishioners into our church following city guidelines and the below protocol.

Please know we developed the guidelines with you in mind: your health and safety is our priority. Your patience, understanding, and cooperation is needed and appreciated. Please review the below in its entirety.

1. Attendees must **pre-register on-line** for Holy Week services at www.stdemetrioschicago.org. Phone calls to the office are discouraged as on-line registration is most efficient.
2. **Attendees include children over the age of two years and, therefore, they must be registered in advance.** Children over the age of two must also wear a mask.
3. Once all registration slots are filled, that service will be closed: **no waiting lists will be maintained.** Please do not contact the office to be added to a waiting list. Please do not contact Fr. Andrew directly to register.
4. **Upon arrival at church, you will be assigned a room at check-in.** Ushers will direct you to your designated room. If you have already registered for a service prior to this communication, this updated procedure applies - you will be assigned a room upon check in. **Seating is on a first-come, first-serve basis** for registered attendees with the Main Church being filled to capacity of 50 people first.
5. **Your entire registered party must arrive and check in together in order to be seated together.** Temperatures will be taken at check-in and we ask that you remain home if you are feeling unwell.
6. **Walk-ins are not allowed: you must be registered in advance.** We **will not** accommodate walk-ins.
7. The following capacity numbers are in effect for major Holy Week services and the total number of seats available will be reflected on the registration site. The Parish Council/COVID Safety Team may alter the plan based on safety measures at any time.
 - MAIN CHURCH - 50 people
 - MILLER CENTER (HALL) - 50 people
 - WALNUT ROOM - 50 people
 - BAPTISTRY - 25 people
8. You must wear a mask that covers your mouth and nose throughout your time in the church building and on the church grounds, as well as practice social distancing.
9. Be attentive to any dismissal and communion instructions given by Father and follow the guidance from ushers.
10. Please follow all directions provided by the ushering team at all times.
11. Once a service ends, please leave the building promptly so that seats and other areas may be cleaned in time for the following service.
12. Limited parking is available in the church lot. There is no double parking, parking on the grass, or in the fire lane. Violators will be towed. Paid parking is available in the hospital parking garage.

Please watch your email for future updates. We are doing our best to help plan for a positive and safe experience for everyone, and need your support.

Sincerely,

Fr. Andreas Georganas
Parish Council and the COVID Safety Team