

May 21, 2021 -- UPDATED

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

In obedience to the directives, related to COVID-19, issued by His Holiness Patriarch Kirill, and in compliance with state and city executive orders, the clergy and parish council announce the following update to the capacity restrictions that affect our church attendance, <u>effective May 21, 2021</u>.

HOLY TRINITY

RUSSIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH *A Parish of the Moscow Patriarchate* | *Baltimore, Maryland* | *Founded in 1919*

The City of Baltimore has removed attendance restrictions on Religious Facilities, and so we are permitted to open our church and hall to 100% of our Facility's Maximum Occupancy.

Although we do not have to limit attendance, we will continue to utilize both the church main floor and downstairs hall for Divine Services in order to avoid overcrowding.

For those who are in a high-risk category, or who would like to continue to take extra precautions, our church hall is always open. You may watch Divine Liturgy on our large TV, and also still partake in Confession and Holy Communion.

Our parish's detailed precautions and guidelines are found on our website.

Remember, the Public Health Emergency is still in effect. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the State of Maryland strongly encourage that we continue to take all necessary precautions to prevent the spread of COVID-19. <u>https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-nCoV/index.html</u>

Thank you for your prayers, concern, and support. Together as a parish family and with the help of God's Grace, we will get through these difficulties.

In Christ.

Archpriest John Vass Rector

Victor Oleg Marinich Parish Council President

If you cannot attend Divine Services... All Divine Services are live-streamed <u>https://www.youtube.com/user/HolyTrinitySermons</u>

You may "remotely" place candles and/or submit names for commemoration during Divine Liturgy by completing this online form: <u>https://holy-trinity-russian-orthodox-church.myshopify.com/</u>