



**St. John Chrysostom  
Byzantine Catholic Church**

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Christ is Risen!

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Dear St. John Chrysostom Parishioners,

On May 14<sup>th</sup>, Bishop Thomas Olmsted issued a *Policy Statement on the Eparchial Directives Regarding Parish Liturgical and Other Activities Relevant to the Corona Virus Pandemic COVID-19*. I am to inform you of the Eparchial guidelines put forth by Bishop Olmsted as well as to publish the guidelines we are putting forth here at St. John Chrysostom Parish in accord with Eparchial Policy Statement and the current Washington State Guidance:

- The Sunday obligation remains dispensed until May 31<sup>st</sup>, 2020 and may continue according to each States requirement. No public Liturgical Services will be held. Live-Streamed Divine Liturgical Services will continue. Distribution of the YouTube link continues through the parish email and Flocknote System.
- The church will be open for prayer – this is by appointment only. All who come must follow safe distancing protocols; wearing masks is encouraged, especially when safe distance cannot be maintained; all areas touched, i.e. pews, books, etc., must be wiped down with provide cleaning supplies. If you have your own books, please bring them.
- Any person in the high-risk categories are strongly encouraged to stay home, those who are sick must stay home. If someone is ill in your family, please stay home.
- Confessions and Anointing of the Sick is by appointment only. All must wear masks. Gloves to be worn by priest for Anointing, with the use of a cotton tip applicator.
- A log of all attendees to the church for prayer, Confession or Anointing must be kept. This is required by the State for tracing of contactees in the case of an outbreak. These reports will be preserved for 30 days.
- Financial support of the parish will be by mail or on-line ([www.stjohnchrysostom.org](http://www.stjohnchrysostom.org))
- Please read your Flocknote and email announcements for important information as it becomes available.

For your information, the Eparchial Policy Statement is posted in the Narthex and on the parish website.

Feel free to contact me with any questions. Despite the challenges we find ourselves facing, we know God is with us through it all. He knows what we are going through individually and collectively. Let us find courage and strength in that.

In Christ,

Rev. Michael Mandelas, Pastor