



## RETURNING TO WORSHIP: IMPORTANT INFORMATION!

### PREPARING FOR SERVICES AND ENTERING THE CHURCH

**Preparing:** This one-page document outlines the essential directions to follow in order to attend in-person worship. Please carefully read each of the steps below. During this first phase of re-opening a limited number of households will be permitted at each worship service. Extra services will be offered to accommodate our St. Christopher Parish Family by pre-registering at: [www.saintchristopherhoc.org](http://www.saintchristopherhoc.org). We thank you for your continued support and we encourage you to utilize the many ways of giving on our website: [www.saintchristopherhoc.org](http://www.saintchristopherhoc.org).

### BEFORE ENTERING OUR CHURCH, PLEASE BE AWARE OF THE FOLLOWING:

Everyone will enter church by our front door. We ask you and your family to remain in your car patiently until there is no line so that you and your family can enter together as directed by the Church Usher(s) at the front door.

### DURING THIS FIRST PHASE OF RE-OPENING ALL ATTENDEES MUST ABIDE BY THE FOLLOWING GUIDELINES FOR THE METROPOLIS OF ATLANTA

1. Pre-registration is required to attend all services. Pre-registration sign-up information can be found at: [www.saintchristopherhoc.org](http://www.saintchristopherhoc.org).
2. During this first phase of re-opening a limited number of households will be permitted at each worship service. Extra services will be offered to accommodate everyone.
3. Although local laws may not require masks to be worn, everyone attending services is required to wear a mask from age 2 and above. **Please bring a mask from home.**
4. Before entering the Church, each person will be checked-in by a parish volunteer.
5. Each person's temperature will be taken.
6. Hands must be sanitized upon entry. Continue to maintain social distancing from other household family members.
7. Our Church Ushers will direct you and your family to your seat. Please maintain social distancing while inside and outside of church.
8. After lighting a candle(s), you will be directed by Church Ushers to your assigned seat(s) and are asked to remain in that area for the duration of the service. Cashless offerings are preferred; place in offering baskets in Narthex or use online giving if you prefer.
9. Honor the icons and other sacred objects by a reverent bow and making the sign of the Cross instead of kissing.
10. Refrain from shaking hands or kissing others before, during and after the service.
11. Instructions for receiving Holy Communion and antidoron will be explained by Fr. George. Antidoron will not be offered after Holy Communion by at the end of church services.
12. At the conclusion of the service, Church Ushers will direct you to exit by the exterior door next to our office leading to the playground pavers. Return to your vehicle without congregating to ensure safety for all. Hands must be sanitized upon exiting church.
13. For more details regarding re-opening, please see Metropolis Guidelines at: <https://atlmopolis.org>
14. Please pray for our St. Christopher Family and remember to **"Love your neighbor as yourself."** (Matt. 19:19).

### PLEASE READ THIS NOTICE BEFORE ENTERING THE CHURCH FACILITIES

*By voluntarily entering this church facility:*

- I affirm that I am not currently ill or experiencing COVID-19 symptoms.
- I acknowledge that while the recommended CDC precautionary measures are being taken by the church, it cannot guarantee the safety of every person present.
- I agree to abide by the social distancing and safety guidelines being practiced in this church.
- I consent to hold the church harmless against any damages or claims regarding my voluntary presence here.

If I am not able to agree to and affirm the above statements, I will not participate in this worship service in person and may choose to join live streaming online at: [www.saintchristopherhoc.org](http://www.saintchristopherhoc.org).

***Thank you for your cooperation and understanding!***