

INVITATION TO THE OPENING UP AGAIN OF SAINT SAVA CATHEDRAL COMMUNITY

His Grace Bishop Irinej of Eastern America, in his paternal love, cordially invites all parishioners of the St. Sava Serbian Orthodox Cathedral in New York City to return to their now established place of worship at the facilities of St. Eleftherios Greek Orthodox Church, 359 W 24th St, New York, NY 10011, beginning at 10:00 AM, this coming Sunday, July 19, 2020.



Given the present circumstances, due to the Novel SARS CoV-2 and COVID-19 pandemic, the following restrictions will be in place:

- At this point a maximum of 30 persons can attend at any one Liturgy. Everyone who desires to attend, may make their intention know at: office@stsavanyc.org, and/or register at the door. A copy of the registration will be kept at all times in the offices of both St. Sava Cathedral and St. Eleftherios Church;
- All in attendance, save those serving and chanting, must wear masks at all times, except when receiving Holy Communion and, according to the CDC, if medically prohibited, and children under the age of 2 do not wear masks;
- When approaching an icon, kindly make the sign of the cross and reverently bow, without venerating the sacred objects;
- Only a few singers will be permitted to chant at any one time, while the leader must stand to the side, facing away from the singers;
- Candles may be purchased upon entering our sanctuary, nominated for your loved ones, and then left in a basket to be taken upstairs for lighting by the vestrymen;
- Following the Divine Liturgy there will be no coffee hour, and the faithful are asked, to kindly depart after receiving antidoron (naphora); and
- Finally, we are soliciting volunteers to assist, following the Liturgy, to wipe down all chairs and touched surfaces with disinfectant wipes.

Thank you for your kindly understanding in all matters concerned. We welcome you, most beloved faithful of St. Sava Cathedral! Welcome back to our community home, pending return to our own Cathedral, which has been graciously provided to us through the generosity and fraternal love of our Greek Orthodox brethren and coreligionists.

In the words of His Holiness, Serbian Patriarch Irinej, when thanking His Eminence Greek Orthodox Archbishop Elpidophoros for his archpastoral love and care for our Serbian flock, he mentioned the historic ties between the Serbian and Greek people shared from the time of St. Sava in the 13th century, noting: "We are the children of Byzantium... We remain firmly and permanently bound with the Greek people."