



Saint Anthony

Greek Orthodox Church

Reno, Nevada

Restoring Parish Life

April 2020

Guidelines and Expectations for Attending Church Services

PREPARE TO ATTEND

Sign Up

- Parishioners must sign up in advance and have a confirmed spot to attend a Sunday service.
- Reservation sign-up instructions can be found here: [How to Sign Up for Sunday Services](#)
- Monday through Saturday services DO NOT require confirmed reservations, but attendees will need to sign in when entering church. *(Some Holy Week and Feast Day services may require a reservation – we will inform in advance of these occasions.)*

Consider your health

- If you have felt sick within 48 hours prior to services, please take care of yourself and others by staying home.
- If you have a confirmed spot for a Sunday service and become unable to attend, please contact the church office as soon as possible so others may attend.
- For those unable to attend, live streaming will continue to be available via our Facebook page at: <https://www.facebook.com/saintanthonychurchreno>

Gather your personal liturgy worship books

- Liturgy books and other materials have been removed from pews.
- You can find daily worship material for printing or online viewing at AGES Initiatives website here: <https://www.agesinitiatives.com/dcs/public/dcs/dcs.html>
- Please print or save & download the service on your device prior to coming to church as the use of Wi-Fi impacts our streaming quality.

Prepare your offering

- Please have your donation ready to go, preferably placed in an envelope.
- Trays will be placed in the narthex to collect candle, free-will, and pledge offerings. (Trays will not be passed).
- You may also consider using our new online giving portal by clicking on the "Donate Now" button at the bottom of this page.

ARRIVAL TO CHURCH

Entry is through the front doors only

- All areas except for the narthex, sanctuary and small hall are closed.

Check in at the welcome table (near the front entrance)

- It is important to know you are here and have your contact information on file for purposes of contact tracing.
- You will be asked a few basic health-screening questions prior to entering church.
- Please follow the guidance provided by the greeters and ushers.

Put on your mask and sanitize

- Parishioners over the age of 10 must wear masks while in church.
- Children ages 2-9 are strongly encouraged to wear a mask.
- Masks are prohibited for children under age 2.
- You are encouraged to bring your own mask, but masks will be available at the welcome table.
- Hand sanitizer will be available in the narthex and restrooms.

Lining up for seating

- Please refer to the markings placed on the ground to assist with social distancing.
- Family members of the same household may stand together.
- Ushers will welcome you into church.

ENTERING CHURCH

Ushers will guide you, family by family, into the narthex

- Time and space will be provided to light a candle.
- When venerating the icons, please refrain from touching or kissing them.
- Please avoid physical contact when greeting fellow parishioners.

Ushers will escort you to a seat

- It is important to sit where you are directed to ensure social distancing and maximum capacity.
- Ushers will not be able to allow for personal seating preferences.
- Please remain in your assigned seat.

DURING SERVICES

There will be no choir until further notice

- This is in accordance with Metropolis health and safety guidelines.
- The choir loft will be closed.

If you need to leave your seat or use the restroom

- Please avoid crossing over those not in your family, even that means using the center aisle.
- All large hall remains closed. Please use the restroom use in the small hall. If a line forms for the restroom, please remain social distanced.

When taking communion

- Follow the direction of Father Stephen and ushers.
- Parishioners will be ushered one row at a time.
- Please use floor markings as guides to maintain social distancing. (Families of the same household may stand together).
- Please keep your mask on until it is your turn to receive communion.
- After communion, please replace your mask and return to your assigned seat using the side aisle. Antidoron will not be provided.

AFTER SERVICES

Receiving Antidoron

- Rows will be dismissed by Ushers one at a time, maintaining social distancing. Please do not leave until your row is dismissed.
- Please do not kiss the priest's hand, but rather consider showing reverence by bowing and/or crossing yourself.
- Please use the side aisles to exit the church through the front door.

No fellowship/coffee hour

- Please do not mingle or socialize in the church buildings.
- On church premises, please continue to maintain social distancing standards.

If you become ill with COVID-19 after attending a church service, please immediately contact the church office at 775-825-5365 so notification can go out to others. Names of infected people will remain confidential. We will notify only those who attend the same service.

Added Cleaning Precautions in Effect

- Commonly touched surfaces are wiped down regularly (pews, worship items, light switches, door handles, tables, countertops, etc.)
- Restrooms are monitored and sanitized frequently.
- A thorough cleaning of the church, small hall and restrooms is being provided by our custodial service twice a week. (This will be adjusted as needed).
- Should an infection occur, the premises will be sterilized, and continuation of services will be determined by Father Stephen, the Parish Council, and the Reopening Team.