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Beloved brothers and sisters in Christ,

Effective March 1, 2021 Simcoe-Muskoka is once again moving back to the **GREY - LOCKDOWN ZONE**. The following public health safety measures are applicable for all Places of Worship: *Gathering limit for ALL religious services, rites or ceremonies, including wedding and funeral services, is **limited to 10 people with physical distancing in place.***

Please note that this 10-person limit includes the Priest, chanter, altar servers, parish council, and volunteers. As a result, we will be permitting *an additional 5 (+ or -) parishioners* to attend the Divine Services to reach the maximum of 10 people. As previously, parishioners **must contact Fr. Theodoros directly** in order to reserve a spot if they wish to attend.

To further accommodate our faithful, Holy Communion will be offered for **15 minutes** at the conclusion of the Divine Liturgies. At this point, parishioners will be permitted to enter the Church (while maintaining the 10-person limit with physical distancing), purchase and light a candle, proceed to receive Holy Communion, and exit the Church.

Safety Measures:

1. **PLEASE REMAIN HOME** if you have a cough, shortness of breath, or a fever.
2. **All MUST** remain in their vehicles at all times until permitted to enter the Church.
3. Masks or face coverings are to be worn at all times **EXCEPT** for those who have a medical condition which precludes them from doing so.
4. Hand sanitizer is provided and **MUST** be used as you enter the Church or use the restrooms.
5. Upon entry, kindly provide your name and contact information to the Council Member/Volunteer. You will then be permitted to purchase and light your candle and directed either to your seat (if you are attending) or to receive Holy Communion.
6. The use of the basement is completely off limits except for use of the restrooms.
7. Curb-side pick-up for our pre-order weekly meals will continue as usual.
8. It is preferable that you consider sending us your weekly donations/tithing via **eTransfer or PayPal**. If unable to do so, your weekly donations/tithing envelopes can be placed in the basket located by the entrance.
9. Unless volunteering, **EVERYONE** is required to leave the Church immediately following the Services.
10. For those who are unable to attend but wish to purchase a **Red Candle** for us to light, kindly send us an **eTransfer or PayPal** for \$7 per Candle. For a donation of \$10, your Red Candle will be placed on the Altar and your family's names will be read at the Liturgy. *A maximum of 2 Red Candles will be permitted on the Altar per service.*

Your patience and understanding will be greatly appreciated as we, yet again, enter another challenging state of our Liturgical life. We thank you for your continuous support in these difficult and uncertain times. Through prayer and faith in God, we **WILL** overcome this together!

In Christ,

+ Fr. Theodoros Alamanos  
Parish Priest

Danny Petsis  
Parish Council President