

**Guidelines for a priest serving at  
Saint George Church During COVID-19:  
Subject to review and approval by Metropolitan TIKHON**

Following the prescribed vesting procedures, the priest will use hand sanitizer before the start of the Liturgy of Preparation.

Upon completion of the rite of preparation, the adult server with facemask, and hands sanitized, will cut the antidoron/posphora/naphora for eventual distribution to the faithful. Bowl to be covered with a clean cloth.

For the Great Censing of the church (before start of service) from the solea, the priest will wear a facemask.

For the duration of the Liturgy, there will be only one adult server, who will wear a facemask and maintain a “resting position” of ten feet, the priest will serve without a facemask, so those in the church might better hear.

At both the Little Entrance and Great Entrance, the altar server will stand ten feet away from the priest – the procession to take place on the solea only.

After the Lord’s Prayer, the priest will again use a hand sanitizer.

For the communion of the faithful, the priest will don his facemask and disposable latex gloves.

During communion:

- The faithful may sit. Those planning to receive will usher themselves, pew-by-pew, front-to-back, coming up the side aisle (returning by the center aisle);
- The faithful will maintain social distancing, and move the mask aside when it is their time to receive. Once they received, the facemask is restored to its proper functioning position.
- Priest will use a different (metal iced tea) spoon for each communicant, the spoons will placed be in a designated receptacle for later disinfection of five minutes in actively boiling water;
- The communicant will use a paper napkin instead of the communion cloth, this napkin **must** be placed in a designated receptacle for proper disposal (burning);
- **No bread** offered at this time.

At the end of Liturgy, there will be **no** veneration of the Cross.

The priest will give the customary announcements, then don his facemask, and wearing disposable latex gloves, will distribute the antidoron/posphora/naphora to the faithful by means of a plastic baggie.

Respectfully submitted,  
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