

Greater Toronto Area, March 17, 2020

In the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, One God. Amen.

Dear Members of the Churches of the Coptic Orthodox Archdiocese of Toronto,

As promised, we have consulted with the Office of the Chief Medical Officer of Ontario, and we already have an update for you:

We are now permitted to celebrate the Divine Liturgy in our churches with a maximum attendance of 50 people, priest(s) and deacons included. Practice of social distancing is a must.

Accordingly, each church in the GTA may choose to hold liturgies according to these guidelines, and will announce to her congregation the schedule of daily liturgies along with a set of unified rules of organizing the limited attendance in each one. We ask each one of you to be responsible and considerate of others. Therefore attend at your home church only, and follow the guidelines and rules.

You will be updated periodically as this fluid situation continues to evolve.

In the love of Christ, The Priests of the Toronto Archdiocese