


COPTIC ORTHODOX PATRIARCHATE
ARCHDIOCESE OF TORONTO
ASSEMBLY OF ARCHDIOCESE PRIESTS

Greater Toronto Area, March 16, 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,

In a spirit of fatherly love and deep concern, we the priests of the Toronto Archdiocese, met by conference call late this evening (Monday March 16, 2020) and, for the well-being of our congregations, for the well-being of society at large, and in the spirit of obedience of authority, as commanded in scripture, we decided, based on the statement of the Chief Medical Officer of Health in Ontario, Dr. David Williams, to suspend all liturgical services until further notice.

Following is the request of the Chief Medical Officer of Health in a statement issued on Monday March 16, 2020 at 8:19PM (https://news.ontario.ca/mohltc/en/2020/03/enhanced-measures-to-protect-ontarians-from-covid-19.html?utm_source=ondemand&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=p).

We are investigating with the Ontario Ministry of Health and the Toronto Public Health Unit, the possibility to celebrate Divine Liturgies, even if we must limit the number of congregants. We will make every effort to update you as quickly as possible.

In the love of Christ,

Your servants,

The Priests of the Toronto Archdiocese