

This is the protocol as set by the re-opening committee to re-establish regular Sunday services at UOC of St Demetrius located at 3338 Lake Shore Blvd West in Toronto:

- Issue invitation to members in good standing by August 31 announcing the re-opening of our church for Sunday liturgies starting September 6, 2020.
- Communiqué will also include the following “musts”: use of hand sanitizer, use of masks at all times, physical distancing, no venerating of the Gospel, Icons or Cross, no holding of candles during Liturgy. Sunday collection will be a box at the back of the church available upon exiting.
- Those attending MUST pre-register. Please understand that only a limited number of faithful will be permitted to attend each Sunday.
- Pre-registrations accepted through parish phone or parish email for upcoming Sunday service up until Thursday 12 noon.
- Those who require the use of an elevator to gain access to the church will include this need along with their pre-registration.
- Health and waiver forms to be distributed by email or through in-person pick-up from the church office for those attending on the upcoming Sunday.
- Pews and other commonly touched surfaces, as well as restrooms and hall to be sanitized each Saturday and immediately after the Liturgy on Sunday.
- Church washrooms available for use by east stairway only; however, if possible, the faithful are kindly asked to use washrooms at home before coming to Church. The posted rules regarding handwashing and sanitizing are to be adhered to.
- Wheel chair access to washroom is available through request to a volunteer.
- Volunteer attendance to be confirmed for Sunday arrival 9 am. Volunteers will follow same entry protocol as congregants.
- Faithful must arrive promptly at appointed time so they are seated before Livestream begins at 10:00am. Those who wish to participate in Holy Communion, must be at Church by 9:30am for the general confession.
- Faithful will don masks prior to exiting their vehicles upon arrival.
- Posted outdoor signs indicate entrance and exit (doors will be propped open to reduce additional surface touching). Floor markings remind people

to social distance. Posted indoor signs will remind congregants to remain masked, to sanitize hands, to social distance etc. Seat arrangements are assigned following the directives of the Provincial Government and health authority requirements regarding distancing measures and safety.

- Volunteers guide the faithful through the hand sanitizing stations, the collection of health and waiver forms, registration check-in, candle purchasing, entry into the church, candle placing and on into their designated pew for the liturgy. No lingering in narthex.
- The faithful will be asked to refrain from talking, singing, coughing as the service is being live-streamed.
- Communion will be distributed by individual spoons and maintaining of distancing will be strictly adhered to.
- The faithful remain in their designated pew until the conclusion of the liturgy when they will once again be instructed by Fr. Makarenko on an orderly exit of the church through the front doors. They will also be instructed to continue wearing their masks until they reach their vehicle and to not congregate or socialize outside the church. Exit will be through the front doors which will be fully opened.
- **Please note: Those who do not comply with the above procedures will not be permitted to enter the church and asked to leave.**