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St George & St Shenouda Church Additional Announcements concerning Coronavirus / COVID-19

To the God-fearing Congregation of St. George & St. Shenouda Coptic Orthodox Church,

Below are some additional announcements regarding upcoming services and the health measurements that the church will undertake to keep her children safe:

1. **Taking Attendance**: Local officials requested that attendance be taken for gatherings greater than 25 people. When arriving at church you will be asked to register yourself and your family before entering each liturgy.

2. **Families should pray in the same liturgy**: Children should pray with their parents to minimize exposure of the family to different liturgies. There will be a little English added to the Arabic liturgies, and little Arabic added to the English liturgies to accommodate the families to pray together.

3. **Liturgy capacity limited to 250 people per liturgy**: To comply with State recommendations of limiting gatherings to 250 people, once the 250 person limit is reached, no additional people will be allowed to enter. Please do not come on Sunday if you can attend during the week. At this time there are no changes to the Liturgy schedule.

4. **Pray one liturgy per week**: We are kindly asking that everyone pray only 1 liturgy per week. The objective of closing the schools and having everyone work from home is to keep everyone home so the virus does not spread. In Italy, when the kids were given off from school they spread the virus by playing in the parks. We must stay home. Also, praying 1 liturgy a week will allow others an opportunity to pray without reaching the 250 person capacity.
5. **High risk groups:** The elderly and those who are immunocompromised should stay home.

   ينصح كبار السن والذين لديهم أي أمراض بالبقاء في المنزل

6. **Changes to minimize exposures:** The following changes will be adopted immediately:
   a. All prayer requests for the altar should be placed into the box provided with your own hands (do not pass it to anyone). The prayers will be placed on the altar.
   b. No offering bags will be passed out. Please place your offering in the offering boxes.
   c. Distribution of Eulogia will follow the same pattern of the communion. One row at a time from the center aisle.
   d. All, including priests and clergy, are asked to refrain from close contact greetings of handshaking, kissing, and hugging, but rather, bowing your head and placing your hands.
   e. Church members should bring their own women’s head scarves for liturgy, handkerchiefs and water for communion. Please do not share your water, head covering, or handkerchief with anyone else.

خلال حضور القداسات في الفترة القادمة برجاء الالتزام بهذه التعليمات

1. عدم إعطاء الأب الكاهن أو أحد آخر الصلوات المكتوبة المطلوبة وضعها على المذبح بل توضع في الصندوق المخصص لهذا وسوف توضع على المذبح خلال القداس
2. استخدام صانداق الصلوات الموجودة لتقديم صلاتكم وتبرعواكم سوف لا يتم المرور بالكيس كما هو معتاد
3. عدم التزاحم لأخذ لقمة القداس في نهاية القداس بل التقدم صفا جدا بهدوء منعاً للتزاحم
4. عدم المصافحة والقبلات والأحضان بما في ذلك في التعامل مع الأب الكاهن بل بمطامنة الرأس وذلك خلال القداس والصلوات وكذلك خارجها
5. عدم المشاركة في استخدام اللفائف وغطاء الرأس الخاص بالغير وكذلك أكواب المياه. يفضل أن إحضار لفائفك وحذاء الرأس الخاص بك وكذلك غطاء الرأس للسيدات

7. **No Spiritual Day Saturday March 21st**

   سيتم إلغاء يوم الأسرة 21 مارس

8. **Thursday March 19th Feast of the Cross. Liturgy will begin at 7am - 10:30am**

   الخميس القادم 19 مارس يوافق عيد الصليب - القداس 7 - 10 صبحاً

9. **Starting next week, the church cafeteria and the refreshments downstairs will be discontinued until further notice.**

   ابتداءا من الأحد القادم سوف تتوقف الكويت وكذلك المأكولات التي كانت في بيزمنت الكنيسة

10. **There will be changes to the Diptych (prayer for the reposed) and prayer requests in order to reduce contact. We will update you soon.**

    سوف نعلن لحضوركم قريبًا عن كيفية تقديم أسماء التراحم وذلك تقليلًا للتواصل