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# SAINT NEKTARIOS GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

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To my very dear Saint Nektarios family,

By now most of you have heard that the churches in North Carolina are allowed to open without government restrictions. This means that we have been given the task of monitoring the safety of our parishioners while the COVID-19 pandemic remains. In conjunction with Metropolis guidelines, the leadership of our community is providing precautions that must be followed during communal worship, at least for the immediate future. There will be a team of volunteers to greet, assist and usher you throughout the services. Please be patient and adhere to these precautions. God willing, they will be temporary and end soon.

It is truly a blessing to be allowed to once again worship together as one body, the Body of Christ. I can't tell you how much I've missed you and look forward to seeing you again. The time is coming, hopefully soon, when we will be able to freely exchange the kiss of peace and warm embrace of brothers and sisters in our Lord.

These times have been challenging for all. From just before Holy Week to right after the leave taking of Pascha we have been scattered and physically apart from each other, but in spirit we can never be separated. We are God's children. As the body of His Christ, we cannot be divided or defeated by mere physical separation. We are, and always will be, joined to the Father through the Son and by the Son to each other.

Please review the attached *Instructions for Attending Services at St. Nektarios*. Do not hesitate to contact a member of the Parish Council, staff, Fr. Nektarios or me should you have any questions. I pray that our upcoming reunion be as great a blessing for you as it will be for me.

In His Service,

Fr. Steve Dalber  
Protopresbyter