



Welcoming Our Family of Faith Back Home

A Plan to Transition to Public Gatherings at our Liturgical Celebrations

*“We are the children of your Church, and with our Lamps lit,
we come to Church as to the harbor of our salvation.”*

From The Rite of the Coming to the Harbor

What do I need to know about making an online reservation to attend Divine Liturgy at OLOP During Phase 1?

1. Why is there a limit on the number of people who can attend Divine Liturgy in Phase 1?

In order to help ensure social distancing, the Specific Standards for Places of Worship issued by the Baker-Polito Administration (“the Standards”), with which we must comply in order to reopen in Phase 1, limit occupancy at churches to 40% of the building’s maximum permitted occupancy. For OLOP that equals seventy-five (75) individuals, not including Fr. Vince, the altar servers, the choir and the ushers.

The Standards require that we monitor the number of attendees to ensure compliance with the maximum occupancy level. The Standards encourage the use of an online registration system to monitor and limit the number of attendees and to reduce confusion as attendees are entering the church.

2. What online registration system is OLOP using?

Our goal was to make the online reservation system as simple as possible, while ensuring that it would provide the information we needed. After reviewing a number of online registration systems, OLOP has chosen to use SignUpGenius.com. This is a very easy to use program.

3. How do make an online reservation to attend a Divine Liturgy at OLOP?

If you would like to make a reservation to attend a Divine Liturgy at OLOP during Phase 1, all you need to do is visit the OLOP website at www.ourladyofpurgatory.org and click on the link for the Divine Liturgy you would like to attend. You will be directed to a simple registration page. Check off the “Sign Up” box and then click “Submit & Sign Up” at the bottom of the page. You will then be asked to enter your name, your telephone number, your e-mail address, and the number of individuals in your household who will be attending. Once you are done entering the information simply hit the “Sign Up Now” button and you are all done. You will then receive an e-mail confirming the reservation.

The online reservation system will open at Noon on Wednesday for the following Saturday and Sunday Divine Liturgies. Online reservations for the Saturday Divine Liturgy will close at Noon on the particular Saturday, and at 8:00 pm on Saturday for the following Sunday Divine Liturgy.

4. Can I make an online reservation for someone else?

No. You can only make a reservation for yourself and the members of your household. If you try to make a reservation for someone else you will receive an e-mail informing you that the reservation has been removed and that the other individual will need to make a reservation themselves.

5. Can I make a reservation for Saturday Evening Liturgy and Sunday Morning Liturgy during the same weekend?

No. In an effort to ensure that as many Parishioners as possible can receive Communion during the weekend, we are asking all Parishioners exhibit the charity and understanding that have been the hallmarks of Parish over the past 103 years and only make a reservation for one (1) Divine Liturgy during a weekend.

6. Can I make a reservation to attend Divine Liturgy on consecutive weekends?

No. One of the main reasons that we have worked to create a comprehensive and safe plan to allow limited public attendance to Divine Liturgies in Phase 1 is to allow our Parishioners to once again receive Holy Communion. In light of this, and the limited number of persons who can attend Divine Liturgy during Phase 1, you can not make reservations to attend Divine Liturgy on consecutive weekends.

7. What happens if I try to make a reservation for two (2) Divine Liturgies during a weekend, or I try to make a reservation to attend Divine Liturgy on consecutive weekends?

If you make a reservation for two (2) Divine Liturgies during a weekend, or try to make a reservation to attend Divine Liturgy on consecutive weekends, you will receive an e-mail or telephone call informing you that the second reservation has been placed on a Waiting List. At the close of the reservation period, you will be notified if there is still availability to attend.

8. I don't have access to the internet. Does that mean I cannot attend a Divine Liturgy at OLOP in Phase 1?

No. If you do not have internet access, or if you have any questions regarding the online reservation process, please contact Joe Barckett at (617) 803-4087 Wednesday through Saturday between the hours of 10:00 am and 2:00 pm and he will provide sign up assistance.

We will be updating this Frequently Asked Question Handout as the Commonwealth updates their Order and Guidelines.

Thank you for your cooperation and understanding. Please contact Fr. Vince at (508) 996-8934 if you have any questions or comments.

Our Lady of Purgatory, Pray for us.

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