



St. Sophia/Ss. Faith, Hope & Agape Greek Orthodox Church of Valley Forge, PA

Parents, Students and Faculty,

We are excited to begin our Sunday school year! Recently, we sent a survey to the families of our Parish to gather information that helped us develop a hybrid Sunday school program that balances the need to educate our youth, with keeping all students, teachers and their families safe. Please review this important information prior to sending your students to Sunday school.

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Precautions and mitigation strategies are important, but they cannot eliminate the potential for exposure to COVID-19 or any other illness when in-person activities resume. People with COVID-19 may show no signs or symptoms of illness, but they can still SPREAD the virus. The Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) states that people of any age who have serious underlying medical conditions, especially the elderly, are at higher risk for severe illness from COVID-19.

****Therefore, every family must evaluate their unique circumstances and make an informed decision.****

BEFORE YOU ATTEND:

Students must pre-register for Sunday School using the same form that is used to register for each Sunday's Divine Liturgy. Please complete the form available at this link:

<https://forms.gle/pqgMpvht7NkRGFeM8>

Students who do not pre-register may not attend Sunday school, but are welcome to attend church.

ANYONE exhibiting these signs and symptoms should NOT attend church or Sunday school:

- Cough
- Chills
- Unexplained Muscle Pain
- Headache
- Sore Throat
- Loss of taste or smell
- Diarrhea
- Feeling feverish
- Known contact with a person who is lab-confirmed to have COVID-19.

Remember, you can attend church remotely via Facebook and Sunday school via Zoom.

UPON ARRIVAL:

Pre-school/Nursery: (ages2-4)

Class will be held as usual but using a rotational schedule - by family - to minimize potential COVID-19 exposure. This schedule will be set and communicated by Ms. Maria Tsipras. All teachers will wear masks. Children will enter and exit using the entrance farthest away from the church at the far end of the Hall – **ONLY**.

Kindergarten through High School:

*Sunday School will be 30 minutes starting immediately after communion.

*In-person students will enter the hall using the main doorway. (Remote students may attend via Zoom.)

*Each student will be temperature checked upon arrival using a forehead gauge. If a temperature of over 100° is detected, the student will not be allowed to attend class and will be returned to his/her parent in church.

*All students will be required to use hand sanitizer or wash their hands prior to entering the classroom.

*All will “social distance” and **MUST** wear masks at all times.

*One parent may wait for students in the Hall to pick up students after class.

***Classroom surfaces will be cleaned before & after classes.**

The following practices will be discussed with all students during the first day of Sunday school. Parents should also reinforce these important habits.

	<p>COVER YOUR MOUTH AND NOSE with your bent elbow or tissue WHEN YOU COUGH OR SNEEZE.</p> 	<p>WASH YOUR HANDS frequently OR use alcohol-based (at least 60%) HAND SANITIZER.</p> 
<p>STAY HOME if you feel unwell.</p>	<p>AVOID HUGS AND HANDSHAKES Use alternative ways of greeting people.</p> 	<p>Avoid touching your EYES, NOSE AND MOUTH.</p> 
	<p>SEEK MEDICAL CARE early if you have A FEVER, A COUGH AND DIFFICULTY BREATHING.</p>	<p>Follow advice given by your health care provider on how to PROTECT YOURSELF and others from COVID-19.</p> 