

**On May 13 we received the following notification from Metropolitan Joseph summarized below:**

In light of the announcement by the CDC stating that people who have been vaccinated no longer need to wear masks and social distance, and in light of the reality that most every adult who wants to be vaccinated has had the opportunity to be vaccinated, all requirements to wear masks and social distance in our churches have been lifted.

Nevertheless, those who feel at risk may certainly continue to mask as they deem fitting. The Metropolitan's policy is not meant to discourage anyone from wearing a mask.

Additionally, in light of the new CDC recommendations, choirs, church schools, coffee hours and social functions, hall rentals, meetings, etc. have been blessed to resume as each parish determines, but no later than the beginning of the new ecclesiastical year in September. We will be working toward this end in the hope that, God willing, normal parish life will have fully resumed by that time.