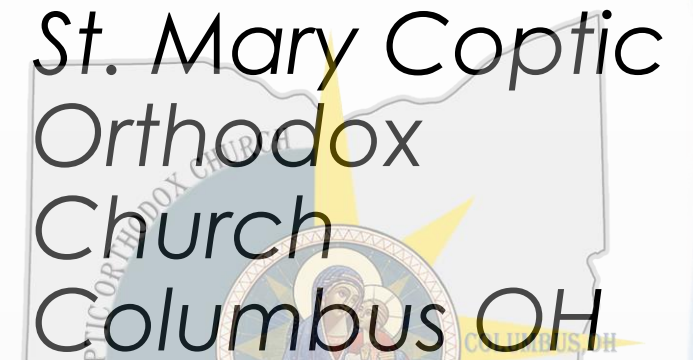


In response to the rising COVID cases in the Columbus area and around the country, the board of St. Mary and St. Joseph Coptic orthodox church has appointed a medical advisory committee, made up of congregants in the medical profession. Their role is to make recommendations to the board on appropriate steps the church can take to preserve the health and safety of all members of the congregation. The goal of any intervention is to minimize the risk of exposure and ultimately covid transmission to others. Michael Sourial is serving as the board's point person on the medical advisory committee. After reviewing the recommendations, the board has voted to adopt the measures below:

1. Some of the church pews will be closed off. Please sit with your family only in allocated open pews, and please do not disrupt the tapes put in place
2. Due to the short notice, new year's eve vespers and midnight prayers will occur without registration on a first come first serve basis, until capacity is reached
3. Liturgies held on Saturdays and Sundays starting on January 1st 2022, will require registration. Please visit <https://st-marycoc.ticketleap.com/liturgy/> to register. This will be a similar process as we have done in the past.
4. Christmas eve liturgy service will occur by registration only. All attempts will be made to allow everyone to attend, however due to the limited seating capacity in the church, there will be a livestream service in the chapel and in the basement.
5. During this time, there will be no socializing in the basement (no food/drinks)
6. We are requesting members of the congregation to anonymously let us know if they have a confirmed positive COVID test. This will allow us to monitor the trend of cases in our church and make decisions for the safety and wellbeing of the entire congregation. You do not need to give your name, and all information is kept strictly confidential. Please either reach out to Abouna, or fill out the following form anonymously:

<https://forms.office.com/r/hxs51va2bv>



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