

## Dear Beloved

- † One positive outcome of the latest lockdown is making us all realise how much we miss and appreciate the church. If you did indeed miss the church then I have received good news that I would like to share with; The diocese is making preparations for reopening the churches, inline with government directives. The timeline is simple: SMPK church will be open from 14<sup>th</sup> June to 4<sup>th</sup> July for personal/individual/family prayers, and from 4<sup>th</sup> July onwards for liturgies to congregations - all with observing social distancing.
- † **Arrangements** below need to be observed by all of us for the safety of all:
- † **Visiting times:** SMPK is happy to receive you on  
Tuesday: 2-4pm; Thursday: 6-8pm; Saturday: 11am-1pm - not in any other times.
- † **Visiting duration:** 15 minutes on church full capacity - else as congregants wish within the two hours. First arrive first leave.
- † **Car park:** closed.
- † **Church access:** front western gate
- † **Entry** to church building:
  - a) rainy weather: through the hall, into the church from the back door
  - b) good weather: through the door next to abouna office, into the corridor, into the church from the back door.
- † **Sanitisation** will be available at every entry point – please use to protect yourself and others.
- † **Marking:** please follow the marking and sign on the floor as they are designed to create a one-way system as a legislative requirement.
- † **Seating:** family together (men and women) observing social distancing with other families. If visiting alone, please use designated seat.
- † **Exit** from church: having finished praying please leave quietly from the exit next to the men sanctuary.
- † **Servants** will be available to help and guide – please cooperate as they apply the dioceses and government regulations.
- † **Pope Kyrillos' مزار** will sadly be closed for the time being, although it's curtains will be opened for you to possibly see the relics and spend a minute or two outside – remember the church in your prayers.
- † **Toilet** usage is discouraged (sorry!) – please make arrangements before arriving to church.

## From July 4th when churches will be allowed to open for liturgies:

- † We will have two, possibly 3 liturgies each week, whose days and times will be announced soon.
- † Abouna will give out holy communion from behind a Perspex screen to minimise physical contact.
- † Congregation will receive holy communion in families. Please line up, observing social distancing, in the middle and leave from the sides.
- † لقمة البركة will be given out by abouna in a similar way to giving out holy communion; line up in families in the middle row and leave from the side rows.

## General

- † Unfortunately, neither the back garden nor the church hall will be open for our congregation at this time as it will be very difficult to ensure social distancing and to disallow multi household gatherings, in respect of government regulations