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Dearest Parishioners of Saints Peter and Paul,

I hope this letter finds all of you well and safe as we continue to journey through this very difficult time of COVID-19.

At the same time, we are well into our Philip's Fast preparation for the Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ. With that in mind I'd like to share with you, after discussion with the Pastoral Council, the upcoming schedule for services on Christmas Eve and Christmas day. Keep in mind our number one priority is keeping everyone safe and well.

With this in mind – following is a list of services for December 24<sup>th</sup> and December 25<sup>th</sup>:

1. Christmas Eve at 7 P.M.
2. Compline Service on Christmas Eve at 9 P.M.
3. Christmas Eve at 10 P.M.
4. Christmas Day at 10 A.M. beginning with Church Slavonic and transiting to English after the Liturgy of the Word.

Several things to keep in mind – while we don't expect our normal crowd for Christmas, we do expect more than we have been receiving on Sundays. Because of the extra people that are expected, these protocols will be in place:

1. In church, masks and social distancing are required and will be enforced. Families who live together, of course, will not be expected to social distance
2. All Liturgies for these two days will be live streamed on social media as have been the last several months.
3. For services that may exceed the safe number of social distancing, which is approximately 50-60 in our church, the services will also be live streamed in our school gymnasium where masks and social distancing will also be required. Ushers and greeters will be in charge of watching capacity numbers and following all other protocols. If you do attend services in the gymnasium, Eucharist will be brought to you at the appropriate time. During these very difficult times, I ask that everyone cooperate and be patient as we do everything we possibly can to keep our parishioners safe while still celebrating the joyful celebration of Our Lord's birth.

In addition, because our Cantor (cantors) at all services will be singing from the choir loft, we ask that all parishioners refrain from sitting in the choir loft and to sit in the pews downstairs.

If there are any questions concerning these protocols, please don't hesitate to call the church office. I look forward to praying with all of you either in person or on line streaming during these upcoming holy days.

Prayerfully,

Rev. Michael J. Polosky  
Pastor