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SS. Methodios Bishop of Olympus and Kallistos I  
Patriarch of Constantinople

Dear Parishioners,

I send you my pastoral greetings and love during this prolonged period of the COVID-19 pandemic. I am deeply sorrowed that you have been forced to isolate from St. Katherine, its' sacraments and liturgies. It has been over three months since we have worshiped together. This is, truly, unfortunate!

We had plans of reopening to limited numbers on Sunday, June 14th. However, with the huge spike in new cases, this became unwise. Our vicar and the medical experts advising him determined that this would be too risky. So, we are placed in the unpleasant position of having to continue to wait. I urge your patience. Once we see a two week declining trend of new COVID-19 cases, we will receive the green light to reopen.

In the interim, I encourage you to watch the live-streaming videos of our services that can be accessed on the St. Katherine Facebook page. Use this opportunity to become more familiar with your prayer books and to read the daily appointed Bible readings. Make it a point to reach out to your fellow parishioners by phone to see how they are doing. Be assured that I will continue to pray for you and commemorate you at the holy altar.

Love in Christ,  
Fr. Phil Armstrong, Proistamenos

P.S. Please continue your giving to St. Katherine during these difficult times. We are dependent on your stewardship and gifts. I know you will continue to respond to the needs of your church.



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