

March 14, 2020

Family and Friends of St. Nicholas,

We are in the midst of a tremendous trial, as a nation and entire world as we seek answers for the Coronavirus. We continue in prayer for a quick, lasting resolution to the pandemic.

We are reminded in Psalm 46 1 "God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble." While we continue to have great faith in God, we also must use our God-given wisdom during these times.

Today the Parish Council had an emergency Zoom conference meeting and discussed at length the fact that the Town of Lexington announced today there are six presumptive cases of COVID-19 in Lexington. Out of an abundance of concern for the well-being of our parishioners, the Parish Council voted and approved the following statement:

Please be advised that after serious consideration regarding the Coronavirus/COVID-19 pandemic, St. Nicholas of Lexington is cancelling all services until further notice. If you are in need of pastoral services please contact the church office. All in-person activities and meetings of our ministries are canceled until further notice. Conference and video calls may still take place. Please contact the ministry leader for further guidance.

The Parish Council will continue to provide weekly updates or sooner, if necessary.

This decision was based on Metropolitan Methodios' pastoral letter to the faithful (see link below) stating that "cancellation of worship services is a decision taken by the Parish in accordance with the guidance and directives of the local civic authorities" and a letter received today from the Lexington Board of Health. The Town's letter (see link below) encourages us, among other measures, to consider social distancing in order to decrease the potential of passing the virus to people with compromised health systems.

In closing, please pray for all those who are our civic leaders both here in the Commonwealth, our nation and all leaders throughout the world. Pray for doctors, nurses and all medical professionals and researchers who seek to heal and help those who are afflicted as they put themselves at risk in the process. May our Lord replace all anxiety, worry and fear, with His love, strength, comfort and His peace.

May the Physician of our souls and bodies Christ our God, His Eternal Father and His All Holy Good and Life Creating Spirit be with you all, Amen.

God Bless,
Father Demetri and the Parish Council

[Pastoral Letter to Faithful From Metropolitan Methodios Regarding COVID-19](#)

[March 14, 2020 Update from Lexington Board of Health](#)

[COVID-19 Announcement from Town of Lexington](#)