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My dear parishioners in Christ

Considering the restrictions imposed by the Government of New South Wales, to prevent the further spread of the COVID-19 virus, which are in force in the Greater Sydney region, Blue Mountains, Central Coast and Wollongong until the further notice, I advise as follows :

1. St Sava Church and parish hall are closed to all, except the priest and two people that are necessary for worship services.

Exceptions are gatherings that cannot be postponed due to their specificity (according to the Government's criteria):

- Holy Divine Liturgy and other worship services in which, in addition to the priest, the presence of only two chanters is allowed, which is the minimum required to perform church services in extraordinary circumstances;
- Funerals, which are limited to 10 people (Masks must be worn in the church).

All worship and other services must be performed in the church with the doors closed and the church grounds closed to general access. Those present must maintain a distance of 1.5 m from one another.

Parishioners are **NOT PERMITTED** to wait in the church grounds or parish hall for Holy Communion, Confession, prayers, lighting candles or any other needs.

- 2. In order to satisfy the essential need for Communion with the Holy Body and Blood of our Lord God and Saviour Jesus Christ, you may contact me so that I can come and bring Holy Communion to you personally.**
3. The same applies for all other spiritual needs: Confession, the consecration of Slava symbols (wheat and Slava bread), prayers and spiritual counselling.
4. If you wish, you may provide me with the names of your beloved to mention while extracting particles during the Proscomidia and during the Great Entrance. You can do this either by email, phone, or in our mailbox.

Please be aware that the decision to again close the Church to you believers is very unpleasant for all of us. However, considering last year's experience, I hope that you will have understanding and patience this time as well.

It remains for us to be together in our prayers to the Lord, the Most Holy Mother of God and Saint Sava, to help us overcome this temptation. I am at your disposal for all clarifications via email or telephone.

Your supplicant before the Lord,



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