



Government Announces Opening and increased capacity of Places of Worship

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“The Lord said...“I have heard the prayer and plea you have made before me; I have consecrated this temple, which you have built, by putting my Name there forever. My eyes and my heart will always be there” 1 Kings 9:3

Beloved congregation of the Diocese of Mississauga, Vancouver and Western Canada,
Peace and grace to you.

The Lord is gracious and loving to His people. The Lord has heard the prayers and supplications of his people and gave us more than what we asked for. It is with great joy that we all received Premier Doug Ford’s announcement about opening and increasing places of worship attendance. As of June 12, 2020, attendance at churches could be increased to 30% of their capacity while maintaining physical distancing.

The Diocese’s coptic orthodox churches in Ontario are advised to start preparing and planing to gradually increase capacities to celebrate the Divine Liturgies under appropriate safety precautions. Each Church will be sharing more details. For now, we just want to share this great news, which we have all been waiting for.

The diocese will share with the fathers and congregation some precautionary guidelines. We ask everyone to follow those guidelines in order to keep the safety of everyone.

Please continue to pray fervently for God’s mercy and grace for all His people.

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