



Toronto, March 18, 2020

In the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, One God. Amen.

Dear Members of the Churches of the Coptic Orthodox Archdiocese of Toronto,

***'Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid.'*** (John 14:1,27)

The priests of the Toronto Archdiocese met again this evening, Wednesday, March 18, 2020, by phone conference, in a spirit of unity and brotherly love for each other and a spirit of deep concern for our congregations and society at large.

Due to recent developments, it was esteemed most prudent by the majority to limit our services to liturgical services, celebrated on-site at each church by the priest(s) and select deacons. The congregation will be able to participate by following and praying via Livestream and asking about one another, especially those who live alone, and those most vulnerable in these times. The details of livestream, Liturgy schedules and so forth will be provided by each parish.

Employing these temporary measures was not an easy decision. We hope and pray to see you soon again face to face (3John1:14; 1Thessalonians 3:10).

We will continue to reassess and provide updates should the situation improve.

In the love and care of Christ,  
The Priests of the Toronto Archdiocese