**GUIDELINES to the parishes and monasteries**

**for taking measures to prevent illness**

**with the new Coronavirus (Covid-19)**

1. Display, at the entrance of the Church, the recommendations of the Ministry of Health for the prevention of illness with the new Coronavirus (Covid-19);

2. Consulting, at the level of each Parish/Monastery, with some competent medical staff, to take certain measures to prevent the spread of the new Coronavirus (example: identification of suspected contaminated persons among those who come to the church and directing them to medical units) ;

3. Ensuring a hand hygiene area, with products necessary for it (water, soap, disinfectants, etc.), in the proximity of Churches/Monasteries;

4. On the occasion of the Church prayer services, a special prayer for stopping the current epidemic, for the healing of the sick and for the spiritual strengthening of the medical staff and of those who contribute to the prevention and combating of the epidemic will be read;

5. The priests will visit the home of the sick faithful who ask for special prayer services and spiritual help;

6. In order to avoid the crowding of the faithful in the Churches, loudspeakers will also be used outside them;

7. Respecting the measures ordered by the public authorities and cooperating with them, while also ensuring the right of the faithful to participate in the liturgical life of the Church.

https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/diseases/2019-novel-coronavirus-infection/prevention-risks.html