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Dear Faithful and Friends of Saint John's

It was wonderful to hear how many people appreciated the livestreaming of last Sunday's morning services. At one point 100 households were watching. You can still watch this video up until another livestream takes its place. Here are a few of the comments people shared by email:

"We viewed our Nave from a very wonderful position (of camera) which just stirred my heart to have such a view to begin the services." - Tom Webster

"While it is not the same as being there in person, participating has given our spirits a unique opportunity to worship truly as a community regardless of our location." - Charley Peyton

"We have been most blessed to be able to join you for services during this time of "pestilence." So thankful for the broadcasts and to hear familiar and faithful voices (and the bell) worshipping God." - Richard and Patricia Bower in Pennsylvania

The collage below shows snapshots from all the Antiochian Churches that were live-streaming last Sunday. We are on the top row. [The next service we will livestream is Wednesday Night, March 25, 6:15pm, Vespereal Liturgy for the Feast of the Annunciation.](#) (Fish, wine, and oil are permitted on this Feast Day.) Please take care of yourself and your family until we all meet together again. [And please see the "Other Church News" below the collage](#) - Fr. Marc



### Other Church News:

Attached is a new letter from Metropolitan Joseph. There are no new guidelines, just his own reflections and pastoral encouragement. Please read when you can.

Maris Kelly has the following notes regarding the Church Office:

1. If you have a bulletin announcement - you may email it to [stjohnalaska@aol.com](mailto:stjohnalaska@aol.com)
2. If you have a reimbursement that you need from the church you may take a photo of the receipt, your name and address and what it was for then email it to [stjohnalaska@aol.com](mailto:stjohnalaska@aol.com). The reimbursement will be mailed to you.
3. The church office will be closed to the public. If you need help contact: Fr. Marc at 317-9770 or Fr. Tom at 441-2832

Also just today the governor of Washington state has asked all churches to completely close, so our Antiochian Churches in Washington will not have any services at all for now, not live-streaming,

nothing.



Fr. Michael Habib sent the following note yesterday:

"With great sadness and hope in the resurrection, I share the news of the falling asleep in the Lord of our brother in Christ, the Very Reverend Father Bernard Kinnick, retired pastor of St. Nicholas Church in Spokane, Washington, at approximately 6 AM this morning. Despite the heavy lockdown of visitors at hospitals, his wife and daughter were able to be at his side. Please remember Father Bernard in your prayers for the departed, and his wife, Kh. Karen, and their entire family in your prayers for the living. May his soul dwell with the blessed, and may his memory be eternal."

Fr. Bernard Kinnick, passed away from an illness he had for a long time, as far as I know, nothing related to the coronavirus. We will remember him in our Liturgy prayers.

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