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Rev. Fathers of the
Greek Orthodox Communities across Ontario

Beloved in the Lord,

On August 28, 2020 Toronto Public Health COVID -19 Guidance issued a new Revision which can be found on their website:

<https://www.toronto.ca/home/covid-19/covid-19-reopening-recovery-rebuild/covid-19-reopening-guidelines-for-businesses-organizations/covid-19-guidance-faith-based-organizations/>. These recommendations are based on [guidance](#) from the provincial Ministry of Health.

Please study carefully the above directives and discuss with your community council and decide what you want to follow:

1. Continue with the distribution of Holy Communion with individual Lavides for each parishioner.
2. Proceed with the distribution of Holy Communion with one Lavida for all persons.
3. Give the choice to the parishioners to receive Holy Communion with the same Lavida, or with different Lavides for each one of them.

What ever choice you make, your Community will be solely responsible for all consequences.

With fatherly love and blessings,

Bishop Athenagoras of Patara
Archdiocesan Vicar for Ontario

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