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Elpidophoros: With faith in God, we can overcome these difficulties, using rational, scientific knowledge we possess through our God-given intelligence



The Archbishop of America, His Eminence Elpidophoros, on Monday announced extra measures to protect the health of the Greek Orthodox flock of America, and the health of the wider public. These decisions were taken in light of the recommendations by US federal, state, and municipal officials as well as public health agencies.

Greek Orthodox churches will continue to perform appointed services, however, the faithful should pray from their homes and participate in these services through Internet broadcasts and multimedia platforms. Clergy will continue to make visitations for those in need of sacramental and pastoral care.

Commenting on these measures, Archbishop Elpidophoros said: "…As Christians, we must take responsibility for the well being of others. We can be united in the spirit even as we are apart in the body. In fact, protecting the health of those around us is a powerful witness to our faith, that we place the good of others above our own. With our faith in God, we can overcome these present difficulties, using the rational, scientific knowledge that we possess through our God-given

intelligence.”