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Bio: I am attending Providence College this year as a freshman. I will be studying political science in the Honors Program at PC. I have been an active member of the Church of the Annunciation, serving as GOYA Vice President and GOYA President. I am also involved in the management of the parish website, social media, and live streaming. I look forward to joining OCF and attending Orthodoxy on Tap events in college. I work as an assistant at my family's law practice, and also serve as a page at the Rhode Island State House.



The Covid-19 Pandemic has presented many issues for all of us to consider. I was fortunate enough to be able to help out with getting the church website up to date and in order for all of our parishioners that use it. I also was able to help with the live streaming of services on Facebook and Youtube. Obviously it has been difficult for all of us to be away from church for so long, but I think many of us have adapted to the live streaming. While certainly not the same and lacking the key element of the eucharist, these live streaming services have been comforting for all. I think that it will be important to offer these live streams for the foreseeable future and

maybe forever. They give parishioners who are busy working in their restaurants or other businesses or stuck home due to health conditions an opportunity to join in. I think that this Covid-19 Pandemic has presented a few concerns for how to administer the eucharist. I have done quite a bit of research on this matter and Archbishop Elpidophoros has posted some helpful information on social media. It is interesting that the use of a common spoon to distribute the eucharist is not a tradition set in stone by any council or synod, but rather simply the most effective way to distribute the eucharist. Some churches have begun the practice of using multiple spoons and wiping them down and alternating while parishioners receive communion. I certainly do not have the authority or the knowledge to know what the future way of receiving communion will be, but I expect some sort of modification, at least for the duration of this pandemic.