

Покрова Пресвятої Богородиці • Українська Католицька Церква  
Protection of the Blessed Virgin Mary (St Mary's)  
Ukrainian Catholic Church

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Dear Parishioners and Friends,

We at St. Mary's Ukrainian Catholic Church pray that you and your families are safe and healthy, as we continue to endure and battle the COVID-19 Pandemic. We also pray for our health care workers, doctors, nurses and all those who provide essential services.

**Holy Week and Easter Services.** As we prepare to mark Holy Week, Good Friday, and then Easter, our celebrations will be very different this year owing to the coronavirus. We simply continue doing what we're already doing, that is, stay home to prevent the spread of the virus, and to follow the Holy Week and Easter services from home through livestream or by tuning in to a Liturgy on our televisions.

**Livestreaming.** Here is a short list Ukrainian Catholic Parishes that are livestreaming Divine Liturgies and other Liturgical Services. Please go to their websites and click on the livestreaming links:

- Holy Eucharist Cathedral - New Westminster, BC
- St. Nicholas the Wonderworker - Victoria, BC
- St. Josaphat Ukrainian Catholic Cathedral - Edmonton, AB
- St. Basil's Ukrainian Catholic Church - Edmonton, AB
- St. Nicholas Ukrainian Catholic Church - Winnipeg, MB

When following the livestream liturgical services, it is important to stay prayerful and focused, avoiding all distractions. Set up a prayer corner in your home, and if possible, light a candle during the service.

**Palm Sunday and Pussy willows.** Pussy willows will not be blessed and distributed on Palm Sunday.

**Easter Basket-blessings.** Easter baskets will most likely be blessed via livestream on Easter Sunday. Alternatively, in these extraordinary circumstances, you may sprinkle your basket at home with Holy Water and recite the prayers of Easter-basket blessing yourself. These prayers can be found below.

**Easter Confessions.** As it is not possible to celebrate our "Easter" confession at this time, nor receive the Divine Eucharist on the Feast of the Resurrection of Our Lord, pray by yourself or as a family the "Prayer of Spiritual Communion," which can be found below.

**Financial Support.** At this critical time, your financial support is greatly appreciated. Our parish continues to incur expenses as we strive to fulfill the mission that God has entrusted to us. If you are able, you may mail a donation directly to the parish office.

Wishing you all a Blessed Holy Week and a Joyous Easter!

Fr. Serafym Grygoruk, OSBM  
Parish Administrator

