

In the midst of the **COVID-19** Pandemic, we must take every precaution!
This year, we must approach everything differently as long as the danger exists!

We will do our best to journey through this holy time of our liturgical year giving due **glory to our one Lord and Saviour** and to **renew ourselves** spiritually through the Sacraments

➔ We need **volunteers** to help keep safety standards each day. If you are healthy and willing, please call Fr. Michael 204-996-1310 or the Parish Office 204-667-8866 (*leave a message if need be. Your call will be returned*)

Special Holy Week and Easter Protocols this year....

Willows / Palm Sunday

- Pussy Willows will be blessed at both Liturgies on Palm Sunday, April 7 at 8:00 AM and 10:00 AM. Watch and pray the Divine Liturgy **online**. If you would like to pick up a willow branch, come by the Church between 11:00 AM and 1:00 PM. *[Those wanting to receive Holy Communion will also have the opportunity to do so at this time – but adhering to all precautions at all times.]*



The Mystery of Repentance / Confessions

By appointment. Call the Parish Office **204-667-8866** and you will be scheduled in. This will be a time for a *succinct* Confession – i.e. those who would like to talk longer will be able to make another appointment for counselling/discussion. Two “Confession periods” will be made available and, if warranted, other time(s) may be available and posted on the Holy Eucharist website: **HolyEucharist.ca**

At present, the two periods will be **AT THE PARISH CENTRE** at:

- Wednesday, April 8 from 1:00 - 4:30 PM*
- Holy Saturday, April 11 from 1:00 - 6:00 PM (w/ breaks for blessing Easter foods) *

Plashchanytsya / Shroud



The Plashchanytsya and the Tomb can be viewed online at our Parish livestreaming **HolyEucharist.ca**. Those who would like to visit the shroud **may*** be permitted to do so on Good Friday - **after** the 11:00 AM Vespers service – i.e. **from 12:30 PM**. However, this year, in the interest of adhering to coronavirus protocols, it will involve a considerable amount of stairs. Visitors will be allowed to enter the west main doors, passing by the ‘Tomb of Christ’ (*without touching the shroud*) spend a moment in prayer and then exit via a south door. The opportunity to make an online visit to the Tomb will be ongoing.

Easter Food / Baskets

Blessing of Easter food will take place on Holy Saturday (April 11) only – at 2:00 PM and 4:00 PM. It will take place in the parking lot of the Parish Centre (*with overflow, if need be, onto the church parking lot*). The baskets should be brought in the trunk/box of the vehicle – which will be opened for the blessing. After the blessings are sung, the priest will walk around to the vehicles and bless the food. Again, no socializing that would involve any proximity that would breach the two-metre distancing can take place at this time.



* We **must** adhere to the safety protocols. If this is deemed **not** possible, the *in-person* events may be **cancelled!**

Basic HOLY WEEK and EASTER Schedule (Subject to change. Check the website!)

April 5 – Palm Sunday	8:00 am - Служба Божа і Освячення Галузок 10:00 am - Divine Liturgy & Blessing of Willows 11:15 am - Distribution of Willows* / and Holy Communion*
April 6 – Holy Monday	5:00 pm - Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts
April 7 – Holy Tuesday	9:00 am - Divine Liturgy
April 8 – Holy Wednesday	1:00 pm - 4:30 pm - Confessions (<i>call office for appointments</i>) 5:00 pm - Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts
April 9 – Holy Thursday	9:00 am - Vespers and Divine Liturgy 7:00 pm - The 12 Passion Gospels
April 10 – Good Friday	11:00 am - Vespers and the Placement of the Shroud 7:00 pm - Jerusalem Matins
April 11 – Holy Saturday	9:00 am - Vespers and Divine Liturgy 1:00 pm - 6:00 pm - Confessions (<i>call office for appointments</i>) 2:00 pm - Blessing of Easter Food 4:00 pm - Blessing of Easter Food
April 12 - Easter Sunday!	6:00 am - Resurrection Matins 7:00 am - Divine Liturgy 10:00 am - Divine Liturgy

We need to stay in touch!

Members of our Parish Council will be calling all parishioners, but **You also call** if you just need to talk or need help – or... if you know of a parishioner in need of help. Stay updated as to what is happening in the Church and the World... especially in our Holy Eucharist Parish.

We want to stay healthy Soul and Body!

We should be aware of the simply yet powerful means of staying safe in this growing pandemic! Avoid any **contact** with people... social-distancing ↔ of at least two meters... Disinfect re-used surfaces as often as needed... Wash! Wash! Wash! your hands **OFTEN!** Before and after!

We also need to strengthen ourselves spiritually. It is tragic that when we need our Church more than ever, it is denied us because of safety precautions. We can find a way! Thank goodness we have the internet with our website and live-streaming! There is so much good stuff on the web... prayers, reading, great videos, full books, full inspirational movies, programs, etc. Let's not waste our time *vegging out!* Let's lead the way in learning, rediscovering our Faith and sharing Hope! As we remember to wash our hands, let's also Pray! Pray! Pray! Like never before.

Your Parish needs your support!

Yes, the Coronavirus has slowed down things in the parish, but it has also taken away our main fundraisers – perogies and bingo. We are still trying to remain as active as possible – especially by our ongoing prayer and our outreach. There are still basic bills to be paid. Do consider sending in your donations or dropping them off at the rare time that you might pass by (only if safe) **An addressed, stamped ENVELOPE is included in this mailing, Please use if for your DONATION.**