

**Byzantine Ukrainian Catholic Parishes of
St. George, Prince Albert,
All Saints, Nipawin, and Holy Spirit, Melfort**

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Message from Deacon Harrold – March 20-2020

Adhering to government regulations, and following the lead of other Ukrainian Catholic Churches, it is with a heavy heart that we announce that all services at St. George's Ukrainian Catholic Church in Prince Albert will be suspended until further notice. This decision comes after much consultation with parish council executive and Eparchial personnel. We will continue to monitor the outbreak and an email will be sent out as to when services will resume at some future date.

We still urge everyone to continue to pray and grow spiritually during these uncertain times. Please note that Bishop Bryan issued a memorandum on March 13th that dispenses the faithful from Sunday obligations until further notice. In the meantime, you can watch a Divine Liturgy online. Here are the links as sent to us by the Eparchy:

[Ukrainian Catholic Cathedral of St. George – Saskatoon](#)

[Ukrainian Catholic Church of the Dormition of the Blessed Mother of God – Saskatoon](#)

In addition, it is very important that we all continue to pray for our world. Prayer in all times is very important, and especially important during times of uncertainty and distress.

1. We invite all of you to take some time over the next few days to pray a Novena. (A novena is an ancient prayer tradition where someone prays for a period of nine days to ask for a petition, through the intercessions of the Virgin Mary and the saints.) The Knights of Columbus sent out the prayer below (see link), and are encouraging all their members to pray it. This is an excellent way for us to ground ourselves in prayer during this time of uncertainty.

<https://www.kofc.org/en/resources/news-room/11036-protection-prayer.pdf>

2. Additionally, you could pray the following prayer daily to help during these uncertain times.

In the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. (x3)

Loving God, fill us with compassion and concern for others, both young and old, that we may look after each other in these challenging times. We pray earnestly for those who are vulnerable during this time. Bring healing to those who are sick with the coronavirus and be with their families and neighbours. We pray especially those who are isolated, that they may know your love. Stay by our side in this time of uncertainty.

God of Love, also accompany all those who serve us with such love and generosity in the medical profession and in all our healthcare facilities. We give thanks for their continued work in the service of people. Strengthen them and guide them with your abundant goodness and bless them with health.

3. We also ask you to guide the leaders in healthcare and governance as they make decisions for the well being of people. May your peace and love be with us today, and during the time ahead.

Through Christ our Lord, Amen.

In the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. (x3)

4. You could pray Pope Francis' Prayer to Mary during the coronavirus pandemic

In the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. (x3)

Mary, you always shine on our path as a sign of salvation and of hope. We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick, who at the cross took part in Jesus' pain, keeping your faith firm. You, Salvation of the Roman People, know what we need, and we are sure you will provide so that, as in Cana of Galilee, we may return to joy and to feasting after this time of trial. Help us, Mother of Divine Love, to conform to the will of the Father and to do as we are told by Jesus, who has taken upon himself our sufferings and carried our sorrows to lead us, through the cross, to the joy of the resurrection.

In the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. (x3)

Take care everyone and may our prayers be united as we pray for those affected by the coronavirus, and those helping to care for the sick. We strongly encourage you to follow social distancing guidelines, wash your hands regularly, and only go into public places only when absolutely necessary.

In unity of prayers,
Deacon Harrold and Parish Council

If you are having difficulty navigating the sites for live streaming, feel free to email me or call me (Iris) and I will try to walk you through.

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