

**ST. ANDREW'S
UKRAINIAN ORTHODOX SOBOR PARISH**

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Слава Ісусу Христу! Слава навіки! Glory Be To Jesus Christ! Glory Forever!

Dear Parish Members and Friends;

Once again, it is a privilege for me to bring a communication on behalf of the Board of Management to all of you. We pray that you are healthy and that Covid-19 has stayed far away from you and your family.

Following two or more weeks of planning, the Board of Management developed a plan for the re-opening of the Parish for Worship Services. Our Parish priest, Fr. Yuriy Suchevan completed the Checklist and forwarded it to His Grace, Bishop Ilarion for review. His Grace gave His Blessing for the Parish to resume attendance at Worship Services. A Divine Liturgy was held with 25 worshippers present. The next service is scheduled for Sunday, July 26, 2020.

If you are planning to attend the Divine Liturgy held on a Sunday at St. Andrew's Ukrainian Orthodox Sobor Parish, please note the following.

1. If you are prepared to attend a worship service, then you:
 - a. Need to contact Ernest Skakun by email at BLUEMALVA@shaw.ca or by telephone at 780-434-0543 no later than Thursday preceding the Sunday that you plan to attend.
 - b. Need to provide the number from your household that will be attending.
 - c. Need to provide the names, telephone numbers, and emails of those attending.
 - d. Will be attending at your own risk.

2. You also need to know that:
 - a. Priority is given to members.
 - b. Attendance is limited to no more than 32.
 - c. If more than 32 worshippers are prepared to attend for a specific Sunday, names will be drawn at random to determine the 32 worshippers who will attend. Couples and families will be maintained as a unit.
 - d. You will be notified by email or telephone which Sunday you have been scheduled to attend.

3. You will also need to stay at home if you:
 - a. Have been diagnosed with Covid-19.
 - b. Live with someone with Covid-19.
 - c. Have been exposed to someone with Covid-19 in the past 14 days.
 - d. Are experiencing a cough, fever, sore throat, shortness of breath, runny nose, flu-like symptoms, or have underlying or compromising medical conditions.
 - e. Have traveled outside Canada in the past 14 days.
4. If you are attending, bring the following:
 - a. Filled water bottle since the water fountain will be shut off.
 - b. Masks
 - c. Gloves (vinyl/ latex) for additional protection.
 - d. Personal disinfectant/ hand sanitizer.
 - e. Your own prayer book since all prayers and printed materials have been removed from the pews.
5. When you arrive at the Church, wait outside until a greeter meets you. Entrance to the Church will be through the center doors.
6. Please answer the questions asked by the greeters.
7. You will be asked to consent to having your name and telephone number provided to Alberta Health Services should a case of Covid-19 be confirmed in one or more worshippers who attended the service.
8. Please maintain a distance of at least 6 feet from others.
9. Please wear a mask and gloves at all times. Masks and gloves will be provided if you do not have them.
10. If you do not wear gloves, please sanitize your hands with the hand sanitizers that are provided.
11. Wipes will be provided for you to wipe the area where you will be seated in the pew.
12. An usher will usher you to a pew.
13. Masks, wipes, and gloves should be discarded in the garbage can as you exit through the west doors of the Cultural Hall.
14. Please follow the directions for entering and leaving the Church. If you need help, contact a greeter or usher for help.
15. You are responsible for sanitizing the washroom before and after you use it. Instructions for sanitizing are posted on the doors leading into the washroom and inside the washroom.
16. The worship service will be different in the following ways:
 - a. Memorial and communal candles are not available.
 - b. There is no confession and communion.

- c. Congregational singing and replies are not practiced.
- d. There is no kissing or touching of crosses, relics, or icons.
- e. Veneration of crosses, icons, and relics will be with a bow.
- f. Prosfora will not be served.
- g. There is no fellowship or Church School.
- h. There is no collection for donations. Donations may be placed in the drop -box located near the Altar.

The above may appear to be restrictive, out of the ordinary, and not normal. While that is true, we need to remind ourselves continuously that we are in the midst of the Covid-19 pandemic. In trying to provide you with a safe and healthy environment in which to worship, we have followed the guidelines issued by the provincial health authorities and the directives given us by our Church Hierarchy. We thank you in advance for your co-operation in preventing and reducing the spread of Covid-19.

Stay safe. Stay healthy.

On behalf of the Board of Management, St. Andrew's Ukrainian Orthodox Sobor Parish

Ernest N. Skakun, President

July 19, 2020