

St. Peter & St. Paul Ukrainian Orthodox Church

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Parish Information Updates

March 18, 2020

Glory to Jesus Christ!

My brothers and sisters in Christ, I greet you in the midst of uncertain times with a heavy heart. As we mercifully try to keep our parish family safe, we are implementing the following new, temporary actions. Please take them seriously and feel free to contact me (847)-910-7120, frjohn.charest@aol.com if they cause strife in your faith or heart.

- 1) Only Sunday Divine Liturgies will be served. Until further notice, no other service will be served and there will be no coffee hour after Liturgy.
- 2) If you or a family member in your household present symptoms of any kind of illness, please stay home from services. If you'd like a visit, contact Fr. John.
- 3) If you are over the age of 65, please stay home from services; if you'd like a visit, please contact Fr. John.

Please remember, these new regulations are out of love and mercy. We are not lacking faith in our Lord. When Christ, was in the wilderness for 40 days, the devil tempted Him to use His power. The devil told Jesus to throw Himself off a high cliff, stating, *"If you are the Son of God, throw Yourself down. For it is written, 'He will command His angels concerning You, and they will lift You in their hands, so that You will not dash your foot against a stone.'"* Jesus replied, *"It is also written, 'Do not test the Lord your God.'"* Let us follow the example of our Lord and not put our God to the test, rather, let us take precautions that we know will help us and our parish family. Our faith is not weak because we're preserving our health, we are stewards of our bodies and we must act accordingly.

Please continue to read e-mails and share the information with those who do not access e-mail.

May the grace of our Lord, God, and Savior Jesus Christ be with you.

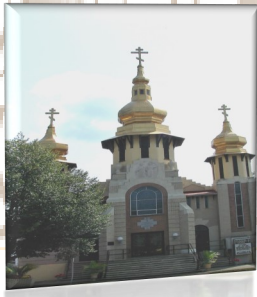
In Christ's love,

Fr. John

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- ◇ **ALL liturgical services, except Sunday Divine Liturgies are canceled until further notice.**

Includes: Pre-sanctified Liturgies, Vespers, Divine Liturgy (Non-Sunday), Deanery Lenten Vespers. Please check the Parish website if you have any questions on scheduled services.

- ◇ **Sunday Divine Liturgies** will be at 9:30 AM and will follow the protocols as outlined by Fr. John Charest previously. If you have any questions, please contact him at 847.910.7120 or frjohn.charest@aol.com.
- ◇ **If you are 65 or older, please stay home!** If you would like to receive Holy Communion, please contact Fr. John to make arrangements.
- ◇ **Reminder:** Senior Coffee Hour, Sunday Coffee Hour are canceled until further notice. If you have a question about a specific organization event, please contact the leader of the organization for information.
- ◇ **Updates:** Please continue to stay updated with items via the Parish Website and Social Media Outlets (Facebook & Instagram).

In His Name,

Fr. John Charest & Sts. Peter & Paul Parish

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