

Holy Trinity Ukrainian Catholic Parish

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Dear Parishioners of Holy Trinity Parish,

In accordance with the regulations put in place by Alberta Health Services, the Eparchy of Edmonton has updated its directives which must followed to allow for the safe continuation of our church services.

From the most recent letter sent by Bishop David Motiuk:

"As of June 12, Stage Two removes the cap for gatherings from churches and places of worship. The number of faithful permitted to attend church services is now regulated solely by the number of people that a church building can accommodate (*no more than 100 people*) while still ensuring physical distancing of at least 2 metres (6 feet) per household."

Included below are the most recent directives for our parish, updated on June 19th.

- Please pay attention to social distancing all parishioners must stay a minimum of 6 feet (2 metres) between those of other households
- Please wash/sanitize your hands frequently.
- Please wear the gloves provided in the vestibule and dispose of them after the liturgy
- Face mask wearing is encouraged as a means of preventing the spread of disease.
- For anyone going to Confession, please sanitize your hands and put on the gloves provided on the table beside the confessional, and then discard them into the provided receptacle after Confession.
- During the distribution of Holy Communion, the priest or lector will wear a mask for your safety. Holy Communion is distributed by single-use wooden spoons.

- At this time, there can be no singing in church as it poses a higher potential risk. One person such as a cantor may sing, but the rest of the congregation must only **recite** liturgical responses.
- Parishioners can pre-register for which Divine Liturgies they wish to attend by going to our website www.holytrinitychurchveg.com and filling out the registration form for which service they would like to attend. Those without access to the internet can continue to use the form entitled "Registration for attending the Divine Liturgy" and fill it out for the *entire month*.
- When you arrive at church, please check that you have been pre-registered on the attendance list located in the vestibule.
- No Mass books or bulletins can be left in the church at this time. For those with access to email, please print off the liturgical propers as needed, which are included in the last section of the bulletins sent weekly by email. There is also a PDF link to the bulletin on the website. Please print bulletins for family members, neighbors and friends who are without email.
- All personal belongings you bring must be taken with you when you leave.
- You are **required** to stay at home if you feel unwell, such as any cold-like or respiratory symptoms, fever, or fatigue (even if mild). Furthermore, according to the requirements listed on the Government of Alberta website, regarding COVID-19: "You are legally required to isolate for 14 days if you returned from travel outside of Canada in the past two weeks and monitor for symptoms."
- The faithful are currently dispensed from the obligation to physically attend the Divine Liturgy, especially if you have or live with anyone who has health issues. Livestreams and the broadcast on Telus channel 876 continue to be available.

Yours in Christ, Fr. Damian Dutka, OSBM Fr. John Sembrat, OSBM