



**Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy of Toronto and Eastern Canada  
Українська Католицька Єпархія Торонто й Східної Канади**

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To all Clergy, Members of Religious Orders and Faithful  
of Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy of Toronto & Eastern Canada!

**Glory to Jesus Christ!**

**MEMORANDUM**

Effective immediately, and until further notice, we announce the following: Bishop Bryan Bayda, CSSR has discussed with the College of Consultors what should be done in our churches and halls in the Eparchy of Toronto and Eastern Canada regarding pandemic of COVID-19 virus.

Consequently, all faithful are dispensed from obligations to attend services or Divine Liturgy. However, regularly scheduled services will take place as decided by the local priest of the parish and the local priest will decide if he is available for other sacraments. The local priest will give instructions about how to celebrate the sacraments accordingly. Certainly, all civil regulations from the Governments of the provinces and municipalities and official health organizations should be followed. No gathering should exceed 250 people so be prepared to be turned away.

No church or hall guarantees freedom from infection. All people attend or participate to the level they wish based on their own risk evaluation. Please exercise your personal prudence and common sense of hygiene.

We call all to fervently pray to our Lord, and God and Saviour, Jesus Christ - our Divine Healer to bestow His grace of healing upon all of humanity. Through the Lenten practices, let us beseech our Lord to strengthen our trust in the Divine Providence. And let us entrust our nation, our communities, and our families as well as ourselves under the Heavenly Protection of the Most Holy Mother of God and Ever virgin Mary.

Again, this memorandum is in effect immediately until further notice.

On behalf of His Excellency Bishop Bryan Bayda,  
Apostolic Administrator  
issued from Eparchial Chancery by  
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