



St. Anne's Ukrainian Orthodox Church
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Church Office # (416) 284-9642

REOPENING PLANS FOR ST. ANNE UKRAINIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH, SCARBOROUGH ONTARIO

BEFORE COMING TO CHURCH

- **Please come early.** The church will be open at **9:30 a.m.** in order to allow time to register, be screened, purchase candles and be seated. Liturgy will begin at 10:00 a.m.
- If you are able, please download, print and fill out the registration and screening form from our church website: stannesorthodox.ca Forms will be available at church.
- If you would like names read by Father Baxter for Health and Salvation, or for the Repose of the Departed, please email your list(s) to Father Baxter: padrebaxter@me.com **before 12:00 noon, Saturday**, to be read at the Sunday Liturgy.
- Or if you have a memorial book (Hramatky) at church, you may email Father the name on your book. He will have the books with him and can retrieve your book for the reading of names. This should be done **before 12:00 noon, the Saturday preceding the Sunday Liturgy.**
- The Hramatky will not be in the foyer.
- Please bring your own pen for filling out donation envelopes.
- Please remember to bring your own mask.
- If you are at all ill, please do not attend church service.

ENTRANCE INTO CHURCH

- Use the **Main entrance** to the church. Side entrance will be locked.
- Parishioners must sanitize their hands upon entering the church.
- Parishioners must wear protective masks throughout the service.
- **Parishioners will be signed in with their registration form** for every service. This allows for quick notification to all parishioners who attended a service if someone becomes ill.
- An usher will assist with candle purchasing and provision of donation envelopes.
- An usher will show you to your seat for Liturgy.
- We understand that traditionally, some Parishioners have preferred seats in the church. Due to social distancing requirements, you will be shown to a seat for the Liturgy that has been specifically measured off.
- Only family members living in the same household (bubble) may sit/stand together.
- **Please respect the decision of the usher when being seated.**

DURING THE CHURCH SERVICE

- Parishioners should avoid using the washrooms, unless it is absolutely unavoidable. If washroom use becomes necessary, only one parishioner at a time (or parent and their child) will be allowed to go downstairs to the washrooms. Those using washrooms must wash their hands with soap and water. Upon returning into the church from the washroom, parishioners must again sanitize their hands.
- Doors to the hall will remain closed. This area is off limits during reopening until further notice.
- There will be no collection plate for Sunday offering.

- You will be given donation envelopes upon entering the church. Please fill these out with your own pen after being shown to your seat.
- Place your donation envelope in the Donation Box at the back of the church, **as you exit the church.**
- Parents are requested as much as possible to make sure their children remain in their place and not wander in church.
- Parents with young children will be seated near the back of the church, enabling parents and children to go outside should the children need to move around.
- Sunday school is suspended. For Sunday school information please visit “**Bethlehem Star**” at the church website.
- Once you are shown your place, please do not move from it in order to maintain social distancing.
- Congregational singing is prohibited.
- Large candlesticks for the Epistle/Gospel readings and Great Entrance will not be distributed.
- All prayer books and other items will be removed from the pews. Please bring your own prayer books and take them home with you after the service.

END OF THE LITURGY

- At the conclusion of the service, parishioners will wait in their pews until an usher signals you to proceed forward to venerate the cross.
- Please take all your belongings with you so that you do not return to the pew after venerating the cross and receiving Prosphora.
- Veneration of icons and other objects may be done by bowing before them and crossing oneself. **Avoid any direct contact with surfaces.**
- Prosphora will be handed out at the end of the service in separate containers. Please take the Prosphora with you as you leave, and consume it outside or at home.
- Parishioners must leave the church premises, including the parking lot and exterior grounds, upon conclusion of the Divine Liturgy, all while maintaining social distancing.
- Please keep your masks on until you are in your car.
- Coffee hour is suspended.
- **If after attending any service, a Parishioner experiences any symptoms of or tests positive for Coronavirus/Covid-19, in addition to immediately contacting their medical provider, they must contact the parish at 416-284-9642**
- **Please see information for Toronto Public Health at end of this letter.**
- **Once we are contacted about a positive Covid-19 test result from an attendee, ALL parishioners/attendees will be notified. The church will be closed for 14 days, (usual quarantine period) and all services will be suspended until further notice. This will allow us to perform extreme sanitization for the health and safety of our attendees.**

If there is a failure by attendees to adhere to and follow the communicated and posted rules the result could be a further closure of the church and a further suspension of in-person Liturgical services.

CONFESSION AND COMMUNION

- Unfortunately, until we receive clarification from Toronto Public Health and a Blessing To Proceed from the Senior Leadership of the UOCC, Holy Confession and Holy Communion will not be available as a normal part of the Sacramental Life of the Parish with Sunday Liturgy.

- We are hopeful that this dilemma will be resolved soon through prayer, study and carefully listening to the guidance of medical and health experts and our Bishops. As we will carefully follow that guidance we pray that a full Sacramental Life will soon be restored.
- If there is a situation of a highly urgent nature, please contact Fr. Baxter.

We are deeply concerned for both the spiritual as well as physical health of our Faithful. We ask all the faithful to be as conscientious as possible in following the guidelines of the provincial and health authorities as well as these parish guidelines. Another outbreak or increase in cases may result in further lockdowns, which is something none of us desires. Let us remember that attention to detail on the part of everyone is the key to safely reopening our Church. We thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Toronto Public Health

If you develop symptoms, call this hotline immediately: 1-866-797-0000.

If you have questions about COVID-19, contact Toronto Public Health 8 a.m. – 8 p.m. daily.

Translation is available in multiple languages

- Telephone: 416-338-7600
- TTY; 416-392-0658
- Email: PublicHealth@toronto.ca