

# St. Joseph's Ukrainian Catholic Church

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Христос Воскрес!

Christ is Risen!

Dear Parishioners,

April 30, 2020

Yesterday, I received a phone call from His Grace, Metropolitan Lawrence. He informed me that the Catholic Church across Canada would be seeking the intercession of Mary, the Mother of God, for her protection against the Coronavirus.

**This special consecration of our Archeparchy to the Mother of God for her protection against the Coronavirus will take place at our parish of St. Joseph's during a Moleben Service on Friday May 1, 2020. The main celebrant will be His Grace, Metropolitan Lawrence Huculak, OSBM. This special service will be live streamed starting at 7:00 pm. YouTube - St. Joseph's Ukrainian Catholic Church Winnipeg**

Below is the general press release.

*On Friday, May 1, the **Catholic Bishops of Canada** will consecrate their individual dioceses and eparchies to Mary, Mother of the Church, seeking her protection during the Coronavirus pandemic, similar to what other Episcopal Conferences throughout the world have already done.*

*Along with the Bishops, pastors, families, groups, individuals and other faith communities may likewise choose to join the consecration as part of the global effort to unite in faith and prayer in this most difficult time.*

*The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCCB), in fraternal communion with the leadership of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB), has agreed that this Marian consecration be held on the same day in both countries, making this a most meaningful and powerful intercession throughout North America to the Blessed Mother.*

*The Bishops of Mexico, as well as the other countries in Latin America and the Caribbean, consecrated their dioceses and eparchies to Mother Mary this past Easter Sunday.*

*Pope Francis has already offered up a moving Prayer to the Virgin Mary for protection in light of COVID-19 last 11 March 2020.*

*The first day of May holds particular significance as it marks the beginning of an entire month to honour the Blessed Virgin Mary. "May is the month dedicated in a special way to the Mother of Christ. We believe that she is, in a spiritual but real sense, our mother too," said the Most Reverend Richard Gagnon, Archbishop of Winnipeg and President, Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops. "We turn to her and ask for the help of her powerful and maternal prayers to God for us. To consecrate ourselves to Mary means to be united with her in entrusting our lives entirely to God."*

*To assist dioceses and eparchies with the consecration, the CCCB prepared a specific prayer for use during the solemn act of entrustment. It can likewise be incorporated into family or individual prayer at home and used by other groups and faith communities.*

Enclosed in this email update are two attachments.

- One contains the text for the Moleben to the Mother of God.
- The second contains the prayers of the consecration to the Mother of God.

In closing, please remember that all of you are prayed for daily at St. Joseph's. Please continue to pray for each other and please continue to reach out to each other by phone, email, text, Zoom or Facetime.

*Peace & Prayers,  
Fr. Dmytro*



## **Live Streaming Schedule from St. Joseph's Ukrainian Catholic Church**

### **Sunday Divine Liturgy**

*Live Streamed Every Sunday 10:00 am*

### **Moleben to the Mother of God**

*Friday May 1 - 7:00 pm*

*Every Sunday in May 7:00 pm*

*YouTube - St. Joseph's Ukrainian Catholic Church Winnipeg*

### **Blessed Vasyl Velychkovsky CSsR Devotions**

*Wednesdays 7:00 pm*

*YouTube - Bishop Velychkovsky National Martyr's Shrine*



### **Prayer to Our Mother of Perpetual Help**

*O Mother of Perpetual Help, we come before your holy Icon seeking to follow Your Son.*

*Mary, please gently guide us to enter more deeply into the mystery of Redemption. Help us as we contemplate the Incarnation, Passion, Death & Resurrection of Your Son, Jesus, Our Redeemer. Help us to receive and accept the Light of Christ present in your arms.*

*Mary, we present our needs to you and ask that you place them in the hands of your Son.*

*Most Holy Mother of God, Our Mother of Perpetual Help, save us. Amen.*

***O Most Holy Mother of God, save us!***

***Пресвятая Богородице, спаси нас!***