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Слава Ісусу Христу!

Glory be to Jesus Christ!

Dear Parishioners,

I would like to bring a few items to your attention and to share some sad news with all of you.

- The latest Covid-19 restrictions have brought the city of Winnipeg and surrounding areas to level Orange. What does this mean for our Sunday Divine Liturgies? It appears that churches have no changes regarding attendance number. Therefore, with proper social distancing in the church there could be as many as 50 people. Remember you need to register through the office. The change that will affect us is that everyone in attendance must wear a mask. If you registered and are coming, **please remember a mask must be worn in church.**
- Thursday October 1, the feast of the Protection of the Mother of God, a Divine Liturgy was scheduled for 7:00 p.m. This has now been canceled because of the upcoming funeral of Father Len Ratushniak.
- The following is the sad news that I must share, the passing of Father Len Ratushniak.

Father Leonard Ratushniak, C.Ss.R.

Fr. Leonard Ratushniak, C.Ss.R., a member of our St. Joseph's Winnipeg Redemptorist community, fell asleep in the Lord at Holy Family Home in Winnipeg, after a valiant battle with cancer on Sunday September 27th, the 324th anniversary of the birth of St. Alphonsus, the founder of the Redemptorists. Fr Len's most recent assignments were serving as pastor of St. Andrew's Ukrainian Catholic Church and working with Fr. Larry Kondra, C.Ss.R. as a member of The Welcome Home.



Guided by the most recent Covid-19 restrictions, a viewing will be held on Wednesday, September 30 between 1:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. at St. Andrew's Ukrainian Catholic Church, 160 Euclid Ave., Winnipeg.

Please note that no more than 10 people will be permitted in the church for a brief time. Masks must be worn.

Later on Wednesday, a private Priestly Parastas will be celebrated by Metropolitan Lawrence Huculak, OSBM and Fr. Len's Redemptorist confreres.

Funeral Services will continue at St. Mary's Ukrainian Catholic Church, Yorkton, SK on Thursday October 1 at 7:00 p.m. and a Funeral Divine Liturgy will be celebrated on Friday October 2 at 10:00 a.m. Interment will take place in the Redemptorist Section of the Yorkton City Cemetery.

Fr. Len's complete obituary may be found on the website of Korban Funeral Chapel.

Вічна Йому Пам`ять God Grant Him Eternal Memory

Please keep Fr. Len in your prayers as well as his family at this time.

Peace & Prayers,

Fr Dmytro