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ПРЕСВЯТОЇ РОДИНИ
В ЛОНДОНІ**



**UKRAINIAN
CATHOLIC EPARCHY
OF THE HOLY FAMILY
OF LONDON**

Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

(Philippians 4:6-7)

Friday 1st May 2020

Christ is Risen! Indeed He is risen!

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The COVID-19 pandemic is having a universally destructive effect on countless lives and communities, and this includes our Church and her members. Our prayers go out to those of you who are suffering at this time and especially to those who have lost loved ones.

As we continue to celebrate the Easter season, living our faith as best we can in our own homes, our clergy continue to pray and hold services in either our parish churches or in their home chapels.

As your bishop I have a great concern for you the faithful of the Holy Family of London Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy. It is for this reason that I am writing to you and to assure you of my own daily prayers for you and your loved ones. As not all of you have been able to participate in the life of your parish community through Facebook and other electronic means of communication, I hope to reach out to you with this letter and assure you, of your parish priests' sincere love and concern for each of you, along with our heartfelt prayers.

In this difficult time, I know that our clergy are doing everything possible to keep the parish community involved, and where possible contacting the faithful by telephone, preaching and encouraging you in your faith and praying for your intentions. At every Liturgy we specifically pray for you.

Throughout history, in times of crisis Christians have always found a way to support their Church and one another. A few days after my arrival to the United Kingdom, and almost immediately after my enthronement as your Shepherd, I have been in lockdown at the Bishop's residence in London - we share this isolation together even though we must for now remain apart from each other. I am sure that this has been a very difficult time for you, I must admit to you that it has been a great challenge for me too. I have tried to be in regular contact with our parish priests over these weeks and it is through this way I am coming to know our Eparchy as best I can. I want to express my appreciation to you who have over the years taken such pride and care for our parishes to ensure we have places to come together as a Ukrainian Catholic community to worship our Lord. Our parishes

have become beacons of light and truly spiritual homes. Along with you, I eagerly await that day when we can once again gather in our spiritual homes, our parishes!

I am appealing to your generosity, so that we can continue to provide pastoral ministry to you, both now, and in the future when we emerge from this period of quarantine.

How can you help? Even though the doors of our churches must remain closed, would you please consider continuing your regular donation to your local parish, so that our Church can survive as your spiritual home. In doing so, we will ensure that the inheritance, left to us by the Ukrainian Catholics who established our Church in the United Kingdom, will be there for future generations.

In order to support your Church through this time of crisis, on the attached sheet, I am providing, you will find the various ways you can support your local parish. Also included is banking donation information regarding how you can also support our Eparchy. Some of our parishes are not always able to meet their financial needs and so your donations to the Eparchy assist our sisters and brothers in these other parishes.

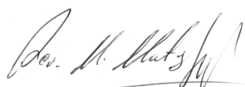
I realise that many of you may be facing personal financial insecurity, and so I ask that you give what you can. May God bless you for your past support of our Ukrainian Catholic Church in the United Kingdom, and I thank you in advance for your continued generosity.

As always, I place each of you under the protection of the Holy Family, our Risen Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, the Most Holy Mother of God and ever-virgin Mary, and the holy and righteous St. Joseph the Betrothed.

Joyfully Yours in the Risen Lord,

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Eparchial Bishop



Rev. Mitred Archpriest Mykola Matwijiwskyj
Vicar General

Parish Bank Account Details:

All accounts are held with the Royal Bank of Scotland.

Account Name	Account Number	Sort Code
UCC Central Fund	10121361	16-00-16
UCC Bolton	10121388	16-00-16
UCC Bradford Parish	10125936	16-00-16
UCC Coventry Parish	10121345	16-00-16
UCC Derby Parish	10125928	16-00-16
UCC Gloucester Parish	10121299	16-00-16
UCC Leicester Parish	10121337	16-00-16
UCC London Parish Fund	10121280	16-00-16
UCC Manchester Parish	10129281	16-00-16
UCC Nottingham	10121418	16-00-16
UCC Oldham	10121396	16-00-16
UCC St Olga's, Peterborough	10121310	16-00-16
UCC Rochdale	10121434	16-00-16
UCC in Scotland	10121426	16-00-16
UCC Wolverhampton Parish	10813182	16-00-16

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