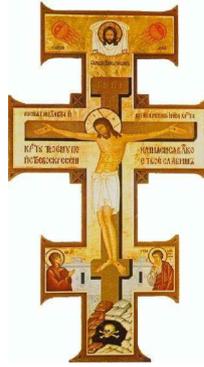


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### **CORONAVIRUS COVID-19 UAOC BULLETIN NO.3**

20 March 2020

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ!

The fast-changing situation in the United Kingdom, due to the Covid-19 virus, is being continually monitored by the Parish Council and Head of the Consistory.

Following the cancellation of last Sunday's Divine Liturgy, we regret to inform you that all services are now suspended until further notice.

With great sorrow and heavy hearts, we must also share the following information:

From today, all funerals and christenings are no longer open to public attendance; only direct family members may attend funeral and christening services in our church. During Lent, there are no marriage services, but should the situation with the coronavirus continue, we will be forced to postpone marriage services. These measures are taken to protect the health and safety of both congregation and Clergy.

The Church Council has agreed that for the time being, the Cathedral Church will be open to individuals for private prayers and contemplation on Sunday mornings between the hours of 09:00 -11:00. All visitors must follow the Public Health Britain guidelines on "Social Distancing" <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/covid-19-guidance-for-mass-gatherings>

- Before entering the church, wash your hands with soap and water or sanitise them with gel if no washing facilities are available.
- Do not shake hands or greet people with any form of physical contact.
- Please do not touch or kiss icons.
- Keep at least two metres distance between yourself and other parishioners.
- Elderly parishioners, those with coughs or temperatures and anyone with underlying health conditions should not to attend church during this period.
- Please keep in touch with our elderly parishioners. Help them with food shopping. But please do not offer them lifts in your vehicles.

Pastoral care continues to be available on request and our Clergy will continue to concelebrate the Divine Liturgy and prayers, albeit in private.

We are facing very challenging times in the coming months ahead. And while we may not be able to immerse ourselves in prayer in our church, we can light a candle at home and pray as families or on our own. Through the use of modern technology we can contact our loved ones wherever they may be, here in Great Britain or abroad and pray with them. Let us pray for the many thousands of souls that have died due to this deadly virus. Let us pray for their families and ask God to ease their pain and suffering. Let us pray for those who are infected so that they may become well again. And let us pray that we will soon gather again, together, in God's House!

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