



GREEK ORTHODOX COMMUNITY OF SAINTS PETER AND PAUL
KITCHENER-WATERLOO & DISTRICT
527 Bridgeway Road East, Kitchener, Ontario, N2K 1N6

April 27, 2021

RE: Update for Church Services during Lockdown

Dear Parishioners,

We would like to update on a few topics for this week:

Holy Wednesday: Due to the restrictions that are currently in place we will distribute the Holy Oil with wrapped Q-Tips which will be available for pick up in the Narthex.

Good Friday and Holy Saturday: Do to the very strict restrictions we will not allow any in person service for those 2 days. Each member will be allowed to enter our Church, light a candle and commemorate the icons and immediately return to their vehicle. We would ask you to follow the council member's guidance as we can face up to \$1000 fines per person if we don't adhere to the guidelines. There will be multiple Council members in the parking lot to organize proper parking.

Good Friday: Unfortunately we will not be walking the Epitaphio outside as mentioned in the previous announcement. A council member will be onsite after the Deposition from 3.30 pm to 6.30 pm to allow our parishioners to enter the Church and commemorate the Epitaphio.

We would also like to make it very clear that everyone must remain in their vehicle at all times. The only reason to leave your vehicle would be an emergency in which case we ask you to alert a council member which will be present in the parking lot and communicate the issue.

We acknowledge that these strict guidelines are not ideal and we cannot participate in the Services during holy week as we would like but being able to keep the church doors open during this time is very important.

We kindly ask that you respect these rules and follow the protocols put in place.

Please also be aware that all services are live streamed through our Facebook Page.

We will keep you informed by email and post on our website with any further changes for the following month. Please communicate this message to your family and friends who may not have access to email.

This Easter season will be very different for all of us. Καλή Ανάσταση!

Sincerely,

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