

CIX!

Dear Brother's and Sisters In Christ,

Foremost, we hope this email finds you well, safe, and taking all the protections to remain healthy and safe. This is the utmost concern for us.

We know that this may seem like a very small thing and maybe even insensitive in the grand scheme of what is happening in our world, however, the church still has to remain functioning even though the services have been cancelled. There are hard costs (bills, salaries, etc.) that remain and all rentals of the hall have now been cancelled in wake of the COVID-19 pandemic. We as an Orthodox Christian board felt it was not appropriate to hold these groups accountable for the lost revenue as the result of their cancelations due to the virus.

It does matter that OUR parish continues to receive your offerings, as long as you are fiscally able. This is a great time to examine the online giving options, and we encourage you to sign up for automatic withdrawal. Remember, even the healthiest congregation can find itself in dire financial consequences after a few Sundays without any offerings and it may be a long while before we will be able to congregate as a community.

Here are a few options to make it easy for you to donate.

**OPTION 1 - Pre-authorized payments.**

We recommend this option as it becomes a method that will support our/your Church's ongoing expenses. You can find a form on our website at <https://www.stvlads.com/forms>. You can fill out the form and send it to us either by taking a picture and sending it via email ([preauthorized.payments@stvlads.com](mailto:preauthorized.payments@stvlads.com)) or you can mail it to the address below. We will be checking our mail from time to time. You can also use this method for an ongoing or one-time donation.

## **OPTION 2 – Etransfer**

You will need to contact your financial institution on how to use etransfer. You can send us funds via etransfer. Please send it to [administrator@stvlads.com](mailto:administrator@stvlads.com) and put in the description “General Donation”. Please use **StVladimir** as the password. The “S” and the “V” are capital and there are no spaces. If you have never donated to St. Vladimir’s before, please be sure to email your address to [administrator@stvlads.com](mailto:administrator@stvlads.com) so we can mail you a tax receipt.

## **OPTION 3 – Donate online (via CanadaHelps)**

On the main page of our website we have a link that says “Donate Now”. You will receive a tax receipt directly from CanadaHelps and we will receive the funds within a week. This allows you to use various payment methods such as credit card. It is very quick and easy.

## **Option 4 – Donate via mail**

Should you wish to donate by cheque, you can do so by mailing it to our Church. We will continue to check mail during this time.

## **MAIL ADDRESS**

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We hope our asking for donations in this letter does not offend anyone, as this is not our intention. Rather it is to be good stewards of God’s house (St. Vladimir’s Ukrainian Orthodox Church) for which your board has been elected by the members in an AGM to do. I have been assigned by my bishop to care not only for the spiritual needs of the members of St. Vlad’s but also to take care of the physical needs of the parish. We are to be stewards of both the physical and spiritual well being of OUR parish. We ask for your prayers for the fulfilling of this calling from God.

In Christ,  
Very Rev. Patrick Yamniuk  
Parish Priest  
St. Vladimir’s Ukr. Orthodox Sobor

Sincerely,  
Lorne Calkins  
President  
St. Vladimir’s Ukr. Orthodox Sobor

