

Starosta's Corner
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Dear brothers and sisters in Christ

We are going into our second month of the stay at home order due to the Corona virus. I never imagined that something like this would come about so unexpectedly. But indeed it has and we need to adjust to the way things are for now. Most importantly remember our Lord, God and Savior is always with us, though as trying as life may become we are never alone. Also your church family is praying for you and all parish members: that God keep you safe and strengthen you. We will come out of this whether in a few weeks or months, but we will come out of this. In the time that we are apart maybe each of us will become more kind and loving, not taking the little things for granted like we have done. Realize that everything we have is through the grace of God, and truly understand that we are given all that we need by God. I know that I'm guilty of taking for granted all of little things like visiting friends and talking with them, sharing a smile or laugh. What I miss greatly is being in church with all of you, my church family. Doing work for God and helping others. I hope when this is over that everyone remembers that also, and maybe we can make the world a better place.

I would also like to remind all of you that even if we are not able to be in church together now, our church needs our support more than ever now. The weekly collections are down, but we still have to pay our monthly expenses.

We also have been asked for help by some families that don't have much, and now they don't have any income due to being laid off. Could I ask all of you to stop and think - are you still giving support to the church, and if you are blessed to still be receiving a pay check could you help a little more so we can help the less fortunate? In the spirit of love that our Lord taught us, we have a couple of people who wish to be anonymous that are matching donations made to the church dollar for dollar up to \$4000. What a great way to make your donations even more helpful. I hope all of you will take advantage of this opportunity to support our church and the less fortunate.

We have postponed the start of the church school due to the unknown economic conditions that this pandemic is causing. Believing that it is better to be cautious until we start to emerge from this.

Keep Archbishop Peter, Father Gregory, Father Moses and all of the clergy in your prayers. Their duties are even more difficult now and I know that they don't get enough rest because of their work to help all of us.

Lastly I ask all of you to stay safe, and stay home as much as possible.

With Love in Christ

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