

Ἀγαπητοὶ Ἀδελφοί- Ἐνορίτες τῶν Ἱερῶν Ναῶν
Ἁγίου Προφήτη Ἡλία καὶ Ἁγίου Ἀνδρέα Windsor,

Χαίρετε ἐν Κυρίῳ.

Μέ συνοχή καρδίας ἐπικοινωνῶ μαζί σας, προκειμένου νά μοιραστῶ τόν πόνο ὄλων τῶν πιστῶν, ἐπειδὴ δέν ὑπάρχει ἡ δυνατότητα νά τελεῖται ἡ Θεία Λειτουργία στοὺς Ἱεροὺς Ναοὺς μας λόγω κορωνοϊοῦ.

Ἀσφαλῶς γνωρίζετε ὅτι ὁ Ἅγιος Θεός, ἀλλά καὶ οἱ Ἅγιοί μας εἶναι ἀνενδεεῖς, δηλαδή δέν ἔχουν ἀνάγκη ἀπὸ τίς Θεῖες Λειτουργίες πού ἐμεῖς (Κληρὸς καὶ Λαός) τελοῦμε. Ἀπόλυτη ἀνάγκη ἀπὸ αὐτές ἔχουμε ἐμεῖς, γιὰ νά κοινωνοῦμε τό Τίμιο Σῶμα καὶ τό Πανάγιο Αἷμα τοῦ Κυρίου. Αὐτά μᾶς τρέφουν καὶ μᾶς ἐνδυναμώνουν στή ζωή, ἡ ὁποία εἶναι γεμάτη δυσκολίες, παγίδες καὶ πειρασμούς.

Τί θά κάνουμε λοιπόν; Ἀδελφοί, θερμά νά προσευχηθοῦμε νά κολοβώσῃ ὁ Κύριος τή δοκιμασία, νά συγχωρήσῃ τίς ἁμαρτίες μας καὶ νά μᾶς δώσει καὶ πάλι τήν εὐλογία τῆς Θείας Κοινωνίας, χωρίς τήν ὁποία νιώθουμε παντελῶς ἀδύναμοι καὶ ἀνίσχυροι.

Ἐπί πλέον ἀντιλαμβάνομαι τό μαρτύριο πού ὄλοι ζοῦμε μέ κλειστές τίς Ἐκκλησίες μας. Στερηθήκαμε τίς Προηγιασμένες, τίς Ἱερές Ἀκολουθίες τῶν Χαιρετισμῶν τῆς Παναγίας μας, τίς Θεῖες Λειτουργίες τῆς Κυριακῆς καὶ ἄλλες πνευματικές εὐκαιρίες.

Ἀδελφοί,

Ἄς εὐχηθοῦμε καὶ θερμά ἅς προσευχηθοῦμε κάτι νά ἀλλάξῃ τήν Μεγάλῃ Ἑβδομαδα, γιὰ νά μπορέσουμε νά συμπορευθοῦμε μέ τόν Κύριό μας στόν Γολγοθᾶ καὶ στήν λαμπροφόρο Ἀνάστασή Του. Ἀμήν.

π. Ἀστέριος

Beloved Brothers, Parishioners of the Holy Churches
of St Prophet Elia and St Andrew, Windsor.

Greetings in the Lord

It is with great sorrow in my heart that I am sending this message to you, in order to share with you the pain of all believers, that we are not able to celebrate the Divine Liturgy in our Holy Churches because of the coronavirus.

Of course, you know that our Holy God as well as our Saints are in want of nothing, they have no need for the Divine Liturgies that we (Clergy and People) celebrate. We are the ones that have the upmost need to participate, so that we can take communion of the Precious Body and the All Most Holy Blood of our Lord. This is the nourishment and strength to our lives, which are full of difficulties, traps and temptations.

What then can we do? Brothers, we must pray fervently for our Lord to stomp out this trial, to forgive our transgressions and to give us once again the blessing of Holy Communion, with out which we feel completely weak and helpless.

In addition, I appreciate the sacrifice that we are all going through with the Churches being closed. We have been deprived of the Presanctified Liturgies, the Holy Services of the Salutations to Panagia, the Holy Liturgies on Sundays and other spiritual gatherings.

My Brothers

Let us fervently pray that something will change for Holy Week, so that we can go together with our Lord to Calvary and to His glorious Resurrection.

Amen
Fr Asterios