

CONSTITUTION (DRAFT)

Ukrainian Orthodox Church of All Saints
Winnipeg, Manitoba

ARTICLE I — NAME AND STATUS

The name of the parish shall be the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of All Saints, hereinafter referred to as the “Parish.” The Parish shall be incorporated under the laws of the Province of Manitoba as a not-for-profit corporation without share capital. The Parish is and shall remain a canonical parish of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of Canada.

ARTICLE II — ECCLESIASTICAL AUTHORITY

The Parish exists and operates in accordance with Holy Scripture, Sacred Tradition, the Holy Canons of the Orthodox Church, and the Statutes, Regulations, and authoritative decisions of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of Canada. The Parish recognizes the spiritual and canonical authority of the Metropolitan, the Ruling Bishop, the Council of Bishops, and the Consistory Board of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of Canada. No decision, policy, or action of the Parish shall contravene Orthodox doctrine, canon law, or the Statutes of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of Canada.

ARTICLE III — PURPOSE AND MISSION

The Parish exists for the worship of Almighty God, the celebration of the Divine Services, the administration of the Holy Mysteries, and the pastoral care and spiritual guidance of the faithful. The Parish shall foster spiritual growth, Christian education, charitable service, and the preservation of the Orthodox Christian faith and Ukrainian spiritual heritage.

ARTICLE IV — SACRAMENTAL AND DOCTRINAL LIFE

The Parish shall adhere faithfully to the faith, doctrine, discipline, and liturgical tradition of the Orthodox Church as received through the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of Canada. Questions pertaining to doctrine, sacramental practice, liturgical order, and ecclesiastical discipline shall rest with the Parish Priest, subject always to the authority of the Ruling Bishop and the hierarchy of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of Canada.

ARTICLE V — MEMBERSHIP

The Parish is a Eucharistic community composed of Orthodox Christians who participate in the sacramental and spiritual life of the Church. The qualifications, rights, privileges, responsibilities, categories, and standing of membership shall be defined in the Parish By-Laws.

ARTICLE VI — GOVERNANCE

The temporal and administrative affairs of the Parish shall be exercised through the Parish Assembly and the Church Executive, also known as the Board of Directors, as established and governed by the Parish By-Laws. The governance life of the Parish shall respect the canonical authority of the clergy, the administrative authority of the membership, and the fiduciary responsibilities of the directors.

ARTICLE VII — PROPERTY AND ASSETS

All Parish property and assets are dedicated to the religious, charitable, educational, and spiritual purposes of the Parish. Such property and assets shall be administered and protected in accordance with Orthodox principles, the Parish By-Laws, the Statutes of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of Canada, and applicable civil law. In the event of dissolution, liquidation, or disbandment of the Parish, the remaining assets of the Parish, after payment of all lawful debts and obligations, shall vest in the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of Canada.

ARTICLE VIII — RELATIONSHIP TO BY-LAWS

The Parish By-Laws govern the operational, procedural, and administrative affairs of the Parish and shall remain subordinate to Orthodox canon law, the Statutes of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of Canada, and this Constitution. In the event of any inconsistency, conflict, or ambiguity, the higher authority shall prevail.

ARTICLE IX — AMENDMENTS

This Constitution may be amended only by a resolution adopted by a two-thirds majority of members present and voting at a duly convened Annual or Special Parish Assembly. Any amendment shall require such ecclesiastical approval as may be mandated by the Statutes of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of Canada.

ARTICLE X — CONTINUITY

This Constitution establishes the enduring ecclesiastical and organizational identity of the Parish. Operational and administrative matters shall be governed by the Parish By-Laws to preserve the stability and continuity of this Constitution.

Dated: 17 Feb 26