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Dear Parishioners, Members of the Serbian Eastern Orthodox Church of St. Archangel Michael, 212 Delaware Avenue and all our Brothers and Sisters.

The Directors of the Corporation of St. Archangel Michael want to take this opportunity to let you know how much we appreciate your support, prayers, and patience during this unprecedented time.

We all have had decisions to make during these past months that impact our families, and even at times, employees or people we work with daily. At the beginning of this year, not one of us looked over the horizon of 2020 and predicted such difficult times for our world, nation, churches, or families. Yet, we have taken it "one day at a time," trusting God will help us to make decisions that will be correct.

Our Church, St. Archangel Michael is going through a very difficult time, like so many of our churches. Limited gatherings and all of our normal church functions have been cancelled, due to the restrictions the Province put in place. Our Sunday Liturgy is now limited to 10. We could not celebrate the Church Choir's slava, Sveta Petka which was on Friday October 27th, in our usual way. We cannot celebrate our church slava the usual way, on November 21, St. Archangel Michael. There's little doubt in all our minds this is not the way any of us envision what church will be going forward.

Due to limited gatherings, income is limited, but the usual costs remain the same that must be paid.

Someone once said, "you don't know what you have until it's gone." Of course, the church is not "gone" in a literal sense, but not meeting together sure does make one appreciate what we had! Yet, the thing that keeps us going is the realization this is not a situation that will last forever.

As COVID-19 continues to spread, the future has never felt so unpredictable. These are challenging times for us all, and we hope you're in good spirits and health! Right now, we're doing everything possible to sustain daily operations and provide services to our community. While there's a lot of uncertainty, we know that we need to adapt fast to our changing reality. Now, more than ever, our community needs us. And we need you.

Therefore, we appeal to our members, parishioners and all our brothers and sisters to help us in these difficult days with your donations. For your convenience, the church has set up a secure online donation section which can be accessed through the church's website at:

<https://www.starchangeltoronto.com/> You can donate with your credit card, an E-Transfer, or you can send a cheque to the Serbian Eastern Orthodox Church of St. Archangel Michael, 212 Delaware Avenue, Toronto, Ontario, M6H 2T5.

We thank you in advance and may God bless you all.

Executive Board of St. Archangel Michael SEOC.