

Holy Ghost Ukrainian Catholic Church
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Cemetery Purchase Guidelines: 2017

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Holy Ghost Ukrainian Catholic Church has set new guidelines for the purchase of a cemetery plot in its cemetery in the Town of Sandy Lake.

Individuals may pre purchase a plot and or purchase a plot at the time of burial.

Plot purchased for the assigned individual is for that person only.

Plots are non transferable but can be surrendered back to the Parish.

If the assigned plot purchaser becomes deceased and is buried elsewhere, the plot is surrendered to the Parish.

Purchase fee is not refundable.

Guidelines have been set as follows:

A: Regular Parish members and financial supporters may purchase a plot for \$50.

B: Individuals who have paid an annual membership fee for at least 5 consecutive years may purchase a plot for \$250.

C: Non Parish members, who have family within the church, may purchase a single plot for \$500 for themselves.

These guidelines also apply:

1. One body burial is allowed per plot. (One fee-either \$50, \$250 or \$500)
2. One body and one cremation are allowed per plot. This only applies to when a burial is first and a cremation is positioned above the buried individual.
3. One cremation is allowed per plot. Cremation must be at the head of the plot. A secondary cremation may be allowed providing that it fits between two family members.
4. Guidelines of A, B or C plus the positioning of burial and cremation are at the discretion of the cemetery committee.

Sandy Lake Cemetery Rules and Regulations

1. No casket or urn may be buried in the cemetery without submitting a copy of the Provincial Burial Permit and/or Certificate of Cremation to the cemetery manager or appointed parish representative.
2. No casket or urn may be buried in the cemetery without first consulting with the cemetery manager regarding where the casket or urn may be placed.

3. Urns must be buried at least 2-1/2 feet. That is, the top of the container holding the ashes must be below the 2-1/2 foot level.
4. No person may be buried in the cemetery that was not a former member of the parish or who does not have other family members buried there. For cases that fall outside of this requirement, consult with the parish priest.
5. Non-Christians may not be buried in the cemetery even if their Christian family members are buried there.
6. No non-Catholic burial services are permitted (e.g, Protestant, Baptist, etc.) without approval of the parish priest.
7. No private family burial ceremony may be performed without approval of the parish priest.
8. No symbols may be put on gravestones such as signs, symbols and expressions that signify anti-Catholicism, irreligion, Satanism, or paganism.
9. Funerals will not be admitted to the cemetery when escorted or accompanied by banners or other symbols of societies or associations that are not in keeping with Catholic beliefs or traditions.
10. The placing of ornaments; or planting of plants, shrubs or trees on graves is not permitted without the approval of the cemetery manager.
11. No transfer of title of cemetery plots will be valid without approval of the cemetery manager or appointed parish representative.

A perpetual maintenance fee has not been set and family members may choose to donate any reasonable amount for the continual maintenance of the cemetery. They may choose to donate on an annual basis or a one time donation. The cemetery requires maintenance of summer grass cutting, road grading, weed control, plot maintenance and basic up keep.

Note: The above fees do not include the cost of opening and closing of plots during burial and or church services/lunch. This is the responsibility of the family members.

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