

Memorialization and Markers

Cemetery Committee Guidelines

1. A wood cross is an acceptable temporary marker and will be allowed to remain until a permanent marker is installed.
2. All graves shall have a permanent marker installed within one year after the burial, but no later than the following summer. This marker shall be paid for and installed by the family of the departed according to the guidelines established by the Funeral and Cemetery Committee.
3. The permanent marker shall be a Cross fashioned from stone, metal or wood and shall be of a style appropriate to an Orthodox Christian cemetery. The cross shall be placed securely in the ground or it may sit on an appropriate and secure base no taller than 12". The total height of the marker shall be a minimum of two feet and a maximum of five feet.
4. Any Cross constructed of wood will also require the additional placement of a permanent stone marker, approximately 12" x 12", in front of the Cross, flush with the ground, and bearing the first and last name of the deceased, along with year of birth and year of death.
5. All markers shall have a minimum inscription of first name, last name, year of birth and year of death.
6. Additional inscriptions and artwork are optional, but must be in good taste and not conflict with Orthodox Christian tradition. Any questions about appropriateness should be addressed to the pastor and the Funeral and Cemetery Committee.
7. It will be the responsibility of the family to repair or replace any markers that are damaged or have become unsightly. Such repairs may be requested by the Funeral and Cemetery Committee and must be made as soon as practical and no later than a year after the request is made.
8. St. John's Cathedral Cemetery will not be liable for damaged markers or memorials. Lawn care and maintenance will be done with due care to protect the grounds, but occasional damage to graves may be unavoidable.
9. No marker shall be installed that is not of the type approved by the parish.

Notes

Names low to the ground might be covered with snow during the winter months.

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