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**DIOCESE OF MISSISSAUGA,  
Vancouver and Western Canada**



Press Release Regarding the events that took place early Saturday morning  
April 8<sup>th</sup> 2023 at the  
Church of Virgin Mary and St Athanasius  
Mississauga, Ontario.

Early this morning, an incident took place at the Church of the Virgin Mary and St Athanasius. Police immediately arrested the individual involved. No one was harmed. The Police have confirmed that this was an isolated incident and that it is not targeting any specific group of people. They have committed to providing all their resources to assuage any concerns and ensure the safety of our congregation.

We look forward to joining together in prayer this evening as we chant “Hosanna in the Highest” as we welcome the King of Kings.

We pray for a Peaceful week of Pascha and a joyous celebration of the Glorious Feast of Resurrection.

May God bless you all

H.G. Bishop Mina Bishop of The Diocese of Mississauga, Vancouver, and Western Canada  
April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2023