

## STATUTE OF THE SERBIAN ORTHODOX CEMETERY BROOKWOOD

**By the rules of the Serbian Orthodox Church, the cemetery is a sacred place and as such it should be respected.**

### 1. NAME

The cemetery is registered as "Serbian Orthodox Cemetery - Brookwood".

### 2. ADDRESS

Place and address of the cemetery is: St. Cyprian Avenue, Brookwood, Woking, Surrey.

### 3. ADMINISTRATION ADDRESS

The administration address of the cemetery is: 89-91 Lancaster Road, London W11 1QQ.  
Tel.: 727 8367.

### 4. OWNERSHIP

The cemetery is the property of the Serbian Orthodox Church, Parish of St. Sava in London, 89-91 Lancaster Road, London, W11 1QQ.

### 5. TRUSTEESHIP

- a. The cemetery is managed by a Trusteeship.
- b. Any Orthodox person, who is a regular member of the Serbian Orthodox Church — Parish of St. Sava in London may become a member of the Trusteeship.
- c. At least two members of the Church Parish Executive Committee have to be members of the Trusteeship.
- d. Members of the Trusteeship are nominated by the Church Parish Executive Committee and approved by the Church Parish Standing Committee.
- e. Work of the members of the Trusteeship is voluntary, i.e. without any pecuniary rewards.
- f. Members of the Trusteeship are nominated for an indefinite period.
- g. Membership in the Trusteeship ceases through:
  - death,
  - resignation,
  - three successive absences from the meetings of the Trusteeship,
  - at the request of the Church Parish Executive Committee.
- h. Decisions are taken by a simple majority of votes.

### 6. PURPOSE

- a. All Serbian Orthodox people, their spouses and Orthodox descendants, like all other regular Orthodox members of the Serbian Orthodox Parishes in Great Britain, may be buried at the cemetery.
- b. Two people may be buried in the same grave only if they are members of the same family (husband, wife, child, father, mother, brother, sister). This should be notified at the time of the purchase of the grave/plot.
- c. Urns with ashes of cremated people cannot be buried in this cemetery.
- d. Once purchased, a grave/plot becomes the property of the buyer and his descendants.

- e. Once bought, a grave/plot cannot be transferred or resold to anyone except to the Trusteeship of the cemetery.
- f. Every owner of a grave/plot at the cemetery will be issued with a Certificate of Ownership by the Trustees, showing the place and number of the grave.

## 7. BURIALS

- a. A burial service at the funerals will be conducted exclusively by the Serbian Orthodox (canonic) priest of the parish.
- b. Burial service can be conducted by any other Orthodox (canonic) priest, with permission of the parish priest and with the blessing of the Bishop.
- c. The family concerned will arrange the funeral with an undertaker of their choice, after consultation with the authorised priest about the time and date for the funeral.
- d. In cases of transferring a deceased from another cemetery to the Serbian Orthodox Cemetery - Brookwood, or in reverse, the family, or those responsible for it, should inform and get permission for the transfer from the Trustees of the cemetery and from the authorised priest.

## 8. HEADSTONES

Headstones must be erected in accordance with the rules of this Statute, such as:

- 1. size: 40"x20"x3",
- 2. shape,
- 3. material (colour), — Balmoral red granite or similar stone is recommended.
- 4. inscription — the headstone must bear a cross, but the wording, type of letters, or picture is left to the choice of the erector.
- 5. it is in the mutual interest of the family and Trustees to discuss details before ordering and erecting the headstone.

## 9. MAINTENANCE OF THE CEMETERY

The Trusteeship is to care for the maintenance of the cemetery. Means for the maintenance will be provided by:

- a. the fund for the maintenance of the cemetery,
- b. donations,
- c. legacies,
- d. collections from parishioners.

## 10. GENERAL STIPULATIONS

- a. During funeral services only the hearse and the cars of the close family are allowed in the cemetery. For a requiem, only one car of the closest family is allowed in. Parking space for all other vehicles is provided outside the cemetery nearby.
- b. Family, relatives and friends of the deceased are obliged to leave the cemetery clean and tidy, i. e. put all the refuse in the space provided and turn off the water.

#### 11. DISPUTES/DISAGREEMENTS

Should there be any disagreements/disputes between users and the Trusteeship of the cemetery, the Trusteeship will have to refer the matter to the Church Parish Executive Committee who will take over and make a decision about the dispute.

#### 12. COST OF GRAVES/PLOTS

The Trusteeship will fix the prices for grave plots at least £50 below the commercial price for a similar plot in the Brookwood area. Price for a double grave is 50% higher than that for a single one.

#### 13. ADDITIONS & ALTERATIONS

The Trusteeship of the cemetery may make additions or alterations to this Statute, as necessary, but will have to inform the Church Parish Executive Committee and, if necessary, all grave plot owners about it.

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