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Ruby Mirza owns one of the few salons in Hamilton with a private section for female Muslim clients.

Hijabs make haircuts a challenge for women

BY LINDA NGUYEN

For Muslim women who don't expose their hair in public, something as seemingly simple as getting a haircut is a challenge.

Many avoid regular hair salons and go to basement hairdressers and private rooms to avoid being seen by men without their traditional headscarf, the hijab.

Mira Khattab used to go to a woman who only cut hair in her home on the weekends.

"(These) salons are private, in people's basements. A lot of hairdressers are making cash at home. It's a little industry."

Women who wear hijabs cover their hair and often parts of their face and bodies for religious reasons. Khattab says it's about covering yourself so men don't judge you only on your physical appearance. Finding private

home salons can be difficult.

"We usually hear through the grapevine, from people at the mosque or at parties. It's not really advertised."

Ruby Mirza's salon behind her Asian Mart boutique at Jackson Square is one of the few in the city with a sectioned-off area specifically for Muslims.

"Half of our clients are Muslim. We have privacy for them here and a curtain. They don't want to be in an open area."

Mirza, who moved to Hamilton 25 years ago from Pakistan, is Muslim and says there have been times she's had to turn away male customers because women thought it was too risky.

"Before we start, I tell men to not go through the specific area. Sometimes I've asked them to come back ... later. Women just want protection and privacy?"

Hadir Abid owns the Golden Crown Hair Salon on Upper Ottawa Street where 30 per cent of his clients are Muslim.

Although he's not allowed to cut the women's hair himself, he made a quarter of his salon private so women can feel safe. Abid, a Catholic, finds that knowing Arabic helps him keep clients. "I don't care (about their religion). They have a special room and place where they can discuss what they like, which way they like."

For Khattab, a devout Muslim, the effort to find a good but private salon is worth it.

"My hair is really curly and unmanageable. I just want to feel good and getting a haircut makes me feel good."

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Canada's Serbian bishop bans worship in the Falls

BY SHARON BOASE

What began as an administrative dispute between Canada's Serbian Orthodox bishop and a parish in Niagara Falls has spiralled into a \$17-million lawsuit and a ban on worship on the eve of Orthodox Easter.

While Christian Orthodox will joyfully mark Jesus's resurrection tomorrow, congregants at St. George Serbian Orthodox Church will have to make-do without a priest, marking the highest Christian holy day with silent prayer and hymns.

"This is terrible, absolutely terrible," said Dushan (Dan) Kolundzic, president of the executive board at St. George's in Niagara Falls, one of six defendants named in a suit filed by Bishop Georgije Djic, head of the Serbian Orthodox Church in Canada.

"Easter is what people wait for the entire year," he said. "I feel hurt, the community is hurt."

The suit seeks to dissolve the incorporation of St. George's which took place last December. St. George's sits on 28 acres in the heart of Niagara Falls, just off Lundy's Lane. Kolundzic says it's worth about \$15 million.

The lawsuit, filed in February, claims the incorporation transaction was "inappropriate and fraudulent" and is in violation of

national church bylaws, statutes and its constitution. It also alleges the transaction violated church dogma and scripture.

None of the allegations has been proven in court and the defendants have not submitted a statement of defence.

Lawyer for the national church Bernard Gasse said the ecclesiastical issue was a personal matter and the bishop was not available for comment yesterday, Orthodox Good Friday.

The dispute began last year when St. George's board learned the bishop cancelled a health insurance policy covering all Canadian Serbian Orthodox clergy and their families. Instead, money parishes across Canada paid on premiums was pooled in an account from which health-care costs were paid.

Kolundzic said Serbian Orthodox Church of Canada's constitution and statutes require individual parishes to provide health coverage for clergy, including long-term disability, life insurance, health and dental coverage. To not do so could open up the parish to legal action, Kolundzic said.

Under the old structure, the five trustees of the church would have been personally liable, with their homes, vehicles and other assets facing possible seizure in the case of a lawsuit.

For more than a year St. George's trustees tried to get the national church to say in writing that their parish was no longer required to provide health benefits. When that didn't happen, they decided to protect their trustees from personal liability by incorporating, Kolundzic said.

There isn't enough money in the national church bank account to cover health care for clergy, said Branko Vincic, former president at St. Nicholas Serbian Orthodox Cathedral on Nash Road South in Hamilton. "We think this is an extremely dangerous thing," Vincic said. "Disability claims can run into the millions of dollars and church trustees would be left holding the bag."

The bishop followed the suit with an edict forbidding worship services and the dispensing of sacraments at St. George's. Those who voted for incorporation are banned from receiving the sacraments anywhere in the Serbian Orthodox Church, but may receive the sacraments if they rescind their votes.

Kolundzic said St. George's congregants have no intention of leaving the Serbian Orthodox Church and will not violate the bishop's edict.

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