

*Le panier du moine*



*The Monk's Basket*

by  
*The Hermitage of the Annunciation*

## **Subscription Agreement 2021**

### ***Introducing “le panier du moine”***

Share in the fruits of the earth grown in the silence of the Hermitage through a subscription to a weekly ‘panier du moine’ (monk’s basket), a weekly food basket grown by the monks.

### ***Le panier du moine: Subscription, How Does It Work?***

A food basket subscription is a way of becoming part of the monastery and sharing in the harvest of the monks. It works much like a membership to a gym or to a magazine: friends subscribe and pay at the beginning of the season to receive a weekly *panier* of freshly-picked vegetables, grown chemical-free. A food basket subscription is also the willingness to share in the risk and the abundance associated in farming and growing vegetables.

In order to offer a wider variety of vegetables, we partner with our neighbours, Steve and Charlotte of Newbury Hill Farm. Some of the vegetables in your *panier* will be grown by Steve and Charlotte, who are dedicated to growing nutritious vegetables in the same ecological manner we do.

<b><u>Subscription:</u></b>	13 weeks, from the week of July 4 through week of September 26.
<b><u>Panier Delivery:</u></b>	Pick up your <i>panier</i> of freshly harvested produce each week at the chosen pick-up location (see below for location and time).
<b><u>Panier Contents:</u></b>	8 different vegetable types in early season, up to 12 at the height of the season. (approx. 2 grocery bags) (Variety and quantity may vary week-to-week due to natural factors.)

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## ***The Hermitage Growing Practices***

Monastic life is a constant striving to live a unified and simple life. Our growing practices match the same spirit as our monastic life. This means we strive to grow vegetables in an ecological manner, with simplicity and quietude.

- Our produce is grown chemically free, using practices accepted by organic farming.
- We prioritize soil health over harvest quantity, remembering the smallest of creatures.

### ***Subscription Offerings***

We offer 1 main subscription, with two optional add-on packages.

1. **Full Basket Subscription: *Le panier du moine*: \$35/week (\$455 full subscription cost)**
  - Duration: 13 weeks
  - See chart below for vegetable variety and season.
2. **Add On (optional) : Cuke, Parsley & Radish Lovers \$7.00 / week (\$91 full subscription)**
  - Parsley & Radish each of the 13 weeks, with a mid-east variety cucumber for several weeks in Aug and Sept when in season.
3. **Add On (optional): Extra Herbs \$5.00 / week (\$65 full subscription)**
  - Duration: 13 weeks
  - Weekly selection of in-season herbs each week including: basil, dill, mint, oregano, thyme

Varieties and season of vegetables included in the ‘panier du moine’ :

<b>July</b>	•Spring Cabbage •Chives •Green Onion •Peas •Summer Squash
<b>August</b>	•Beans •Beets •Cucumbers •Armenian Cucumber (me2te) •Carrots •Eggplant •Onions •Sweet Peppers •Summer Squash •Tomatoes
<b>September</b>	•Beans •Beets •Cabbage •Carrots •Celery •Cousa <sup>1</sup> •Cucumbers •Armenian Cucumber (me2te) •Garlic •Melon •Onions •Peppers •Winter Squash •Tomatoes
<b>All Season</b>	•Basil •Kale •Lettuce •Salad Mix •Swiss Chard •Radishes •Purslane (ba2le) •Spinach •Mint •Oregano •Thyme

(This chart is based on our best estimate, but of course the weather may cause our actual production to be different.)

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<sup>1</sup> Cousa: a Middle-Eastern summer squash

## ***Our Shared Commitments***

We promise to do our best to provide you with a bountiful share each week. The quantity of produce, however, may vary from week to week due to extreme weather, or other production factors, despite our best efforts. *By joining our food basket subscription, you are agreeing to share the risk of crop failure with us and other subscribers.* If a large enough portion of crops fails, we may not be able to deliver any product in some weeks.

### ***Picking Up Your “panier du moine”***

You are responsible for picking up your *panier du moine* at the pick-up time and location designated for you. Once the subscriptions are filled, we will balance out the pick-up times amongst all members. Your pick-up times will be one of the following.

DAY OF WEEK	PICK-UP LOCATION
<b>Wednesday: 3-5 pm</b>	244 Bently Dr. Fairview, Halifax (Mona Awad)
<b>Saturday: 10-12 am</b>	2 Huxley Close Clayton Park, Halifax (Nada Haidar)

You are responsible for observing the rules for picking up your *panier*, which are as follows:

1. Pick up your *panier* within the appointed timeframe out of respect for the friends who are kindly offering hospitality for the pick-up.
2. Return your empty *panier* from the previous week’s delivery.

If you are unable to pick up your food basket within the time-frame, please give us as much advanced notice as possible—**at least 24 hours**. You then have the following options:

- You may arrange to have someone else pick up your food basket (please do not impose on the host of the pick-up location).
- You can pick up your food basket at the monastery.

Food baskets that are not retrieved within the pick-up time will be forfeited.

**Important:** Please deal directly with the monks, and not the host of the pick-up location, for all monastery vegetable-related issues: 902-644-1388.

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## Sign Up & Subscription Fees

By submitting this form you are agreeing to pay the fees, and accept a portion of risk of crop failure as indicated. Subscriptions are limited. If spaces are no longer available we will put you on a waiting list.

**STEP ONE:**

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ CITY/TOWN: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

**STEP TWO:** Choose your subscription (Place a check mark next to the subscription type(s) in list below)

	<u>Subscription</u>	<u>Pick Up Schedule</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Subtotal</u>
1.	<b>FULL SUBSCRIPTION</b> • 13 Weeks of Food Baskets with In-Season Vegetables • \$35 / Week	Weekly, 13 Weeks	\$455	
2.	<b>ADD ON: Cuke, Parsley &amp; Radish Lovers</b> • duration: 13 Weeks • \$7/ Week • extra Parsley & Radish (each wk) & Cucumbers (when in season)	Weekly, 13 Weeks	\$91	
3.	<b>ADD ON: Herb Lovers</b> • duration: 13 Weeks • \$5 / Week • full range of in-season herbs	Weekly, 13 Weeks	\$65	
4.	Handling fee (One-time Fee)		\$20	\$20
			<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>_____</b>
Subscription fees due <u>June 19</u> by cash or e-transfer: <a href="mailto:monks.ns.garden@gmail.com">monks.ns.garden@gmail.com</a> Please wait for confirmation before submitting payment. Please contact us if you prefer to pay in instalments (maximum 3).				
NOTE: weekly deliveries are planned to start the week of July 4, and end the week of Sept 26 <sup>th</sup> . A warm or cool spring may shift this one direction or the other.				
Refunds: Payments are not refundable after week 6 of the subscription.				

**STEP THREE:** Select preferred pick-up time. (we cannot promise this time. We will let you know your pick up time when needs of all subscribers have been considered )

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