

# *St. John Byzantine Catholic Church (Ukrainian-Rite)*



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Parish office hours – Tues - Fri. 8:30 a.m. – 12:00 noon.*

## DIVINE LITURGY AND SACRAMENTS

**SATURDAY** 4:15 pm – Sunday Divine Liturgy (all in English)  
**SUNDAY** 10:00 am – Divine Liturgy (English/Ukrainian)

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION** – Before or after Divine Liturgies or anytime by appointment

**MARRIAGE** – Please call the office 1 year in advance to make arrangements

**BAPTISM** – Please call the office to arrange an interview

**SACRAMENT OF THE SICK** – Please call the Parish office (905) 937-3393 or if an emergency (905) 327-3563

## MEET OUR PARISH TEAM

**Pastor:** Rt. Rev. Anton Szymychalski  
**Administrative Assistant:** Mrs. Chrystyna Tymczyszyn

## PARISH COUNCIL

**Chairperson** – Bob Oleksiw  
**Vice-Chair** – Natalie Millhiser  
**Secretary** – Don Osadec  
**Treasurer** – Allan (Oleh) Struk  
**Spiritual Trustee** – Ellen Ternowski

**Bingo** – Mary Trush  
**Kitchen** – Mary Kozachenko  
Olga Czerwoniak  
**Maintenance** – Jerry Pryshlak  
**Social Convenor** – Terry Hrankowski  
**Bereavement** – Dora Holubowski

**Sunday of the Paralytic**  
**April 17, 2016**

Epistle: Acts. 9:32-42 Gospel: Jn. 5:1015  
Reader: M. Chodoriwsky (Eng.)  
Next week: J. Luciw (Ukr.)

**DIVINE LITURGY SERVICE**

**FRIDAY:** 10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy (Eng.)  
+Jerry William Misurka, req. by Mike & Mary Bernyk  
**SATURDAY:** 4:15 p.m. Divine Liturgy (Eng.)  
+Wally Luciw (1 yr.) req. by Jean Luciw and family  
**SUNDAY:** 10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy (Ukr. & Eng.)

***THIS WEEK OUR SANCTUARY CANDLES  
BURN FOR GOD'S BLESSINGS AND GOOD  
HEALTH UPON ALL THE SICK AND SHUT-IN  
OF OUR PARISH.***

**OFFERINGS:**

April 10th: \$1,200.00  
Roof Donations: P. Ternowski \$50.00; E. Ternowski  
\$20.00; Anonymous \$100.00  
Development Donations: T. & S. Lee \$50.00;  
H. Kokotka \$20.00; O. Czerwoniak \$10.00; P. & D.  
Holubowsky (in memory of +W. Saranchuk) \$20.00  
Errors or omissions? Please call the office.

**THANK YOU!**

**Choir Practice:** April 26<sup>th</sup>, 2016 at 7 p.m.

**Parish Council Meeting:** Monday April 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.

**Big-A-Buck 2016 Draw**

Saturday April 23, 2016

Doors open at 11:00 a.m.

Buffet Lunch - 12:00 noon

Thank you to all those who purchased tickets and  
good luck!

We are looking for crafters and exhibitors for our Craft & Gift Show, which will be held November 12<sup>th</sup>. If you have any questions or are interested in purchasing a booth, please call Teri Lee (905) 646-2859.

Prizes are still needed for Big-A-Bucks. If you would like to donate a new item for our prize tables, please bring your donation into the parish office by Wednesday morning. Income tax receipts will be issued for new items accompanied with a receipt, only.

All are invited to the Activity Centre for

Sunday coffee.



Interested in becoming a member of St. John's Church? Registration forms are available at the back of the church. Please fill it out and return it to the parish office so a set of envelopes can be issued to you.

Please check out our website [www.stjohn.com](http://www.stjohn.com). If you would like to have our bulletin emailed to you weekly, please sign up on the link provided on the website. If you already have signed up to receive bulletins in the past, please re-register your email address. We have had issues with our server and email addresses need to be re-entered.

Svitanok Choir will host an Afternoon Tea – concert and home baked treat. Featuring “Gerdany of Ukraine” the art of beadwork by “Rypan Designs” on Sunday April 24<sup>th</sup> at 3 p.m. , 239 Kenilworth Ave. N, Hamilton. Tickets are \$10. For more information please contact [svitanokchoir@yahoo.ca](mailto:svitanokchoir@yahoo.ca)

Our Annual Folk Arts Open House will be held Saturday May 7<sup>th</sup> from 1-6 p.m. We require some volunteers to help with food preparation in the kitchen and volunteers on the floor to help monitor displays and clean up. If you can help, please call Christine in the parish office.

Our summer BBQs are very popular but we do require people to co-ordinate them. If you would like to organize one of the three BBQ's that we hold, please call the parish office.

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**Folk Arts Open House**

Saturday May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2016

1 p.m. – 6 p.m

*Featuring Kalyna Dance Ensemble & Dunai Dance  
Ensemble and live music by Mike Kuchar and “Kasha”.*  
*Please bring you family and friends!*



**Activity Functions as of  
April 2016**

April:	
23 <sup>rd</sup> :	Big-A-Bucks
May:	
7 <sup>th</sup> :	Folk Arts Open House
21 <sup>st</sup> :	Private Function
29 <sup>th</sup> :	Private Function
June:	
June 4 <sup>th</sup> :	KOC Dinner
22 <sup>nd</sup> :	Summer BBQ
26 <sup>th</sup> :	Private Function
July:	
23 <sup>rd</sup> :	Summer BBQ
August:	
27 <sup>th</sup> :	Summer BBQ

**PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR  
SICK AND SHUT-INS:**

Kateryna Dacko, Alexandra Matychuk, Becky Mussat,  
Bill Hominchuk, Lesia Melnyk, Olga Onyschuk,  
Stephania Zubatiuk, Fran Chayka, Matteo Nickolai  
Grochowina-Totolo, Helen Brodoway, Rose Kondusky,  
Sharon Cybulak, Paul Ternowski, Josifa Cuiпка,  
Greg Kondusky, Nadia Storoschuk, Cecilia Osczytko,  
Alexandra Bucciarelli, Heidi Walters, Bob French,  
Lena Heighway, Fr. Basil Kondusky, Tena Wowchuck,  
Art Holowachuk, Diana Seniuk, Michael Kozachenko,  
Sharon Dohan, Terry Hrankowski, Jean Diggins,  
Bill Walters & Sharon Hudgen.

*Lord, Jesus Christ, You who traveled throughout Galilee  
healing the sick, enabling the blind to see and the lame to  
walk, bring healing to Your people who need it this day. Give  
peace to the minds of those who are tortured by mental illness  
and anxiety. Comfort those who are alone in their illness.  
May Your people reach out to them and to all who are in need  
this day. Send grace to the caregivers, that they might be  
effective and gentle agents of Your loving mercy. May our  
sufferings be united with Yours to bring healing to people  
throughout the world. Amen*

**Year of Mercy  
Sixth Annual Arise Rally**

This is a three day rally for teens in grades 8 – 12 from Saturday, May 21<sup>st</sup> to Monday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2016. This exceptional bus trip to Ontario's cottage country will include visits to three Ukrainian Catholic parishes plus a memorable immersion in the lives of the Canadian martyrs in Midland. If you are interested please contact us the parish office.

**PLEASE WISH THE FOLLOWING  
PARISHIONERS A HAPPY BIRTHDAY:**

17<sup>th</sup>: Irene Boyes  
19<sup>th</sup>: William Trush  
20<sup>th</sup>: Crystal Malachowsky, Sophie Bachynsky,  
Jenny Dominick  
21<sup>st</sup>: Lloyd Boyes  
God Grant Them Many Years!  
Mnohaya Lita!

***Sunday of the Paralytic***

*O You, Who holds the ends of the  
earth in the palm of Your hand,  
O Jesus our God, Who together with  
the Father, and the Holy Spirit does  
rule over all things: You appeared in  
the flesh, healing infirmities, driving  
away passions, and giving sight to the  
blind. And, by a divine word, You  
raised up the paralytic, commanding  
him to walk straightway and to take  
up upon his shoulders his bed, which  
had carried him. Together with him  
we all praise You and cry:  
O Compassionate Christ,  
glory to Your dominion and might.*



**Христос воскрес! Воистину воскрес!  
Christ Has Risen! He Has Truly Risen!**

## *Year of Mercy*

Symbolically calling on the entire global Catholic Church to take up his papacy's central message of compassion and pardon, Pope Francis on Friday March 13<sup>th</sup>, 2016 announced that he is convoking a jubilee year to be called the Holy Year of Mercy.

Saying he has "thought often about how the church can make more evident its mission of being a witness of mercy," the pope announced the new jubilee year during a Lenten penitential service in St. Peter's Basilica.

"I am convinced that the whole church -- that has much need to receive mercy because we are sinners -- will find in this jubilee the joy to rediscover and render fruitful the mercy of God, with which we are all called to give consolation to every man and woman of our time," Francis said in announcing the year.

"Let us not forget that God pardons and God pardons always," the pope continued. "Let us never tire of asking for forgiveness."

"We entrust it as of now to the Mother of Mercy, because she looks to us with her gaze and watches over our way," Francis said. "Our penitential way, our way of open hearts, during a year to receive the indulgence of God, to receive the mercy of God."

The pope also said he wants the church to live the upcoming holy year "in the light" of Jesus' words in the Gospel of Luke: "Be merciful, just as your father is merciful."

A jubilee year is a special year called by the church to receive blessing and pardon from God and remission of sins.

Pope Francis has made mercy a central theme of his papacy, speaking of it often in homilies and in his texts. He has also called two global meetings of Catholic bishops at the Vatican -- known as synods, with one being held last year and the next this October -- which have focused on issues of family life.

Those meetings are known to have discussed how the church might use its teachings on mercy to address sometimes difficult contemporary family situations, such as divorce and remarriage and same-sex unions.

In one of His homilies, Pope Francis gave another wide-ranging reflection on the role of mercy and pardon in church teaching.

Recounting the Gospel reading of the day -- in which a woman described as sinful washes Jesus with her hair and tears -- Francis said, "Every gesture of this woman speaks of love and expresses her desire to have an unshakeable certainty in her life: that of being forgiven."

"And Jesus gives this certainty, welcoming her and demonstrating to her the love of God for her, truly for her," the pope said.

Continuing the story to talk about Simon, the Pharisee who owned the house, Francis said he was a "lord" who "cannot find the path of love."

For him, the pope said, "all is calculated, all [is] thought. He stands at the threshold of formality."

"It is an ugly thing, formal love," Francis continued. "It cannot be understood."

"The call of Jesus pushes each of us to never stop at the surface of things, especially when we are dealing with a person," the pope said later. "We are called to look beyond, to focus on the heart to see of how much generosity everyone is capable."

"No one can be excluded from the mercy of God," Francis continued, repeating: "No one can be excluded from the mercy of God! The church is the house that welcomes all and refuses no one," the pope said. "Its doors remain wide open, so that those touched by grace can find the certainty of forgiveness".

