

**ST. JOHN THE THEOLOGIAN CATHOLIC CHURCH
(BYZANTINE-UKRAINIAN RITE)**

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April 26, 2017 will mark the 31st anniversary of the Chernobyl nuclear disaster in Ukraine. On April 26, 1986, a reactor at the Chernobyl nuclear power plant near Prypiat exploded and melted down. The disaster affected the lives of thousands of people in Ukraine and Belarus. The impact of the Chernobyl disaster is still being felt today, with adverse effects on the health of many people. Estimates on the numbers of indirect deaths as a result of the Chernobyl disaster vary from the thousands to the tens of thousands. Ukraine continues to cope with long-term health, environmental and economic consequences resulting from this disaster.

Today we will have a panakhyda (memorial service) to pray for the victims and for all those that suffered and continue to suffer the aftermath of this awful disaster.

Dr. J. Czerevko Memorial Scholarship sponsored by the Ukrainian Canadian Congress Niagara, is now accepting applications for any high school student from Ukrainian heritage who will be graduating this year from grade 12 and entering a certified college or university for further study. UCC gives 6 scholarships of \$2,000.00 each to the top qualified students chosen. Students can either check with both the Niagara District School Board and the Niagara Catholic District School Board for more information. Our parish office also has applications available for interested students.



Sunday of St. Thomas

When I'm lacking in strength, lend me Your hand
When I am clouded in ignorance, guide me to wisdom
When I am taken over by fear, lead me towards love
And when I doubt that You are there, send me reminders.



Христос Воскрес! Воистину Воскрес!
Christ Has Risen! He Has Truly Risen!

Pastor: Rt. Rev. Msgr. Anton Szymychalski – Mitred Archpriest
In retirement: Rev. Basil Kondusky
Parish Secretary – Mrs. Chrystyna Tymczyszyn
Parish office is open Tuesday – Friday from 8:30 a.m.- 12:00 noon
after hour EMERGENCIES ONLY please call (905) 327-3563

Divine Liturgy:

Saturday 4:15 p.m. (Eng.)

Sunday 10:00 a.m. (Ukr. & Eng.)

Weekdays & Holy Days: see bulletin

Sacraments:

Confession – Before or after Liturgy; anytime by request

Baptism, Marriage – Please contact the parish office

April 23, 2017 - Sunday of St. Thomas

Epistle: Acts. 5:12-20 Gospel: Jn. 20:19-31
Reader M. Chodoriwsky (Eng.) Next week: N. Palchuk (Ukr.)

DIVINE LITURGY SERVICES:

Saturday April 29th: 4:15 p.m. Divine Liturgy (Eng.) +Mary Saranchuk
req. George Saranchuk
Sunday April 30th: 10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy (Ukr. & Eng.)
Followed by parish Swiachene (Easter Meal)

*THIS WEEK OUR SANCTUARY CANDLES BURN FOR
GODS BLESSINGS, GOOD HEALTH AND A QUICK RECOVERY FOR LYNNE MCDONALD
REQUESTED BY LESIA & BOB FRENCH, MICHAEL & ADELE PIZYCKI AND FAMILIES.*

OFFERINGS:

April 16th: \$2,136.00
Roof Donations: P. Gerelus \$50.00; E. Snider \$20.00; D. & L. Osadec \$50.00
Development Donations: E. Snider \$10.00; R. Kuchar \$75.00; Church Donation: Anonymous (in memory of +Katherine & +Walter Nanych) \$100.00
Errors or omissions? Please call the office. - **THANK YOU!**

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK AND SHUT-IN:

Kateryna Dacko, Alexandra Matychuk, Becky Mussat, Lesia Melnyk, Olga Onyschuk, Stephania Zubatiuk, Fran Chayka, Helen Brodoway, Rose Kondusky, Matteo Niickolai Grochowina-Totolo, Sharon Cybulak, Josifa Cuipka, Greg Kondusky, Cecilia Osczyppo, Alexandra Bucciarelli, Heidi Walters, Bob French, Fr. Basil Kondusky, Mary March, Tena Wowchuck, Art Holowachuk, Jean Diggins, Sharon Hudgen, Michael Kozachenko, Paula Kozachenko, Sharon Dohan, Sawyer Christie, Bette Johnson, Val Runduns, John Hamm, Phyllis & John Romak

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 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.

PLEASE WISH THE FOLLOWING PARISHIONERS A HAPPY BIRTHDAY:

24th: Rose Domaradz, Jean Luciw
28th: Ellen Bayer, Michael Bernyk, Adele Krawchuk, Alex Moskal
29th: Braden Nagra, Caludia Root, Craig Wowk
God Grant Them Many Years! Mnohaya Lita!

Announcements:

Choir Practice – April 25th at 7 p.m.

Parish Council Meeting – April 24th at 6 p.m.

Parish Swiachene (Easter Meal) has been postponed until Sunday April 30th. There is no cost for admission, but a free will offering will be taken that day. Please bring family and friends.

10:00 A.M.

We are asking for parishioners to contribute baking and jellied salads to our Parish Swiachene. Items can be brought in to the parish kitchen on Saturday April 29th from 9 a.m. – noon.

“Bitter Harvest” a movie set in Ukraine in the 1930’s about 2 young people during the time of the Holodomor, will be showing at the First Ontario Performing Arts Film House, on St. Paul & Carlisle Sts downtown St. Catharines on April 28th - 7 p.m., April 29th - 7 p.m., April 30 - 4 p.m. and May 1 - 8 p.m. Admission is \$9.

Road Trip to Sault Ste. Marie to celebrate St. Mary’s Church 100th Anniversary! We still have room on our bus if anyone is interested in join our trip. Cost is \$175 per person (includes bus and banquet ticket). If you are interested in participating, we still have room on the Coach bus. Please call the parish office as soon as possible to arrange for payment. Accommodations must be booked by you at the Quattro Hotel (1-800-563-7262 or www.quattrossm.com) where a block of rooms have been reserved. Please reference “St. Mary’s Centennial” when booking. This promises to be a great time of faith, fun and fellowship!

Sts. Cyril & Methodius church will host their Easter Brunch and Church Feast Day with Divine Liturgy celebrated with Bishop Stephen Chmilar on Sunday April 30th followed by an Easter Brunch. Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$5 students and children 12 and younger are free. For tickets please contact Fr. Choly at (905) 646-1275.

Folk Arts Open House hosted by The Ukrainian Canadian Congress Niagara Branch will be held on Saturday May 20th from 1 p.m. – 5 p.m. here in St. John’s Activity Centre.

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.

Did you know that you can now sign up for Recurring Donations? We can arrange to have your donation automatically transferred from your bank account each week. Automatic giving is secure and convenient and can be arranged through the parish office.

**WELCOME TO NEW REGISTERED MAURICE & JUDY STOROZINSKI AND THEIR CHILDREN JANA AND JOHN.
WELCOME TO ST. JOHN’S PARISH FAMILY!**

