

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 Samaritan Woman
April 24, 2016

Epistle: Acts. 11:19-26, 29-30 Gospel: Jn. 4:5-42
Reader: J. Luciw (Ukr.)
Next week: A. Atamanuk (Eng.)

DIVINE LITURGY SERVICE

SATURDAY: 4:15 p.m. Divine Liturgy (Eng.)
+George Tepylo, requested by the Tepylo 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 17th: \$1,200.00
Errors or omissions? Please call the office.
THANK YOU!

Choir Practice: April 26th, 2016 at 7 p.m.

**A very sincere thank you to all those who helped
with our Big-A-Bucks 2016 Fundraiser!**

Thank you to those:

- who donated prizes;
- those who solicited businesses for prizes;
- those who helped with the ticket sales & raffle table sales;
- those who helped prepare and serve food;
- those who manned the bar;
- those who set up and helped with clean up;
- Terry Hrankowski and Peter Holubowsky and their hardworking committee.

**A list of our winners and donors will be listed in
next weeks bulletin.**

There will be no Sunday Coffee after Liturgy today.

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. 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.

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.

Svitanok Choir will host an Afternoon Tea – concert and home baked treat. Featuring “Gerdany of Ukraine” the art of beadwork by “Rypan Designs” today at 3 p.m. , 239 Kenilworth Ave. N, Hamilton. Tickets are \$10. For more information please contact svitanokchoir@yahoo.ca

Volunteers are needed for our Annual Folk Arts Open House - Saturday May 7th from 1-6 p.m. Any students interested in helping can get volunteer hours for their time.

Saturday Pyrohy Day – we will be making Pyrohy o Saturday April 30th, beginning at 7 a.m. If you can come out and help it would be greatly appreciated!

**St. John Ukrainian Church
Folk Arts Open House**

Saturday May 7th, 2016
1 p.m. – 6 p.m

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



26th April 2016 will be the 30th anniversary of one of the world's worst disasters. The accident at the Chernobyl nuclear power plant changed the world and should never be forgotten.

Please join the Niagara community on
Tuesday April 26th at 6 p.m. at
Sts. Cyril & Methodius Church for a
Candlelight Panachyda (Memorial Service)
May the memories of the victims this tragedy
be eternal.
Vichnaya Pamyat.

**Activity Functions as of
April 2016**

May:	
7 th :	Folk Arts Open House
21 st :	Private Function
29 th :	Private Function
June:	
4 th :	KOC Dinner
22 nd :	Summer BBQ
26 th :	Private Function
July:	
23 rd :	Summer BBQ
August:	
27 th :	Summer BBQ

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

24th: Rosie Domaradz, Jean Luciw
 28th: Ellen Bayer, Michael Bernyk, Adele Krawchuk,
 Alex Moskal
 29th: Braden Nagra, Claudia Root
 30th: Emma Hemphill, Alyssa Lastewka,
 Melanie Sunday
 God Grant Them Many Years!
 Mnohaya Lita!

Sunday of the Samaritan Woman

The Samaritan Woman, having come to the well in faith, beheld You, the Water of Wisdom from which she drank plentifully and inherited the Heavenly Kingdom as one who is blessed forever.



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

Kateryna Dacko, Alexandra Matychuk, Becky Mussat, Bill Hominchuk, Lesia Melnyk, Olga Onychuk, Stephania Zubatiuk, Fran Chayka, Matteo Nickolai Grochowina-Totolo, Helen Brodoway, Rose Kondusky, Sharon Cybulak, Paul Ternowski, Josifa Cuipka, Greg Kondusky, Nadia Storoschuk, Cecilia Osczypko, 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 21st to Monday, May 23rd, 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.

Our parish is able to sponsor any students from our church that are interested in participating! Please call the parish office.

We welcome Maxwell Maurice Michael Swindley son of Michael and Nicole Baulieu-Swindely who will be baptised and confirmed in to God's family today during liturgy.

**Happy Birthday to our parishioner Rosie Domaradz!
 Wishing you all the best. Monyhya Lita!
 – the kitchen staff**

**Happy 94th Birthday to Alec Moskal!
 Wishing you a wonderful day
 – Anne Korotash and family.**

FATHER ANTON'S WORDS OF WISDOM:

This Sunday we listen to the longest Gospel reading of the year, the story of the Samaritan Woman. In it there is so much to understand and to glean that we need to pay close attention what is going on. This reading is a wonderful example of how Jesus challenged not only the religious leaders, but also the cultural norms of the day. Samaritans were not accepted by the Jewish people; they were not to be associated with nor talked to. Also, no one would even entertain the thought of discussing religion, or any other subject for that matter with a woman. Yes, I guess we could call our Saviour a “rebel”, but one who sought out that which was right, and true justice. Jesus broke the stereotypes of the day; he ate with sinners, associated with the poor and the lepers, he saw everyone as equals – all were God’s children.

In today’s Gospel his disciples go off to buy some food, so he takes the opportunity to sit at the well and to speak to not only a Samaritan – but also a woman. In talking with her he asks questions and she in turn asks questions. They have a lengthy discussion and then the woman asks: “How is it that you, a Jew is talking to me a Samaritan, and a woman?” Jesus replies: “If you knew who it is that you are talking to, you would ask, and he would give you “living water.” The whole scenario is really quite moving. Touched by Christ’s presence and his words, she lays bare the truth about her life. She has had many husbands, and was living common law with the man she was with now. Perhaps what even puzzled her more is that Jesus already knew this when he approached her and decided to spend time with her.

This, I think is the most awesome aspect of our life with God. We think we can fool him, yet we only fool ourselves; since He knows already everything that is going on in our lives and despite this, He chooses us to be his children and remains a loving and faithful Father. What is this “Living Water?” We know that our bodies are made up of mostly water, and we know that we will perish much quicker without water than without food. This “living water” is life-giving, comforting, filled with truth and justice; it is sustaining and offers eternal life – it is the gift of the Holy Spirit which Jesus promised he would send from his Father at Pentecost. In order to live our lives to the full as Jesus proclaimed: “I came that you may have life and have it to the fullest?” we need to be open to the Holy Spirit and receptive to its transforming power.

The Samaritan Woman and anyone in the Gospels that encountered Christ had a transformation. They’re eyes were opened and their hearts were softened – they not only heard about the divine, but they experienced it in their own lives! This is the hope and joy of God’s people – that God is faithful – He fulfilled his promise through the person of Jesus Christ – Jesus Christ who was the “God-Man” who was a tangible expression of a Father’s love for his children. The message and life of Jesus was simply one of unconditional love. He reinforces in us the love of God that is always present to saint and sinner, and he challenges us to do the same. Christ sustains us, loves us, accepts us, forgives us, embraces us and welcomes us always to fellowship with him. As I’ve said before: WHAT AN AWESOME GOD WE WORSHIP!

Let us pray:

Dear Jesus, today like the Samaritan Woman; I thirst for “living water.” My soul at times is parched by doubt, sin and despair and I thirst to be satisfied. Help me to understand that it is you who are the “Living Water” I seek, and only your love and your grace can satisfy me. The pleasures of the world pass, but your steadfastness is forever. Ame