

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

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Easter Sunday



The veil of darkness transformed to the brightest light.

The most dreadful end became the most beautiful beginning.

The depths of despair fade to reveal hope everlasting.

The curse of death defeated by eternal life.

Thank you Lord, for the wonder of Easter.

Христос Воскрес! Воістину Воскрес!

Christ Has Risen! He Has Truly Risen!

Pastor: Rt. Rev. Msgr. Anton Szymychalski - Mitred Archbishop

In retirement: Rev. Basil Kondusky

Parish Secretary - Mrs. Chrystyna Tymczyszyn

Parish office is open Tuesday - Friday from 8:30 a.m.- 12:00 noon for phone calls only!

No visitors please!

After hour EMERGENCIES ONLY please call (905) 327-3563

Sunday Divine Liturgy will be livestreamed on our Facebook site (St. John Byzantine Ukrainian Church) every Sunday at 10 a.m.

April 4, 2021 - Easter Sunday

Epistle: Acts. 1:1-8 Gospel Reading: Jn. 1:1-17

DIVINE LITURGY SERVICES:

Sat. Apr. 3rd: 10:00 a.m. Removal of the Shroud
3:00 p.m. Basket blessing (*at capacity*)
4:00 p.m. Basket blessing
Sun. Apr. 4th: 8:00 a.m. Ressurrection Matins with Divine Liturgy
10:30 a.m. Easter Divine Liturgy (*at capacity*)
Mon. Apr. 5th: 10:00 a.m. Bright Monday, +Stella Tracz req. by the family family
Tues. Apr. 6th: 10:00 a.m. Bright Tuesday

OFFERINGS:

Sunday Donations: Mar. 28th: \$900.00 Automatic debit donations: \$1,365.00

Church Donations: J. Storoschuk

Development Donation: P. Gerelus

We are most grateful to all of you who have been donating for the support of the church.

God bless you and keep you in His loving care.

****Please note that we will no longer be publishing the amount donated due to privacy regulations imposed by the Eparchy of Toronto office.***

If a memorial donation is made, the family will be notified.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK AND SHUT-IN:

Kateryna Dacko, Alexandra Matychuk, Lesia Melnyk, Olga Onyschuk, Stephania Zubatiuk, Bob French, Helen Brodoway, Rose Kondusky, Matteo Niickolai Grochowina-Totolo, Sharon Cybulak, Greg Kondusky, Heidi Walters, Fr. Basil Kondusky, Tena Wowchuck, Sharon Hudgen, Paula Kozachenko, Sawyer Christie, Phyllis Romak, Ricki Holubowsky, Walt Cybulak, Helen Kokotka, Fr. Walter & Mary Dacko, Ellen Ternowski & Colette Saranchuk .

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

***THIS WEEK OUR SANCTUARY CANDLES BURN
FOR GOD'S BLESSINGS AND GOOD HEALTH UPON
ALL OUR PARISHIONERS AND THEIR FAMILIES.***

CITY OF ST. CATHARINES AS OF APRIL 1ST , IS IN THE GREY - LOCKDOWN :

Religious Services Gathering limits for religious services: 36 person capacity.

Our Church is open for Divine Liturgy services.

We will continue to livestream our Divine Liturgy on Sundays at 10:00 a.m.

through our Facebook page or our website page.

*“Where man sees but withered leaves, God sees sweet flowers growing.
May you rejoice in the enteral fragrance of His blessings.”*



WISHING ALL OF OUR PARISHIONERS A VERY BLESSED EASTER!

Please remember if you have an appointment to visit the parish office, you must wear a mask and go through our COVID screening before you can enter the office. We thank you in advance for your co-operation!

Parish Council Meeting – will be held on Monday April 16th at 6 p.m.

Holy Water is available for parishioners to take home. Please bring your own containers and Fr. Anton will fill them for you.

If you need assistance with booking your COVID vaccine, please call the parish office. Christine or Fr. Anton will be able to help book your appointments online.

Brandon Hachkowski – Ukrainian Dance Party CD’s are available to purchase from the parish office. Brandon is a young talented local musician who plays wonderful Ukrainian music on the accordion and dulcimer. If you would like to purchase a CD for \$10, please call the parish office.

St. John’s Ukrainian Church - Dr. J. Czerevko Memorial Bursary - Attention Students!- We are pleased to offer 4 bursaries of \$1,000 each to students either entering or continuing post-secondary studies. Applicants must be active members of St. John’s and meet all the required criteria to be considered. For applications, please email the parish office. **Applications must be returned by May 31st.**

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 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 or email Irene Newton at irene.newton2012@gmailcom

ST. JOHN’S KITCHEN will be closed until further notice due to the provincial wide shut-down. We ask that all our parishioners and families adhere to the government regulations to limit contact with people and stay within their households. Please only leave your homes for essential trips. If we all do our part, we can limit the spread of this virus while keeping everyone safe.

A very special *Thank You* to all the good people who contributed in any way to our
Easter worship celebration:

We thank.....

- Adele & Wally Krawchuk for setting up the Easter candles;
- Those who helped set up and dismantle the Holy Sepulchre;
- Roy Barton for live streaming our services and who livestreamed and kept vigil over the Holy Sepulchre during the night to allow those at home a chance to pray over the shroud;
- To those parishioners who came to share in person and online in the Easter holy week worship services and Lenten Mission;
- And to all those who work quietly in the background, but always work for the benefit of St. Johns.

St. John Ukrainian Church
Schedule of Easter Services 2021

Saturday April 3rd: 10:00 a.m. - Divine Liturgy at the Tomb of Christ Removal of the Shroud
 3:00 p.m. - Blessing of Easter baskets (**at capacity**)
 4:00 p.m. - Blessing of Easter baskets

Sunday April 4th: 8:00 a.m. - Resurrection Matins & Divine Liturgy (Ukr. & Eng.)
 10:30 a.m. - Easter Divine Liturgy (Eng.). (**at capacity**)

Monday April 5th: 10:00 a.m. - Bright Monday - Easter Divine Liturgy

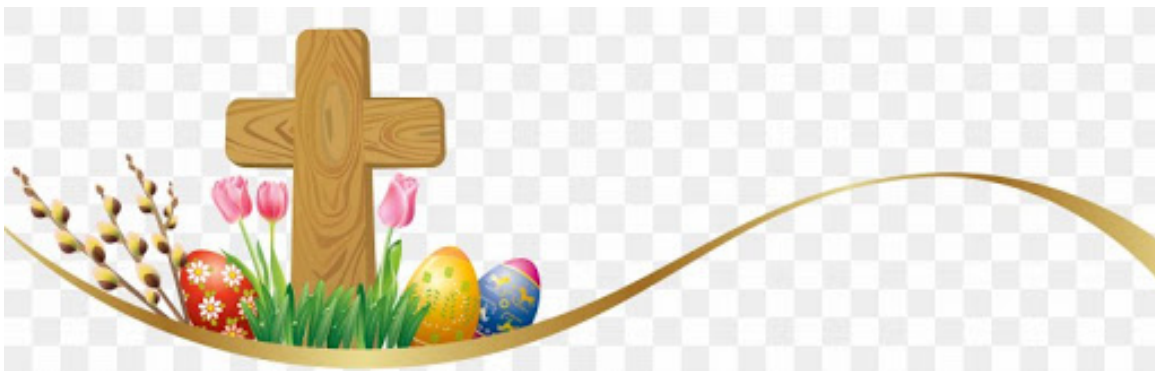
Tuesday April 6th: 10:00 a.m. - Bright Tuesday - Easter Divine Liturgy

*Please note that you must pre-register to attend any of the services including Easter basket blessings by calling the parish office (905) 937-3393 or by email stjohnukrainian@bellnet.ca.
Maximum church capacity is 36 people.*

*We ask that you arrive 15 minutes before services in order to allow ample time for screening.
Doors will be locked after services begin, so please arrive on time.*

Easter basket blessing will be held outdoors, weather permitting. In case of rain, basket blessing will take place in St. John Activity Centre.

Masks must be worn at all times!



Please note the procedure when attending Divine Liturgy on Sundays. We will continue to livestream one service at 10:00 a.m. for those who prefer or cannot attend. Your safety is our greatest concern but you must comply with the rules.

Those who have the following Coronavirus related symptoms should stay home:

1. a fever above 37.5 C,
 2. breathing problems,
 3. coughing
 4. those who have traveled outside the country in the last 14 days,
 5. those who have had contact with a person with Coronavirus,
 6. those who have had contact with a person who traveled internationally and has a breathing problem.
- On Sunday we will have volunteers at the entrance of the church, who will be asking everyone about their health. Each person will have to sign a form that they are healthy. Forms will be provided if you don't have one.
 - Everyone will enter through the center doors and go out through the side doors.
 - Please sit in designated areas only.
 - There will be no prayer books in church so you must bring your own or you can purchase one for \$1.00 which you can keep and bring with you every week.
 - All people are required to wear masks in church for the protection of others.
 - People from the same household may sit together. People from different households must practice the 2-meter distancing.

We remind everyone that they must pre-register to attend any Liturgy. This must be done every time, since we only have room for 36 people. Please call or email the parish office (905) 937-3393 during the week to reserve your spot.