

April 26, 2018 will mark the 32nd 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.

The community is invited to attend a *Candlelight Memorial Panachyda* Thursday April 26<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. St. Georges Orthodox Church, 4 Augusta Ave. St. Catharines.

**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.



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

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***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! 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  
after hour EMERGENCIES ONLY please call (905) 327-3563

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**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 8, 2018 – ST. THOMAS SUNDAY

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

**DIVINE LITURGY SERVICES:**

Tues. April 10th : 10:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy at Dixie Rd.  
Sat. April 14th: 4:15 p.m. Divine Liturgy (Eng.) +Terry Hrankowski  
req. by Olga Verestiuk  
Sun. April 15th: 10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy (Ukr. & Eng.)

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

**OFFERINGS:**

April 1<sup>st</sup>: \$1,990.00  
**Development Donations:** P. Rosewarne (in memory of +John Romak) \$50.00; O. Czerwoniak (in memory of +Robert Spence Sr.) \$50.00  
**Church Donations:** L. & I. Boyes (in memory of +Terry Hrankowski) \$20.00; M. & C. Dzugan (in memory of +Courtney Thompson) \$30.00;  
**Memorial Monument:** G. Kondusky \$10.00; T. Lee \$25.00  
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 Osczytko, Alexandra Bucciarelli, Heidi Walters, Bob French, Fr. Basil Kondusky, Tena Wowchuck, Art Holowachuk, Jean Diggins, Sharon Hudgen, Paula Kozachenko, Sharon Dohan, Sawyer Christie, Bette Johnson, Val Runduns, John Hamm, Phyllis Romak, Ricki Holubowsky, Michalyna Juskiw, Pauline Halowski & Sophie Craig.  
*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.*

**Parish Council Meeting** – April 16<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m.

**Big-A-Bucks** – Saturday April 14<sup>th</sup> – **Doors open at 10:30 a.m. Draws begin at 11:30 a.m**  
**There will be no tickets available at the door, all tickets are sold out!**

**Big-A-Bucks Volunteers** – **please arrive to the hall by 10:00 a.m. so we can have a short meeting . Raffle ticket selling will begin at 11 a.m.**

**Attention Bingo Volunteers** – the new schedule for April – December 2018 is now posted on the bulletin board in the kitchen. Please take a look and sign up for scheduled dates.

Please note that any donations received in envelopes marked “Roof Fund” will now be put towards our Memorial Monument, which is located on the front lawn. The monument lists all deceased members of the parish and only has a small space left for engraving. We are in the process of designing additional stones so future names can be added.

Swiachene (Easter Brunch) – will take place today after Liturgy in our Activity Centre. This community meal, patterned after the gatherings of the early Christians, is an experience of sharing and a visible expression of our joy in the Resurrection of Christ in whom we are united as ONE BODY. There is no charge for admission but a free-will offering will be taken. All are welcome!

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. Also, *Like* us on Facebook page for up to date announcements of parish events.

**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 weekly or monthly. Automatic giving is secure and convenient and can be arranged through the parish office.

Ukrainian Folk Arts Open House hosted by The Ukrainian Canadian Congress Niagara Branch will be held on Saturday May 12<sup>th</sup> from 1 p.m. – 5 p.m. here in St. John's Activity Centre. We will be in need of volunteers to help with food preparation and service. If you would like to help, please speak with Christine in the office during the week.

Sts. Cyril & Methodius Church will be celebrating their 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary on Sunday April 22<sup>nd</sup> with Divine Liturgy at 3 pm. followed by a banquet in their church hall. We have 1 table reserved for St. John's. If you would like to attend, please speak with Christine in the office during the week.

**A WARM WELCOME TO ALL OUR VISITORS AND GUESTS TODAY!**