

On the feast of the Transfiguration we bless grapes as well as other fruits and vegetables as a beautiful sign of the final transfiguration of all things in Christ.

It signifies the ultimate flowering and fruitfulness of all creation in the paradise of God's unending Kingdom of Life where all will be transformed by the glory of the Lord.

Today we will be blessing fruit-filled baskets during Liturgy.



**The Feast of the Dormition** (Falling Asleep) of the Mother of God will be celebrated Saturday August 12<sup>th</sup> during Liturgy. The Great Feast of the Dormition of The Theotokos celebrates the wondrous way in which The Theotokos left this earthly life and was taken into heaven in a miraculous way: both body and soul. Holy Tradition tells us that all the Apostles, except Thomas, were transported mystically to Jerusalem in order to be with the Mother of God as she died and present at her burial. When Thomas arrived the next day, they opened the tomb so that he could say his farewell. They found only an empty tomb filled with sweet-smelling flowers. Parishioners are welcome to bring flowers to be blessed in remembrance of this great sign of her holiness.



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**(BYZANTINE-UKRAINIAN RITE)**

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*9th Sunday after Pentecost*



Let your continual mercy, O Lord, cleanse and defend Your Church; and because it cannot continue in safety without Your help, protect and govern it always by Your goodness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

**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

August 6, 2017 - FEAST OF THE TRANSFIGURATION

Epistle: Pet. 1:10-19 Gospel: Mt. 17:1-9  
Reader : N. Palchuk (Ukr.) Next week: G. Barton (Eng.)

**DIVINE LITURGY SERVICES:**

Saturday August 12th: 4:15 p.m. Divine Liturgy (Ukr. & Eng.)  
Feast of the Dormition - blessing of flowers  
Sunday August 13th: NO DIVINE LITURGY

*THIS WEEK OUR SANCTUARY CANDLES BURN  
FOR GOD'S BLESSINGS AND GOOD HEALTH UPON PETER DIDYCHUK  
REQUESTED BY MARY & BILL TRUSH*

**OFFERINGS:**

July 30<sup>TH</sup> : \$1,298.00  
Church Donation: H. Brodoway (in memory of +Nadia Storoschuk) \$30.00;  
W. & A. Martyniw \$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 Osczykpo, 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, Ricki Holubowsky & Michalyna Juskiw

*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:**

Aug. 6th: Sharon Dohan Aug. 8th: Dora Holubowsky  
August 9th: Verna Perrone Aug. 10th: Adrian Trach  
Aug. 11<sup>th</sup>: Malaree Baraniuk, Bob Davidson Aug. 12<sup>th</sup>: Greg Kondusky  
God Grant Them Many Years! Mnohaya Lita!

**Announcements:**

Please note that Fr. Anton will be having surgery on August 8<sup>th</sup> and will be away from the parish recovering, from August 8<sup>th</sup> until August 31<sup>st</sup>. In case of emergency please contact one of the Roman Catholic parishes in the area. For the next 2 weeks, there will be only one bilingual Divine Liturgy on Saturday August 12<sup>th</sup> and August 19<sup>th</sup> at 4:15 p.m.

Facer European Festival – Monday August 7, 2017 from noon – 9:00 p.m. The event will start with an interfaith blessing at noon followed by entertainment all day on 4 different stages. There will be food vendors, a historical walking tour and events for children. For more information visit [www.facereuropeanfestival.com](http://www.facereuropeanfestival.com). Rain or shine - admission is free and bring a chair and umbrella for your comfort.

**Ukrainian Credit Union** – invites all credit union members to their Member Appreciation Day BBQ, August 18<sup>th</sup> from noon to 4 p.m., 118 Niagara Street, St. Catharines.

Attention all Church and Kitchen key holders! We are updating our records, if you are in possession of a church or kitchen key, please call the office so your key code can be recorded.

Please note that top asphalt will be placed on Lakeshore Rd. Tuesday August 8<sup>th</sup> between Geneva and Shoreline Drive. **There will be no access to the church on that day.** Wednesday August 9<sup>th</sup>, Lakeshore Rd will be closed between Shoreline Drive and Lake Street, access to the church will only be from Geneva St. If weather conditions are not favourable, closures may be postponed to the next acceptable day.

\*\*\*\*Please note our Summer Supper, which was to be held on September 2<sup>nd</sup> will be cancelled due to Fr. Anton's upcoming surgery.\*\*\*\*

Congratulations to Steve and Genya Dominick who are celebrating their  
60<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary!  
Mnohaya Lita!!! Many Happy Years!!

Our prayers and good thoughts are with Fr. Anton as he prepares to have surgery on Tuesday August 8<sup>th</sup>.  
*May the peace and comfort from God surround you during your time of recovery and recuperation.*