

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

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Feast of the Transfiguration



O God, who in the glorious Transfiguration of your only begotten Son, confirmed the mysteries of faith by the witness of the Fathers and wonderfully prefigured our full adoption to sonship, we pray to your servants, that listening to the voice of your beloved Son, we may merit to become co-heirs with him.

Amen

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 for phone calls only! No visitors please!

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

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

Sunday Divine Liturgy at 10:00 a.m. Attendees must be preregistered.

August 8th 2020 – Feast of the Transfiguration

Epistle: Cor. 4:9-16 Gospel Reading: Mt. 17:14-22

DIVINE LITURGY SERVICES:

Sun. Aug. 9th: 10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy – Feast of the Transfiguration
Sat. Aug. 15th: 4:15 p.m. Divine Liturgy
Sun. Aug. 16th: 10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy – Feast of the Dormition

OFFERINGS:

Sunday Donations: August 2nd: \$910.00 Automatic debit donations: \$1,055.00
Maintenance Donations: O. Czerwoniak \$10.00; P. & D Holubowsky \$10.00; Z. Lewicki (in memory of +Stella Lewicki) \$100.00
Development Donations: Z. Lewicki (in memory of +John Lewicki) \$100.00; G. Baraniuk \$100.00

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 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 & Nicole Demers.

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 GODS BLESSINGS UPON
FR. WALTER AND MARY DACKO IN HONOUR OF THEIR
50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY.***

Please remember if you need to visit the parish office, you must first make an appointment. No walk-ins!!

We require a few volunteers on Saturdays & Sundays before mass to help administer the rules required by the provincial government. If you would like to help with registering parishioners, ushering or lighting of candles, please call the parish office.

The kitchen now can accommodate more volunteers with the provincial expansion to Stage 3 of the Covid-19 restrictions. We can now have up to 15 people at a time in the kitchen In keeping with health department regulations, we will continue to ask that volunteers wear masks and social distance. If you would like to help volunteer with preparing dough, assembling shepherds pie, lasagna, cabbage rolls, pies, meatsticks or pyrohy please call the parish office. Work is being done throughout the day, so no more early mornings!!

Please be advised that Big-A-Bucks 2020 has been cancelled. Christine will be calling those who have purchased tickets to arrange for a refund.

Please note the procedure when attending Divine Liturgy on Saturdays and Sundays. We will continue to streamline 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.
 - You will have to sit where you are asked to sit. (Church will be sanitized after every service)
 - 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 50 people. Please call the parish office (905) 937-3393 during the week to reserve your spot.

Thank you to all those who have been coming in to volunteer in our Kitchen. We are happy to be back to our "new normal". Since the region has been approved to proceed to Stage 3 of Covid restriction, we are now able to have more people in the kitchen. We will continue with the same procedures that have been in place. Volunteers will have to sign in and have their temperature taken, wear a mask/face shield and sanitize their hands. We are allowed to have ??? volunteers in the kitchen at any time and our tables and chairs have been arranged to allow for social distancing. We still encourage people to let our kitchen co-ordinator Please note, that if you are not on the list of volunteers you cannot come into the kitchen. Your safety is our greatest concern and if we all comply with the rules we will all stay safe.

The new schedule for the kitchen is as follows:

Monday a.m.: pyrohy & pie dough
apple peeling

Tuesday a.m.: potato boiling & balling
cabbage rolls

Wednesday a.m.: pies

Thursday a.m.: Pyrohy

Meatsticks, shepherds pie and lasagnas are not made on a set date, only when needed.

Our store will be open Thursdays & Fridays only from 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

We thank everyone in advance for their continued support of St. John's, especially during this time.

What we are doing to keep our church and kitchen safe for everyone –

Anyone entering the church for services are screened for fever and records of who is in attendance are kept in the parish office. After every service the church is sanitized with a “state of the art” fogger that covers every surface with a disinfectant mist. Door handles, counters, tables anything that has been touched is wiped with disinfectant wipes. Fr. Anton and staff wear masks to reduce contamination of surfaces and hand sanitizer is easily accessible in the church lobby. Our bathrooms are sanitized after every use.

Our store volunteers are very careful to sanitize counters and door handles after every customer. We are also installing a small sink in the store to allow volunteers to wash their hands regularly. Hand sanitizer is available to customers and staff, and an automatic door opener has been installed, to allow easier access and less contact for the opening of the door. Plexi glass has been installed at the counter and window, which allows for “drive through” service.

Our kitchen volunteers are screened for fever and wear masks/face shields at all times when preparing our products. Hand sanitizer can be found throughout the kitchen, chairs and tables are set up that volunteers are able to social distance when working. The kitchen is cleaned and sanitized regularly everyday when work is being done by using our sanitizing fogger.

All of these measures are in place to keep all our volunteers and patrons safe and healthy. While wearing masks isn't the most comfortable fashion accessory, they are key in keeping the spread of the Covid-19 virus down. If everyone does their part, we will see and end to this pandemic sooner!

If you have any questions or concerns about our safety measures, equipment or procedures, please call the parish office.

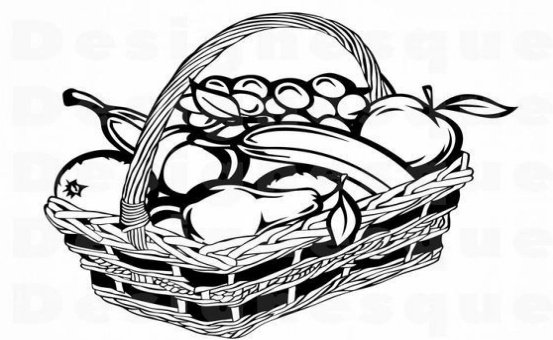
Stay safe! Stay healthy!

St. John's Parish Council

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.

We will bless fruit during Liturgy today.



The Feast of the Dormition (Falling Asleep) of the Mother of God will be celebrated Sunday August 16th. 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 that day, to be blessed in remembrance of this great sign of her holiness.

