

MALANKA 2017

Join us to ring in the New Year 2017 Ukrainian Style!
St. John's will be hosting its very first Malanka - New Years Dinner Dance
on Saturday January 14th 2017.

Tickets are \$85 for adults, \$40 for students and include
sparkling wine reception, portrait booth, delicious meal, midnight buffet,
Icewine Festival prizes and music by Ron Cahute & Burya!

To purchase tickets please call (289) 407-8777 or email
stjohnmalanka@gmail.com.

Table reservations may be made when buying 10 tickets or more.
Please visit our website www.stjohnuc.com and click on "Malanka 2017"

For more information.

This promises to be a memorable event!

Tickets are limited, so get yours soon!

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

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Dear God, as we light this candle, we rejoice in the birth of your Son.
May we worship him, welcome him, and make room for him in our
hearts. O come, let us adore him! Amen!

CHRIST IS BORN! LET US GLORIFY HIM!

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

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

Sacrament of the Sick, nursing home or hospital visit - Please call the office to request a
visit. Due to strict regulations at hospitals and care homes, the individual, immediate family
member or power of attorney must do requests.

Christmas Greetings!

Remembering all our parishioners and their families at Christmas.

With a prayer that God above will bless you with His precious gifts of

faith, hope and love:

Faith to make your life serene,

Hope to keep it bright

*And most of all, **Gods holy love** to be your guiding light.*

Fr. Anton Szymychalski & the Parish Council of St. John's

Christ Is Born! Let Us Glorify Him!

Christmas Day- December 25th, 2016

Epistle: Gal. 4:4-7 Gospel: Mt. 2:1-12
Reader E. Pelletier (Eng) Next week: J. Luciw (Ukr.)

DIVINE LITURGY SERVICES:

Monday December 26th - 10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy (Ukr. & Eng.)

Feast of the Most Holy Mother of God

Tuesday December 27th - 10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy (Ukr. & Eng.)

Feast of St. Stephen

Saturday December 31st - 4:15 p.m. Divine Liturgy (Eng.)

Sunday January 1st - 10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy (Ukr. & Eng.)

Feast of the Circumcision & St. Basil the Great

THIS WEEK OUR SANCTUARY CANDLES BURN IN LOVING MEMORY OF

+JOHN LEWICKI REQUESTED BY ZANON LEWICKI

AND

+HELEN HAMMERBECK REQUESTED BY TERI & SHERMAN LEE.

OFFERINGS:

Dec. 18th: \$1,020.00

Roof Fund: Z. Lewicki (in memory of +John Lewicki) \$10.00

Church Donation: S. Zubatiuk \$200.00; B. & J. Hogan \$300.00

Errors or omissions? Please call the office.

THANK YOU!

PLEASE WISH THE FOLLOWING PARISHIONERS A HAPPY BIRTHDAY:

26th: Ryan Stelmach 28th: Brianna Trush

31st: Sharon Mikitzel, Bill Trush

God Grant Them Many Years! Mnohaya Lita!

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, Paul Ternowski, Josifa Cuipka, Greg Kondusky, Nadia Storoschuk, Cecilia Osczytko, Alexandra Bucciarelli, Heidi Walters, Bob French, Fr. Basil Kondusky, Mary March, Tena Wowchuck, Art Holowachuk, Diana Seniuk, Jean Diggins, Bill Walters, Sharon Hudgen, Michael Kozachenko, Paula Kozachenko, Sharon Dohan, Bill Trush, Slava Kozela, Sawyer Christie, Bette Johnson & Val Runduns.

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.

Announcements:

Attention Bingo Volunteers: Please see the schedule in the kitchen for December 2016-March 2017 and add your names to the time slots that you are available to volunteer.

St. Johns will host a Christmas Concert by Svitank Ukrainian Women's Choir on Sunday January 15th at 4 p.m. Admission is \$10. All are invited to attend and why not bring a friend?

Collector and Epistle Readers schedules are available today and the new schedule for our Sunday Greeters is posted on the church bulletin board.

Please note that our paper recycling bins have been removed from the parking lot, due to the mess and condition of the bins. We no longer will be accepting newspapers.

Parish Kutia (Christmas Meal) will be held after Liturgy on Sunday January 8th. There is no admission, but a free-will offering will be taken.

St. John's Kitchen will be closed until January 3rd, when work will resume once again to restock our shelves! Our store will open on January 4th.

2017 donation envelopes and calendars are now available to be picked up from the church lobby. If you are not a parishioner and are interested in receiving an envelope number, please fill out a registration form and bring it into the parish office during the week and an envelope number will be assigned to you.

8x10 portrait photos are ready to be picked up today after Liturgy for those families who did not order additional photos. Those families, who did place orders for photos, will have them delivered directly to their homes.

Jordan Blessings – The Feast of the Theophany will be celebrated January 8th. Parishioners are encouraged to bring containers to fill with holy water, to keep at home. Also any parishioners wishing Fr. Anton to visit their home with the traditional Jordan blessing after the 8th of January, are asked to please call the parish office so a time can be arranged.

Special thanks are extended to all those who gave their time and talents to make our Christmas festivities so beautiful. Thanks to those who helped decorate and prepare the church. Thanks to the choir, who sang so beautifully for our Christmas services. Thanks to those who delivered flowers to our shut-ins. Thanks to those who attended services and have come together to celebrate the Birth of Christ. May God bless you all!

