

## 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 14<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:stjohnmalanka@gmail.com).

Table reservations may be made when buying 10 tickets or more.  
Please visit our website [www.stjohnuc.com](http://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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## Third Sunday of Advent

Dear God, as we light this candle, we rejoice. We know how the first  
act of the story ended – with the birth of Jesus the Messiah. And we  
know that he will come again in glory. So even though the story isn't  
over, we rejoice in our hope. We wait for you, rejoicing! 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  
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

**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.

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## **Christmas Radiance**

*Forgiveness Vespers will be held on Monday December 19<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m.  
Why is it we have this service in the midst of this busy season, when we have so  
much on our minds already and not nearly enough time to get  
ready for Christmas?*

*It is precisely because we are so busy getting ready for Christmas that we need  
time to meditate and draw ourselves closer to God.*

*Take the time to recharge your spirits, cleanse and heal your minds and  
reawaken your love for God.*

*Join us on Monday December 19<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m.*

3rd Sunday of Advent- December 11th, 2016

Epistle: Col. 3: 4-11 Gospel: Lk. 14: 16-24  
Reader: E. Pelletier (Eng.) Next week: J. Luciw (Ukr.)

**DIVINE LITURGY SERVICES:**

Saturday December 17th - 4:15 p.m. Divine Liturgy (Eng.)  
Sunday December 18th - 10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy (Ukr. & Eng.)

*THIS WEEK OUR SANCTUARY CANDLES BURN IN LOVING MEMORY OF  
+JOSEPH, +MARY AND +JOHN KOZELA  
REQUESTED BY PAUL & SLAVA KOZELA  
AND  
IN LOVING MEMORY OF +DANNY SENIUK  
REQUESTED BY DIANNA SENIUK.*

**OFFERINGS:**

Dec. 4th: \$1,300.00  
**Roof Fund:** S. Opaski \$10.00; M. Juskiw \$100.00; T. & S. Lee \$20.00; S. Wowk \$100.00;  
**Development Donations:** Z. Lewicki \$10.00; J. Prystupa \$50.00; T. & S. Lee \$20.00;  
M. Washuta \$15.00;  
**Church Donation:** A. Zeleniak \$20.00; C. Osczypko \$200.00  
Errors or omissions? Please call the office.

*THANK YOU!*

PLEASE WISH THE FOLLOWING PARISHIONERS A HAPPY BIRTHDAY:

16<sup>th</sup>: Helen LaCombe, Bohdan Nebesny, Irene Yurenko, Nicholas Sidlar  
17<sup>th</sup>: Mona Austrup, Carol Lastewka

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 Osczypko, 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.

*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:**

**Choir Practice** –Tuesday Dec. 13<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m.

**Council Meeting** – Monday Dec. 12<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m.

**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.

Thank you to all those who donated toys and warm accessories for Community Care. These donations will make many families happy this Christmas.

Anyone wishing to purchase Christmas candles in memory of a loved one or for a special intention, is asked to please call the parish office during the week with your intentions or you may place your request in a separate envelope marked “**Christmas Candles**” and put it the collection basket. Candles will be lit on Christmas Eve and cost \$5 each. Candle requests will be taken until Dec. 16<sup>th</sup>.

We are currently looking for someone to organize our Annual Folk Arts Open House in May 2017. If you are interested or would like more information, please call the parish office. We need to find a co-ordinator by Dec. 16<sup>th</sup>!

Shut-in flowers will be ready for delivery on Sunday Dec. 18<sup>th</sup>. If you are able to help by visiting a few of our sick or shut-in parishioners and delivering a Christmas plant, please speak with Ellen Ternowski.

**Community Events:**

St. Georges Orthodox Church will host their Christmas Bazaar Sat. Dec. 17<sup>th</sup> from 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. Cabbage rolls, varenyky, meatsticks, borscht, bake sale, raffles and much more will be available.

**Schedule of Christmas Services:**

**Monday Dec. 19<sup>th</sup>** – 7 p.m. – *Forgiveness Vespers*

**Saturday Dec. 24<sup>th</sup>** – 10:00 p.m. – *Eve of The Nativity Of Our Lord*

**Sunday Dec. 25<sup>th</sup>** – 10:00 a.m. – *Nativity of Our Lord*

**Monday Dec. 26<sup>th</sup>** – 10:00 a.m. – *Feast of the Most Holy Mother of God*

**Tuesday Dec. 27<sup>th</sup>** – 10:00 a.m. – *Feast of St. Stephen*

**Sunday Jan. 1<sup>st</sup>** – *Feast of the Circumcision & St. Basil the Great*

**Sunday Jan. 8<sup>th</sup>** – *Sunday of Theophany*



