



**MALANKA 2020**

Join us to ring in the New Year 2020 Ukrainian Style!

Malanka - A New Years Dinner Dance

Saturday January 18<sup>th</sup> 2020.

Tickets are \$110 for adults

\$50 for students (18 years and younger)

Join us for a sparkling wine reception, delicious meal, midnight buffet and lively music by Zirka!

Table reservations may be made when buying 10 tickets or more.

Please visit our website for table reservations and how to purchase tickets.



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

91 Lakeshore Rd. St. Catharines, ON L2N 2T6  
web: [www.stjohnuc.com](http://www.stjohnuc.com) tel. (905) 937-3393  
e-mail: [stjohnukrainian@bellnet.ca](mailto:stjohnukrainian@bellnet.ca) fax: (905) 935-0881  
St. John's Kitchen tel. (905) 937-1616



**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**

\*\*\*\*\*

**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

*Forgiveness Vespers will be held Monday December 16<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.*



December 15, 2019 - 3rd Sunday of Advent

Epistle: Col. 3:4-11 Gospel Reading: Lk. 14:16-24  
Reader: G. Barton Next week: M. Skaab

**DIVINE LITURGY SERVICES:**

Mon. Dec. 16th: 7:00 p.m.: Forgiveness Vespers  
Sat. Dec. 21st: 4:15 p.m.: Divine Liturgy (Eng.)  
Sun. Dec. 22nd: 10:00 a.m.: Divine Liturgy (Ukr. & Eng.)

***THIS WEEK OUR SANCTUARY CANDLES BURN IN MEMORY OF  
+EDMUND (MOE) LEBRETTON, REQUESTED BY TERI LEE.***

**OFFERINGS:**

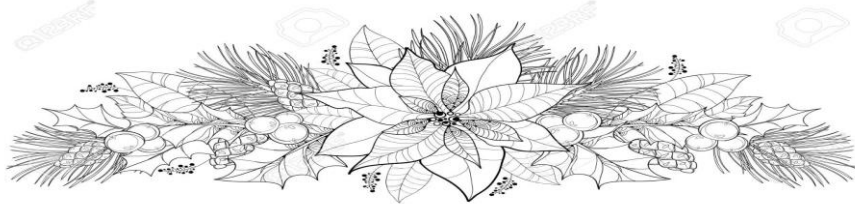
Dec. 8th: \$1,555.00 Automatic debit donations: \$195.00  
Development Donations: D. Seniuk \$10.00  
Maintenance Donations: T. Lee \$50.00  
Errors or omissions? Please call the office. - **THANK YOU!**

**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, Jean Diggins, Sharon Hudgen,  
Paula Kozachenko, Sawyer Christie, Phyllis Romak, Ricki Holubowsky, Michalyna Juskiw,  
Walt Cybulak, Helen Kokotka & Fr. Walter & Mary Dacko.

*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*

**Thank you to all those people who took Christmas flowers to distribute to those who are sick or shut-in from our parish. Reaching out to those in our parish who are not able to come regularly to Liturgy is a very important ministry.**



**Announcements:**

We are gearing up for our 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Malanka Dinner Dance, which will be held January 18<sup>th</sup>, 2020. As always we require prizes for our balloon raffle. Last year we had many parishioners donate personally and we hope that we can count on your continued support. Please bring your donations into the parish office during the week. An income tax receipt can be issued for new items that are accompanied with a receipt.

New schedules for Epistle Readers and Collectors will be available next Sunday. We are in need of collectors. If you are able to help, please call the parish office to have your name added to the schedule.

The sign up sheet for January 2020 coffee Host is now available in the church vestibule for those who are willing to act as hosts. We need 2 hosts per Sunday, so please sign up for as many Sundays as you are able. Hosts are responsible for serving coffee/tea, cutting up and plating prepared baking and clean up. This is a wonderful opportunity for parishioners to gather together after Liturgy to catch up. If you have any questions, please call the office.

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. 18<sup>th</sup>.

Any parishioners who would like to make a donation to the church that will still be eligible for 2019 income tax purposes are asked to please do so by Dec. 30<sup>th</sup>.

**Schedule of Christmas Services:**

**Monday Dec. 16<sup>th</sup> – 7 p.m. – Forgiveness Vespers**  
**Tuesday Dec. 24<sup>th</sup> – 10:00 p.m. Eve of The Nativity Of Our Lord**  
**Wednesday Dec. 25<sup>th</sup> – 10:00 a.m. – Nativity of Our Lord**  
**Thursday Dec. 26<sup>th</sup> – 10:00 a.m. – Feast of the Most Holy Mother of God**  
**Friday Dec. 27<sup>th</sup> – 10:00 a.m. – Feast of St. Stephen**  
**Saturday Dec. 28<sup>th</sup> - 4:15 p.m. Divine Liturgy**  
**Sunday Dec. 29<sup>th</sup> - 10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy**  
**Wednesday Jan. 1<sup>st</sup> – 10:00 a.m. Feast of the Circumcision & St. Basil the Great**  
**Sunday Jan. 12<sup>th</sup> – 10:00 a.m. Sunday of Theophany (Blessing of Water)**

