



MALANKA 2019 - New Years Dinner Dance

Saturday January 19th, 2019.

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!

To purchase tickets please call (289) 407-8777 or email

stjohnmalanka@gmail.com.

We only have a few tickets left!



Forgiveness Vespers will be held Monday December 17th 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.



A sincere *thank you* to all our Kitchen Volunteers for all their hard work and dedication throughout the year and especially during the very busy Christmas season.

Wishing you all love, peace and joy this Christmas – *St. John's Parish Council*

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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 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

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

December 16th, 2018 – 3rd Sunday of Advent

Epistle: Col. 3:4-11 Gospel Reading Lk. 14:16-24

Reader: M. Chodoriwsky (Eng.) Next week: N. Palchuk (Ukr.)

DIVINE LITURGY SERVICES:

Mon. Dec. 17th: 7:00 p.m. Forgiveness Vespers (Eng.)

Sat. Dec. 22nd: 4:15 p.m. Divine Liturgy (Eng.) in memory of
+Fran Chayka, req. by W. & O. Szakaly

Sun. Dec. 23rd: 10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy (Ukr. & Eng.)

*THIS WEEK OUR SANCTUARY CANDLES BURN IN LOVING MEMORY OF
+TERRY NEPRILY REQUESTED BY HIS SISTERS.*

OFFERINGS:

Sunday Dec. 9th: \$1,050.00 Automatic Debit donations: \$275.00

Development Donations: Z. Lewicki (in memory of +John Lewicki) \$20.00;

O. Czerwoniak \$10.00; P. Koval \$25.00

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,
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, Tena Wowchuck, Jean Diggins, Sharon Hudgen, Paula Kozachenko,
Sawyer Christie, Bette Johnson, John Hamm, Phyllis Romak, Ricki Holubowsky,
Michalyna Juskiw, Pauline Halowski, Sophie Craig, Maryanne Bradley & Walt Cybulak.

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.

Schedule of Christmas Services:

Monday Dec. 17th – 7 p.m. – Forgiveness Vespers

Monday Dec. 24th – 10:00 p.m. Eve of The Nativity Of Our Lord

Tuesday Dec. 25th – 10:00 a.m. – Nativity of Our Lord

Wednesday Dec. 26th – 10:00 a.m. – Feast of the Most Holy Mother of God

Thursday Dec. 27th – 10:00 a.m. – Feast of St. Stephen

Tuesday Jan. 1st – 10:00 a.m. Feast of the Circumcision & St. Basil the Great

Sunday Jan. 13th – 10:00 a.m. Sunday of Theophany

Announcements:

Attention Bingo Volunteers! –The new schedule for 2019 is now posted on the bulletin board. Please check it and sign up!

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. 20th.

The kitchen will be closed from December 7th – January 2nd. The store will remain open the week of Dec. 17th but with only frozen product.

Heaven & Earth Rejoice! – Joint Christmas Concert with the Canadian Bandurist Capella and Women’s Bandura Ensemble will be held at the First Ontario Performing Arts Centre, 250 St. Paul St., St. Catharines on Saturday December 29th at 6 p.m. Tickets can be purchased at the Box Office or at the Ukrainian Credit Union 118 Niagara St. St. Catharines.

SHUT-IN FLOWERS are available for distribution today. If you are able to help with this very important ministry and take a Christmas flower and card to a shut-in or ill parishioner, please speak with Adele Krawchuk after Liturgy.

Epistle schedules are available today. Collector schedule will be available next week. **We need a few more volunteers to act as collectors.** Please call the parish office if you would like to be added to the schedule.

2019 Envelopes and calendars are available today. If you do not have an assigned envelope number and would like one, please visit our parish office during the week to register. Please note that we have reassigned some envelopes.

Coffee Hosts Schedule: Today’s Hosts – – Sunday Dec. 16th – Barton family

**The coffee schedule for the New Year is now available in the church vestibule.
Please sign up!!**

Any parishioners who would like to make a donation to the church that will still be eligible for 2018 income tax purposes are asked to please do so by Dec. 30th.

With all the fundraising events that we do, we are always looking for donations of prize items. Our next event is Malanka, where we will have a raffle and we are looking for gift certificates. If you would like to donate a certificate to a restaurant or for a service, please see Christine in the parish office during the week.