

*Forgiveness Vespers will be held Monday December 18th 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.*



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MALANKA 2018

TICKETS NOW ON SALE!!

Join us to ring in the New Year 2018 Ukrainian Style!

Malanka - A New Years Dinner Dance

Saturday January 13th 2018.

Tickets are \$85 for adults (before Dec. 15th, after Dec. 15th \$95)

\$45 for students (18 years and younger)

Join us for a sparkling wine reception, portrait booth, delicious meal, midnight buffet and lively music by Ron Cahute & Burya!

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

stjohnmalanka@gmail.com.

We only have a handful to tickets left!

Please visit our website www.stjohnuc.com and click on

Malanka 2018 for more information.



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 17th, 2017 - 28th Sunday after Pentecost
3rd Sunday of Advent

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

Reader : M. Chodoriwsky (Eng.)

Christmas Eve: M. Skaab (Ukr.) P. Rosewarne (Eng.)

DIVINE LITURGY SERVICES:

Monday December 18th: 7:00 p.m. Forgiveness Vespers

Saturday December 23rd: 4:15 p.m. Divine Liturgy (Eng.)

Sunday December 24th: 10:00 p.m. Divine Liturgy (Ukr. & Eng.)

Eve of the Nativity of our Lord

***THIS WEEK OUR SANCTUARY CANDLES BURN FOR
THE SICK AND SHUT-IN OF OUR PARISH.***

OFFERINGS:

Dec. 10th: \$1,390.00;

Development Fund: O. Czerwoniak (in memory of +Michael Kozachenko) \$50.00; O. Czerwoniak (in memory of +W. Martyniuk) \$50.00; P. Gerelus \$50.00; J. Luciw \$20.00; T. Lee \$100.00

Church Donations: E. Kubow (in memory of +Ron Dominick) \$50.00;

Church Donations in memory of +Michael Kozachenko: A. Lubianetzky \$20.00;

R. Domaradz \$25.00

Errors or omissions? Please call the office. - **THANK YOU!**

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, Josifa Cuipka, Greg Kondusky, Cecilia Osczyppo, Alexandra Bucciarelli, Heidi Walters, Bob French, Fr. Basil Kondusky, Tena Wowchuck, Art Holowachuk, Jean Diggins, Sharon Hudgen, Paula Kozachenko, Sharon Dohan, Sawyer Christie, Bette Johnson, Val Runduns, John Hamm, Phyllis & John Romak, Ricki Holubowsky, Michalya Juskiw, Fr. Anton Szymychalski & Sophie Craig.

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 – December 19th at **1 p.m.**

Christmas Concert – *Canadian Bandurist Capella with Myroslava Solovianenko (Soloist).* December 23rd at 7:00 p.m. in our church. Tickets are \$20 online www.cbc-rizdvo23.eventbrite.ca, from the parish office or \$25 at the door.

SHUT-IN FLOWERS are be available today for distribution. 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 in the boardroom after Liturgy today.

Collector and Epistle Reader schedules are available today.

2018 Envelopes and calendars are available today. 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.

St. John's Store will remain open this week, Dec. 20 until we sell out of product. Thank you to our Store volunteers for their service with a smile!

Any parishioners who would like to make a donation to the church that will still be eligible for 2017 income tax purposes are asked to please do so by Dec. 29th.

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

Schedule of Christmas Services:

Monday Dec. 18th – 7 p.m. – Forgiveness Vespers

Saturday Dec. 23rd – 4:15 p.m. – Divine Liturgy

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

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

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

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

Saturday Dec. 30th – 4:15 p.m. Divine Liturgy

Sunday Dec. 31st – 10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

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

Sunday Jan. 7th – 10:00 a.m. Sunday of Theophany

PLEASE WISH THE FOLLOWING PARISHIONERS A HAPPY BIRTHDAY:

Dec. 17th: Mona Austrup, Carol Lastewka; **Dec. 18th:** Geoffrey Barton, Martha Jespers

Dec. 22nd: Zoey Mason

God Grant Them Many Years! Mnohaya Lita!