

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!

Christmas Radiance

*Forgiveness Vespers will be held on Monday December 19th 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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ST. JOHN THE THEOLOGIAN CATHOLIC CHURCH **(BYZANTINE-UKRAINIAN RITE)**

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Dear God, as we light this candle, we look ahead with hope to the birth
of your Son – the Son of David, the son of Mary. May we be prepared
to welcome him with open arms and open hearts.
O come now, Son of David! Amen!

Pastor: Rt. Rev. Msgr. Anton Szymchalski – 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.

4th Sunday of Advent- December 18th, 2016

Epistle: Heb. 11:9-10, 17-23,32-40 **Gospel:** Mt. 1:1-25

Reader: J. Luciw (Ukr.)

Christmas Eve: N. Palchuk (Ukr.)/G. Baron (Eng.) **Christmas Day:** E. Pelletier (Eng.)

DIVINE LITURGY SERVICES:

Friday December 17th - 7:00 p.m. Forgiveness Vespers (Eng.)

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

Eve of the Nativity of Our Lord

Sunday December 25th - 10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy (Ukr. & Eng.)

Nativity of Our Lord

***THIS WEEK OUR SANCTUARY CANDLES BURN IN LOVING MEMORY OF
MY DEAR SISTER +MARGUERITE GAUTHIER & MY DEAR BESTFRIEND +LILL
REQUESTED BY TERI LEE .***

OFFERINGS:

Dec. 11th: \$1,095.00

Roof Fund: P. Ternowski \$40.00; E. Snider \$20.00; R. Domaradz \$100.00;

D. Seniuk \$10.00

Development Donations: P. & R. Holubowsky \$20.00; M. Lewicki \$20.00

Church Donation: M. Washuta \$5,000.00

Errors or omissions? Please call the office.

THANK YOU!

PLEASE WISH THE FOLLOWING PARISHIONERS A HAPPY BIRTHDAY:

18th: Geoffrey Barton, Martha Jespers

22nd: Zoey Mason

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, Stepania 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 & 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 suffering be united with Yours to bring healing to people throughout the world. Amen.

Announcements:

Choir Practice –Tuesday Dec. 20th at 7 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.

Shut-in flowers are ready for delivery today. 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.

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 will be available next week 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.

Any parishioners who would like to make a donation to the church that will still be eligible for 2016 income tax purposes are asked to please do so by Dec. 29th.

2017 donation envelopes 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.

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. 19th – 7 p.m. – *Forgiveness Vespers*

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

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

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

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

Sunday Jan. 1st – *Feast of the Circumcision & St. Basil the Great*

Sunday Jan. 8th – *Sunday of Theophany*

