



MALANKA 2020

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

Malanka - A New Years Dinner Dance

Saturday January 18th 2020.

Tickets are \$95 for adults (*Early Bird Special until Dec. 15th*)

After December 15th, tickets are \$110

\$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.



We will collect canned & dried food goods and new unused toys for Community Care until December 8th.

When out shopping, why not pick up a few extra items for those in our community that might go without at Christmas.



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First Sunday of Advent

Dear God, as we light this candle, we hope for Your coming as our Good Shepherd. Please gather us in Your arms, feed us with spiritual food, wipe away every tear from our eyes, and "let your face shine, that we may be saved". Come, our Shepherd!
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 1, 2019 - 1st Sunday of Advent

Epistle: Eph. 4:1-6 Gospel Reading: Lk. 10:25-37
Reader: E. Pelletier Next week: N. Palchuk

DIVINE LITURGY SERVICES:

Sat. Dec. 7th: 4:15 p.m.: Divine Liturgy (Eng.) +Cardine Lynds
Req. by June Foster
Sun. Dec. 8th: 10:00 a.m.: Divine Liturgy (Ukr. & Eng.)

***THIS WEEK OUR SANCTUARY CANDLES BURN IN LOVING MEMORY OF
+WILLIAM & +OLGA SMOOK, REQUESTED BY THE FAMILY.***

OFFERINGS:

Nov. 17th: \$1,245.00 Automatic debit donations: \$195.00

Development Donations: T. Lee \$50.00

Church Donation: T. Kisluk \$20.00; D. & G. McKenna \$150.00; O. & L. Lenyk (in memory of +Maksim Lenyk) \$100.00

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

Forgiveness Vespers will be held Monday December 16th 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. We also will be taking donations of non-perishable food items that evening, so please remember to bring your donations.

Announcements:

Cookie baking will take place on Monday December 2nd at 10 a.m. All are invited to come out and help bake cookies, which will be trayed and sold in the store.

We are gearing up for our 4th Annual Malanka Dinner Dance, which will be held January 18th, 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.

SHUT-IN FLOWERS will be available to distributed next Sunday. If you are able to help with this very important ministry, to take a Christmas flower and card to a shut-in or ill parishioner, please speak with Adele Krawchuk.

Coffee host Schedule:

Today: Wally & Adele Krawchuk Dec. 8th: Joyce Hanysh & Mary Lewicki

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.

St. John's Store will not be taking any orders from now until Christmas, **no exceptions!** If you require food items for your Christmas celebrations, we suggest to come to the store early, to make your purchases to avoid disappointment. The store will be closed from Dec. 23rd and will reopen Jan. 8th so our volunteers can have a well deserved break.

ICONS BY ODARKA 2020 CALENDAR is available to preview on our church bulletin board. If you are interested in purchasing a calendar for \$25 please call the parish office by December 13th. This calendar is a beautiful collection of icons drawn by Odarka Kish-Pryshlak and would make a wonderful Christmas gift!

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. 18th.

Sts. Cyril & Methodius Church Women's League will have their Christmas Bazaar Saturday December 7th from 2 p.m. – 5 p.m. There will be pyrohy, cabbage rolls, kolachi, borscht for sale along with raffle prizes and Baba's Treasure Table.

St. Georges Orthodox Church Christmas Bazaar will be held on Saturday Dec. 14th from 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. There will be traditional food, baked goods, raffle and children's corner.

