

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 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 for phone calls only!
No visitors please!

After hour EMERGENCIES ONLY please call (905) 327-3563

Sunday Divine Liturgies will be livestreamed on our Facebook site (St. John Byzantine Ukrainian Church) every Sunday at 10 a.m.

Saturday Divine Liturgy at 4:15 p.m. (English)

Sunday Divine Liturgy at 10:00 a.m. (Ukrainian & English)

Attendees must be preregistered

Just a reminder that everyone must wear a mask when inside the church. This is for the safety of everyone.

December 20th 2020 – 4th Sunday of Advent

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

DIVINE LITURGY SERVICES:

Sun. Dec. 20th: 10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy - 4th Sunday of Advent

Thurs. Dec. 24th: 9:00 p.m. Divine Liturgy - Christmas Eve

Fri Dec. 25th: Nativity of our Lord - pre-recorded

(can be viewed on Facebook or YouTube)

Sat. Dec. 26th: Feast of The Most Holy Mother of God - pre-recorded

(can be viewed on Facebook or YouTube)

Sun. Dec. 27th: 10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy - Feast of St. Stephen

OFFERINGS:

Sunday Donations: Dec. 13th: \$1,420.00 Automatic debit donations: \$385.00.00

Church Donations in memory of +Marion Hanysh: W. & C. Lastewka \$25.00; W. & A. Krawchuk \$20.00

Church Donations: W. & C. Lastewka (in memory of +Fred Tymochko) \$50.00; W. & C. Lastewka \$50.00; P. & L. Halushenski (in memory of +Mary Borowicz) \$50.00; J. Storoschuk \$150.00; Amber Graystone Medicine \$250.00; K. Nenysh \$100.00

Development Donations: M. Lewicki (in memory of +John & +Stella Lewicki) \$200.00; P. Gerelus \$25.00

We are most grateful to all of you who have been donating for the support of the church.

God bless you and keep you in His loving care.

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, Sharon Hudgen, Paula Kozachenko, Sawyer Christie, Phyllis Romak, Ricki Holubowsky, Walt Cybulak, Helen Kokotka, Fr. Walter & Mary Dacko, Nicole Demers, Ellen Ternowski & Colette Saranchuk.

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

THIS WEEK OUR SANCTUARY CANDLES BURN

IN LOVING MEMORY OF +JOSEPH, +MARY, +JOHN AND +JOSEPH KOZELA

REQUESTED BY PAUL AND SLAVA KOZELA .

The following Parish Council positions are up for election in January: Vice-Chairperson and Treasurer. If you are interested in putting your name forward for either position or have any questions regarding the duties of the positions, please speak with Fr. Anton or Christine in the parish office. Please remember that Parish Council works to promote unity - keeping the parish together by enabling people to think, pray, work and play together.

***Sincerest sympathies to the Tymochko and Lastewka families for the loss of
+Fred Tymochko.***

Eternal Memory. Vichnaya Pamyat.

CHRISTMAS FOOD COLLECTION – Thank you to all those who generously donated canned food for our Community Care Food Drive! We were able to fill 2 large barrels for those in need in the Niagara Region.

PLEASE NOTE - The parish office will be closed from December 21st – January 4th. Phone messages will be checked regularly, but the office will be closed to visitors.

Any parishioners who would like to make a donation to the church that will still be eligible for 2020 income tax purposes are asked to please do so by Dec. 30th. Please mail in your donation to the church office or drop off your donations in our mailbox which can be found just outside of the church doors.

THANK YOU to Wally & Adele Krawchuk for setting up the Christmas candles in our windows.

A sincere *thank you* to all our Kitchen Volunteers for all their hard work and dedication throughout the year. We are very fortunate to have such a devoted and committed group of volunteers.

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

Schedule of Christmas Services:

Thursday Dec. 24th – 9:00 p.m. Eve of The Nativity Of Our Lord

Friday Dec. 25th Nativity of Our Lord (pre-recorded)

Saturday Dec. 26th Feast of the Most Holy Mother of God (pre-recorded)

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

Please note, that to attend Christmas Eve you must register your spot, since we are only allowed to have a maximum of 50 in attendance .

Christmas Greetings!

Remembering all our parishioners and their families at Christmas.

With a prayer that God above will bless you with His precious gifts of

faith, hope and love:

Faith to make your life serene,

Hope to keep it bright

*And most of all, **Gods holy love** to be your guiding light.*

Fr. Anton Szymychalski & the Parish Council of St. John's

Christ Is Born! Let Us Glorify Him!



Please note the procedure when attending Divine Liturgy on Saturdays and Sundays. We will continue to streamline one service at 10:00 a.m. for those who prefer or cannot attend. Your safety is our greatest concern but you must comply with the rules.

Those who have the following Coronavirus related symptoms should stay home:

1. a fever above 37.5 C,
 2. breathing problems,
 3. coughing
 4. those who have traveled outside the country in the last 14 days,
 5. those who have had contact with a person with Coronavirus,
 6. those who have had contact with a person who traveled internationally and has a breathing problem.
- On Sunday we will have volunteers at the entrance of the church, who will be asking everyone about their health. Each person will have to sign a form that they are healthy. Forms will be provided if you don't have one.
 - Everyone will enter through the center doors and go out through the side doors.
 - You will have to sit where you are asked to sit. (Church will be sanitized after every service)
 - There will be no prayer books in church so you must bring your own or you can purchase one for \$1.00 which you can keep and bring with you every week.
 - All people are required to wear masks in church for the protection of others.
 - People from the same household may sit together. People from different households must practice the 2-meter distancing.

We remind everyone that they must pre-register to attend any Liturgy. This must be done every time, since we only have room for 50 people. Please call the parish office (905) 937-3393 during the week to reserve your spot.

Thank you to all those who have been coming in to volunteer in our Kitchen. We are happy to be back to our "new normal". Since the region has been approved to proceed to Stage 3 of Covid restriction, we are now able to have more people in the kitchen. We will continue with the same procedures that have been in place. Volunteers will have to sign in and have their temperature taken, wear a mask and sanitize their hands. Your safety is our greatest concern and if we all comply with the rules, we will all stay safe.

The new schedule for the kitchen is as follows:

- Monday a.m.:** pyrohy & pie dough
apple peeling
- Tuesday a.m.:** potato boiling & balling
cabbage rolls
- Wednesday a.m.:** pies
- Thursday a.m.:** Pyrohy

Meatsticks, soups, shepherd's pie and lasagnas are not made on a set date, only when needed. Our store will be open Thursdays & Fridays only from 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

We thank everyone in advance for their continued support of St. John's, especially during this time.

(Candles will be lit Christmas Eve)

For continued good health and God's blessings upon Sharon & Walter Cybulak, requested by the family;
God's blessing and good health for Joanna, Max, Olivia & Philip, requested by Sharon & Walter Cybulak;
God's blessings and good health for Dianna, Greg, Amanda and Emma, requested by Sharon & Walter Cybulak;
In loving memory of +Sophie & +Mike Moskal, requested by Sharon (Moskal) Cybulak & Walt Cybulak;
In loving memory of +Anne & +Joseph Moskal, requested by Sharon (Moskal) Cybulak & Walt Cybulak;
In loving memory of +Lena, +Philip and +Evhan Cybulak, requested by Sharon & Walt Cybulak;
In loving memory of +John & +Stella Lewicki requested by Zanon Lewicki;
For good health and God's blessings upon Zanon Lewicki, requested by Mary Lewicki;
In loving memory of +John & +Stella Lewicki, requested by Mary Lewicki;
For good health and God's blessings upon Mary Lewicki, requested by Zanon Lewicki;
In loving memory of +Tracey Trush, requested by Bill & Mary Trush;
In loving memory of +Mike & +Kate Didychuk and Eileen Medwechuk, requested Bill & Mary Trush;
In loving memory of +Hope Mackenzie, +Scott & +Jean Hogarth, +Nathan Foote & +Dolly Milne, requested by Bill & Mary Trush;
In loving memory of +John & +Ann Trush and +Pauline Trush, requested by Bill & Mary Trush;
For good health and God's blessings upon our children and grandchildren, requested by Bill & Mary Trush;
For good health and God's blessings upon Fr. Anton, requested by Bill & Mary Trush;
God's blessings and good health upon Ricki Holubowsky, requested by Bill & Mary Trush;
God's blessings upon our children and grandchildren, requested by Don & Liz Osadec;
In loving memory of the deceased members of the Osadec, Ozimok and Franchuk families, requested by Don & Liz Osadec;
In loving memory of +Marge Scherb, requested by Liz & Don Osadec;
In loving memory of +William & +Olga Smook, +Eugene & +Eleanor Smook & +Ben Smook, requested by Adele & Wally Krawchuk and family;
In loving memory of +Nicholas & +Mary Krawchuk and +Nellie Romas, requested by Wally & Adele Krawchuk;
In loving memory of +William & +Olga Smook, requested by their grandchildren and great grandchildren;
God's blessings upon the Sister Servants of Mary Immaculate, requested by Wally & Adele Krawchuk;
For special intentions for the Holubowsky family, requested by Peter & Dora Holubowsky;
For special intentions for the VanSchyndel family, requested by Peter & Dora Holubowsky;
For special intentions for the Garbie family, requested by Peter & Dora Holubowsky;
For special intentions, requested by Peter & Dora Holubowsky;
For special intentions, requested by Peter & Dora Holubowsky;
In loving memory of +Walter & +Anne Shebec, requested by Peter & Dora Holubowsky;
In loving memory of deceased members of the Case family; requested by Peter & Dora Holubowsky;
God's blessings and good health upon Paul & Ricki Holubowsky, requested by Peter & Dora Holubowsky;
In loving memory of +Mychajlo & +Justyna Chodoriwsky, requested by Mary Chodoriwsky;
In loving memory of +Roman Chodoriwsky, requested by Mary Chodoriwsky;
In loving memory of +Susan Andrea Timmer, requested by Mary Chodoriwsky;
In loving memory of +Jacqueline Nimchuk, requested by Mary Chodoriwsky;
In loving memory of +Joseph, +Mary, +John & +Joseph Kozela, requested by Paul & Slava Kozela;
In loving memory of +Mike Lytwynec, requested by Paul & Slava Kozela;
In loving memory of all deceased Chodoriwsky Kumy, requested by Paul & Slava Kozela;
God's blessings and good health upon all members of the Kozela family, requested by Paul & Slava Kozela;
God's blessings and good health upon all members of the Chodoriwsky family, requested by Paul & Slava Kozela;
For thanksgiving, requested by Fr. Anton;
In loving memory of deceased family members of the Szymychalski, Clarke and Thompson family, requested by Fr. Anton;
In loving memory of deceased parishioners of St. John's, St. Mary's and Holy Cross parishes, requested by Fr. Anton;
For special intentions, requested by Fr. Anton;
In loving memory of +Ehor Neprily, requested by Myroslawa Neprily and family;
In loving memory of +Mike Simko, +Ann & +Andy Dzugan, requested by Mike & Christine Dzugan;
God's blessings and good health upon our children and grandchildren, requested by Mike & Christine Dzugan;
God's blessings and good health upon Katerine Simko and Fr. Anton, requested by Mike & Christine Dzugan;
In loving memory of +Mike Simko, requested by Katherine Simko;
God's blessings and good health upon Luke Dzugan, requested by Katherine Simko;
God's blessings and good health upon my children, grandchildren and great-grand children, requested by Katherine Simko;

In loving memory of +Dr & +Mrs. Leo Poirier & +Mary Theresa, requested by George & Colette Saranchuk;
In loving memory of +William Saranchuk, requested by George & Colette Saranchuk;
In loving memory of +Mary & Eugene Saranchuk, requested by George & Colette Saranchuk;
God's blessings and good health upon Colette Saranchuk, requested by George Saranchuk;
God's blessings and good health upon our children and grandchildren, requested by George & Colette Saranchuk;
In loving memory of +Minnie Cormylo, requested by George & Colette Saranchuk;
In loving memory of +Edward Walter Tatarnic, requested by Geraldine Waud;
In loving memory of +Johanna Elizabeth Sandham, requested by Geraldine Waud;
In loving memory of +John Christopher Tatarnic, requested by Geraldine Waud;
In loving memory of +Elizabeth Tatarnic, requested by Geraldine Waud;
In loving memory of +Jane Martha Koluk, requested by Geraldine Waud;
In loving memory of +Mark Wisnoski, requested by Geraldine Waud;
In loving memory of +Glen Sawchuk, requested by Geraldine Waud;
In loving memory of +David Wisnoski, requested by Geraldine Waud;
God's blessings and good health upon Olga Tatarniuk, requested by Geraldine Waud;
God's blessings and good health upon Geraldine Alexis Waud, requested by Geraldine Waud;
God's blessings and good health upon John Richard Dickhout, requested by Geraldine Waud;
God's blessings and good health upon Fr. Anton and all parishioners of St. John Church; requested by Geraldine Waud;
In loving memory of +John V. Dickhout, requested by John Dickhout;
In loving memory +Anna Dickhout, requested by John Dickhout;
In loving memory of +Eugene & +Eleanor Smook, requested by Roy & Gena Barton, Kim & Pritpal Nagra, Patti & Brian Burns;
In loving memory of +Eugene & +Eleanor Smook, requested their grandchildren; Jonathan, Courtney, Geoffrey, Breanne, Jacquelyn, Braden, Serena & Jessica;
In loving memory of +William & +Olga Smook, requested by Roy & Gena Barton, Kim & Pritpal Nagra, Patti & Brian Burns and great-grandchildren;
In loving memory of ++Hugh & +Ruby Schultz, requested by Roy & Gena Barton, Kim & Pritpal Nagra, Patti & Brian Burns and great-grandchildren;
In loving memory of +Roy & +Dorothy Barton, requested by Roy & Gena Barton and grandchildren;
In loving memory of +Eldon, +Gary, +Pat, +Raymond, +Dustin and +Kyle Barton and +Steve Gallant, requested by Roy and Gena Barton and family;
In loving memory of +Ben Smook, +Dorothy & +Jim Willan, +Roger & +David Schultz, +Donna Spiedel, +Kathy Horn, requested by Roy & Gena Barton and Kim & Pritpal Nagra, Patti & Brian Burns and children;
For continued good health of Adele and Wally Krawchuk, requested by Roy & Gena Barton and Kim & Pritpal Nagra, Patti & Brian Burns and children;
For continued good health of our families and friends; requested by Roy & Gena Barton and Kim & Pritpal Nagra, Patti & Brian Burns and children;
For Fr. Anton and may he be blessed with good health and happiness; requested by Roy & Gena Barton and Kim & Pritpal Nagra, Patti & Brian Burns and children;
In loving memory of +Edward Samuel LaCombe, requested by Bill & Helen LaCombe;
In loving memory of +Wasył & +Anna Yurenko and +Jane Yurenko-Rokicki, requested by Bill & Helen LaCombe;
For God's blessings and good health upon the Yurenko family, requested by Bill & Helen LaCombe;
For God's blessings and good health upon Bill & Helen LaCombe, their children and grandchildren, requested by Bill & Helen LaCombe;
In loving memory of +Nick & +Mary Kruk, requested by the Boyes family;
In loving memory of +Nick & +Mary Kruk, requested by the Holland family;
In loving memory of +Dimitro Pawluk, requested by Jeanne Pawluk;
In loving memory of +Sophie Pawluk, requested by Jeanne Pawluk;
In loving memory of the deceased members of the Luchka family, requested by Walt & Carol Lastewka;
In loving memory of the deceased members of the Lastewka family, requested by Walt & Carol Lastewka;
In loving memory of the deceased members of the Tymochko family, requested by Walt & Carol Lastewka;
In loving memory of the deceased members of the Lavis family, requested by Walt & Carol Lastewka;
In loving memory of +Marion Hanysh, requested by Joyce Hanysh, Jason & Carolyn;
In loving memory of +Michael & +Mary Kereliuk; +Bill & +Karin Kereliuk; +Peter & +Tina Hafichuk, requested by Joyce Hanysh;
In loving memory of +Nicholas & +Mary Hanysh; +Fred Hanysh; +Kathy Konieczny; +Gordon Hanysh, requested by Joyce Hanysh;
God's blessing and good health upon Joyce Hanysh, her children and grandchildren, requested by Joyce Hanysh;
In loving memory of +Nicholas & +Margaret Sidlar, requested by the Sidlar family;

In loving memory of +Marino & +Gean Davidson, requested by the Sidlar family;
In loving memory of +Stella & +Mike Smith, requested by Eleanor Snider;
In loving memory of +Arthur Snider, requested by Eleanor Snider;
In loving memory of +Ruthie Fickes, requested by Eleanor Snider;
In loving memory of +Lois Schenck, requested by Eleanor Snider;
In loving memory of +Dorothy Dundas, requested by Eleanor Snider;
In loving memory of +Joan Kuchar, requested by the Kuchar family;
In loving memory of +Mike Kuchar, requested by the Kuchar family;
In loving memory of +Laurie Kuchar, requested by the Kuchar family;
In loving memory of Grandma & Grandpa Kuchar, requested by the Kuchar family;
In loving memory of Grandma & Grandpa Macneil, requested by the Kuchar family;
In loving memory of +Fran, +Robert and +Joey Macneil, requested by the Kuchar family;
In loving memory of +Karen Kant, requested by the Kuchar family;
In loving memory of all deceased members of the Kuchar family, requested by the Kuchar family
In loving memory of +Joseph Tymczyszyn, requested by the Tymczyszyn family;
God's blessings and good health upon Mary Tymczyszyn, requested by the Tymczyszyn family;
God's blessings and good health upon the Stasyszyn, Zacchigna and Doig families, requested by the Tymczyszyn family;
God's blessings and good health upon Laryssa, Wes, Nora, Leo & Olena, requested by Bob & Chrys Tymczyszyn;
God's blessings and good health upon Mark, requested by Bob & Chrys Tymczyszyn;
God's blessings and good health upon Fr. Anton and all parishioners of St. John's Church, requested by the Tymczyszyn family;