



MALANKA 2019 - New Years Dinner Dance

TICKETS ARE NOW SOLD OUT!

Saturday January 19th, 2019.

Doors open at 6 p.m. - Dinner begins at 7 p.m. - Dancing at 9 p.m.

Sparkling wine reception, raffle, delicious meal, midnight buffet and
lively music by Zirka.



Special thank you is extended to all those who gave their time and talents to make
our Christmas festivities so beautiful.

Thank you to those who helped decorate and prepare the church.

Thank you to the choir, who have been practicing hard, so our
Christmas services will be beautiful.

Thank you to those who delivered Christmas flowers to our shut-ins.
We welcome all to attend our Christmas services and come together to
celebrate the Birth of Christ.
May God bless you all!

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!

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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

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 23rd, 2018 – 4th Sunday of Advent

Epistle: Heb. 1:11-19, 17-23, 32-40 Gospel Reading Mt. 1:1-25

Reader: N. Palchuk (Ukr.)

Christmas Eve: O. Czerwoniak (Eng.) & M. Skaab (Ukr.)

Next week: M. Bradley (Eng.)

DIVINE LITURGY SERVICES:

Mon. Dec. 24th: 10:00 p.m. Eve of the Nativity of Our Lord (Ukr. & Eng.)
Tues. Dec. 25th: 10:00 a.m. Nativity of our Lord (Ukr. & Eng.)
Wed. Dec. 26th: 10:00 a.m. Feast of the Most Holy Mother of God (Ukr. & Eng.)
Thurs. Dec. 27th: 10:00 a.m. Feast of St. Stephen (Ukr. & Eng.)
Sat. Dec. 29th: 4:15 p.m. Divine Liturgy (Eng.)
Sun. Dec. 30th: 10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy (Ukr. & Eng.)

*THIS WEEK OUR SANCTUARY CANDLES BURN IN LOVING MEMORY OF
+JOSEPH, +MARY AND +JOHN KOZELA REQUESTED BY THE KOZELA FAMILY.*

OFFERINGS:

Sunday Dec. 16th: \$965.00 Automatic Debit donations: \$195.00
Church Donations: R. Domaradz \$100.00; L. & B. Young \$100.00; A. & E. Palmer \$50.00
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 Osczyppo, 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.

Announcements:

Attention Bingo Volunteers! –The new schedule for 2019 is now posted on the bulletin board. There are 2 openings for January 2nd that need to be filled in. Please check it and sign up!

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.

Parish Kutia (Christmas Meal) will be held after Liturgy on Sunday January 13th. There is no admission, but a free-will offering will be taken.

THANK YOU to all those who took flowers and cards to deliver to our shut-ins. These visits are very important to let those know who are unable to attend church regularly that they are still part of our parish community and are remembered.

Epistle schedules are available today. Collector schedule will be available next week. **We need a few more volunteers to act as collectors.** As of right now we only have 4 collectors and are in need of at least 2 more. 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 – – NO COFFEE
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.

Please note that the Parish office will be closed Mon. Dec. 24th and will reopen Thurs. Dec. 27th.

Jordan Blessings – The Feast of the Theophany will be celebrated January 13th. Parishioners are encouraged to bring containers to fill with holy water, to keep at home. Also any parishioners wishing Fr. Anton to visit their home with the traditional Jordan blessing after the 14th of January, are asked to please call the parish office so a time can be arranged.