

***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!***



**MALANKA 2018**

**TICKETS ARE NOW SOLD OUT!**

Malanka - A New Years Dinner Dance

Saturday January 13<sup>th</sup> · 2018.

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

Sparkling wine reception, portrait booth, delicious meal, midnight buffet and lively

music by Ron Cahute & Burya!



Special thanks are extended to all those who gave their time and talents to make our Christmas festivities so beautiful. Thanks to those who helped decorate and prepare the church. Thanks to the choir, who sang so beautifully for our Christmas services. Thanks to those who delivered flowers to our shut-ins. Thanks to those who attended services and have come together to celebrate the Birth of Christ. May God bless you all!

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Dear God, as we light this candle, we rejoice in the birth of your Son. May we worship him, welcome him, and make room for him in our hearts. O come, let us adore him! Amen!

**CHRIST IS BORN! LET US GLORIFY HIM!**

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

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**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 24th, 2017 - 4th Sunday of Advent

Eve of the Nativity of Our Lord

Readers: Christmas Eve: M. Skaab (Ukr.) G. Barton (Eng.)

Next week: T. Lee (Eng.)

**DIVINE LITURGY SERVICES:**

Mon. December 25th: 10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy (Ukr. & Eng.)- Nativity of Our Lord

Tues. December 26th: 10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy (Ukr. & Eng.)

Feast of the Most Holy Mother of God

Wed. December 27th: 10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy (Ukr. & Eng.)- Feast of St. Stephen

Sat. December 30<sup>th</sup>: 4:15 p.m. Divine Liturgy (Eng.)

Sun. December 31<sup>st</sup>: 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 PAUL & SLAVA KOZELA.***

**OFFERINGS:**

Dec. 17th: \$1,730.00

Development Fund: B. & J. Hogan \$300.00; J. Prystupa \$20.00

Church Donations in memory of +Ron Dominick: J. & S. Mikitel \$25.00

P. & R. Holubowsky \$25.00; E. Ternowski \$50.00

Church Donations in memory of +Michael Kozachenko: J. & S. Mikitel \$25.00;

P. & R. Holubowsky \$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 Osczypko, 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, Michalyna 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:**

**Parish Kutia (Christmas Meal)** will be held after Liturgy on Sunday January 7<sup>th</sup>. 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.

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.

Regular kitchen work schedule will commence Wednesday January 3<sup>rd</sup>. We hope that all our volunteers have a restful break.

**Attention Bingo Volunteers:** As soon as possible, please see the schedule in the kitchen for January - March 2018 to add your names to the time slots that you are available to volunteer.

*Jordan Blessings – The Feast of the Theophany will be celebrated January 7<sup>th</sup>. 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 7<sup>th</sup> of January, are asked to please call the parish office so a time can be arranged.*

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. 29<sup>th</sup>.

**Schedule of Christmas Services:**

**Saturday Dec. 23<sup>rd</sup>** – 4:15 p.m. – Divine Liturgy

**Sunday Dec. 24<sup>th</sup>** – 10:00 p.m. Eve of The Nativity Of Our Lord

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**Monday Jan. 1<sup>st</sup>** – 10:00 a.m. Feast of the Circumcision & St. Basil the Great

**Sunday Jan. 7<sup>th</sup>** – 10:00 a.m. Sunday of Theophany

**PLEASE WISH THE FOLLOWING PARISHIONERS A HAPPY BIRTHDAY:**

**Dec. 26th:** Ryan Stelmach; **Dec. 28th:** Brianna Trush

God Grant Them Many Years! Mnohaya Lita!

