

**ST. JOHN THE THEOLOGIAN CATHOLIC CHURCH**  
**(BYZANTINE-UKRAINIAN RITE)**

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Sunday after Christmas  
Feast of St. Stephen



*O* glorious saint, faithful imitator of Jesus Christ martyr in will and in reality, so full of charity, zeal, love, and purity, deign to intercede for us poor exiles; you who are so high in the favor of God, we do entreat you to procure for us a little spark of that divine love which animated your heart, that we too one day may have the happiness of seeing our God face to face.

***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 for phone calls only!

No visitors please!

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

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

December 27th 2020 - Sunday after Christmas

Epistle: Gal. 1:11-19 Gospel Reading: Matt. 2:13-23

**DIVINE LITURGY SERVICES (all services will be livestream only):**

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

Sun. Jan. 3rd: 10:00 p.m. Divine Liturgy - Sunday before Theophany

**OFFERINGS:**

Sunday Donations: Dec. 20th: \$1,115.00 Automatic debit donations: \$385.00.00

Development Donations: Z. Lewicki (in memory of +John Lewicki 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary) \$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 +JOHN LEWICKI  
REQUESTED BY ZANON & MARY LEWICKI .***

**EFFECTIVE DECEMBER 26, 2020 until FURTHER NOTICE:**

**NEW RESTRICTIONS FOR THE CITY OF ST. CATHARINES**

**Religious Services Gathering limits for religious services: 10 person capacity**

**Beginning December 26, 2020 the parish liturgical services will not be open to the public due to the limit imposed by the government on religious services.**

**Our Saturday 4:15 p.m. service will be put on hold until further notice and Sunday 10:00 a.m. service will only be available through live stream on our Facebook page or through our website page.**

Our Annual Meeting is tentatively set for January 31<sup>st</sup> 2021, after Sunday Divine Liturgy. 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.

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

ST. JOHN'S KITCHEN will be closed until further notice due to the provincial wide shut-down. We ask that all our parishioners and families adhere to the government regulations to limit contact with people and stay within their households. Please only leave your homes for essential trips. If we all do our part, we can limit the spread of this virus while keeping everyone safe.

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. 30<sup>th</sup>. 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. Income tax receipts will be mailed out in January 2021. We thank you for your generosity, especially during these uncertain times.

**Don't forget**, you can also sign up for the Automatic Debit Program for Sunday Donations. A simple, safe and easy way to support your parish! Please contact the parish office for more info.

**St. John's Weekly Envelopes 2021** are available for pick up in the church office in January or they can be picked up once services resume after the shut-down. If you would like to pick them up from the office, we ask that you please call ahead to book an appointment.

Please remember if you have an appointment to visit the parish office, you must wear a mask and go through our COVID screening before you can enter the office. We thank you in advance for your co-operation!

**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!***

