MALANKA 2020

We still have a few tickets left our our 2020 Malanka -New Years Dinner

Dance

Saturday January 18th 2020.

Tickets are \$110 for adults \$50 for students (18 years and younger)

Join us for a sparkling wine reception, delicious meal, midnight buffet and lively music by Zirka!

Please call the parish office for tickets.



Happy New Years blessings to our parish family. As we begin the New Year 2020, may God bless you and your families, and we thank you abundantly for your continued attendance and support of our church.

Let us strive to welcome Christ, the light of the world in our lives.

Thanks be to God, our parish has continued to flourish with Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit touching many lives. We would like to thank everyone for participation and contribution in making St. John's a welcoming and beautiful parish.

We thank you for the financial, spiritual and moral support that you give to the parish.

For some of you, the year that ends has been very difficult. It has been a year of grief, sadness and loss. We express our deepest sympathies to all who have lost their dear ones.

For some of us the year that ends has been a year of triumph, success progress in life and we rejoice with you and we thank God.

For most of us, it has been a combination of joy and sadness, ups and downs, triumph and failure and as we reflect on the joys and pains, we turn to God for comfort, consolation, strength, thanksgiving and guidance.

May the good Lord continue to reward us as we celebrate the gift of the New Year.

Fr. Anton and the members of the Parish Council

Christ Is Born! Let Us Glorify Him!

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Happy New Year

Lord, You make all things new
You bring hope alive in our hearts
And cause our Spirits to be born again.
Thank you for this new year
For all the potential it holds.
Come and kindle in us - a mighty flame
So that in our time, many will see the wonders of God
And live forever to praise Your glorious name.

Amen

CHRIST IS BORN! LET US GLORIFY HIM!

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 requestBaptism, Marriage - Please contact the parish office

December 29, 2019 - Sunday after Christmas

Epistle: Gal. 1:11-19 Gospel Reading: Mt. 2:13-23 Reader M. Chodoriwsky Next week: T. Lee

DIVINE LITURGY SERVICES:

Wed. Jan. 1st: 10:00 a.m.: Feast of the Circumcision of St. Basil the Great

Sat. Jan. 4th: 4:15 p.m.: Divine Liturgy (Eng.)

Sun. Jan. 5th: 10:00 a.m.: Divine Liturgy (Ukr. & Eng.)

THIS WEEK OUR SANCTUARY CANDLES BURN FOR GOD'S BLESSINGS UPON ALL OUR PARISHIONERS AND THEIR FAMILIES AND THAT 2020 MAY BE FILLED WITH LOVE AND GOOD HEALTH.

OFFERINGS:

Dec. 22nd: \$1,345.00 Automatic debit donations: \$175.00

Christmas Eve & Day: \$2,105.00

Church Donations: Z. Lewicki (in memory of +Dr. L. Aedy) \$5.00;

O. Kish-Pryshlak \$60.00; A. & E. Palmer \$50.00; L. & B. Young \$200.00;

B. J. Hogan \$300.00; Knights of Columbus Shashkevych Council #7464 \$250.00 Development Donations: O. Czerwoniak (in memory of +Walter Martyniuk) \$50.00;

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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

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

Just a note to thank you for your generous gifts, beautiful cards and heartfelt greetings for Christmas. May Christ continue to bless all of you with whatever you need to bring you contentment, joy, and peace.

From my heart to yours, thank you again! Love and prayers, Msgr. Anton

Announcements:

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.

Epistle Readers and Collectors! Please pick up your 2020 schedules today from the church vestibule.

Parish Kutia (Christmas Meal) will be held after Liturgy on Sunday January 12th. There is no admission, but a free-will offering will be taken.

2020 donation envelopes are ready to be picked up from the church vestibule. Please be advised that some numbers have been reassigned. If you are registered for online donations, you will not receive a box, but if you would like to make a donation towards the building or maintenance fund, or towards any other collection please use the envelopes provided in the church vestibule. 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.

Jordan Blessing - Feast of Theophany

The Feast of Theophany, is a liturgical event which commemorates Jesus' baptism in the Jordan River by St. John the Baptist. We will be celebrating Theophany on Sunday January 12th, during which Fr. Anton will celebrate the Water Blessing Ceremony. He will bless the water with the "Trikirion" which are three branch candles; with his breath; with his hand; and by immersing a cross in the water.

Parishioners are encouraged to bring containers to take blessed holy water 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.

Coffee Hosts Schedule:

Jan. 5th – Slava Kozela & Mary Chodoriwsky
Feb. 2nd: Liz & Don Osadec

Jan. 26th: Olga Czerwoniak
Feb. 23rd: Gena & Roy Barton

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 in fellowship. If you have any questions, please call the office.