

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 7th, 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.



At Your baptism in the Jordan, O Lord, worship of the Trinity was revealed, for the Father's voice bore witness to You, calling You His beloved Son, and the Spirit in the form of a dove confirmed the truth of these words. O Christ God, who appeared and enlightened the world, glory be to You!



MALANKA 2018

TICKETS ARE NOW SOLD OUT!

Malanka - A New Years Dinner Dance

Saturday January 13th, 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!

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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 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

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 31st, 2017

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

Reader: T. Lee (Eng.)

Next week: S. Kozela (Ukr.)

DIVINE LITURGY SERVICES:

Mon. January 1st: 10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy (Ukr. & Eng.)

Feast of the Circumcision & St. Basil the Great

Sat. January 6th: 4:15 p.m. Divine Liturgy (Eng.)

Sun. January 7th: 10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy (Ukr. & Eng.)

Sunday of Theophany - blessing of water

THIS WEEK OUR SANCTUARY CANDLES BURN IN LOVING MEMORY OF +JOHN LEWICKI, REQUESTED BY MARY & ZANON LEWICKI.

OFFERINGS:

Dec. 24th: \$1,690.00

Development Fund: M. Lewicki (in memory of +John Lewicki) \$100.00;

P. & D. Holubowsky (in memory of +Gerry Case) \$50.00

Church Donations: R. & M. Hendriks (in memory of the deceased member of the +Palmer and +Andreychuk families) \$50.00; Knights of Columbus Shashkevych Council #7464 \$500.00; O. Lylak \$100.00

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.

Parish Kutia (Christmas Meal) will be held after Liturgy on Sunday January 7th. There is no admission, but a free-will offering will be taken.

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 3rd. We hope that all our volunteers have a restful break.

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

Jordan Blessings –Any parishioners wishing Fr. Anton to visit their home with the traditional Jordan blessing after the 7th of January, are asked to please call the parish office so a time can be arranged.

PLEASE WISH THE FOLLOWING PARISHIONERS A HAPPY BIRTHDAY:

Dec. 31st: Sharon Mikitzel, Bill Trush; **Jan. 2nd:** Walter Matwijow **Jan. 3rd:** Steve Dominick

Jan. 4th: Tamara Lastewka, **Jan. 5th:** Bryan Trush **Jan. 6th:** Blake Maksymyshyn Darrell Mason

God Grant Them Many Years! Mnohaya Lita!

Happy New Years blessings to our parish family. As we begin the New Year 2018, 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.