

In honour of the Feast of St. Nicholas, we will be collecting new unwrapped toys, which will be donated to Community Care until December 6th. Please bring your donations in and drop them off in the bins provided in the lobby of the church.



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**MALANKA 2018**

**TICKETS NOW ON SALE!!**

Join us to ring in the New Year 2018 Ukrainian Style!

Malanka - A New Years Dinner Dance

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

Tickets are \$85 for adults (before Dec. 15<sup>th</sup>, after Dec. 15<sup>th</sup> \$95)

\$45 for students (18 years and younger)

Join us for a sparkling wine reception, portrait booth, delicious meal, midnight buffet and lively music by Ron Cahute & Burya!

To purchase tickets please call (289) 407-8777 or email

[stjohnmalanka@gmail.com](mailto:stjohnmalanka@gmail.com).

Table reservations may be made when buying 10 tickets or more.

Please visit our website [www.stjohnuc.com](http://www.stjohnuc.com) and click on Malanka 2018

for more information. Tickets are limited, so get yours soon!



**First Sunday of Advent**

Dear God, as we light this candle, we hope for Your coming as our Good Shepherd. Please gather us in Your arms, feed us with spiritual food, wipe away every tear from our eyes, and "let your face shine, that we may be saved".

Come, our Shepherd!

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

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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 3rd, 2017 - 26th Sunday after Pentecost

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent

Epistle: Eph. 5:9-19 Gospel: Lk. 12:16-21

Reader : O. Czerwoniak (Eng.) Next week: N. Palchuk (Ukr.)

**DIVINE LITURGY SERVICES:**

Saturday December 9th: 4:15 p.m. Divine Liturgy (Eng.)

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

2nd Sunday of Advent

***THIS WEEK OUR SANCTUARY CANDLES BURN IN LOVING MEMORY OF +WILLIAM  
AND +OLGA SMOOK REQUESTD BY THE FAMILY.***

**OFFERINGS:**

Nov. 26th: \$1,242.00;

Development Fund (in memory of +Michael Kozachenko): E. Ternowski \$30.00;

P. & D. Holubowsky \$25.00.

Development Fund: O. Czerwoniak \$20.00

Church Donations in memory of +Michael Kozachenko: C. & M. Dzugan \$30.00;

J. Badiuk \$25.00; B. & M. Trush \$25.00, J. Luciw \$25.00; O. Baraniuk \$25.00

Church Donation: J. Luciw (in memory of +Walter Martyniuk) \$25.00; T. Kisluk (in memory of +Wasylyna Iwanycki) \$20.00; I. Stayshyn (in honour of Fr. Morris Bosey 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday) \$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 Osczyppo, 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:**

**Choir Practice** – December 5th at 7 p.m.

**Parish Council Meeting** – Monday December 11<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m.

Thank you to all those ladies and men who helped with baking and assembling the cookie trays for our store. In total 167 trays were made!

**Christmas Concert** – Canadian Bandurist Capella with Myroslava Solovianenko (Soloist). December 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in our church. Tickets are \$20 online [www.cbc-rizdvo23.eventbrite.ca](http://www.cbc-rizdvo23.eventbrite.ca), from the parish office or \$25 at the door.

We are currently collecting **new** winter hats, gloves, scarves, warm socks and toiletries, which will be donated to St. Vincent De Paul. Please bring your donations in and place them in the bins in the lobby of the church.

Anyone wishing to purchase Christmas candles in memory of a loved one or for a special intention, is asked to please call the parish office during the week with your intentions or you may place your request in a separate envelope marked “**Christmas Candles**” and put it the collection basket. Candles will be lit on Christmas Eve and cost \$5 each. Candle requests will be taken until Dec. 15<sup>th</sup>.

Sts. Cyril & Methodius Church Women’s League will have their Christmas Bazaar Saturday December 9<sup>th</sup> from 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. There will be pyrohy, cabbage rolls, kolachi, borscht for sale along with raffle prizes and Baba’s Treasure Table. Please come out to support them.

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

**Dec. 7th:** Nora Doig **Dec. 8th:** Fr. Morris Bosey - 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday!

God Grant Them Many Years! Mnohaya Lita!

*Forgiveness Vespers will be held Monday December 18<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m.  
Why is it we have this service in the midst of this busy season, when we have so much on our minds already and not nearly enough time to get ready for Christmas?  
It is precisely because we are so busy getting ready for Christmas that we need time to meditate and draw ourselves closer to God.  
Take the time to recharge your spirits, cleanse and heal your minds and reawaken your love for God.*

