



**MALANKA 2020**

Join us to ring in the New Year 2020 Ukrainian Style!

Malanka - A New Years Dinner Dance

Saturday January 18<sup>th</sup> 2020.

Tickets are \$95 for adults (*Early Bird Special until Dec. 15<sup>th</sup>*)

After December 15<sup>th</sup>, tickets are \$110

\$50 for students (18 years and younger)

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

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

Please visit our website for table reservations and how to purchase tickets.



**THANK YOU TO ALL THOSE WHO DONATED TOYS, BOOKS AND FOOD TOWARDS OUR CHRISTMAS COLLECTION FOR COMMUNITY CARE. THESE DONATIONS WILL HELP MAKE CHRISTMAS SPECIAL FOR MANY OF THOSE WHO ARE IN NEED IN OUR COMMUNITY. THANK YOU!**



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**Second Sunday of Advent**

Dear God, as we light this candle, we recognize our sin and our need for a savior. We wait for your forgiveness in Christ. We long to be purified so that we might present ourselves to you in righteousness. Come, Our Savior! 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 8, 2019 - 2nd Sunday of Advent

Epistle: Eph. 5:9-19 Gospel Reading: Lk. 12:16-21  
Reader: E. Pelletier Next week: N. Palchuk

**DIVINE LITURGY SERVICES:**

Tues. Dec. 10<sup>th</sup>: 10:30 a.m.: Divine Liturgy at Dixie Rd.

Sat. Dec. 14<sup>th</sup>: 4:15 p.m.: Divine Liturgy (Eng.)

for the health of Fr. Walter & Mary Dacko

Req. by the parish

Sun. Dec. 15<sup>th</sup>: 10:00 a.m.:

Divine Liturgy (Ukr. & Eng.)

*THIS WEEK OUR SANCTUARY CANDLES BURN FOR THE HEALTH OF  
PAULINE GREON-LEE, REQUESTED BY TERI LEE.*

**OFFERINGS:**

DEC. 1st: \$511.00 Automatic debit donations: \$735.00

Development Donations: P. Koval \$50.00

Maintenance Donations: P. Koval \$50.00; P. Gerelus \$25.00

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, Michalya 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*

*Forgiveness Vespers will be held Monday December 16<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. We also will be taking donations of non-perishable food items that evening, so please remember to bring your donations.*

**Announcements:**

Thank you to all those who came out to make cookie trays! In total 164 trays were made! A special thank you to Peter and Dora Holubowsky, Mary Kozachenko and Ann Atamanuk for all the organizing and preparing they did ahead of time so the cookie baking would run smoothly.

We are gearing up for our 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Malanka Dinner Dance, which will be held January 18<sup>th</sup>, 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.

*SHUT-IN FLOWERS* will be available to distributed today. If you are able to help with this very important ministry, to take a Christmas flower and card to a shut-in or ill parishioner, please speak with Adele Krawchuk after Liturgy.

**There will be no coffee today after liturgy. Social Coffee will resume in the new year.**

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 after Liturgy to catch up. If you have any questions, please call the office.

St. John's Store will not be taking any orders from now until Christmas, **no exceptions!** If you require food items for your Christmas celebrations, we suggest to come to the store early, to make your purchases to avoid disappointment. The store will be closed from Dec. 23<sup>rd</sup> and will reopen Jan. 8<sup>th</sup> so our volunteers can have a well deserved break.

**ICONS BY ODARKA 2020 CALENDAR** is available to preview on our church bulletin board. If you are interested in purchasing a calendar for \$25 (portion of sales will go towards the church) please call the parish office by December 13<sup>th</sup>. This calendar is a beautiful collection of icons drawn by Odarka Kish-Pryshlak and would make a wonderful Christmas gift!

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. 18<sup>th</sup>.

St. Georges Orthodox Church Christmas Bazaar will be held on Saturday Dec. 14<sup>th</sup> from 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. There will be traditional food, baked goods, raffle and children's corner.

