

St. John The Theologian Catholic Church
(Byzantine-Ukrainian Rite)

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THEOPHANY OF OUR LORD



Incline your ear, O Lord, and hear us. You sanctified the water when you consented to be baptized in the Jordan; now bless us who through the bowing of our heads signify our servitude. Grant that we be filled with your sanctification by the partaking of this water, and let it be for the healing of our souls and bodies, O Lord.

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 for
phone calls only!**
No visitors please!

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

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

January 10th, 2021 – Theophany of Our Lord

Epistle: Titus 2:11-14 & 3:4-7 Gospel Reading: Mt. 3:13-17

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

Sun. Jan. 10th: 10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy – Feast of Theophany
Great Blessing of

Water

Sun. Jan. 17th: 10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy – Sunday of Zacchaeus

OFFERINGS:

Sunday Donations: Jan. 3: \$500.00 Automatic debit donations: \$1,400.00

Church Donations: T. Hogan \$500.00

**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 FOR THE SICK AND SHUT-IN OF OUR PARISH

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 31st 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.

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.

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 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!

Today, we will livestream Divine Liturgy with the *Great Blessing of Water*. As in previous years we also have the renewal of our Baptismal promises. Fr. Anton will make the text available for both the blessing of water and renewal of promises on the website and Facebook. You can print them off and be able to participate more fully. This year, because of COVID, Fr. Anton is unable to go into homes for house blessings, so there will be a virtual blessing. Bottles for Holy Water are on order and once they arrive, they will be filled and parishioners will be able to do a drive by pick up to receive their Holy Water. A text of the blessing will be provided on the internet so you can bless your own homes at your convenience .

