

**ST. JOHN THE THEOLOGIAN CATHOLIC CHURCH**  
**(BYZANTINE-UKRAINIAN RITE)**

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Sunday before Theophany



**New Years Prayer**

Heavenly Father, bless my resolutions for the coming year. May they be in accordance with your will and direction for my life. Bless me with success, health and wisdom. Guide my thoughts and prayers.

Help me exercise my faith to bring it all to fruition in 2021.

May my efforts be to sincerely bring many to know You and to believe in the Lord Jesus, the way, the truth, and the life.

May the lost be found, the ones living in darkness come to light through my intercession, outreach, guidance and prayers.

I pray this New Year is blessed with Your presence in all I do as I pray and ask in the blessed name of Jesus, 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 for phone calls only!

No visitors please!

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

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

January 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2021 - Sunday before Theophany

Epistle: Tim. 4:5-8 Gospel Reading: Mk. 1:1-8

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

Sun. Jan. 3<sup>rd</sup>: 10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy - Sunday before Theophany

Sun. Jan. 10<sup>th</sup>: 10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy - Feast of Theophany

Great Blessing of Water

**OFFERINGS:**

Sunday Donations: Dec. 27<sup>th</sup>: \$2,100.00 Automatic debit donations: \$435.00.00

Development Donations: P. Koval \$150.00

Church Donations: B. & J. Hogan \$300.00; Knights of Columbus Shashkevych Council #7464 \$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  
IN LOVING MEMORY OF +MYCHAJLO +JUSTYNA & ROMAN CHODORIWSKY  
REQUESTED BY SLAVA & PAUL KOZELA.***

**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 web-site page.**

Our Annual Meeting is tentatively set for January 31<sup>st</sup> 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!

On Sunday January 11<sup>th</sup>, 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 .



***Happy New Years blessing to our parish family.***

***As we being the New Year 2021, may God bless you and your families, and we thank you abundantly for your continued 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, especially during this difficult time of the pandemic. We would like to thank everyone for their participation and contributions 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 a dear one.***

***For some of us the year that ends has been a year of triumph, success and 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 a New Year.***

***Christ is Born! Let Us Glorify Him!!***

***Fr. Anton and the members of St. John's Parish Council.***

