# 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 todays, 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 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 13<sup>th</sup>, 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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TODAY, YOU HAVE APPEARED TO THE WORLD "AND YOUR LIGHT, O LORD, HAS BEEN SIGNED ON US".

WHO WITH KNOWLEDGE SING YOUR PRAISES: "YOU HAVE COME, YOU HAVE APPEARED O UNAPPROACHABLE LIGHT"!

### 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 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

# January 7, 2017 Epistle: Titus: 9:19-27 Gospel Reading: Mt. 3:13-17

Reader: S.Kozela (Ukr.) Next week: O. Czerwoniak (Eng.)

### **DIVINE LITURGY SERVICES:**

Tues. January 9th: 10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy (Ukr. & Eng.) at Dixie Rd.

Thurs. January 11th: 10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy (Eng.) -+Michael Kozachenko (40th day)

req. by Mary Kozachenko

Sat. January 13th: 10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy - +Ronald Dominick (40<sup>th</sup> day)

req. by Genya & Steve Dominick

4:15 p.m. Divine Liturgy (Eng.) - +Anna & +John Ternowski

req. by Ellen Ternowski

Sun. January 14th: 10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy (Ukr. & Eng.)

# THIS WEEK OUR SANCTUARY CANDLES BURN FOR GOD'S BLESSINGS UPON ALL OUR PARISHIONERS AND THEIR FAMILIES.

### **OFFERINGS:**

Dec. 31st: \$1,397.00

Development Fund: M. Kozachenko (in memory of +Ron Dominick) \$20.00

Roof Fund Donations: W. & S. Cybulak (in memory of +Michael Kozachenko) \$20.00; W. & S.

Cybulak (in memory of +Ron Dominick ) \$10.00

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, Pauline Halowski & 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: January 23rd at 1 p.m.

Annual General Meeting will be held Sunday January 21st after Liturgy. We have no positions up for re-election so this will be a short meeting to discuss financial and year end reports. We encourage all parishioners to attend, since the success and growth or our parish depends on the input and involvement of everyone.

Parish Kutia (Christmas Meal) will be held today Liturgy. 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.

This week we resumed our regular kitchen working schedule after a well deserved Christmas break. Welcome back to all our volunteers!

<u>Dudaryk Choir</u> – an illustrious boys and men choir from Lviv will be touring the Niagara Region January 18<sup>th</sup> – St. Cyril & Methodius Church, St. Catharines 6 p.m. Schedriy Vechir Concert January 19<sup>th</sup> – St. Mary's Church, Niagara Falls 11 a.m. – Divine Liturgy

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.

Save the date!! *St. John's Valentine Dinner* will be held on Saturday February 10<sup>th</sup>. Tickets are \$30 per person and will be available through the parish office or store next week.

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

We wish Zanon Lewicki a very Happy 75<sup>th</sup> Birthday (Jan. 3<sup>rd</sup>). Mnohaya Lita! Many Happy Years!

<u>Birthday Wishes</u> – we no longer will be publishing individual birthdays in our bulletin but if you do have a special birthday or anniversary that you wish to be acknowledged, please call the parish office and an announcement can be placed in the bulletin.

We welcome all our visiting guests who have joined us today for Liturgy and our Jordan Meal.