

## LENTEN SERVICES

Lenten prayers for the departed (Sorokousty) will be every **Wednesday at 10:00 a.m.** during Lent. If you wish to include any names of any departed relatives in this year's services, please return an envelope marked "Sorokousty" with your list of names of the departed you wish to pray for. If you already have a list and have no new names to submit, please write "Same as last year" on your envelope when you return it. Special marked envelopes can be found in the church vestibule.

Stations of the Cross will be held every **Friday at 7 p.m.** This is a popular devotion used by individuals who, through prayer and reflection wish to follow Jesus Christ on his way to Calvary. It is a wonderful way to pray and meditate to help deepen our understanding of the way of the Cross.

All parishioners encouraged to attend as many of these services as possible.

Did you know that St. John's is one of the many charities that participates with Bingos held at Delta Bingo Hall, 124 Bunting Road.

**Last year, these bingos brought in \$18,797.24 for our parish!!**

Our bingos are held 3 times a month, from the hours of 9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. and 11:30 – 1:00 p.m. If you are able to volunteer for a few hours a month to help with bingos, please call the parish office. All volunteers are expected to do are tidy up tables and smile! Gone are the days of having to count cards or money! This is a very easy way of raising funds for our church, which help pay for the upkeep of our facility. New volunteers need to attend a short training workshop and will receive a St. John's shirt!!

**Why not come out and play and support the various charities that take part!**



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

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### *1st Sunday of Lent*

Father, through our observance of Lent, help us to understand the meaning of Your Son's death and resurrection, and teach us to reflect it in our lives. Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.



Pastor: Rt. Rev. Msgr. Anton Szymychalski – Mitred Archbishop  
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

March 1, 2020 - 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent

Epistle: Heb. 11:24-26, 32, 12:2 Gospel Reading: John 1:43-51  
Reader M. Skaab Next week: M. Chodoriwsky

**DIVINE LITURGY SERVICES:**

Wed. Mar. 4th: 10:00 a.m.: Pre-sanctified Liturgy with Sorokousty  
Fri. Mar. 6th: 7:00 p.m.: Stations of the Cross  
Sat. Mar. 7th: 4:15 p.m.: Divine Liturgy (Eng.) +Stephen & +Nadia Storoschuk  
Req. by Joanna Storoschuk  
Sun. Mar. 8th: 10:00 a.m.: Divine Liturgy (Ukr. & Eng.)

*THIS WEEK OUR SANCTUARY CANDLES BURN FOR  
GOD'S BLESSINGS AND GOOD HEALTH UPON RICKI HOLUBOWSKY  
REQUESTED BY PETER & DORA HOLUBOWSKY.*

**OFFERINGS:**

Feb. 23rd: \$960.00 Automatic debit donations: \$175.00  
Maintenance & Upkeep Donations: P. Gerelus \$50.00  
Development Donations: T. Kisluk \$20.00  
Church Donations: E. Kubow (in memory of +Jean Diggins) \$50.00  
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, Sharon Hudgen,  
Paula Kozachenko, Sawyer Christie, Phyllis Romak, Ricki Holubowsky, Michalyna 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*

**Sincerest sympathies to the Diggins family in the loss of their  
dearest wife & mother +Jean Diggins.  
Vichnaya Pamyat. Eternal Memory.**

**Announcements:**

Help Needed!!! We will be preparing beets for Easter on Monday March 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7 a.m. If you can spare a few hours, we need all the help we can get!!

Pysanka (Easter Egg) Bingo Games will be held in our Activity Centre on Wed. March 25<sup>th</sup> beginning at 7 p.m. Admission at the door is \$10 and includes 1 bingo card; refreshments at break time and a chance to win a door prize. We also will have great items to raffle off!

We are gearing up for our Annual Big-A-Bucks event, which will be held April 25<sup>th</sup>, 2020. As always we require parishioners to help solicit businesses for donations. **A list of business that that participated last year, is available in the kitchen.** Please consider helping, by picking up a letter from the parish office with details of the event and taking the time to visit listed donors to ask for prize items. For more information please see Christine in the parish office or speak with Walt Lastewka.

St. John's will host a Parish Sobor (assembly of lay representatives) today after Divine Liturgy to discuss the concerns and direction of our parish and church as a whole. Notes will be taken at our Sobor and will be presented and discussed further at the Regional Sobor, which will be held on Saturday March 7<sup>th</sup> in our parish hall. The purpose of these meetings is to get a representation from all churches in our Eparchy and to discuss matters of faith, morality, rite, and canonical and cultural life. **All are welcome to join us on March 1<sup>st</sup>. A light lunch will be provided during the meeting.**

Mt. Mary 2020 Silent Retreats – March 27 – 29, 2020 with Fr. Anton; Retreats will be held at Mount Mary Retreat Centre, 437 Wilson St. East Ancaster. To register please speak with Fr. Anton.

PYSANKA WORKSHOP - Saturday March 21<sup>st</sup> from 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. at St. Georges Parish Hall, 4 Augusta Ave. St. Catharines, Cost is \$30 per person, (children 10 and under must be accompanied by an adult). Materials will be provided and you must bring your own lunch. Limited space available, so please contact Nadya at (905) 259-6171 to register.

ST. GEORGES CHURCH PYSANKA BINGO - Saturday March 14<sup>th</sup>. Admission is \$10 and includes a door prize ticket, coffee and dessert. Bingo cards are \$1 each. Doors open at 1 p.m. and bingo starts at 1:30 p.m. To reserve a table of 8 please call Margaret at (905) 892-8772

**Coffee Hosts Schedule:**

Mar. 1<sup>st</sup>: Irene Boyes & Judy Holland  
Mar. 8<sup>th</sup>: Laurie Halowski  
Mar. 22<sup>nd</sup>: Olga Czerwoniak & Verna Perrone

**St. Patrick's Day Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner** - featuring live music by Vox Violins - Saturday March 14<sup>th</sup>. Tickets are \$20 per person and can be purchased through the parish office during the week.

