

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

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As your family we gather here today
Not because we have to, but because we want to.
We are here to offer you our worship, our prayers
and our lives in service to you and to our neighbour.
We have as our example your Son
who chose not to rule but to serve
Who gave of himself and you a love so strong
that it flowed like a river from his hands and his heart.

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.

March 21, 2021 - 5th Sunday of Lent

Epistle: Heb. 9:11-14 Gospel Reading: Mk. 10:32-45

DIVINE LITURGY SERVICES):

Sun. Mar. 21st: 10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy - 5th Sunday of Lent
+Paul Holubowsky (40th day) re. by the family
Wed. Mar. 24th: 10:00 a.m. Sorokousty (Prayers for the deceased) with Lenten Mission
Fri. Mar. 26th: 10:00 a.m. Stations of the Cross with Lenten Mission
Sun. Mar. 28th: 10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy - Palm Sunday
Blessing of willow branches

OFFERINGS:

Sunday Donations: Mar. 14th: \$640.00 Automatic debit donations: \$430.00
Church Donations: O. Onyschuk (in memory of +Paul Holubowsky) \$25.00; O. Onyschuk (in memory of +Thomas Bayer) \$25.00; O. Onyschuk (in memory of +R. Borowyj) \$25.00
Development Donation: M. Lewicki \$50.00
Maintenance Donation: P. Gerelus \$50.00

**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 +BEN SMOOK, REQUESTED BY THE FAMILY***

CITY OF ST. CATHARINES AS OF MARCH 1ST , IS IN THE RED – CONTROL :

Religious Services Gathering limits for religious services: 50 person capacity

Our Church is now open for Divine Liturgy and Lenten services.

We will continue to livestream our Divine Liturgy on Sundays at 10:00 a.m. and Lenten services through our Facebook page or our website page.

St. John's Kitchen & Store will be closed the week of Holy Week. There will be nothing for sale and nothing will be made, to allow our volunteers to prepare their homes for Easter. Things will resume the week of April 5th.

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!

Holy Water is available for parishioners to take home. Please bring your own containers and Fr. Anton will fill them for you.

7-day Easter candles – if you would like to purchase an Easter Candle for a special intention or in memory of a loved one, please submit your request to the parish office by March 26th. Candles are \$5 each and will be lit on Holy Thursday.

We are in need of 1 quart jars for soup. If you have extra jars at home, please consider bringing them in to the store Thursday or Friday, so we can fill them up with our delicious borscht and cabbage soup.

If you need assistance with booking your COVID vaccine, please call the parish office. Christine or Fr. Anton will be able to help book your appointments online.

Dr. J. Czerevko Memorial Scholarship sponsored by the Ukrainian Canadian Congress Niagara, is now accepting applications for any high school student from Ukrainian heritage who will be graduating this year from grade 12 and entering a certified college or university for further study. UCC gives 6 scholarships of \$2,000.00 to the top qualified students chosen. Students can either check with both the Niagara District School Board and the Niagara Catholic District School Board for more information or email Irene Newton at irene.newton2012@gmailcom

St. John Lenten Mission 2021

A Lenten special mission is held by the Parish each year during Lent. It is an opportunity to set aside specific time to pray, meditate and reflect and most importantly, to do this as a parish community whether in person or via the internet. The mission is a time of renewal of our relationship with God and each other.

Join Fr. Anton Wednesday March 24th at 10:00 a.m.
(followed by Sorokousty – Prayers for the deceased) and
Friday March 26th at 10:00 a.m.
(followed by Stations of the Cross).

Just a reminder, if you plan to attend in-person you must preregister through the parish office either by phone or email. Please arrive 15 minutes before to allow time for screening.

Doors will be locked once the Mission begins, so please arrive on-time!

St. John Ukrainian Church **Schedule of Lenten and Easter Services 2021**

<u>Sunday March 21st:</u>	10:00 a.m. - Divine Liturgy
<u>Wednesday March 24th:</u>	10:00 a.m. - Lenten Mission with Sorokousty
<u>Friday March 26th:</u>	10:00 a.m. - Lenten Mission with Stations of the Cross
<u>Sunday March 28th:</u>	10:00 a.m. - Divine Liturgy - Palm Sunday, blessing of willow branches
<u>Monday March 29th:</u>	7:00 p.m. - Forgiveness Vespers
<u>Wednesday March 31st:</u>	10:00 a.m. - Holy Wednesday - Mass of Anointing
<u>Thursday April 1st:</u>	10:00 a.m. - Holy Thursday - Mass of the Last Supper
<u>Friday April 2nd:</u>	3:00 p.m. - Good Friday Vespers with laying of the Holy Shroud 7:00 p.m. - Stations of the Cross
<u>Saturday April 3rd:</u>	10:00 a.m. - Divine Liturgy at the Tomb of Christ Removal of the Shroud 3:00 p.m. - Blessing of Easter baskets 4:00 p.m. - Blessing of Easter baskets
<u>Sunday April 4th:</u>	8:00 a.m. - Resurrection Matins & Divine Liturgy (Ukr. & Eng.) 10:30 a.m. - Easter Divine Liturgy (Eng.)
<u>Monday April 5th:</u>	10:00 a.m. - Bright Monday - Easter Divine Liturgy
<u>Tuesday April 6th:</u>	10:00 a.m. - Bright Tuesday - Easter Divine Liturgy

Please note that you must pre-register to attend any of the services including Easter basket blessings by calling the parish office (905) 937-3393 or by email stjohnukrainian@bellnet.ca.

Maximum church capacity is 50 people.

We ask that you arrive 15 minutes before services in order to allow ample time for screening.

Doors will be locked after services begin, so please arrive on time.

Easter basket blessing will be held outdoors, weather permitting. In case of rain, basket blessing will take place in St. John Activity Centre.

Masks must be worn at all times!

Please note the procedure when attending Divine Liturgy on Sundays. We will continue to livestream one service at 10:00 a.m. for those who prefer or cannot attend. Your safety is our greatest concern but you must comply with the rules.

Those who have the following Coronavirus related symptoms should stay home:

1. a fever above 37.5 C,
 2. breathing problems,
 3. coughing
 4. those who have traveled outside the country in the last 14 days,
 5. those who have had contact with a person with Coronavirus,
 6. those who have had contact with a person who traveled internationally and has a breathing problem.
- On Sunday we will have volunteers at the entrance of the church, who will be asking everyone about their health. Each person will have to sign a form that they are healthy. Forms will be provided if you don't have one.
 - Everyone will enter through the center doors and go out through the side doors.
 - Please sit in designated areas only.
 - There will be no prayer books in church so you must bring your own or you can purchase one for \$1.00 which you can keep and bring with you every week.
 - All people are required to wear masks in church for the protection of others.
 - People from the same household may sit together. People from different households must practice the 2-meter distancing.

We remind everyone that they must pre-register to attend any Liturgy. This must be done every time, since we only have room for 50 people. Please call or email the parish office (905) 937-3393 during the week to reserve your spot.

Thank you to all those who have been coming in to volunteer in our Kitchen. We will continue with the same procedures that have been in place. Volunteers will have to sign in and have their temperature taken, wear a mask & face shield and also sanitize their hands. Your safety is our greatest concern and if we all comply with the rules, we will all stay safe.

The new schedule for the kitchen is as follows:

**We thank everyone in advance for their continued support of St. John's,
especially during this time.**