

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

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In this time of COVID-19, we pray:
When we aren't sure, God,
help us be calm;
when information comes from all sides, accurate and not,
help us to discern;
when fear makes it hard to carry on and anxiety seems to be the order of the day,
slow us down, God;
help us to reach out with our hearts,
when we can't touch with our hands;
help us to be socially connected,
when we have to be socially distant;
help us to love as perfectly as we can,
knowing that "perfect love casts out all fear."

For the doctors, we pray,
for the nurses, we pray,
for the technicians and the janitors and the
aides and the caregivers, we pray,
for the researchers and scientists ,
and those who offer essential services, we pray
for those who are sick, and those who are grieving, we pray,
for all who are affected, all around the world...
we pray for safety, for health, for wholeness.

May we feed the hungry,
give drink to the thirsty,
clothe the naked and house those without homes;
may we walk with those who feel they are alone,
and may we do all that we can to heal the sick—
in spite of the epidemic,
in spite of fear.

—An adaptation of a prayer during times of COVID-19 by the Right
Rev. Richard Bott, originally posted on Facebook.



As your family we gather 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 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

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 29 2020 - 5th Sunday of Lent

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

DIVINE LITURGY SERVICES:

SERVICES HAVE BEEN SUSPENDED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.

***THIS WEEK OUR SANCTUARY CANDLES BURN IN LOVING MEMORY OF +BEN SMOOK
REQUESTED BY THE FAMILY.***

OFFERINGS:

Mar. 22nd: \$260.00 Automatic debit donations: \$210.00

Church Donations: I. Yurenko (in memory of +Wasył, +Anna Yurenko and +Jane Yurenko-Rokicki,
D. & L. Osadec (in memory of +Anne Ozimok) \$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, & Nicole Demers.

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

During the course of our lenten journey, let us mutually support one another in our weaknesses, let us mutually forgive one another by forgetting our differences,

let us mutually protect one another to reach our destination.

Let us kneel, together before an icon of Christ and let us ask for forgiveness and let us forgive one another.

Whatever is going on in the world around us, and in our own little worlds, let us all join together on Monday April 6th for Forgiveness Vespers so we can be reminded of Jesus's transformational love .

Please log onto our website www.stjohnuc.com or our Facebook site [St. John Byzantine Catholic Church – Ukrainian-Rite](#) for our Forgiveness Vespers .

Announcements:

BIG A BUCKS 2020 has been postponed until September 19th, 2020.

Fr. Anton's 35th Anniversary of Ordination has been postponed until October, date still to be determined,

Folk Arts 2020 has been cancelled.

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 by mail or email to the parish office by April 1st. Candles are \$5 each and will be lit on Holy Thursday.

We have pre-recorded the following services on our website and Facebook page: Sorokousty (Prayers for the Departed), Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament Suplicatsia, Stations of the Cross, and Sunday Divine Liturgy. We encourage parishioners to visit our website and continue to pray and set-aside some time every day to read scripture, especially on Sundays. As well, make efforts to connect with friends and family by phone and in prayer. Please remember that Fr. Anton continues to pray for you, and we ask that you remember him in your prayers.

Dear parishioners and friends,

Please keep in mind that the parish office is still open for phone calls only (no visitors) from Tuesday to Friday 8:30 a.m. - noon. Fr. Anton and staff are still hard at work. The parish has ongoing expenses and bills have to be paid.

You can still make your regular donations by mail (cheque only, no cash) and we are currently are in the process to receive donations online through our website.

We are still taking intentions and donations for vigil candles which will be lit on Holy Thursday as well. You can email your request to stjohnukrainian@bellnet.ca

