

A NOTE FROM YOUR PASTOR: Well it's been a week since surgery and I have to admit I am finding hard to sit still, but at the same time am catching up on some much needed rest. Surgery went well. My dressings come off this week and since I have dissolving stitches there is no need to have them removed. Steristrips remain on until they fall off on their own. I have a lot of bruising, legs are literally back and blue but it will disappear over time. I am hobbling with my cane, but am not really doing a whole lot. I plan to back to celebrate Mass on Saturday and Sunday on the weekend of the 19th and 20th. Thanks to all of you for the beautiful flower basket and fruit baskets from the Parish and parish kitchen, for the Artful Cookie arrangement (every Diabetics dream, lol!) for the meals sent or delivered and for the many cards I have received in the mail and for your love and prayers. Thank for those who have stepped up to continue with much of the work I would be doing in the kitchen... When I come back I will have to rely on more help, especially with catering since I will have restriction placed on me for standing and lifting for a fair period. But I do look forward to coming back. During this time much has been going on in the world, heartbreaking violence fuelled by fear and ignorance, hatred that is very disturbing, even from people who dare call themselves Christians. It is hard to believe that in 2019 we are still reliving hatred and prejudices from the past. I guess human nature makes it easier to blame others for our problems than to accept responsibility for our own. None of us enters into this world with prejudice and hate... we come innocent and these notions are completely foreign. In childhood years we live with and play with friends of different faiths, colours and cultures - and we all get along. No, hatred and prejudice is taught and learned. It is sad that after over 2000 years of Christ's message of love and acceptance even the Church can at times instil these values in us. As children many of us were indoctrinated, being told if someone wasn't Catholic they were going to hell, and if we dared count them among our friends we were to. The Jews were Christ Killers, the Blacks were to be feared... even between Eastern and Western Rites there was ignorance and constant struggle, each looking at the other with loathing and distrust. Change in our world can only come for you and me. You and I must learn about others, hear their stories, listen about their life's journey, and try to change hearts by hearts. Denying there is a problem doesn't mean it doesn't exist. Things do not change and go away on their own. We need to pray always that our hearts be like the heart of Christ, that we seek to understand rather to judge or incite hatred - if we are not willing to make this effort - then claiming we are Christians is nothing but hypocrisy - we are wolves in sheeps clothing - let this parish always be a beacon of light in our dark world - let us allow the good news of Jesus to transform us - that through our example we can make a difference, even if small. Squash prejudice when you hear it, do not allow hate speech, walk away from gossip and judgement - seek only the highest truth - that of Christ who opens our eyes and our hearts to all that is good and pure, all that is loving and forgiving, all that is just and true. God bless. I look forward to being with you again soon.

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

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17th Sunday of Pentecost



O God, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity:
 Grant us the fullness of your grace, that we, running to obtain your promises,
 may become partakers of your heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ our Lord,
 who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
 one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

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

October 6th, 2019 - 17th Sunday after Pentecost

Epistle: Cor. 4:6-15 Gospel Reading: Lk. 6:17-23
Reader: C. Dzugan Next week: C. Dzugan

DIVINE LITURGY SERVICES:

Sat. Oct. 12th: 4:15 p.m.: Divine Liturgy (Ukr. & Eng.)
Sun. Oct. 13th: 10:00 a.m.: NO SERVICE

***THIS WEEK OUR SANCTUARY CANDLES BURN FOR
GOD'S BLESSINGS AND GOOD HEALTH UPON FR. ANTON
IN HONOUR OF HIS BIRTHDAY TODAY!***

OFFERINGS:

Sept. 28: \$747.00 Automatic debit donations: \$830.00
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 Niicolai Grochowina-Totolo, Sharon Cybulak, Josifa Cuipka,
Greg Kondusky, Alexandra Bucciarelli, Heidi Walters, Fr. Basil Kondusky, Tena Wowchuck,
Jean Diggins, Sharon Hudgen, Paula Kozachenko, Sawyer Christie, Bette Johnson,
Phyllis Romak, Ricki Holubowsky, Michalyna Juskiw, Sophie Craig & Walt Cybulak.

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

*We wish Fr. Anton a very Happy Birthday today.
We have been blessed greatly with his faithful ministry and all of us,
his church family, wish him a multitude of God's blessings!
Многая літа! Many Happy Years!*

Announcements:

Parish Council Meeting: Monday October 7th at 6 p.m.

All are invited to join us after Liturgy today in the Activity Room for coffee and refreshments. This will be our last Coffee Social until November 9th.

ST. JOHN'S CHRISTMAS BAZAAR will be held on Saturday November 16th from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. We will have a penny raffle table, baked goods, in-house raffle, crafts, Baba's Attic and much, much more! We also will have a hot chili lunch available to purchase.

Attention Bingo Volunteers! We have a few open spots that need to be filled for October 9th and November. Please check the schedule and add your name to the time slots.

Gnocchi Night - Club Roma (125 Vansickle Rd.) will host a Gnocchi Night October 25th from 4-7 p.m. Eat in or take out is available. Casual dinner includes, gnocchi or penne, meatballs, salad rolls, coffee and cash bar. Cost is \$14 for gnocchi or \$12 for Penne, children 5-10 \$6, 5 and under are free. For more information call (905) 682-7621

Malanka 2020 - St. John's will host a fun filled Dinner Dance on Saturday January 18th to ring in Ukrainian New Years! Come dance the night away to the wonderful live music of "Zirka". Early Bird tickets are \$95 for adults, \$50 for students 18 yrs. and younger. After Dec. 15th tickets are \$110, so get yours early! For more information please call the parish office.

**PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING CHANGES IN OUR
SUNDAY SERVICE SCHEDULE:**

**There will be no 10:00 a.m. Sunday Liturgy on October 13th
due to Fr. Anton's recovery from surgery.
We will have one bilingual Saturday Liturgy (Ukr. & Eng.) at 4:15 p.m.
on October 12th.**

**Welcome to Fr. Zenon Walnyckyj who will be substituting for
Fr. Anton for the next 2 weeks, as Fr. Anton recovers
from his surgery.**