

**St. John The Theologian - 37<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Praznyk (Feast Day)**

Sunday September 30<sup>th</sup>

Divine Liturgy of Celebration - 3 p.m. Followed by dinner.

Menu will include - Tossed spring greens with heavenly dressing; dinner rolls, herbed mashed potatoes, roasted chicken, savoury meatloaf, mushroom gravy, dilled carrots, sauerkraut, dessert with coffee/tea.

Tickets \$25 for adults, \$12.50 for children 12-6 yrs and children 5 and under are free.

Tickets can be purchased through the parish office during the week and must be picked up and paid for by September 24<sup>th</sup>

There will be no tickets available at the door.

Only full tables of 10 will be reserved.



All parishioners should sense the eagerness and joy that the opportunity to celebrate our Praznyk brings.

It instills the Spirit of love and joy that a parish family must represent; it encourages us all to a greater generosity of our time and talent to the life of the church. Into our own lives may the celebration bring the fullness of belonging that we need to feel in order to live our Christian lives to the fullest, readily, wholeheartedly, and gladly — knowing what the holy Apostles knew, that God is with us!

Family and friends are welcome!!!

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

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*18<sup>th</sup> Sunday after 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, forever and ever. *Amen.*

**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**

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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**

September 23, 2018 – 18<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

Epistle: Cor. 9:6-11      Gospel Reading Lk. 5:1-11  
Reader: M. Bradley (Eng.)      Next week: N. Palchuk (Ukr.)

**DIVINE LITURGY SERVICES:**

Sat. Sept 29th:          4:15 p.m. NO DIVINE LITURGY  
Sun. Sept. 30th:          3:00 p.m.                  Divine Liturgy (Ukr. & Eng.)  
   Praznyk (Feast Day) St. John The Theologian

*THIS WEEK OUR SANCTUARY CANDLES BURN FOR GOOD HEALTH AND  
GOD'S BLESSINGS UPON ALL THE SICK AND SHUT-IN OF OUR PARISH.*

**OFFERINGS:**

Sunday Sept 16th: \$1,275.00  
Automatic Debit Sunday Donations: \$280.00  
Development Donations: P. Koval \$50.00  
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, Jean Diggins, Sharon Hudgen, Paula Kozachenko, Sharon Dohan, Sawyer Christie, Bette Johnson, Val Runduns, John Hamm, Phyllis Romak, Ricki Holubowsky, Michalyna Juskiw, Pauline Halowski,  
Christine Nebesny & 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** –Tuesday September 25<sup>th</sup> at 1 p.m.

Anyone wishing to donate items for our **Christmas Penny Raffle Table** is asked to please do so by October 5<sup>th</sup>. We are looking for new items only and an income tax receipt can be issued if accompanied with a receipt. Please bring items to the parish office.

The Ukrainian Catholic Women’s League at Sts Cyril & Methodius Church invite anyone who is interested in learning Ukrainian embroidery to “An Evening of Embroidery Lessons”. There is no cost and classes begin Monday Sept. 24<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. in the downstairs church hall. For more information please call Irene Newton at 289-686-0033 or Tanya Choly at (905) 646-1275.

The Knights of Columbus invite all to attend the Bishop’s Charities Dinner at Club Roma, 125 Vansickle Rd. St. Catharines, on Saturday October 20<sup>th</sup>. Tickets are \$50 per person. For more information please call Bill Amodeo at 289-456-7888 or Martin Marko at (905) 401-5646. Proceeds to support Diocesan Catholic Charities.

Mark your calendars – October 27<sup>th</sup> – St. John’s Family Pasta Dinner. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children 6-12 yrs. Tickets will be available Oct. 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Holodomor A Genocide – 85<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Commemorative Exhibits:**

St. Catharines Museum Lock 3: 1932 Welland Canal Parkway, St. Catharines – Exhibit is on until November 30<sup>th</sup>. Museum is open daily 9 a.m – 5 p.m. (please call ahead to confirm viewing times (905) 984-8880).

Welland Historical Museum: 140 King St. Welland – Exhibit is on until October 6<sup>th</sup>. Museum is open Tuesday through Saturday 10a.m. - 4 p.m.

**\*\*\*Please note that there will be no Saturday 4:15 p.m. Liturgy on Saturday September 29<sup>th</sup> and Sunday September 30<sup>th</sup>, Liturgy will be at 3 p.m.\*\*\***

**Today’s Coffee Hosts:** Don & Liz Osadec.

Sunday Sept. 30<sup>th</sup> – No coffee

Sunday Oct. 7<sup>th</sup> – No coffee

**Thank you to all those who acted as coffee hosts for the month of September!!**

*All are invited to come to the Activity Centre after Liturgy for coffee & sweets.*



The feast of St John the Theologian and Evangelist is celebrated on May 8<sup>th</sup>.

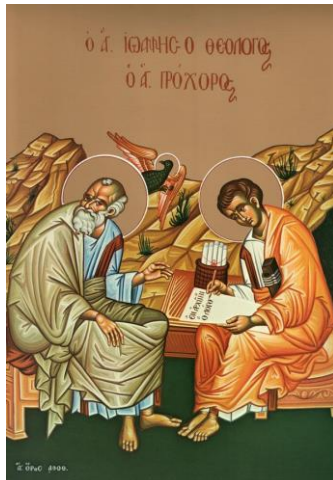
The feast of the Metastasis of St John the Theologian is celebrated on September 26<sup>th</sup>.

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**Apolytikion** (2<sup>nd</sup> Tone)

Beloved Apostle of Christ our God,  
hasten to deliver a people without defense.  
He who permitted you to recline upon His bosom,  
accepts you on bended knee before Him.  
Beseech Him, O Theologian, to dispel the persistent cloud of nations,  
asking for us peace and great mercy.

St. John the Theologian was son of Zebedee and Salome from Bethsaida of Galilee. A fisherman by trade, Jesus called upon both he and his elder brother James while fishing with their father to follow Him and become fishers of man. Leaving behind their father and all worldly possessions they followed Christ wherever He went as His disciples. As the beloved Apostle of Christ, he was present at our Lord's Transfiguration on Mount Tabor and sat next to our Lord at the Last Supper where he placed his head on our Lord's bosom. At the Crucifixion, only he of all the disciples remained along side the Theotokos at the foot of the Cross and it was here that Jesus presented him to His Mother as her son and in turn entrusted him with the care of His Mother.



Saint John remained in Jerusalem in the service of our Lord's Mother until her Dormition. Shortly thereafter, St John departed with his disciple St Prochoros to the East where he preached throughout Asia Minor and especially in Ephesus. During the second persecution of Christians St John was sent to Rome to stand trial before the then Emperor Domitian. He was tortured and cast into a vat of boiling oil from which he came forth unscathed. The Emperor, having failed in his futile attempts to bring any harm towards our great Saint, banished him into exile on the island of Patmos. It is here that our Lord revealed to Saint John all that is to come until the end of time and

instructed him to write it down. Following our Lord's instructions Saint John composed all the things which he had seen into the book known as the Apocalypse (the book of Revelation). Upon the death of the Emperor, Saint John returned to Ephesus where he then wrote his Gospel and his three Catholic Epistles.

There are two feasts celebrated within the Orthodox Church in honor of St. John the Theologian: