

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

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**St. John The Theologian
36th Anniversary Praznyk (Feast Day)
SPECIAL THANK YOU!!!**

On this, our Parish Feast Day, it is fitting that we express a sincere appreciation to all our parish family members who give of themselves for the good of our parish community. Whether it is through prayer and participation at worship, liturgical singing, cleaning and up keep of the church and grounds, helping in the kitchen, bingo, fund-raising projects, serving on Parish Council, collecting, serving coffee, preparing for special events, visiting the sick and shut-in, working with the children --- every little bit of sharing is a gift to our entire community. May God Bless you all for your goodness and generosity.

I am your church. I am here because you built me. I am beautifully situated in your midst. I am the center of your community. I will be a cherished landmark to the thousands who come to my door over the years. You built me because you knew that your life would be incomplete and unfulfilled without me.

I am your church. I am here not simply to adorn, but to serve. Your children and youth come to me to learn the ways of honesty, industry, morality and religion. Your brides and grooms come to my altar, that their weddings may be hallowed and sweetened by divine blessings.

I am your church. I comfort your sick and sorrowing. I bury your dead and offer rest and solace to the weary. I bring pardon and peace to those who are burdened with sin. My message of mercy brings new life.

I am your church. My doors are open to all –rich or poor. My pulpit rings out the message of good will to men, of peace and pardon, and of a Saviour's love to all. I teach you the way of life and guide you on the road to heaven.

I am your church. Come and worship with me; support me and I will serve you all your days on the earth and beyond.



16th Sunday after Pentecost



Today, as we celebrate our parish feast day, let us thank God for the many blessings that He has bestowed upon us in the past 36 years and let us pray that we may continue to grow as a caring, sharing prayerful Christian community which has as its foundation and guide our Lord, Jesus Christ, the Saviour and Lover of all of us, and as its patron saint the beloved disciple, St John the Theologian.

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**

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 24, 2017 - 16th Sunday after Pentecost

Epistle: Jn. 4:12-19 Gospel: Jn. 19:25-27 & 21:24-25
Reader : P. Rosewarne (Eng.) Next week: M. Skaab (Ukr.)

DIVINE LITURGY SERVICES:

Saturday September 30th: 4:15 p.m. Divine Liturgy (Eng.)

+Max & +Mary Laba, req, by George Saranchuk

Sunday October 1st: 10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy (Ukr. & Eng.)

Deceased members of the Washuta family,
req. by Michael Washuta

***THIS WEEK OUR SANCTUARY CANDLES BURN
FOR GOD'S BLESSINGS AND GOOD HEALTH UPON THE CLERGY WHO SERVE AND
HAVE SERVED AT ST. JOHN'S & ALL PARISHIONERS AND VOLUNTEERS OF ST.
JOHNS CHURCH.***

OFFERINGS:

Sept. 17th: \$1,042.00

Roof Donations: M. Washuta \$2,500.00; M. & C. Dzugan \$20.00

Church Donations: M. Lewicki (in honour of Leo Szpak 90th Birthday) \$25.00

Development Donations: Z. Lewicki (in honour of Leo Szpak 90th Birthday) \$25.00

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 Osczycko, Alexandra Bucciarelli, Heidi Walters, Bob French, Fr. Basil Kondusky, Tena Wowchuck, Art Holowachuk, Jean Diggins, Sharon Hudgen, Michael Kozachenko, Paula Kozachenko, Sharon Dohan, Sawyer Christie, Bette Johnson, Val Runduns, John Hamm, Phyllis & John Romak, Ricki Holubowsky, Michalyna Juskiw, Fr. Anton Szymychalski & 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.

We welcome all visitors who have come to celebrate with us today for this joyous occasion, our Parish Feast day and the 36th anniversary of the

founding of our parish. Welcome!

Announcements:

Anyone wishing to donate items for our Christmas Penny Raffle Table, is asked to please do so by October 6th. 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.

Choir Practice – Next practice is Tuesday September 26th at 7 p.m..

Dunai Ukrainian Dance Ensemble will be celebrating their 50th Anniversary with the following
- Saturday October 7th with a special screening of a documentary at 7 p.m. followed by a cocktail reception at 8 p.m. here at St. John's Activity Centre. Tickets are \$40.
- Ukrainian Heritage Day Performance & Dunai 50th Anniversary Reunion Concert Sunday October 8th at 1:30 p.m. at Laura Secord Secondary School, 349 Niagara St. Tickets are \$15 per person. To purchase tickets for either event, please visit www.dunaidancers.com

We will be celebrating **Fr. Anton's 60th Birthday** next Sunday, Oct. 1st after Liturgy with a special luncheon. All are invited!

We are in need of a few volunteers to help in our store for a few hours a week – Wed & Thurs. noon – 4 p.m., Fri. noon – 5 p.m. Sat. 9 a.m. – noon. Please call the parish office if you are able to help.

Mark your calendars – October 28th – St. John's Family Night Pasta Supper. Tickets are \$10 and include all you can eat pasta and meatballs, garlic bread and dessert with coffee/tea. Please purchase your tickets from the parish office or through the parish kitchen.

ST. JOHN'S MALANKA 2018 – January 13, 2018. Tickets go on sale October 30th. Adults \$85 - early bird special before for Dec. 15, 2017, \$95 - after Dec. 15, 2017, Students (19 yrs. and younger) \$40. This promises to be a very special evening with live music by **Ron Cahute and Burya**. Please call the parish office for more information. Don't miss out, get your tickets early!

Fall Zabava – Saturday November 4, 2017 St. Joseph Banquet Hall , 300 River Oaks Blvd. Oakville. Live music by Zapovid. Tickets are \$80 per person and can be purchased by calling Maria (905) 338-0295 or fallzabava@sjucc.ca

PLEASE WISH THE FOLLOWING PARISHIONERS A HAPPY BIRTHDAY:

Sept. 24th : Megan Belay, Olivia Spagnoli, Michael Maksymyshyn

Sept. 26th: Harlan Boreyko **Sept. 27th**: Kathleen Trach

Sept. 28th : Jean Diggins, Judi Trush **Sept. 30th** : Genevieve Wormwell

God Grant Them Many Years! Mnohaya Lita!