



Ukrainian Catholic Church of St. John the Baptist

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SUNDAY SERVICES : HIGH DIVINE COMBINED LITURGY (UKR/ENG) at 9:00 am

**SUNDAY DECEMBER 14th, 2014 – TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER
PENTECOST – TONE 2**

EPISTLE READING - EPHESIANS 6: 10 -17 GOSPEL READING – LUKE 13: 10 -17

High Divine Combined Liturgy for our Parishioners
(Troparians, Kontakians, Theotokians, Prokimenons, Alleluia and Irmos are sung in
Ukrainian today)

High Divine Combined Liturgy for the Health, Recovery and God's blessings for the
servant of God Hanna
(Offered by her Daughter & Family)

High Divine Combined Liturgy for the Health & Salvation and God's Blessings for Stefan
Mariolla & John Andrash

High Divine Combined Liturgy (with Panakhyda) in Blessed Memory for the repose of
the souls of the servants of God +Stefna & +Nicholas Magis
(Offered by Jaroslaw & Anne Lagoszniak)
(Panakhyda will be offered at 3 pm today)

**SUNDAY DECEMBER 21st, 2014 - TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
& FEAST OF OUR HOLY FATHER NICHOLAS THE WONDERWORKER,
ARCHBISHOP OF MYRA IN LYCIA (TRADITIONALLY ca. 337)**

Saint Nicholas, Bishop of Myra in Asia Minor, is one of the most popular Saints, especially
among Eastern Christians. He won great esteem through his numerous works of mercy
during his life and through great zeal in defending the divinity of Christ against heretic
Arius at the Council of Nicea in 325. He is regarded as the Patron Saint of children. He
was popularized in America by the Dutch puritans who disguised the "popish" Saint as a
Nordic magician, called "Santa Claus." In 1087 Italian merchants brought St. Nicholas'
body to Bari in Italy from Asia. A perfumed oil is still flowing out of his holy relics. Our
prince Vsevolod Yaroslavych introduced his feast into Ukraine under Pope Urban II (1088-
1099). Saint Nicholas is very popular among our people, both Catholic and Orthodox.

SUNDAY EPISTLE READING – COLOSSIANS 1: 12 - 18
FEAST DAY EPISTLE READING – HEBREWS 13: 17 - 21

GOSPEL READING – LUKE 14: 16 - 24
FEAST DAY GOSPEL READING - LUKE 6: 17 – 23

10:00 am	High Divine Combined Liturgy with Parishioners from Waterford, celebrating St. Nicholas with the children from both parishes. Short program and refreshments in the hall following High Divine Liturgy (Troparians, Kontakians, Theotokians, Prokimenons, Alleluia and Irmos are sung in English today)
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High Divine Liturgy Combined Liturgy for the Health, Recovery and God's Blessing for
the servant of God Hanna
(Offered by her Daughter & Family)

Whatever you may do my way of avenging yourself on a brother who has done you some injustice will turn into a stumbling block for you at the time of prayer.

EVAGRIUS OF PONTUS

So far as a man indulges his sensuality, so far he becomes carnal, and drives away from himself the most Holy Spirit of God, who cannot dwell in those that lead a caral life. When I gratify my flesh too much, I become my own greatest enemy.

FATHER JOHN OF KRONSTADT

Modesty is too fierce and elemental a thing for the modern pedants to understand...

G. K. CHESTERTON

From the Compendium of the Catechism of the Catholic Church

3. How is it possible to know God with only the light of human reason?

Starting from creation, that is from the world and from the human person, through reason alone one can know God with certainty as the origin and end of the universe as the highest good and as infinite truth and beauty.

Congratulations to our Parishioners Stefan Matwijiw who celebrated his birthday yesterday and to Christine Lasky who celebrates her birthday today.

High Divine Liturgy Intentions for

SUNDAY DECEMBER 14th, 2014

For the Health & Salvation of our Parishioners

For the Health, Recovery & God's Blessing for the servant of God Hanna

For the Health & Salvation and God's Blessings for Stefan Mariolla & John Andrash

In Blessed Memory for the repose of the souls of the servants of God +Stefna & +Nicholas Magis (Panakhyda will be offered at 3 pm today)

For the Healing, Health & Salvation of Annie Myronyk

For the Healing, Health & Salvation of David Richard Derkach

In Blessed Memory for the repose of the souls of the servants of God +Wasył &

+Evelyn Melnik (Panakhyda will be offered at 3 pm today)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thank you to Richard Lynch for fixing drywall in furnace room, fixing church hall door and cleaning ventilation system and stoves in kitchen. May God bless him hundredfold.

Please note there will be one Combined High Divine Liturgy next **Sunday December 21st, 2014 at 10 am**. Parishioners from Waterford have been invited to join us. A short program follows High Divine Liturgy in the hall with St. Nicholas handing out gifts to the children. (Parents please bring a small gift for each of your children). Refreshments will be served.

Eastern Catholics prepare for the Great Feast of the Nativity by a period of fasting (much like Lent at Easter) This Nativity Fast also known as **St. Philips Fast** began the day after the feast of St. Philip. This fast started on Friday November 28th and lasts for 40 days until the Nativity.

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ, Christmas is coming and as usual we need your help. Our kitchen pantry is nearly empty. If anyone is interested in either a monetary donation or item donation this of course would be greatly appreciated. Items include rice (long-grain), flour (preferably Five Rose or Robin Hood), Old Cheddar Cheese and/or butter.

Church Donation from **Sunday December 7th , 2014** - \$ **296.50**

Please see the flower fund envelope in your 2014 offering box. These may be put into the collection offering anytime now as flowers have been ordered for the Feast of St. Nicholas.

We will have a box at the back of the church for **Food Bank Items** until December 19th, 2014. Non-perishable foods and/or hats, mitts, scarves would be greatly appreciated.

The **Christmas Food Bazaar** will be this **Friday December 19th, 2014** and much help will be needed for **three days**, Wednesday and/or Thursday and/or Friday. Please come out if you can.

Please remember to pray for those unable to attend church due to illnesses and infirmities at home and especially those in seniors' residences and /or retirement homes/hospitals. Let Lisa Derkach-Vandervet know so that cards may be sent out from Rev. Father Bogdan Mironovich, Sub-deacon Paul Vandervet and Parishioners.

Just a reminder that you may support St. John the Baptist Ukrainian Catholic Church through your Last Will and Testament (WILLS and BEQUESTS). Donations will have taxable receipts issued.

Check out our website - www.stjohnbrantford.com