



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 28th, 2014 – SUNDAY OF THE HOLY FOREFATHERS \ THE
CONCEPTION OF ST. ANNA, WHEN SHE CONCEIVED THE MOST HOLY MOTHER
OF GOD**

This feast reminds the Christians that the great Mother of God, the Blessed Virgin Mary, although conceived like other children, was **free** from the stain of original sin through the special privilege which She alone obtained from God. This privilege of being conceived and born without original sin was bestowed upon her in view of her future divine motherhood. The Eastern Church began to celebrate this feast in the 8th century. It was called "**Conception of St. Anne.**" In 1854 Pope Pius IX defined it as a dogma of the Catholic Church.

HOLY FOREFATHERS EPISTLE READING – COLOSSIANS 3: 4 – 11
IMMACULATE CONCEPTION EPISTLE READING - GALATIANS 4: 22 – 31

HOLY FOREFATHERS GOSPEL READING – LUKE 14: 16 – 24
IMMACULATE CONCEPTION GOSPEL READING – LUKE 8: 16 - 21

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

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

High Divine Combined Liturgy for the Health & Salvation of Shirley Derkach in celebration of her 76th birthday
(Offered by her children and grandchildren)

High Divine Combined Liturgy for the Healing, Health & Salvation of Annie Myronyk
(Offered by her daughter Shirley & Edwin Derkach Family)

High Divine Combined Liturgy with Panakhyda in Blessed Memory for the repose of the soul of the servant of God +Did Nicholas Myronyk (45th Anniv)
(Offered by his granddaughter Shirley & Edwin Derkach Family)

**SUNDAY JANUARY 4th, 2015 – SUNDAY BEFORE CHRISTMAS OR SUNDAY OF
THE FEAST OF THE HOLY FATHERS– TONE 5**

The **holy Fathers** were the eminent Saints of the Old Testament to **that had some relation the earthly origin of Our Lord**, Jesus Christ. They lived after the proclamation of the Decalogue by Moses. Some of them were great Saints, and some besides Saints were also prophets. The Church honours Moses, Josue, King David, Susanna , and the great prophets who foretold the coming of the Messiah. This feast presents some admirable models of faith and hope from the Old Testament that her faithful may follow

them in loving and serving the Savior for Whom the Saints of the Old Testament were waiting.

EPISTLE READING – HEBREW 11: 9 – 10; 17 – 23; 32 – 40

GOSPEL READING – MATTHEW 1: 1 - 25

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(Troparians, Kontakians, Theotokians, Prokimenons, Alleluia and Irmos are sung in English today)

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Prayer is the fruit of joy and of thanksgiving.

EVAGRIUS OF PONTUS

When it is most difficult to fight the flesh, then is the time to show your firmness, then is the time not to grow weak in the conflict, but to fight as a good soldier of Christ.

FATHER JOHN OF KRONSTADT

The mystic is not the man who makes mysteries but the man who destroys them.

G. K. CHESTERTON

From the Compendium of the Catechism of the Catholic Church

6. What does God reveal to man?

God in his goodness and wisdom reveals himself. With deeds and words he reveals himself and his plan of loving goodness which he decreed from all eternity in Christ. According to this plan, all people by the grace of the Holy Spirit are to share in the divine life as adopted "sons" in the only begotten Son of God.

Congratulations to our Parishioners Shirley Derkach who celebrated her 76th birthday on the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, December 22nd, to both Dmytro Pawlyszym who celebrated his 82nd birthday and Ivy Teslak who celebrated her 81st birthday on December 24th.

High Divine Liturgy Intentions for

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

St. Nicholas visited the children from the combined Parishes of Brantford and Waterford last Sunday. Thank you to Father Bogdan Mironovich, Subdeacon Paul and Lisa, our altar boys Gabriel and Vasylo and to Mychajlo an altar boy from Waterford

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 21st , 2014** - \$ **663.00**

Please see the flower fund envelope in your 2014 offering box. These envelopes may be put into the collection basket anytime now As you see our church is adorned with Christmas Flowers.

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