



Holy Protection of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Ukrainian Catholic Church, Burlington

January 2020 Newsletter

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

...wishing you all Happy & Blessed New 2019 Year of our Lord,
Holy Protection Parish Council & Fr. Zenon with Family

CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE FOR JANUARY 2020

*(Note: please, pay close attention to January Divine Worship schedule – see an explanation re: Mass times * below)*

(Divine worship predominantly in Ukrainian & with some English language inserts; Scripture Readings in both languages)

Monday, January 6

10:00 pm - Compline & Divine Liturgy on the occasion of the eve of the Nativity of our Lord, God & Saviour, Jesus Christ according to the Julian Calendar.

Tuesday, January 7

6:30 pm * – Divine Liturgy on the occasion of the feast of Nativity of our Lord, God & Saviour, Jesus Christ according to the Julian Calendar - afterwards, Community Caroling in the Church Hall

Wednesday, January 8

6:30 pm * - Divine Liturgy on the occasion of feast of Synaxis in honour of Most Holy Mother of God according to Julian Calendar.

Thursday, January 9

6:30 pm* - Divine Liturgy on the occasion of the feast of St. Steven the First-Martyr according to the Julian Calendar.

** For some time, now, we observe the declining number of our Parishioners being able to attend three days of our Christmas celebrations. Partly, this is caused by the fact that our Divine Worship takes place during the day (morning), which is in conflict with our 'Canadian' life's responsibilities of work, school etc. This reality reflects the truth that it is difficult to adhere to our ancestor's traditions while living in diaspora, where the rest of the society lives by different rhythm and calendar. For this reason, we are in constant flux*

and search of how to save, as much as possible, our ancestral heritage. Therefore, we have decided to somewhat alter the format of our Julian-calendar Christmas Worship, in order to give a chance to those, who have to work/go-to-school to celebrate "3-days of Christmas". Thus our Christmas Worship on Christmas Day, on Feast of Synaxis of the Most Holy Mother of God and on Feast of St. Stephen will be celebrated @ 6:30 pm. Especially we invite you to join us for Christmas Day Worship (Jan.7 @6:30pm) as afterwards all of you are invited to join us in our Parish Communal Caroling at the Church Basement Hall. We will prepare coffee, tea and hot chocolate and of you ...we humbly ask to bring some sweets and baking to celebrate this Christmas "get-together"....

FEAST OF THEOPHANY - "JORDAN"

Saturday, January 18 - Theophany Eve

6:30 pm - Theophany Eve Compline & Great Blessing of the Water
(Divine worship in both Ukrainian and English languages)

Sunday, January 19 - Feast of Theophany/Parish Family Sunday

Solemn Divine Liturgy (anointing with Holy Oil, distribution of Holy Water) at 10 am –
Afterwards: Traditional Parish Christmas Concert & Christmas Supper at the Parish Hall.
All are welcome!
(Divine worship in both Ukrainian & English languages)

Caroling

We encourage all of you to invite Carolers (or to join them as one of the carolers) and continue this meaningful tradition of Christmas Cheer amidst of our parish community. If you would like to invite this jolly group to your home or you would like to join in (no-experience necessary) in visiting our parishioners' homes with Christmas Greetings and Carols.

You have a choice between two groups who are getting ready to visit your home:

- Monday evening (January 6) - please call/text Mr. Stephan Pichocki at 905-730-0354
- Tuesday afternoon, 1-5 pm (January 7) - please call Mrs. Marichka Duncan at 905-681-6519

Photos

Every year at Parish Christmas Celebration – Kutya (January 19) we present a slideshow of photos from previous year's events in our Parish Community. If you would like to share such photographs please, send them via e-mail hpbvmucc@yahoo.ca or submit them in any other recorded form at Parish Office any Sunday.

2020 Church Calendars and Collection Envelopes

Packages of calendars, collection envelopes etc. are ready for pick-up during Sunday Coffee Social at the Parish Hall or at the church office during the week.