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St. John the Baptist, 3275 Elmwood Ave, Kenmore, NY 14217



**Statement of Contribution:** A statement of contribution for the year 2023 will be ready after January 14, 2024.

#### St. John`s Parish Christmas-Theophany Dinner

Preparations are on the way to have our Parish Christmas-Theophany Dinner which will take place on

**Sunday, January 14th, 2024, starting at 11:30 AM** at St. John`s Church Hall. Please mark your calendars and join us for this festive and happy event. All parishioners and guests are welcome.

**One Liturgy on this day at 10:00 a.m.**

#### Prayers for the Sick

Please remember the following people in your prayers every day: Nina Moscoe, Zenon & Ksenia Deputat, Anna Harasym, Anna Mychalczuk, Irene Tesluk, Violette Stephan, Angela Jurowicz

**May the Good Lord hear our prayers and bring them His strength and good health.**

**ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST  
UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC CHURCH**

**December 2023**

**3275 Elmwood Ave, Kenmore, NY 14217**

Dear Parishioners,

As we gather in the warmth of this blessed season, our hearts are filled with the joyous melody of Christmas. It's a time when the world seems to embrace a serene hush, inviting us to reflect on the profound meaning of this sacred celebration.

In the midst of twinkling lights and cheerful carols, let us remember the true essence of Christmas. It's not merely about the gifts we exchange, but the love we share, the kindness we extend, and the hope we ignite in each other's lives.

The story of Christmas speaks of an extraordinary love—a divine love that graced the world in the form of a humble child. It reminds us that within the simplest of moments, the most profound transformations can occur. In the gentle whisper of a starlit night, hope was born; in the warmth of a stable, peace found its dwelling.

As we come together, let us emulate the spirit of that first Christmas—let love guide our actions, let kindness be our language, and let compassion be the gift we offer to one another. May our hearts be open to embrace those in need, our hands ready to help, and our words be a source of comfort and encouragement.

Let this season be a reminder that each one of us carries within us a light—a light that has the power to dispel darkness, to bring warmth, and to illuminate the path for others. Together, let us shine brightly, spreading the message of love, peace, and goodwill to all.

In the midst of the hustle and bustle, amidst the wrapping paper and festive feasts, may we find moments of quiet reflection, connecting with the true spirit of Christmas—where love became tangible, and hope became a reality.

Wishing you and your loved ones a Christmas filled with the blessings of love, joy, and peace. May the spirit of this holy season dwell in your hearts today and throughout the coming year.

With heartfelt prayers and warmest wishes of Merry Christmas and a Happy and Blessed New Year 2024

Rev. Mykola

# December 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fr	Sat
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<p><b>3</b> <i>Twenty-seventh Sunday after Pentecost,</i>            ENG: 9:00 a.m. +John +Eugene +Mary Hryckovian - by JeanLozinsky            UKR: 10:00 a.m. +Scott Aldrich by Z.K.Deputat</p> <p><b>TODAY WE HAVE KOFFE KLATCH</b></p>			<p>6  <b>Our Holy Father Nicholas the Wonderworker,            Archbishop of Myra in Lycia</b>            10: 00 a.m. Divine Liturgy</p>		8	9 <b>The Conception of            Saint Anna</b> 10: 00 a.m. Divine Liturgy
<p><b>10</b> <i>Twenty-eighth Sunday after Pentecost,</i>            ENG: 9:00 a.m. +Katherine +Stephan +Michael Lozinsky - by J.Loizinsky            UKR: 10:00 a.m. +Anne Marko - by Jimmie Marko</p>	11	12	13 10: 00 a.m. Divine Liturgy	<div style="border: 2px solid black; padding: 10px; text-align: center;"> <p><b>WE SEND OUR            CONDOLENCES</b></p> <p>to Family and Friends for            the loss of their loved one</p> <p>†Steven Woroniak</p> <p><i>God grant him rest in the            joy of heaven and Eternal            memory!</i></p> </div>		
<p><b>17</b> <i>Sunday of the Holy Ancestors</i>            ENG: 9:00 a.m. +Catherine +Stephan +Michael Lozinski - by J.Loizinsky            UKR: 10:00 a.m. For all parishioners</p>	18	19	20 10: 00 a.m. Divine Liturgy			
<p><b>24</b> <i>Sunday before the Nativity of Christ - Sunday of the Holy Fathers</i>            ENG: 9:00 a.m. For all parishioners            UKR: 10:00 a.m. +Lubomyr Korytko - by L.Korytko</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Eve of the Nativity</b>            8:00 P.M. – Velyke Povecherya (Ukrainian)            9:00 P.M. – Divine Liturgy (Ukrainian)</p>	25 <b>The Nativity of Our            Lord, God and            Saviour Jesus Christ</b>  <b>ENG: 10:00 A.M.            Divine Liturgy</b>	26 <b>Synaxis of the Most            Holy Mother of God</b>  10: 00 a.m. Divine Liturgy	27 <b>Post-feast of the Nativity            of Christ; the Holy            Apostle, First Martyr            and Archdeacon Stephen</b>  10: 00 a.m. Divine Liturgy			
<p><b>31</b> <i>Sunday after the Nativity of Christ</i>            ENG: 9:00 a.m. For all parishioners            UKR: 10:00 a.m. For all parishioners</p>						