



## ***St. John Chrysostom Church***

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### **April 2016 SJCC News**

My Joy in the Lord,

As we spend this month either enduring or enjoying the Great Fast, let me suggest to all that it is the attitude with which we approach this time that either makes it profitable for us or something that we, once more, get through. I encourage everyone to find, not just something good in every day of the Fast, but something joyful. I know that tempers flare, temptations abound, and some days are just long. However, we can find beauty and joy around us no matter where we are and the Light of Christ is with us at every moment and in every place.

May this season of the Fast be a source of good for everyone.

With love, in Christ,

Fr. Seraphim

**We will have two sessions to prepare for Pascha: On April 10, we will work on the outside of the building. On April 17 we will do the interior cleaning**

**We will have an Orthodox Architect, Bob Latsko, with us this Sunday, April 3, to speak with us about how we can improve our building and the general topic of Worship space and Usable space.**

**“The Mind of the Orthodox Church: How our theology and our ecclesiology has been expressed over the centuries. Session 2 from 400 to 1500”** started on January 27, and will continue every Wednesday at 6:30 pm, for 13 weeks. Please feel free to bring your dinner and/or snacks to share during these sessions. Come whenever you can, even if you can't come for the entire time or every week. Even if you miss some, you are welcome to join at any time. **Note: there will be no class on April 13 because of the Great Canon.**

**Prayer Circle:** The Prayer Circle is a group of Parishioners who, at least once each week, spend some time asking God to care for and bless various individuals who are in need of His Mercy. If you wish to be part of the Prayer Circle or would like more information, please contact Alexandra Gisetti at [alexandra.gisetti@gmail.com](mailto:alexandra.gisetti@gmail.com).

**Sunday School for our Young Ones – every Sunday during Coffee hour.**

**We are continuing with the \$5-a-Month Club** to support the priests in Uganda. That is all that is asked – just \$5 per month or \$60 per year to help raise the salaries of Ugandan priests from \$25/mo to however much we can raise.

**We have begun Fund raising for our next Building project.** Please see the chart next to the door to the kitchen!

### Parishioner Celebrations

**NOTE: If you don't see your day listed OR see your day listed on the wrong day  
PLEASE let Fr. Seraphim know – as soon as possible**

#### April

04/01	Birthday	Alexandra Gisetti
04/01	Namesday	Masha Gisetti
04/23	Namesday	Alexandra Gisetti
04/25	Namesday	Robert Kinsey
04/30	Namesday	Donald Wallace

#### May

05/03	Birthday	Anna Gisetti
05/03	Repose	Robert Baldwin
05/08	Anniversary	Bert & Margo Waisanen
05/08	Birthday	Paul Saieg
05/09	Namesday	Christopher Cheaqui
05/09	Namesday	Chris Dovey
05/13	Birthday	Xavier Ogden
05/14	Birthday	Kylee Gisetti
05/15	Birthday	Alexander Watson (Higgins)
05/17	Birthday	Hannah Fox
05/19	Ordination	Fr. Seraphim Gisetti
05/23	Repose	Charlene Kinsey
05/24	Birthday	Alyssa Dovey
05/31	Anniversary	Andrei & Jacque Gisetti

### PROSPHORA Baking Schedule

**REMINDER:** PLEASE make sure that you bring ONE (and only one) prosphora with names for commemoration -this includes both living and departed, if some of the living or departed are not Orthodox, I want them anyway - to church at least the night before the date on which it is due. You can bring it up to three weeks before and we'll freeze it until the date, but don't try to bring it that morning. I usually start the Proskomedie early and need the prosphora to be there. If it's not there by the night before, I will defrost a spare to use. Thank you for your consideration.

#### April

3	Open
10	Open
17	Alexandra Gisetti
24	Don Wallace

#### May

1	Pascha
8	Margo Waisanen
15	Fr. Seraphim
22	Chris Dovey (for Alyssa)
29	Andrei Gisetti

**We will always need prosphora.** I will be happy to come to your house and bake them with you if you're not sure how to do it.

## Schedule of Services and Events

### April

1	Fri	7:00 pm	Medaia (Akathist to the Theotokos)	
2	Sat	5:00 pm	Vespers	
3	Sun	9:00 am	Liturgy	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Great Lent – The Cross</b>
			Coffee Hour & Sunday School	
			<b>Coffee Talk: Worship space and Usable space, Bob Latsko</b>	
		5:00 pm	Lenten Sunday Vespers	St. Herman Church
6	Wed	6:30 pm	Presanctified Liturgy & Lenten Potluck	
			<u>The Mind of the Church (Session2)</u>	
8	Fri	7:00 pm	Medaia (Akathist to the Theotokos)	
9	Sat	5:00 pm	Vespers	
10	Sun	9:00 am	Liturgy	<b>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Great Lent – St. John Climacus</b>
			Coffee Hour & Sunday School	
			<b>CHURCH EXTERIOR BEAUTIFICATION</b>	
		5:00 pm	Lenten Sunday Vespers	St. Catherine Church
13	Wed	6:30 pm	Presanctified Liturgy & Lenten Potluck	
			Great Canon of St. Andrew of Crete	
15	Fri	7:00 pm	Lauds of the Theotokos	
16	Sat	5:00 pm	Vespers	
17	Sun	9:00 am	Liturgy	<b>5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Great Lent – St. Mary of Egypt</b>
			Coffee Hour & Sunday School	
			<b>CHURCH CLEANING FOR PASCHA</b>	
		5:00 pm	Lenten Sunday Vespers	St. Elias Church
20	Wed	6:30 pm	Presanctified Liturgy & Lenten Potluck	
			<u>The Mind of the Church (Session2)</u>	
23	Sat	9:00 am	Teaching Liturgy	<b>Lazarus Saturday</b>
		5:00 pm	Vespers with blessing of Palms	
24	Sun	9:00 am	Liturgy	<b>Entrance into Jerusalem (Palm Sunday)</b>
			Children's Procession	
			Coffee Hour	
			<b>NO Sunday School</b>	
25	Mon	7:00 pm	Bridegroom Matins	<b>Holy Monday</b>
26	Tue	7:00 pm	Bridegroom Matins	<b>Holy Tuesday</b>
27	Wed	4:30 pm	Presanctified Liturgy	<b>Holy Wednesday</b>
		7:00 pm	Matins of Holy Thursday and Unction Service	
28	Thu	4:00 pm	Vesperal Liturgy of the Last Supper	<b>Holy Thursday</b>
		7:00 pm	Matins of Holy Friday (12 Gospels)	
29	Fri	9:00 am	Royal Hours	<b>Holy Friday</b>
		3:00 pm	Vespers (Burial Service)	
			Canon of the Theotokos	
		7:00 pm	Lamentations	
30	Sat	10:00 am	Vesperal Liturgy	<b>Holy Saturday</b>
		11:30 pm	Nocturne	
		Midnight	Paschal Procession	

### May

1	Sun	12:01 am	Paschal Matins	<b>PASCHA</b>
			Paschal Liturgy	
			Paschal Breakfast	

		1:00 pm	Agape Vespers Children's Easter Egg Hunt & Games	
2	Mon	9:00 am	Bright Monday Liturgy	<b>Bright Monday</b>
7	Sat	5:00 pm	Vespers	
8	Sun	9:00 am	Liturgy Coffee hour <b>NO Sunday School</b>	<b>Thomas Sunday</b>
14	Sat	5:00 pm	Vespers	
15	Sun	9:00 am	Liturgy Coffee hour & Sunday School 5:00 pm Pan Orthodox Vespers BBQ	<b>Myrrhbearers Sunday</b>
21	Sat	5:00 pm	Vespers	
22	Sun	9:00 am	Liturgy Coffee hour & Sunday School	<b>Paralytic Sunday</b>
14	Sat	5:00 pm	Vespers	
15	Sun	9:00 am	Liturgy Coffee hour & Sunday School	<b>Samaritan Woman Sunday</b>