



St. John Chrysostom Church

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My Joy in the Lord,

Christ is risen!

Χριστὸς ἠνέστη!

المسيح قام!

Христос Воскресе!

Hristos a înviat!

Cristo ha resucitado!

May you all have a blessed Pascha!

With love, in Christ,
Fr. Seraphim

Sunday School for our Young Ones – every Sunday during Coffee hour until the end of Pascha. Then we will take a break for the Summer.

Please remember that we are trying to remodel our building so that:

1. we can fit more people in more comfortably,
2. the space is more conducive to worship and to fellowship

But, in order to do this we need at least some money in our Building Fund. While some people have been contributing regularly, others have not. Both our General Fund and our Building Fund collections are rather anemic this year. For the 1st Quarter of 2016, we are 25% or \$4500 below our budget estimate for our General Fund and 55% or \$3375 below our budget estimate for the Building Fund. This means that we are able to do much less than we want to.

On top of everything else, the Parish Council and I made a mistake last year. When we bought the property in 2014, we were credited with \$10,000 to pay taxes for the part of the year we did not own the building and for which taxes were due. Even though we are tax exempt, the previous owners were not. For most people who have mortgages, when you buy a house, the owed taxes are rolled over to your bank which handles the tax payments. In our case, our loan does not include an escrow account, we pay both taxes and insurance directly. We did not have the money to set aside when we bought the property, and we did not set it aside last year. This year, our status has finally been established (tax exempt) and the taxes for 2014 (the part of the year we did not own the building and for which we were credited) were finally due. Our Building Fund had the money to pay those taxes but that payment took over 40% of our Building Fund, leaving just enough for our parking lot and no money to do anything else until your donations make it feasible to do more. **Please help.**

We are continuing with the \$5-a-Month Club to support the priests in Uganda. Each \$5 raises the monthly stipend for all the priests in Uganda by .3% per month. 340 people are needed to double their \$25 a month salary. We can't do it by ourselves, but if people from all parishes support this project, it can be done. But it needs to start with us, please join – just write a check for \$5 every month or \$60 for the year. Thank you.

On May 8 is Mother's Day. Our tradition is that the men cook a great breakfast for all the mothers and women in the parish. If you can participate, please see Fr. Seraphim or Jonathan Spencer. This happens to be Thomas Sunday as well but it won't interfere with celebrating our mothers.

On May 15 we have our annual Paschal Vespers and Open House BBQ. We need everyone's support. We will have a signup sheet with various responsibilities – including the very important cleanup afterwards. Please help make this another successful day for us.

On May 22, after Liturgy, we will have another open discussion about immediate plans to remodel our building. If you can, please join in and make your opinions known.

Our Parish Picnic will be on June 26. Please mark it on your calendars!

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.

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**

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
05/27	Anniversary	Alex & Ketino Beim
05/31	Anniversary	Andrei & Jacque Gisetti

June

06/02	Anniversary	Joe & Joyce Mikita
06/16	Birthday	Kara Yakubik
06/16	Birthday	Ketino Beim
06/17	Birthday	Dawn Dovey
06/20	Birthday	Becca Higgins
06/27	Namesday	Jacque Gisetti
06/29	Anniversary	Christina & Deacon Jan Veselak
06/29	Namesday	Paul Saieg

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.

May

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

June

5	Open
12	Kara Yakubik
19	Open
26	Jacque 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

May

1	Sun	12:01 am	Paschal Matins Paschal Liturgy Paschal Breakfast	PASCHA
		1:00 pm	Agape Vespers Children's Easter Egg Hunt & Games	
2	Mon	9:00 am	Bright Monday Liturgy	Bright Monday
		after Liturgy until 3 pm	Open House at the Gisettis	
7	Sat	5:00 pm	Vespers	
8	Sun	9:00 am	Liturgy Coffee hour	Thomas Sunday
			NO Sunday School	
14	Sat	5:00 pm	Vespers	
15	Sun	9:00 am	Liturgy Coffee hour & Sunday School	Myrrhbearers Sunday
		5:00 pm	Pan Orthodox Vespers BBQ	
21	Sat	5:00 pm	Vespers	
22	Sun	9:00 am	Liturgy Coffee hour & Sunday School Parish Discussion – remodeling plans	Paralytic Sunday
28	Sat	5:00 pm	Vespers	
29	Sun	9:00 am	Liturgy Coffee hour & Sunday School & Coffee Talk	Samaritan Woman Sunday

June

4	Sat	5:00 pm	Vespers	
5	Sun	9:00 am	Liturgy Coffee hour & Last Day of Sunday School	Blind Man Sunday
9	Thu	6:30 pm	Liturgy Potluck	Ascension of our Lord
11	Sat	5:00 pm	Vespers	
12	Sun	9:00 am	Liturgy Coffee hour	Fathers of the 1st Ecumenical Council
18	Sat	5:00 pm	Vespers	
19	Sun	9:00 am	Liturgy Vespers with the Prayers of kneeling Coffee hour	Pentecost
25	Sat	5:00 pm	Vespers	
26	Sun	9:00 am	Liturgy Parish Picnic/BBQ	All Saints
27			<i>Start of the Apostles Fast</i>	
29	Wed	6:30 pm	Liturgy Potluck	Holy Apostles Peter and Paul