



St. John Chrysostom Church

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My Joy in the Lord,

Why do we give our hard-earned money to the church?

The quick answer is: because we want to continue having our Church. The more accurate answer is: because God told us to not just in the Old Testament (where tithing is first established) but in the New Testament (where tithing was most often spoken of as insufficient)

The harder question is: why do we give particularly to St. John's? Here there is no quick answer. But it seems that the answer we have in our hearts is the following: we want this particular parish to exist because we get something of value from our community and our faith and we don't want to lose it.

I value your love for this community of ours, but love, unless it is expressed in tangible ways is only an emotion and not a true expression of the heart.

Some think that the only tangible way is by writing a check or dropping bills into our collection box. But they are WRONG! Love is helping our community – in every way possible. Cleaning up, making sure that things and/or toys are put away, helping with Coffee Hour, looking around and seeing what I can do to make this home of ours truly more welcoming and more inviting are all just as important as writing that check – which is also necessary to pay our bills and our mortgage.

Fewer and fewer individuals are signing up for Coffee Hour. This is a problem because part of Christian life is feeding the hungry and giving drink to the thirsty. We are both after Liturgy. We have received the Heavenly Bread and the gift of Life, but it also helps to have some earthly bread as well. There is a reason why our tithing form includes Coffee Hour for everyone – because it is not something extra that we do, but needs to be a part of our Christian Community life.

Finally, you, your participation in the services and your participation in the life of our community are very important. I've noticed that fewer people in the body of the church are singing during services. Please don't fall silent. Let your voice be heard.

Let us be truly brothers and sisters in Christ, not just in name but in deed as well!

With love, in Christ,
Fr. Seraphim

The 2017 Tithing Forms accompany this edition of our Newsletter. Please consider what you can give to the church next year very carefully. If we are to be a parish with long-term prospects, we need every family to participate in regular participation as well as financial support.

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.

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**

October

10/05	Namesday	Dana Berry
10/07	Birthday	Miriam Fox
10/14	Birthday	Bethany Cheaqui
10/20	Namesday	Russell Zinng

November

11/07	Birthday	Nina Beim
11/08	Namesday	Micco Waisanen
11/08	Namesday	Michael Ogden
11/09	Birthday	Margaret Berry
11/09	Birthday	Joseph Berry
11/10	Birthday	Andrei Gisetti
11/23	Namesday	Sandro Beim
11/25	Namesday	Caitlin Dovey
11/25	Namesday	Ketino Beim
11/30	Namesday	Andrei Gisetti

PROSPHORA Baking Schedule

REMINDER: PLEASE make sure that you bring ONE (and only one) prospora 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 prospora to be there. If it's not there by the night before, I will defrost a spare to use. Thank you for your consideration.

October

2	Dana Berry
9	Bethany Cheaqui
16	Kalee Zingg (for Russell)
23	Open
30	Open

November

6	Andrei Gisetti
13	Open
20	Ketino Beim
27	Margo Waisanen

We will always need prospora. 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

October

1	Sat	5:00 pm	Vespers
2	Sun	9:00 am	Liturgy Coffee hour & Sunday School
5	Wed	6:30 pm	The Mind of the Church (the last 500 years)
8	Sat	5:00 pm	Vespers
9	Sun	9:00 am	Liturgy Coffee hour & Sunday School
12	Wed	6:30 pm	The Mind of the Church (the last 500 years)
15	Sat	5:00 pm	Vespers
16	Sun	9:00 am	Liturgy Coffee hour & Sunday School
19	Wed	6:30 pm	The Mind of the Church (the last 500 years)
22	Sat	5:00 pm	Vespers
23	Sun	9:00 am	Liturgy Coffee hour & Sunday School
26	Wed	6:30 pm	The Mind of the Church (the last 500 years)
29	Sat	5:00 pm	Vespers
30	Sun	9:00 am	Liturgy Coffee hour & Sunday School

November

2	Wed	6:30 pm	The Mind of the Church (the last 500 years)
5	Sat	5:00 pm	Vespers
6	Sun	9:00 am	Liturgy Coffee hour & Sunday School
9	Wed	6:30 pm	The Mind of the Church (the last 500 years)
12	Sat	5:00 pm	Vespers
13	Sun	9:00 am	Liturgy Coffee hour & Sunday School
16	Wed	6:30 pm	The Mind of the Church (the last 500 years)
19	Sat	5:00 pm	Vespers
20	Sun	9:00 am	Liturgy Coffee hour & NO Sunday School Annual Parish Assembly
21	Mon	6:30 pm	Liturgy Potluck
23	Wed	6:30 pm	The Mind of the Church (the last 500 years)
24	Thu	9:00 am	Liturgy
26	Sat	5:00 pm	Vespers
27	Sun	9:00 am	Liturgy Coffee hour & Sunday School
30	Wed	6:30 pm	The Mind of the Church (the last 500 years)

Entrance of the Theotokos

Thanksgiving Day