



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

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## **December 2016 SJCC News**

My Joy in the Lord,

The feast of the Nativity is always such a time of joy. Despite the endless music in the stores, and the rush to buy “things”, once again, we are going to help a family in distress. This is what the focus of fasting is supposed to be. The Fathers say over and over that there is no profit from fasting if it is only about what we put into our mouths. The true profit from fasting is how we attend to others while fasting. Not just what comes out of our mouths but what comes out of our hearts. And in helping others, it is love which comes from our hearts.

May that love be with all of you all the year long!

Glory to God (Who is) in the highest, and, on earth, peace, (and) good will in all people. Christ is born!

With love, in Christ,  
Fr. Seraphim

**St. Nicholas** will visit our church on Sunday, December 4!

**There will be a Christmas performance by the Sunday School** on December 18 during Coffee hour. Please come to see our children offer their joy to you.

**We will, again, go caroling through the neighborhood** on Saturday, December 17 after Vespers. We will share some food and warm drink before and after the caroling.

**House Blessing schedule** will be sent out after Christmas. I will begin on January 7 and hope to finish by January 22. As always, if the date or time do not fit your schedule, please let me know and we will work out a better time. Also, I will be happy to join you for some tea or water or juice, but no coffee and please don't prepare a meal. I appreciate the thought, but if everyone (or even just a few) offers me a meal, I will not make it through House Blessings!

**Bishop Basil Namesday Collection.** Every year the Diocese collects a gift for Bishop Basil on his Namesday (January 1). Usually this gift goes to the Diocesan Missions Endowment Fund to help new missions in our Diocese. Please make your check out to the Parish and we will send one contribution in the names of those who contribute from the Parish.

**We are continuing with the \$5-a-Month Club** to support the priests in Uganda. 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](mailto: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**

#### December

12/02	Namesday	Margo Waisanen
12/03	Birthday	Margo Waisanen
12/09	Namesday	Hannah Fox
12/11	Birthday	Micco Waisanen
12/11	Namesday	Jonathan Spencer
12/11	Namesday	Rebecca Ogden
12/11	Namesday	Susan Arnold
12/13	Namesday	Gene Hill
12/13	Namesday	Ricky Hill
12/17	Namesday	Daniel Rahe
12/18	Birthday	Rebecca Ogden
12/20	Namesday	Dawn Dovey
12/20	Anniversary	Lee & Darya Goudzwaard
12/21	Birthday	Jacque Gisetti
12/26	Birthday	Christina Veselak
12/28	Birthday	Caitlin Dovey
12/30	Anniversary	Nathan & Dana Berry
12/31	Namesday	Joshua Fox
12/31	Namesday	Joseph Conder

#### January

01/01	Namesday	Emma Dovey
01/02	Namesday	Seraphima Rahe
01/03	Birthday	Lillion Brown
01/06	Birthday	Donald Wallace
01/14	Namesday	Bethany Cheaqui
01/14	Namesday	Nina Beim
01/17	Birthday	Nathan Berry
01/17	Birthday	Larissa Spencer
01/21	Birthday	Kalee Zingg
01/24	Birthday	Andrei Tarashchuk
01/25	Anniversary	Gene & Joanna Hill
01/29	Anniversary	Chris & Dawn Dovey

#### 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.

#### December

4	Miriam Fox (for Hannah)
11	Susan Arnold
18	Dawn Dovey
25	Parish (Christmas)

#### January

1	Seraphima Rahe
8	Bethany Cheaqui
15	Kalee Zingg
22	Gene & Joanna Hill
29	Chris & Dawn Dovey

**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

### December

3	Sat	5:00 pm	Vespers	
4	Sun	9:00 am	Liturgy Coffee hour & <b>Visit of St. Nicholas</b> <b>NO</b> Sunday School	
7	Wed	6:30 pm	The Mind of the Church (the last 500 years)	
10	Sat	5:00 pm	Vespers	
11	Sun	9:00 am	Liturgy Coffee hour & Sunday School	
14	Wed	6:30 pm	Last - The Mind of the Church (the last 500 years)	
17	Sat	5:00 pm	Vespers <b>Caroling through the neighborhood</b>	
18	Sun	9:00 am	Liturgy Coffee hour <b>Christmas Tree Trimming &amp; Sunday School Performance</b>	
23	Fri	9:00 am	Royal Hours	
24	Sat	9:00 am	Nativity Eve Liturgy	<b>Nativity Eve</b>
		5:00 pm	Nativity Vigil & Carol Singing	
25	Sun	9:00 am	Nativity Liturgy Coffee hour NO Sunday School until January 15	<b>Nativity of our Lord</b>
31	Sat	5:00 pm	Vespers & Prayer for the New Year	

### January

1	Sun	9:00 am	Liturgy Coffee hour <b>NO</b> Sunday School	<b>New Year, Circumcision of our Lord, St. Basil</b>
5	Thu	9:00 am 6:30 pm	Royal Hours Liturgy of the Eve Blessing of Water	<b>Eve of Theophany</b>
6	Fri	6:30 pm	Liturgy Potluck	<b>Theophany of our Lord</b>
7	Sat	5:00 pm	Vespers	
8	Sun	9:00 am	Liturgy Coffee hour <b>NO</b> Sunday School	
14	Sat	5:00 pm	Vespers	
15	Sun	9:00 am	Liturgy Coffee hour & Sunday School	
21	Sat	5:00 pm	Vespers	
22	Sun	9:00 am	Liturgy Coffee hour & Sunday School	
28	Sat	5:00 pm	Vespers	
29	Sun	9:00 am	Liturgy Coffee hour & Sunday School	