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### **January 2017 SJCC News**

My Joy in the Lord,

January is House Blessing/Visitation month. I hope to see every one of you this year. This year, January also begins our preparation for Lent. The Sunday of the Publican and the Pharisee is on the first Sunday of February.

In terms of House Blessing – I don't insist on blessing your home if it is a problem, but I do want to visit and spend some time with you. This gives you an opportunity to express anything you want to me or to ask anything you want from me as well. House blessing is a wonderful way to start the year by asking God to make your home a blessed and safe place for you. The sprinkling of Holy Water does not make your house sanctified – only your prayers and life can do that – what it does is, hopefully, refresh your home from all the evil that touched it in the past year and make it a renewed, better place to live in; especially with Great Lent approaching.

The procedure for House Blessing is very simple. You need to provide a candle and a bowl for the Holy Water. I will bring everything else, including the Holy Water for the house blessing. The service takes a few minutes – depending on how many rooms you have - and then I would love to sit and spend some time with you. I will pass on coffee or alcohol but will be glad to have some tea or plain water. Don't go out of your way to get some fancy tea, I am not an aficionado; whatever you have is wonderful.

I look forward to seeing you soon.

With love, in Christ,  
Fr. Seraphim

**Several individuals** have asked me for another workshop on baking prosphora. Anyone interested is welcome to come to my house (5514 S. Ward Way Littleton, 80127) on Saturday, January 21 at 1 pm. The workshop will last until 4 pm and you will have an opportunity to make two loaves. Please bring a mixing bowl, mixing spoon, baking pan and two kitchen towels, preferably non-terrycloth. All ingredients will be provided. Everyone is welcome to come and learn.

**Sunday School will resume on January 15!**

**I will be at the Annual Clergy retreat between February 7 and February 11.** No services will be skipped.

**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).

**The 2017 House Blessing schedule is:**

Arnold, S	Thu	12	2:00 PM
Baker, M	Sat	7	12:00 PM
Baldwin, C	Sun	8	1:00 PM
Bartko, M & P	Wed	11	3:00 PM
Beim, A & K	Tue	10	7:30 PM
Berry, N & D	Thu	12	6:30 PM
Brown, J & K	Wed	11	6:00 PM
Cheaqui, C & B	Wed	11	4:30 PM
Conder, J	Thu	12	11:00 AM
Dovey, C & D	Thu	12	5:00 PM
Dragolich	Wed	11	10:00 AM
Fiscus, J (Motel)	Tue	10	1:00 PM
Fiscus, J	Sat	14	11:00 AM
Fox, J & M	Fri	13	6:30 PM
Gisetti, A & J	Sat	7	7:00 PM
Gisetti, Alexandra	Thu	12	8:00 PM
Gisetti, Anna	Sat	7	8:30 PM

Goudzward, L & D	Tue	10	6:00 PM
Gray-Kurtz, T & S;	Sun	8	6:30 PM
Hill, R & J	Wed	11	7:30 PM
Kinsey, R	Mon	9	4:30 PM
Lewis, D	Mon	9	3:00 PM
Mikita, D	Wed	11	1:00 PM
Mikita, J & J	Wed	11	11:30 AM
Ogden, M & R	Thu	12	12:30 PM
Rahe, D	Fri	13	5:00 PM
Rahe, S & J	Sat	7	2:00 PM
Spencer, J & L	Sat	7	10:00 AM
Tarashchuk, A & B	Fri	13	3:00 PM
Veselak, C	Tue	10	4:00 PM
Waisanen, B & M	Fri	13	8:00 PM
Wallace, D & A	Sun	8	4:00 PM
Yakubik, K	Mon	9	7:30 PM
Zingg, K & R	Mon	9	6:00 PM

Please remember that if the time and/or day is a problem, I will be happy to reschedule after Jan 13.

### 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**

#### 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 Zing
01/24	Birthday	Andrei Tarashchuk
01/25	Anniversary	Gene & Joanna Hill
01/29	Anniversary	Chris & Dawn Dovey

#### February

02/03	Birthday	Dana Berry
02/03	Birthday	Masha Gisetti
02/05	Birthday	Sandro Beim
02/06	Namesday	Thea Goudzwaard
02/11	Birthday	Christopher Cheaqui
02/18	Deacon Ordination	Fr. Seraphim Gisetti
02/21	Birthday	Ken Fredricksen
02/21	Birthday	Michael Ogden
02/22	Birthday	Manda Baker
02/23	Anniversary	Don & Angela Wallace

### 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.

#### January

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

#### February

5	Christopher Cheaqui
12	Fr. Seraphim
19	Manda Baker
26	Open

**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

### 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	
18	Wed	6:30 pm	Book Discussion ( <b>TBA</b> )	
21	Sat	1:00 pm 5:00 pm	Prophora Workshop Vespers	
22	Sun	9:00 am	Liturgy Coffee hour & Sunday School	
25	Wed	6:30 pm	Book Discussion ( <b>TBA</b> )	
28	Sat	5:00 pm	Vespers	
29	Sun	9:00 am	Liturgy Coffee hour & Sunday School	

### February

1	Wed	6:30 pm	Book Discussion	
2	Thu	6:30 pm	Liturgy Potluck	<b>Meeting of the Lord</b>
4	Sat	5:00 pm	Vespers	<i>Start of the Triodion</i>
5	Sun	9:00 am	Liturgy Coffee hour & Sunday School	<b>Publican &amp; Pharisee</b>
			<i>Fast Free Week</i>	
8	Wed	6:30 pm	Book Discussion	
11	Sat	5:00 pm	Vespers	
12	Sun	9:00 am	Liturgy Coffee hour & Sunday School	<b>Prodigal Son</b>
15	Wed	6:30 pm	Book Discussion	
18	Sat	5:00 pm	Vespers	
19	Sun	9:00 am	Liturgy Coffee hour & Sunday School	<b>Last Judgment (Meatfare)</b>
22	Wed	6:30 pm	Book Discussion	
25	Sat	5:00 pm	Vespers	
26	Sun	9:00 am	Liturgy Coffee hour & Sunday School Vespers of Forgiveness	<b>Forgiveness Sunday (Cheesefare)</b>
27	Mon	<u><i>Start of Great Lent</i></u> 7:00 pm	Great Canon of St. Andrew of Crete	
28	Tue	7:00 pm	Great Canon of St. Andrew of Crete	