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My Joy in the Lord,

As we grow, our needs expand and so, at the Ladies meeting last Sunday, a few changes have been proposed as we enter into this year.

First, you will be getting an email with a Coffee hour schedule. Everyone is on there – but most are only on there once. A number of you have doubled up and please continue to do that. But it will mean serving twice or more during the year. When you're on the schedule it only means that you are responsible for that Sunday, not that you have to do all the work yourself. Also, please be reminded that we reimburse up to \$25 per Sunday for Coffee Hour if you need financial help. As more households join the parish, this schedule will expand as well.

We will be putting out a basket at Coffee Hour – this is not to collect donations from parishioners (unless you want to put something in). This is, primarily, for guests who may wish to donate. This money will go towards purchasing cakes for baptisms, special events and similar purchases. Your tithing is what supports the coffee and other purchases that the parish provides every week.

Next, we have a schedule for the girls who help during Liturgy – we're going to have just two help every week. That way everyone gets a turn. As we get more older girls, this schedule will expand.

Also, we have a schedule for reading the Epistle. If there is anyone else who wishes to join the group and read every third month or so, please let me know and you will be added.

Since we're just starting these schedules they are not yet included in the newsletter – we will have a nice layout for all the duties starting next month, as soon as the schedule is finalized. PLEASE READ THE SCHEDULES CAREFULLY to note when you have responsibilities. If there is a conflict, please feel free to switch with someone else, or let me know now so that I can rearrange the schedule before it gets published!!!

Last, as discussed at the Annual Parish Assembly, we will be scheduling cleaning – this is in addition to the cleaning that needs to be done after Coffee Hour. We will post the things that need to be done once or twice a month in the kitchen and you can come in any time to do the work. Further, if you prefer, you can hire one of our ladies to do the work for you. More information will be available as soon as the list is done and the schedule is agreed upon.

As an end note, please be assured of my heartfelt prayers for your success and joy during this Lenten Season. Traditionally, Lent has been defined as a sober time – though lately it has been described as a “somber” time. That “M” is not necessary. Sobriety in fasting is encouraged, downcast faces and ennui are not. Let us rejoice in the Lord at all times and in every season!

With love, in Christ,
Fr. Seraphim

PS. The remodel is proceeding apace. Please be patient, we are not delaying the project, just being deliberate about it.

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

Lent beings on February 27. The schedule of Lenten Vespers is in the body of our service schedule.

Clean Monday (Feb 27) Retreat will be at St. Catherine's again. Please contact the office directly for more information and to register. (303) 773-3411.

The Wednesday Discussions during Lent will be on "A Christian Ending". The book will be available through our bookstore. Also, we will go through the actual Funeral Service and the wonderful ideas about life as well as Life after life, that it expresses!

The IOCC Fundraising Dinner will be held on March 18 at Annunciation Cathedral following Vespers (5 pm). Contact the Cathedral office for details and registration. (303) 388-9314.

I have included ALL of Great Lent and Bright Week in the Service schedule – plan carefully, please.

March is Women's month! We still need 4 women to read to the lives of the saints during March...

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.

The Pan-Orthodox Lenten Schedule is:

March

5	Sun	5:00 pm	Pan Orthodox Vespers – Annunciation Cathedral, Englewood
12	Sun	5:00 pm	Pan Orthodox Vespers – Transfiguration Cathedral, Denver
19	Sun	5:00 pm	Pan Orthodox Vespers – SS. Peter & Paul, Boulder
26	Sun	5:00 pm	Pan Orthodox Vespers – St. Catherine, DTC

April

2	Sun	5:00 pm	Pan Orthodox Vespers – St. Luke's, Erie
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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**

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

March

03/03	Birthday	Pelagia Tarashchuk
03/19	Birthday	Joseph Mikita
03/19	Birthday	John Rahe
03/19	Birthday	Thea Goudzwaard
03/19	Namesday	Daria Goudzwaard
03/21	Birthday	Jonathan Spencer
03/26	Namesday	Larissa Spencer

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.

February

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

March

5	Open
12	Open
19	Daria Goudzwaard
26	Larissa Spencer

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

February

1	Wed	6:30 pm	Book Discussion	
2	Thu	6:30 pm	Liturgy Potluck	Meeting of the Lord
4	Sat	5:00 pm	Vespers	<i>Start of the Triodion</i>
5	Sun	9:00 am	Liturgy Coffee hour & Sunday School	Publican & Pharisee
			<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	Prodigal Son
15	Wed	6:30 pm	Book Discussion	
18	Sat	5:00 pm	Vespers	
19	Sun	9:00 am	Liturgy Coffee hour & Sunday School	Last Judgment (Meatfare)
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	Forgiveness Sunday (Cheesefare)
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	

March

1	Wed	6:30 pm	Presanctified Liturgy Lenten Potluck and Discussion	
2	Thu	7:00 pm	Great Canon of St. Andrew of Crete	
3	Fri	7:00 pm	Medaia	
4	Sat	5:00 pm	Vespers	
5	Sun	9:00 am	Liturgy Coffee hour & Sunday School	Sunday of Orthodoxy (1st Sunday of Lent)
		5:00 pm	Pan Orthodox Vespers – Annunciation Cathedral	
8	Wed	6:30 pm	Presanctified Liturgy Lenten Potluck and Discussion	
10	Fri	7:00 pm	Medaia	
11	Sat	5:00 pm	Vespers	
12	Sun	9:00 am	Liturgy Coffee hour & Sunday School	St. Gregory Palamas (2nd Sunday of Lent)
		5:00 pm	Pan Orthodox Vespers – Transfiguration Cathedral	
15	Wed	6:30 pm	Presanctified Liturgy Lenten Potluck and Discussion	
17	Fri	7:00 pm	Medaia	
18	Sat	5:00 pm	Vespers	
19	Sun	9:00 am	Liturgy Coffee hour & Sunday School	Sunday of the Cross (3rd Sunday of Lent)
		5:00 pm	Pan Orthodox Vespers – SS. Peter & Paul	

22	Wed	6:30 pm	Presanctified Liturgy Lenten Potluck and Discussion	
24	Fri	7:00 pm	Presanctified Liturgy Lenten Potluck and Discussion	Eve of Annunciation
25	Sat	9:00 am 5:00 pm	Liturgy Vespers	Annunciation to the Theotokos
26	Sun	9:00 am	Liturgy Coffee hour & Sunday School	St. John of the Ladder (4th Sunday of Lent)
29	Wed	5:00 pm 6:30 pm	Pan Orthodox Vespers – St. Catherine Presanctified Liturgy Lenten Potluck and Discussion	
31	Fri	7:00 pm	Great Canon of St. Andrew of Crete Lauds of the Theotokos	
April				
1	Sat	5:00 pm	Vespers	
2	Sun	9:00 am	Liturgy Coffee hour & Sunday School	St. Mary of Egypt (5th Sunday of Lent)
5	Wed	5:00 pm 6:30 pm	Pan Orthodox Vespers – St. Luke's Presanctified Liturgy Lenten Potluck and Discussion	
8	Sat	9:00 am noon-3 pm 5:00 pm	Teaching Liturgy Potluck Brunch Church Cleaning Vespers	Lazarus Saturday
9	Sun	9:00 am	Liturgy Coffee hour & NO Sunday School	Entrance of our Lord into Jerusalem (Palm Sunday)
10	Mon	7:00 pm	Bridegroom Matins	Holy Monday
11	Tue	7:00 pm	Bridegroom Matins	Holy Tuesday
12	Wed	4:00 pm 7:00 pm	Presanctified Liturgy Matins of Holy Thursday & Unction Service	Holy Wednesday
13	Thu	4:00 pm 7:00 pm	Vesperal Liturgy of the Last Supper Matins of Holy Friday (12 Gospels)	Holy Thursday
14	Fri	9:00 pm 3:00 pm	Royal Hours Vespers of Holy Saturday (Burial) Compline (Lament of the Theotokos) Common Confession	Holy Friday
15	Sat	7:00 pm 9:30 am 11:30 pm	Matins of Holy Saturday (Lamentations) Vesperal Liturgy of Holy Saturday Nocturne	Holy Saturday
16	Sun	Midnight 00:15 am	Paschal Procession Paschal Matins Paschal Liturgy Paschal Breakfast (Potluck)	PASCHA
17	Mon	noon 9:00 am	Agape Vespers Children's Easter Egg Hunt Bright Monday Liturgy	Bright Monday