



St. John Chrysostom Church

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May 2017 SJCC News

My Joy in the Lord,
Christ is Risen!

As we move away from the intensity of Great Lent into Pascha we often lose that focus that we had during the Fast. This becomes a relaxing time, a “breathe deeply and veg out” time. Because we no longer have those weekly services that filled our lives and our minds during Lent, we become in danger of falling back into old habits and losing the gains we achieved (even minimally) in the last two months. But the Church does not relax. We continue saying “Christ is risen” for another 40 days; the dismissal – at every service on every day of those 40 days – always begins, “May He who rose from the dead, Christ our true God...” (For those who only come on Sundays, this may not seem any different from the rest of the year, but that phrase is ONLY heard on Sundays when it is not Pascha.) Even as we get ready for Summer and the end of the school year, let us keep our Christian life at the forefront of our minds, of our hearts, and of our actions!

With love, in Christ,
Fr. Seraphim

The Baptism of Eric Alexander Goudzwaard will be on Sunday, May 21 at 9 am. Liturgy will follow immediately. Also, we will have the Baby Showers for Darya and Kaylee after Liturgy on that day.

We will have our final Sunday school class on May 28!

We will have our final book Discussion for the Spring on May 31!

Our Parish Picnic will be instead of Coffee hour on June 11! This is also a special day to welcome and celebrate all our new members

Bishop Basil will be with us for our 10th Anniversary on Saturday, September 16 for Liturgy. Picnic to follow. (We will take an all-Parish Photo right after Liturgy – please be there!) We are also planning a Commemoration Book for this day on the history of the Parish. Please see Denise Mikita about the details for this project. We want your story in the parish as well!!!

Congratulations to Micco Waisanen! He was interviewed about his participation in the Denver Native American Leadership Conference in March. The article (and some of his comments) can be found in the May issue of Denver Life in print and online.

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.

We have two Fund-raising opportunities – through Amazon Smile and through the Archdiocesan on-line Purchasing – please see the notice at the end of the newsletter for details of how you can participate.

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	Anniversary	John & Kristin Brown
05/03	Birthday	Anna Gisetti
05/03	Repose	Robert Baldwin
05/04	Birthday	Robert Saieg
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
05/14	Birthday	Ricky Hill
05/14	Birthday	Russell III Zinng
05/15	Birthday	Alexander Watson (Higgins)
05/17	Birthday	Hannah Fox
05/19	Ordination	Fr. Seraphim Gisetti
05/20	Birthday	Darya Goudzwaard
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
06/08	Birthday	Mike Drakulich
06/16	Birthday	Ketino Beim
06/16	Birthday	Kara Yakubik
06/17	Birthday	Dawn Dovey
06/20	Birthday	Becca Higgins
06/21	Birthday	Joanna Hill
06/27	Namesday	Jacque Gisetti
06/28	Anniversary	Robert & Linda Saieg
06/29	Anniversary	Christina & Dcn Jan Veselak
06/29	Namesday	Paul Saieg

PROSPHORA Baking

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 Proskomedia 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.

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.

Parish Responsibilities

	Prospora	Epistle	Communion help	Coffee Hour
May				
7	Margo Waisanen	Chris Dovey	Taisia & Alyssa	Wallace
14	Gene Hill	Susan Arnold	Pelagia & Kylee	Mother's Day Brunch
21	Alex Beim	Joe Mikita	Kaitlin & Hanna	Baby Shower
28	Andrei Gisetti	Margo Waisanen	Taisia & Alyssa	Baker
June				
4	Open	Andrei Gisetti	Pelagia & Kylee	Yakubik
11	Kara Yakubik	Dana Berry	Kaitlin & Hanna	PARISH PICNIC
18	Joanna (Gene) Hill	Jonathan Spencer	Taisia & Alyssa	<u>FATHER'S DAY</u>
25	Bob & Linda Saieg	Seraphima Rahe	Pelagia & Kylee	Beim

DEACON JAMES TOCHIHARA of St Mark/Denver, CO will be ordained to the holy priesthood on Sunday, May 14th. Greetings may be sent to him and **SHAMASSY JUDITH** at jtochihara@gmail.com Everyone is invited to the ordination and/or to the breakfast afterwards. Please contact Carol McCabe of St. Mark's at carolmccab9@aol.com with your RSVP.

Schedule of Services and Events

May

6	Sat	5:00 pm	Vespers	
7	Sun	9:00 am	Liturgy	Paralytic
			Coffee hour & Sunday School	
10	Wed	6:30 pm	Book Discussion (Of Water and the Spirit)	
13	Sat	5:00 pm	Vespers	
14	Sun	9:00 am	Liturgy	Samaritan Woman
			Coffee hour & Sunday School	
17	Wed	6:30 pm	Book Discussion (Of Water and the Spirit)	
20	Sat	5:00 pm	Vespers	
21	Sun	9:00 am	Baptism of Eric Goudzwaard	
			Liturgy	Blind Man
			Coffee Hour (Baby Shower for Darya and Kaylee)	
24	Wed	6:30 pm	Book Discussion (Of Water and the Spirit)	
25	Thu	6:30 pm	Liturgy	Ascension of our Lord
27	Sat	5:00 pm	Vespers	
28	Sun	9:00 am	Liturgy	Fathers of the 1st Ecumenical Council
			Coffee hour & LAST Sunday School for this school year	
31	Wed	6:30 pm	Last Book Discussion (Of Water and the Spirit)	

June

3	Sat	5:00 pm	Vespers	
4	Sun	9:00 am	Liturgy	Pentecost
			Coffee hour	
10	Sat	5:00 pm	Vespers	
11	Sun	9:00 am	Liturgy	All Saints
			<u>Parish Picnic</u>	
12	Mon			<i>Apostles Fast begins</i>
17	Sat	5:00 pm	Vespers	
18	Sun	9:00 am	Liturgy	
			Coffee hour	
24	Sat	5:00 pm	Vespers	
25	Sun	9:00 am	Liturgy	
			Coffee hour	
29	Thu			Ss. Peter & Paul (<i>Apostles fast ends</i>)

Amazon Smile Program

1. Instead of using www.amazon.com, use smile.amazon.com
2. Bookmark smile.amazon.com in all of your browsers
3. Search for St. John Chrysostom Church (Christian – Lakewood, CO)
4. Select it as your charity.
5. Always use smile.amazon.com when purchasing from Amazon. Everything will look the same and work the same as on www.amazon.com including Prime if you have it.

EXCEPT, St. John's will get a (small – 0.5%) donation of every purchase that you make.

THIS DOES NOT COST YOU ANY MORE.

That's it.

Thank you



St. John Chrysostom Rewards Program

Program Overview:

1. A digital savings and fundraising platform for our ministry.
2. The program creates an automatic monetary contribution to our ministry as a percentage of your online spending.
3. This program is endorsed by the Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese of North America.

How Does It Work?

1. Shop at thousands of your favorite retailers, such as Target, Best Buy, Nordstrom, Home Depot, Kohl's, J. Crew, and more.
2. Save by taking advantage of discounts and deals including %-off discounts, \$-off discounts, and free shipping.
3. Support the parish, as a percentage of every purchase you make at participating retailers is contributed back to the ministry at no additional cost to you.

How Do You Participate:

1. Go to antiochian.org/rewardsprogram and register with your email address.
2. Remember to visit antiochian.org/rewardsprogram prior to making online purchases to enable a contribution to St. John's and to discover relevant savings offers for you. OR
3. Install the antiochian.org/rewardsprogram support button on your Chrome, Firefox, or Safari browser to automatically support the ministry every time you make a purchase—without having to visit the deal site first.