



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

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### **August 2017 SJCC News**

My Joy in the Lord,

Since coming back from Russia, I have been handing out two icons. The first is a paper icon of St. Nicholas. This icon was blessed over the relics of St. Nicholas from Bari that were in Christ the Savior Church in Moscow. They were given to me by the Dean of the Cathedral to distribute to all of you when I returned.

The second icon is a copy of our Lady of Iveron. Iveron, in Greek and Church Slavonic, is another name for the country of Georgia. The story behind this icon is as follows: in 2008, I was in Russia to meet with Patriarch Alexei II of Moscow and to acquire certain items that we needed for the Mission. The meeting with the Patriarch did not happen as he was ill and in a hospital at the time. When I went to the main store of Sofrino in Moscow, I was told that they were out of the items that I wanted and it would be 2-3 months before they would be available and I would have to special order them, to boot. I decided to go to the Sofrino warehouse in Moscow and try there. I looked up the location but when I arrived in the area, I could not find it. Seeing a church nearby, I went in to pray. I found this icon of Our Lady of Iveron in the church. It was a copy of a copy of the original, but also wonder-working by itself. After praying for the Theotokos' help, I walked out of the church and immediately saw the warehouse that I was hunting for. As I walked in, I saw every item that I wanted in the display case, facing me. The chalice set that we use today, the cross that I use for the special prayers, the censers that we use, the cups, etc. All were bought that day in that store. It is since that time that I have considered that icon of our Lady to be our Protector in the Mission. On that day I also purchased a number of small copies that were given to all the families of the Mission. Then I ran out. On this trip, I was able to purchase more copies that I have been giving out and it is my intention to continue this practice with every future family that comes to join our community. I wanted to buy 100 copies but they could only give me 20, hopefully the rest will come later in the year.

When you put these icons in your home – whether to adorn your prayer corner/wall or some other room in your home, please remember to pray for the people and clergy of Russia, who sent it to you with love; and to pray for our mission and it's growth and well-being.

With love, in Christ,  
Fr. Seraphim

**There will be a special cleanup of the downstairs before the start of the school year on August 5 from 10 am until 4.** Please come help prepare for Bishop Basil's visit on Sept. 16!

**Sophia Zingg will be baptized** on August 13 at 9 am. I hope everyone can join in to welcome her into our parish family!

**The prayer for the start of the New School year** will be at the end of Liturgy on August 27

**Bishop Basil will be with us for our 10<sup>th</sup> 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!!!

**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).

**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**

#### August

08/07	Birthday	Joyce Mikita
08/09	Namesday	Alex Beim
08/13	Birthday	Denise Mikita
08/14	Birthday	Bert Waisanen
08/14	Namesday	Micah Fox
08/15	Namesday	Dianna Vagianos-Armentrout
08/16	Birthday	Kelsey Perkins
08/18	Birthday	Joshua Fox
08/19	Anniversary	John & Seraphima Rahe
08/22	Anniversary	Josh & Miriam Fox
08/28	Anniversary	Sid & Tim Kurtz
08/31	Namesday	Sid Gray-Kurtz

#### September

09/01	Namesday	Josh Fox
09/02	Birthday	Russell Zinng (Jr.)
09/03	Anniversary	Fr. Seraphim & Masha Gisetti
09/04	Anniversary	Jonathan & Larissa Spencer
09/04	Birthday	Mariah Shaw/Green
09/07	Birthday	Sidney Gray-Kurtz
09/09	Namesday	Miriam Fox
09/09	Namesday	Anna Gisetti
09/09	Namesday	Kara Yakubik
09/09	Namesday	Kalee Zinng
09/10	Birthday	Lisa DeLeo
09/24	Birthday	Daniel Rahe
09/25	Birthday	Jaime Rall
09/29	Namesday	Brigitte Tarashchuk
09/30	Birthday	Carolyn Baldwin

### **PROSPHORA Baking**

**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 Proskomedia 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.

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.

#### **Parish Responsibilities**

	<b>Prospora</b>	<b>Epistle</b>	<b>Communion help</b>	<b>Coffee Hour</b>
<b>August</b>				
6	Open	Andrei Gisetti	Pelagia & Kylee	A & J Gisetti
13	Denise Mikita	Dana Berry	Kaitlin & Hanna	Hills
20	Josh & Miriam Fox	Jonathan Spencer	Taisia & Alyssa	Fiscus
27	Kaylee Zingg (for Russ)	Susan Arnold	Pelagia & Kylee	D. Mikita
<b>September</b>				
3	Fr. Seraphim	Joe Mikita	Kaitlin & Hanna	J & J Mikita
10	Open	Margo Waisanen	Taisia & Alyssa	Spencer
17	Open	Chris Dovey	Pelagia & Kylee	D Rahe
24	For Carolyn Baldwin	Seraphima Rahe	Kaitlin & Hanna	Zingg

**Starting with September, the Coffee Hour list will be revised and updated. We will send out a new schedule in the next few weeks. Please watch for the update!**

## Schedule of Services and Events

### August

1	Tue		<u>Start of Dormition Fast</u>	
5	Sat	10:00 am	<u>Downstairs cleanup</u>	
		5:00 pm	Vespers	
6	Sun	9:00 am	Liturgy	<b>Transfiguration of our Lord</b>
			<u>Blessing of Fruit</u>	
			Coffee hour	
12	Sat	5:00 pm	Vespers	
13	Sun	9:00 am	Baptism of Sophia Zingg	
			Liturgy	
			Coffee hour	
15	Tue	6:30 pm	Liturgy	<b>Dormition of the Theotokos</b>
			Festal Potluck	
19	Sat	5:00 pm	Vespers	
20	Sun	9:00 am	Liturgy	
			Coffee hour	
26	Sat	5:00 pm	Vespers	
27	Sun	9:00 am	Liturgy & Prayer for the New School Year	
			Coffee hour	

### September

2	Sat	5:00 pm	Vespers	
3	Sun	9:00 am	Liturgy	
			Coffee hour	
8	Fri	6:30 pm	Liturgy	<b>Nativity of the Theotokos</b>
			Potluck	
9	Sat	5:00 pm	Vespers	
10	Sun	9:00 am	Liturgy	
			Coffee hour & Sunday School	
14	Thu	6:30 pm	Liturgy	<b>Elevation of the Cross</b>
			Lenten Potluck	
16	Sat	9:00 am	Liturgy, Bishop Basil presiding	<b>10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration</b>
		5:00 pm	Vespers	
17	Sun	9:00 am	Liturgy	
			Coffee hour	
23	Sat	5:00 pm	Vespers	
24	Sun	9:00 am	Liturgy & Prayer for the New School Year	
			Coffee hour	
30	Sat	5:00 pm	Vespers	

## Amazon Smile Program

1. Instead of using [www.amazon.com](http://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](http://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](http://antiochian.org/rewardsprogram) and register with your email address.
2. Remember to visit [antiochian.org/rewardsprogram](http://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](http://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.