



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

A Mission of the Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese of North America

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## **September 2017 SJCC News**

My Joy in the Lord,  
Ten years!

On August 13, we commemorated ten years of our existence as an Orthodox Community in the Western Suburbs of Denver.

It has been a long road. From a barn in Lakewood, to a storefront near Golden, to another storefront in Golden, to temporary facilities at the Loretto Center and Hosanna Lutheran Church, and, finally, our own home, back in Lakewood.

We have had lots of Baptisms, a number of Chrismations, a few Weddings, and not one Funeral from our community.

Not everyone who started with us 10 years ago is still with us. Work and life move us around. Many have joined us over the years and have had to move on: some because their circumstances required it, some because being a Mission is not easy and not everyone can make that kind of commitment, and some because we did not meet their needs. This is not a reflection on our community. It is a reality that not every parish fits the needs of every possible person that comes through its doors. That is why the Orthodox Church does not have parishes organized by territory.

But there are so many of you who have come and stayed and found a home at St. John's.

Thank you.

Thank you for your dedication

Thank your for your tolerance.

Thank you for your love for each other and for the Lord.

It is only through love that we will continue to grow. It is only through love that we will be able to help each other advance towards His Kingdom. It is only through love that we will be a shining beacon to those around us who are in darkness or in a dim light.

Buildings come and go, facilities are things of this world, but the love we have for each other and for Christ is eternal and will never be overcome.

May God bless and keep you all the days of your lives and may He open wide His Gates welcoming you as faithful servants and doers of His Word.

With love, in Christ,  
Fr. Seraphim

**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!) Please come early so that you will be on hand to greet the bishop as he arrives!

**A note about greeting the Bishop.** DO NOT shake his hand! Get his blessing instead. If you extend

your hands – right hand over left (sort of making an “X”) - he will bless you and put his hand over yours. Kiss his hand and you're done. Nothing too difficult but I will appreciate it very much if we observe the courtesies due him. Thank you.

**In preparation for the bishop's visit, there will be a general cleanup on Saturday, September 9 from 10 to 2.** There's a lot of dusting and wiping down that needs to be done in the church and throughout the building. (No metal polishing though....)

**Donations in support of those who have suffered from Hurricane Harvey** can be done through the IOCC online at [www.iocc.org](http://www.iocc.org) and we will be taking a collection in church all of this month to help the faithful of our archdiocese who have suffered in this calamity.

**Sunday School** begins Sunday, September 10<sup>th</sup>! We will have three classes: Preschool, K-2, and 3-6. Registration and assignments will be done on the 10<sup>th</sup>.

**Beginning September 20, we will begin our Fall Catechetical Class.** Wednesdays at 6:30 pm. Please feel free to bring dinner or snacks. We will enjoy learning and having fellowship together. The topic will be: “The Early Church: 1 Corinthians from St. Paul, 1 Clement (to the Corinthians), the Didache, and Papias.”

**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**

#### 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
09/07	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

**October**

10/03 Namesday Denise Mikita  
 10/05 Namesday Dana Berry  
 10/07 Birthday Miriam Fox  
 10/08 Anniversary Andrei & Brigitte Tarashchuk  
 10/08 Namesday Taisia Tarashchuk  
 10/08 Namesday Pelagia Tarashchuk  
 10/09 Birthday Taisia Tarashchuk  
 10/14 Birthday Bethany Cheaqui  
 10/14 Namesday Kelsey Perkins  
 10/20 Namesday Russell III Zinng  
 10/22 Birthday Tim Armentrout  
 10/30 Namesday Lisa DeLeo

**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>September</b>				
3	Fr. Seraphim	Joe Mikita	Kaitlin & Hanna	Mikita, J&J /Gisetti, Al
10	Open	Margo Waisanen	Taisia & Alyssa	Spencer / Perkins
16	Church	Andrei Gisetti	Kaitlin & Pelagia !	Picnic Potluck
17	Open	Chris Dovey	Pelagia & Kylee	Rahe, / Rahe,J&S
24	For Carolyn Baldwin	Seraphima Rahe	Kaitlin & Hanna	Gisetti, A& J/Zingg/ Fiscus
<b>October</b>				
1	Dana Berry	Jonathan Spencer	Taisia & Alyssa	Fox/Conder
8	Brigitte Taraschuk	Dana Berry	Pelagia & Kylee	Waisanen / Gisetti, An
15	Kalee Zingg	Joe Mikita	Kaitlin & Hanna	Cheaqui / Saieg, R&L
22	Open	Susan Arnold	Taisia & Alyssa	Veselak/Taraschuk
29	Open	Chris Dovey	Pelagia & Kylee	Beim/Goudzwaard

## Schedule of Services and Events

### September

2	Sat	5:00 pm	Vespers	
3	Sun	9:00 am	Liturgy Coffee hour	
8	Fri	6:30 pm	Liturgy Potluck	<b>Nativity of the Theotokos</b>
9	Sat	10-2 5:00 pm	<u>General Cleanup</u> Vespers	
10	Sun	9:00 am	Liturgy Coffee hour & Sunday School Parish Council Meeting	
14	Thu	6:30 pm	Liturgy Lenten Potluck	<b>Elevation of the Cross</b>
16	Sat	9:00 am 4:00 pm	<b><u>Liturgy, Bishop Basil presiding</u></b> <b><u>Vespers at St. Elias with Bishop Basil presiding</u></b>	<b>10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration</b>
17	Sun	9:00 am	Liturgy Coffee hour & Sunday School	
20	Wed	6:30 pm	Catechetical Class – The Early Church	
23	Sat	5:00 pm	Vespers	
24	Sun	9:00 am	Liturgy Coffee hour & Sunday School	
27	Wed	6:30 pm	Catechetical Class – The Early Church	
29	Fri	7:00 pm	Christian Education Workshop with Kh. Gigi Shadid at St. Elias	
30	Sat	10:00 am 5:00 pm	Christian Education Workshop with Kh. Gigi Shadid at St. Elias Vespers	

### October

1	Sun	9:00 am	Liturgy Coffee hour & Sunday School	
4	Wed	6:30 pm	Catechetical Class – The Early Church	
7	Sat	5:00 pm	Vespers	
8	Sun	9:00 am	Liturgy Coffee hour & Sunday School	
11	Wed	6:30 pm	Catechetical Class – The Early Church	
14	Sat	5:00 pm	Vespers Parish Council Meeting	
15	Sun	9:00 am	Liturgy Coffee hour & Sunday School	
18	Wed	6:30 pm	Catechetical Class – The Early Church	
21	Sat	5:00 pm	Vespers	
22	Sun	9:00 am	Liturgy & Prayer for the New School Year Coffee hour & Sunday School	
25	Wed	6:30 pm	Catechetical Class – The Early Church	
28	Sat	5:00 pm	Vespers	
29	Sun	9:00 am	Liturgy Coffee hour & Sunday School	

## 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.