



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

A Mission of the Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese of North America

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### **October 2017 SJCC News**

My Joy in the Lord,

Thank you for your welcome to the Bishop and your help in making our 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary a roaring success!

It is with gratefulness that I tell you that he found our service, our choir, and all of you, with all of our children participating, prayerful. This is high praise.

My rule has always been that a child is not too loud as long as I can hear myself during the service. (It's a little different during the sermon, but my tolerance is far higher than that of most mothers/fathers....)

Children belong in church just as everyone else does as well. But they can only learn what the church means for them if going to church is not a burden but a joy. And this can only happen if they are allowed the freedom to be in church. There is a wonderful quote from Metropolitan Anthony of Surozh (actually, he was bishop of London) in which people complained to him that the children in church were interfering with their prayers. His response was: "When you really learn to pray then the children will not longer be a problem." Far too often have parents tried to make their children be mini-adults in church or distracted them by sending them to play somewhere else so that they had no time in church. Neither is a good solution.

I had a family, many years ago, whose children could not sit still. They had to move around and constantly needed a distraction. The sad reality was that church was the only time they were asked to sit still. They never had dinner as a family, they never did anything together, or ever asked the girls to be anything but self-centered. Obviously church was a horrible time for them because it was the only time in the week that they could not do whatever they wanted to, whenever they wanted to.

This is what fasting teaches us and why we say that even the youngest of children can learn to fast. Because at heart, fasting is about controlling our appetites, our desires and learning to postpone things. Fasting is about being able to tell myself "No, not now". It is only through fasting that we can have any hope of a better Christian life.

The youngest children need time to learn, they need time to grow. This is not a process that can be imposed on a schedule other than their own. That's why I believe it is appropriate for a child to bring a plush toy or soft book or two into church (the soft ones are preferred because I once had a boy who thought it great fun to throw his toy metal car at people's heads...)(Coloring books not so good because they require so many pieces.) Hearing and seeing the service right there, even while distracted by a toy, is much better than hearing the service from somewhere over in the distant background from a playroom.

Please note that we do have a playroom and I do encourage parents to take a child there when necessary. Sometimes children don't feel well and the service is too long for them, sometimes they're just out of sorts and need to be able to run around, to have some physical activity. You have to find and define the middle ground a child needs – the middle ground between straitjacketing and coddling. And may we all, as a community, be helpful in raising our children, being examples of love, forbearance, and acceptance.

With love, in Christ,  
Fr. Seraphim

**A Parish Huddle** will be held this Sunday during Coffee Hour. We need to re-establish some directions for us as a parish and to re-examine what and how we are doing.

**The Parish Annual Assembly will be on Sunday, November 12 following Coffee Hour (which will be a potluck that day).** There will be no Sunday School on that day.

**We will be having a Special Collection** this month on October 22 for the the Teen SOYO Special Olympics – hosted at the Antiochian Village.

**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**

#### 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 Zinnig
10/22	Birthday	Tim Armentrout

#### November

11/06	Anniversary	Becca & Zach Higgins
11/07	Birthday	Nina Beim
11/08	Namesday	Micco Waisanen
11/08	Namesday	Mike Drakulich
11/09	Birthday	Margaret Berry
11/09	Birthday	Joseph Berry
11/10	Birthday	Andrei Gisetti
11/11	Birthday	Zachary Higgins
11/17	Birthday	Dcn Jan Veselak
11/23	Namesday	Sandro Beim
11/23	Namesday	Alexander Higgins
11/25	Namesday	Ketino Beim
11/25	Namesday	Caitlin Dovey
11/26	Birthday	Emma Dovey
11/26	Birthday	Jakob Higgins
11/30	Namesday	Andrei Gisetti
11/30	Namesday	Andrei Tarashchuk

### **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>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
<b>November</b>				
5	Becca Higgins	Joe Mikita	Kaitlin & Hanna	Berry/Armentrout
12	Parish	Andrei Gisetti	Taisia & Alyssa	Potluck-Annual Meeting
19	Open	Margo Waisanen	Pelagia & Kylee	Open
25	Ketino Beim	Jonathan Spencer	Kaitlin & Hanna	Wallace/Arnold

## Schedule of Services and Events

### October

1	Sun	9:00 am	Liturgy Coffee hour & Sunday School Parish Huddle
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 Parish Council Meeting
11	Wed	6:30 pm	Catechetical Class – The Early Church
14	Sat	5:00 pm	Vespers
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 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

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4	Sat	5:00 pm	Vespers	
5	Sun	9:00 am	Liturgy Coffee hour & Sunday School Parish Council	
8	Wed	6:30 pm	Catechetical Class – The Early Church	
11	Sat	5:00 pm	Vespers	
12	Sun	9:00 am	Liturgy Coffee hour & Annual Assembly (NO Sunday School)	
15	Wed	6:30 pm	Catechetical Class – The Early Church	
18	Sat	5:00 pm	Vespers	
19	Sun	9:00 am	Liturgy Coffee hour & Sunday School	
21	Tue	6:30 pm	Liturgy Potluck	<b>Presentation of the Theotokos</b>
22	Wed	6:30 pm	Catechetical Class – The Early Church	
23	Thu	9:00 am	Liturgy	<b>Thanksgiving</b>
25	Sat	5:00 pm	Vespers	
26	Sun	9:00 am	Liturgy Coffee hour & Sunday School	
29	Wed	6:30 pm	Catechetical Class – The Early Church	

## 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.