



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

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### **May 2012 SJCC News**

My Joy in the Lord,  
Christ is Risen!

During this period of Pascha, "let us rejoice and be glad in it". I know it is hard to celebrate something for 40 or 50 days, but just like fasting, the Church expects us to elevate our spiritual lives with the joy of the resurrection.

We usually only think of fasting as something that is asked of us by the Church. But celebrations are also asked of us. There are several canons that deal with celebrations and each of them says that failure to celebrate is cause for excommunication. Interestingly, while there are several canons that deal with fasting, I can't think of one which deals excommunication for failing to fast!

So, celebrate with joy and enjoy the feast for the salvation of the world has been accomplished.

With love, in Christ,  
Fr. Seraphim

**YAL Schedule:** Please contact Kara Yakubik for details.

#### **Day of Service signups:**

Please continue to sign up for Coffee Hour and cleanup – this is an important aspect of what is meant by being one of the People of God- to help serve each other.

#### **REMINDER: Mother's day Brunch**

Brothers, it is the men's turn to provide a brunch for the parish on May 13. If you have not yet been contacted by Fr. Seraphim, please contact him about what you can bring to the celebration!

#### **Annual Parish Picnic**

The Annual Picnic on Pentecost is still not quite determined, but save the date: June 3. After the Vespers with the Prayers of Kneeling – which will be served immediately at the end of Liturgy and before the veneration of the Cross.

#### **SS. Peter & Paul**

In the past, I have encouraged you to go to the local church that is celebrating it's Patronal feast for the Major Holidays. But I have noticed that, with distances being what they are, few are able to go. So we will start having those services at St. John's.

## Parishioner Celebrations in May & June

**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 Birthday Anna Gisetti  
05/08 Anniversary Bert & Margo Waisanen  
05/08 Birthday Paul Saieg  
05/09 Birthday Sean Weddingfeld  
05/14 Birthday Ahnna Rom  
05/14 Birthday Kylee Gisetti  
05/15 Birthday Alexander Watson (Higgins)  
05/15 Birthday Ed Leshinski  
05/17 Birthday Hannah Fox  
05/31 Anniversary Andrei & Jacque Gisetti

### June

06/02 Anniversary Joe & Joyce Mikita  
06/03 Namesday Paula Leshinski  
06/07 Namesday Priscilla Negreanu  
06/16 Birthday Kara Yakubik  
06/20 Birthday Rebecca Higgins  
06/27 Namesday Jacque Gisetti  
06/29 Anniversary Christina & Deacon Jan Veselak  
06/29 Namesday Paul Saieg

### PROSPHORA Baking Schedule

PLEASE make sure that you bring ONE (and only one) prosphora with names for commemoration 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 Proskmedia 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. I don't need more than one. If you bake two or more, keep the rest and use them as you would any other home-made bread. Despite having a seal, they are not blessed and can be eaten just like regular bread.

### May

6 Bert & Margo Waisanen  
13 Sean Weddingfeld  
20 Miriam & Josh Fox (for Hannah)  
27 Andrei & Jacque Gisetti

### June

3 Paula Leshinski  
10 Kara Yakubik  
17 Jacque Gisetti  
24 Christina Veselak

## **On the Ascension**

So often, the Holy Day of the Ascension flies by us without much notice. All of a sudden we stop singing “Christ is Risen” though the church is still in white, but that quickly vanishes – one Sunday and it changes. We have come to Pentecost.

Even the Church sometimes seems to grudgingly remember this celebration. We have a celebration of Mid-Pentecost, but no celebration of mid-Pascha!

But the Ascension is one of the more important acts of Our Lord in this life. Without the Ascension, Pentecost and the Descent of the Holy Spirit is impossible. Without the Ascension, the Church does not come to be. Without the Ascension, our Lord does not sit at the right of the Father and does not come again – and we are left without an eternal Kingdom. Oh, the destruction of Hades has been done and death has been overthrown, and the Kingdom of God has been opened to all, but without the Ascension, the world does not have an end, corruption becomes eternal.

It is this last aspect that is such an important part of the life of the Church. We are often so used to the corruption that surrounds us – the decay, the death, the illnesses, the hurts, the anger, the jealousy, we can go and on and on, listing the various corruptions of soul and body and spirit that we often think of them as “usual”. We speak of them as the “usual sins”. We consider them the “usual” aspects of life: who goes through life without ever barking their shins or skinning their knees? But these are all aspects of the corruption of this world. We thank God that there will be an end to them. We pray for God's mercy to give us a place where such things no longer exist.

But without the Ascension of our Lord, such hope would not exist because He would still be in this world -an eternal Man, confined with His human body to human living.

But with His Ascension, everything changes. The Holy Spirit can now come and “fill all things”, “be everywhere present” and inspire and guide the Church through the ages. Now the corruption of the world will come to an end because the Lord will come again. In His first coming, He ended the dominion of death. In His second Coming, He will end the corruption of the world and restore that part of Creation which accepts His Dominion to the perfection which God wanted us to have from the beginning.

In the Holy Day of the Ascension, let us celebrate not just His movement from earth back to Heaven, but the next step in the salvation of the world.

## Schedule of Services and Events

### May

5	Sat	5:00 pm	Vespers	
6	Sun	9:00 am	Liturgy	<b>Sunday of the Paralytic</b>
12	Sat	5:00 pm	Vespers	
13	Sun	9:00 am	Liturgy	<b>Sunday of the Samaritan Woman</b>
17	Thu	7:00 pm	Inquirer's Discussion	
19	Sat	5:00 pm	Vespers & Open Discussion	
20	Sun	9:00 am	Liturgy	<b>Sunday of the Blind Man</b>
24	Thu	6:30 pm	Liturgy & Potluck	<b>Ascension of our Lord</b>
26	Sat	5:00 pm	Vespers	
27	Sun	9:00 am	Liturgy	<b>Fathers of the 1<sup>st</sup> Ecum. Council</b>

### June

2	Sat	5:00 pm	Vespers	
3	Sun	9:00 am	Liturgy	<b>Pentecost</b>
			Vespers with Prayers of Kneeling	
6 - 9			<u>Parish Life Conference</u>	
9	Sat		<b>NO VESPERS</b>	
10	Sun	9:00 am	Liturgy	<b>All Saints</b>
11	Mon		<u>Beginning of the Apostles Fast</u>	
16	Sat	5:00 pm	Vespers	
17	Sun	9:00 am	Liturgy	
21	Thu	7:00 pm	Inquirer's Discussion	
23	Sat	5:00 pm	Vespers	
24	Sun	9:00 am	Liturgy	
29	Fri	6:30 pm	Liturgy & Potluck	<b>Ss. Peter &amp; Paul</b>
30	Sat	9:00 am	Vespers	

## Looking ahead - 2012 General Schedule of Services

(see monthly newsletter for changes)

### 2012

#### **June**

3	Sun	9:00 am	Liturgy	<b>Pentecost</b>
11	Mon			<i>SS. Peter &amp; Paul Fast begins</i>
29	Fri	6:30 pm	Liturgy	<b>SS. Peter &amp; Paul</b>

#### **August**

1	Wed			<i>Dormition fast begins</i>
6	Mon	6:30 pm	Liturgy	<b>Transfiguration of Our Lord</b>
15	Wed	6:30 pm	Liturgy	<b>Dormition of the Theotokos</b>

#### **September**

8	Sat	9:00 am	Liturgy	<b>Nativity of the Theotokos</b>
14	Fri	6:30 pm	Liturgy	<b>Elevation of the Cross</b>

#### **November**

13	Tue	6:30 pm	Liturgy	<b>St. John Chrysostom (Patronal Feast)</b>
15	Thu			<i>Nativity Fast begins</i>
21	Wed	6:30 pm	Liturgy	<b>Entrance into the Temple of the Theotokos</b>

#### **December**

24	Mon	9:00 am	Royal Hours	<i>Nativity Eve</i>
			Vesperal Liturgy	
		7:00 pm	Vigil	
25	Tue	9:00 am	Liturgy	<b>Nativity of our Lord</b>

# MAY 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5 5 pm Vespers
6 9 am Liturgy	7	8	9	10	11	12 5 pm Vespers
13 Mother's Day 9 am Liturgy	14	15	16	17	18	19 5 pm Vespers
20 9 am Liturgy	21	22	23	24 ASCENSION of our Lord 6:30 pm Liturgy	25	26 5 pm Vespers
27 9 am Liturgy	28 Memorial Day	29	30	31		

### April 2012

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