



St. John Chrysostom Church

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August 2012 SJCC News

My Joy in the Lord,

This month we celebrate two Great Holy Days: the Transfiguration of our Lord and the Dormition of the Theotokos. The Transfiguration is one of my favorite celebrations of the year because in it we commemorate God's gift to the Apostles to see reality. More than anything else, I pray that all of us may be given that gift to see the reality, not only of our lives, but the lives of those around us. That perspicacity, the ability to see beyond the surface, is best shown in a vignette about a monk and his disciple who went to the near-by town. As they entered, they met the mayor and the monk bowed briefly to him. Later, they had to walk around the town drunk, lying in the gutter, and the monk made a full prostration to him. The disciple was amazed and asked the monk, "Father, why did you barely acknowledge the mayor but prostrated before the drunk?" The monk replied, "The mayor's soul was so colorless, but that man's soul had all the colors of the rainbow." May we be given to see the light of Christ in all whom we meet.

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.

Parish Garage Sale – August 10 & 11. Please bring whatever you have (in good condition, no disrepair) to either church this Sunday or Anne Emmon's house before August 9th.

Vespers for Transfiguration on August 5 will be at Transfiguration Cathedral, 47th & Logan at 6:30 pm

Please mark your calendars to join us for a special Liturgy with His Grace, **Bishop Basil** on **Monday, September 3 (Labor Day)** to celebrate our 5th anniversary as a parish and Fr. Seraphim and Masha's 40th anniversary. A delicious brunch and celebration will follow. Please bring your memories of our parish's first 5 years to share then. (Others can bring memories of Fr. Seraphim and Masha from whenever.... How far back do you go with them? Bishop Basil was in their wedding party....)

Pledges (Tithing) – it is time to think about tithing for next year. I will have more to say next month when we begin our pledge drive but you will see one change from past years – pledges will now be called tithes. Whether or not your financial tithe is an actual 10% or not is up to you, as always, but the form will speak of tithing, not pledging.

Fr. James Worth will serve for me on August 26, while I am away. There will be no Vespers on the 25th.

The Liturgy on September 2nd will be at **St. Elias**, our mother church. There will be **no** Liturgy at St. John's on that day – but see above for Labor day Monday!

Parishioner Celebrations in June & July

**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
08/08	Anniversary	Eric & Joy Jerome
08/09	Namesday	Matthew Bourquin
08/13	Birthday	Denise Mikita
08/15	Namesday	Maria Mantas
08/16	Birthday	Kelsey Perkins
08/17	Anniversary	Timothy & Betty Wretling
08/20	Namesday	Samuel Wretling
08/21	Anniversary	Krista & Michael Bergren
08/22	Anniversary	Josh & Miriam Fox
08/23	Anniversary	Micky & Fanny Negreanu
08/23	Birthday	Serena Jerome
08/26	Namesday	Natalia Issatchenko
08/27	Birthday	Haley Bergren
08/28	Anniversary	Sidney & Tim Kurtz
08/31	Namesday	Sidney Gray-Kurtz

September

09/01	Namesday	Joshua Fox
09/03	Anniversary	Fr. Seraphim & Masha Gisetti
09/04	Anniversary	Jonathan & Larissa Spencer
09/04	Birthday	Micky Negreanu
09/07	Birthday	Sidney Gray-Kurtz
09/09	Namesday	Ahnna Rom
09/09	Namesday	Anna Gisetti
09/09	Namesday	Anne Emmons
09/09	Namesday	Kara Yakubik
09/09	Namesday	Miriam Fox
09/10	Birthday	Lisa DeLeo
09/15	Birthday	Eric Jerome
09/25	Birthday	Fanny Negreanu
09/25	Birthday	Jaime Rall
09/30	Birthday	Carolyn Baldwin

PROSPHORA Baking Schedule

PLEASE make sure that you bring ONE (and only one) prospora 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 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. 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.

August

4 Eric & Joy Jerome
11 Timothy Wrettlng
18 Josh & Miriam Fox
25 Natalia Issatchenko

September

2 Fr. Seraphim
9 Anna Gisetti
16 Eric Jerome
23 Jaime Rall
30 Dana Berry

REMINDER: when you are scheduled to provide the prospora for a Sunday, I expect and ask / plead – **give me a list of names of your family to commemorate.** Too often I have gotten a loaf but no names!!! This includes both living and departed. If some of the living or departed are not Orthodox, I want them anyway. Thank you for remembering this.

Looking ahead - 2012 General Schedule of Services

(see monthly newsletter for changes)

2012

November

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

December

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

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January

5	Sat	5:00 pm	Vespers w/ Blessing of Water	
6	Sun	9:00 am	Liturgy	Theophany of our Lord

February

2	Sat	9:00 am	Liturgy & Brunch	Meeting of our Lord
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Schedule of Services and Events

August

1			<i><u>Dormition Fast begins</u></i>	
4	Sat	5:00 pm	Vespers	
5	Sun	9:00 am	Liturgy	
		6:30 pm	<i>Vespers at Transfiguration Cathedral</i>	
6	Mon	6:30 pm	Liturgy & Potluck	Transfiguration of our Lord
11	Sat	5:00 pm	Vespers	
12	Sun	9:00 am	Liturgy	
15	Wed	6:30 pm	Liturgy & Potluck	Dormition of the Theotokos
16	Thu	7:00 pm	Inquirer's Discussion	
18	Sat	5:00 pm	Vespers	
19	Sun	9:00 am	Liturgy	
25	Sat		NO Vespers	
26	Sun	9:00 am	Liturgy	
29	Wed	6:30 pm	Liturgy	Beheading of St. John the Baptist <i>STRICT FAST DAY (no potluck)</i>

September

1	Sat	5:00 pm	Vespers	
2	Sun	9:00 am	Liturgy at St. Elias with Bishop Basil	
3	Mon	9:00 am	Liturgy with Bishop Basil	
8	Sat	9:00 am	Liturgy	Nativity of the Theotokos
		5:00 pm	Vespers	
9	Sun	9:00 am	Liturgy	
14	Fri	6:30 pm	Liturgy	Elevation of the Cross
15	Sat	5:00 pm	Vespers	
16	Sun	9:00 am	Liturgy	
20	Thu	7:00 pm	Inquirer's Discussion	
22	Sat	5:00 pm	Vespers	
23	Sun	9:00 am	Liturgy	
29	Sat	5:00 pm	Vespers	
30	Sun	9:00 am	Liturgy	

AUGUST 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Start of Dormition Fast	2	3	4 5 pm Vespers
5 9 am Liturgy	6 TRANSFIGURATION 6:30 pm Liturgy Potluck	7	8	9	10	11 5 pm Vespers
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19 9 am Liturgy	20	21	22	23	24	25 NO Vespers
26 9 am Liturgy	27	28	29 Beheading of St. John the Baptist 6:30 pm Liturgy No Potluck	30	31	

July 2012

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