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January 2013 SJCC News

My Joy in the Lord,

I greet you in this new year and wish you all the best.

During this coming year we will need to look very carefully for a new place for us as we will be homeless after next January. As I come to your house during house blessing, I hope to talk with you more about our needs and how you can help.

Besides the Holy Day of Theophany that we are so familiar with – January also is the month to celebrate the Apostles and Holy Fathers. We begin with the 70 Apostles on January 4 and conclude with the three Holy Hierarchs on January 30 (another celebration of our Patron Saint, though not a Patronal Feast Day).

May we all share in the Spirit that inspired those holy men and women as we continue the work that they began – nurturing the Faith.

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.

January House Blessings: Further down is my House Blessing Schedule for January. Please look at it carefully. If the time I have scheduled is inconvenient or becomes so, call or email me and I'll change it.

Adult Discussions: I will start having them at 3:30 on the last Saturday of the month. These will be a combination of Bible Study and open discussions about the Faith.

Parent Discussions: I have wanted to get our younger parents together to talk about how to raise children in the Church. This is not to imply that you are not doing a good job already, but to suggest that getting together and talking about some of the issues – from the standpoint of how to deal with the non-Christian pressures of our society – would be helpful. So, I will start having these discussions on the 3rd Saturday of the month at 4 pm. I hope that all of you can make it – whatever the age of your children. :-)

We will be starting Matins once a month. On the 2nd Sunday of each month, we will have Matins (Orthros) starting at 8 am. This, hopefully, will lead to having Matins regularly. The actual name of the service is: “Morning” - which is how we get Matins (morning in Latin) or Orthros (morning in Greek). We haven't been bold enough in the US (or anywhere in the English speaking world) to just call it “morning”.

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 Proskomedie 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.

January

6 Parish (Theophany)
13 Larissa Spencer
20 Timothy Wretling
27 Masha Gisetti

February

3 Krista Bergren
10 Dana Berry
17 Mickey & Fanny Negreanu
24 Fr. Seraphim

REMINDER: when you are scheduled to provide the prosphora 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.

Parishioner Celebrations in January & February

**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**

January

01/07	Namesday	Ladd Moravek
01/07	Namesday	John Russell
01/07	Namesday	Sean Weddingfeld
01/15	Birthday	Matthew Bourquin
01/17	Birthday	Nathan Berry
01/17	Birthday	Larissa Spencer
01/19	Birthday	John Russell
01/22	Namesday	Timothy Spencer
01/22	Namesday	Timothy Wretling

February

02/03	Birthday	Dana Berry
02/03	Birthday	Masha Gisetti
02/04	Birthday	Maria Mantas
02/06	Namesday	Krista Bergren
02/10	Birthday	Natalia Issatchenko
02/14	Anniversary	Mickey & Fanny Negreanu
02/16	Birthday	Priscilla Negreanu

House Blessing Schedule

Sun	6	12:00	Leshinski, E & P
		13:30	Gisetti, A & J
		15:00	Fox, J & M
		16:30	Waisanen, B & M
		18:00	Yakubik, K
Mon	7	11:30	Baldwin, C
		13:00	Mikita, J & J
		14:30	Grace, J & L
		19:30	Negreanu, M & F
Tue	8	12:00	Peyton, O
		13:30	Berry, N & D
		15:00	Fredrickson, K
		17:30	Kurtz, T & S
		19:30	Weddingfeld, S&J
Wed	9	12:00	Perkins, K
		18:30	Rall, J
		19:30	Saieg, P
Thu	10	16:00	Emmons, A
		18:00	Gisetti, A & A
		19:00	Mikita, D
Fri	11	18:00	Higgins, R
		19:30	DeLeo & Bergren
Sat	12	13:00	Moravek, L
TBD			Jerome, E & J
TBD			Spencer, J & L
TBD			Wrettlng, Tim
TBD			Negreanu, P

Schedule of Services and Events

January

4	Fri	9:00 am	Royal Hours
5	Sat	9:00 am	Liturgy Eve of Theophany
		5:00 pm	Vespers <u>and Blessing of Water</u>
6	Sun	9:00 am	Liturgy Theophany
12	Sat	5:00 pm	Vespers
13	Sun	8:00 am	Matins (Orthros)
		9:00 am	Liturgy Sunday after the Theophany
19	Sat	4:00 pm	<u>Parents Discussion</u>
		5:00 pm	Vespers
20	Sun	9:00 am	Liturgy
26	Sat	3:30 pm	<u>Adult Discussion</u>
		5:00 pm	Vespers
27	Sun	9:00 am	Liturgy

February

2	Sat	9:00 am	Liturgy Meeting of our Lord
			Brunch at TBD?
		5:00 pm	Vespers
3	Sun	9:00 am	Liturgy
9	Sat	5:00 pm	Vespers
10	Sun	8:00 am	Matins (Orthros)
		9:00 am	Liturgy
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		5:00 pm	Vespers
17	Sun	9:00 am	Liturgy
23	Sat	3:30 pm	<u>Adult Discussion</u>
		5:00 pm	Vespers
24	Sun	9:00 am	Liturgy Sunday of the Publican & Pharisee

Daily Scripture Readings: I am not including daily readings of Scripture because there are so many on-line sources and they don't agree; so rather than my adding to the confusion, pick one and follow it. The same holds true for the commemoration of the saints – there are many calendars and while most agree on the majority of days, when they do disagree, it is always for historical reasons rather than theological, so pick a calendar and follow it.

Looking ahead - 2013 General Schedule of Services

(see monthly newsletter for changes)

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**

March

18 Mon *Great Fast begins*
25 Mon 9:00 am Liturgy & Potluck **Annunciation**

April

28 Sun 9:00 am Liturgy **Palm Sunday**

May

5 Sun midnight Matins & Liturgy & BreakFast **PASCHA**
19 Sun 9:00 am Hierarchical Liturgy w/ Bishop Basil

June

6-8 Parish Life Conference in Kansas City.
13 Thu 6:30 pm Liturgy & Potluck **Ascension of our Lord**
23 Sun 9:00 am Liturgy **Pentecost**
29 Sat 9:00 am Liturgy & Brunch **SS. Peter & Paul**

August

1 Thu *Dormition fast begins*
6 Tue 6:30 pm Liturgy & Potluck **Transfiguration of Our Lord**
15 Thu 6:30 pm Liturgy & Potluck **Dormition of the Theotokos**

September

8 Sun 9:00 am Liturgy **Nativity of the Theotokos**
14 Sat 9:00 am Liturgy & Brunch **Elevation of the Cross**

November

13 Wed 6:30 pm Liturgy & Potluck **St. John Chrysostom (Patronal Feast)**
15 Fri *Nativity Fast begins*
21 Thu 6:30 pm Liturgy & Potluck **Entrance into the Temple of the Theotokos**
28 Thu 9:00 am Liturgy **Thanksgiving Day**

December

24 Tue 9:00 am Royal Hours *Nativity Eve*
Vesperal Liturgy
7:00 pm Vigil
25 Wed 9:00 am Liturgy **Nativity of our Lord**