



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

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### **March 2013 SJCC News**

My Joy in the Lord,

Great Lent is beginning. In many respects this is a somber time, a time for reflection and repentance. But, as Fr. Alexander Schmemmann put it, it is also a time of joy. We need to find a joy in ourselves even as we see how far we are from God. We need to find that joy that God sees in us. He does not love us for our sufferings, He loves us for the divine Joy that we find in ourselves in every day of our lives.

As we go through Lent, let us not forget to find a way to enjoy it as well!

With love, in Christ,  
Fr. Seraphim

**Please join us for a luncheon** on Sunday March 17 to honor Paul Saieg who successfully defended his thesis and graduated with honors from St. Vladimir's Seminar with a Masters in Theology (ThM)

**Fr. John Behr will be with us for a retreat on Saturday, March 30.** The retreat begins at 10 am and finishes with Vespers. The topic is: Being Human PLEASE make this a part of your Lent. Donation is \$15 and Lunch is included. Please contact Anna Gisetti to find out how you can help.

**YAL Schedule:** Spiritual Discussion with Fr. George Dokos. 6:30 pm Tuesday, March 16. The topic is Repentance. Please read the book "Return" by Archimandrite Nektarios Antonopoulos. See Anna or Kara for a PDF version of the book.

Service in the City on Tue, Mar 12, at the Riviera Motel on E. Colfax. We will meet at 2 pm at Alina's house to prepare the food items and head to the motel.

**REMINDER:** The book for our after Presanctified Lenten discussions will be "The Faith We Hold" by Archbishop Paul of Finland (available in our bookstore). Please read:

Mar 20 : pgs 15-28; Mar 27: 31-46; Apr 3: 47-62; Apr 10: 65-74; Apr 17: 75-78; Apr 24: 79-96

**May 19 Celebration.** Fr. Seraphim will be celebrating his 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in the priesthood on Sunday, May 19. Bishop Basil and Bishop Alexander (Golitzin) will be with us on that day for Liturgy and a luncheon banquet. All proceeds from the Banquet will go towards our Building Fund. Please put it on your calendar. More details will be coming in the mail.

**The St. John's Antiochian Women are putting together a St. John's cookbook to sell.** We ask you and your family for recipe contributions for the cookbook. Please make sure to give credit to whom it belongs. Feel free to include 1-3 sentences about the recipe, its significance, its history, etc. If you have a picture of the finished product, please include it as well. Please email recipes to Anna at [anna.gisetti@gmail.com](mailto:anna.gisetti@gmail.com) or get a paper copy to her by March 15<sup>th</sup>.

**Adult Discussions:** 3:30 on the last Saturday of the month. These are a combination of Bible Study and open discussions about the Faith.

**Parent Discussions:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of the month at 4 pm.

## **REMEMBER Sunday School!!!!**

### **PROSPHORA Baking Schedule**

#### **March**

3 Jaime Rall  
10 Paula Leshinski  
17 Olga Payton  
24 Jonathan Spencer  
31 Larissa Spencer

#### **April**

7 Alexandra Gisetti  
14 Masha Gisetti  
21 Alexandra Gisetti  
28 Parish

**REMINDER:** PLEASE make sure that you bring ONE (and only one) prospophora 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 Proskomedie early and need the prospophora to be there. If it's not there by the night before, I will defrost a spare to use. Thank you for your consideration.

#### **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**

#### **March**

03/04 Namesday Jaime Rall  
03/08 Birthday Claire Emmons  
03/10 Birthday Paula Leshinski  
03/13 Namesday Christine Negreanu  
03/15 Birthday Nickolas Higgins  
03/18 Namesday Eric Jerome  
03/19 Anniversary Olga Payton  
03/19 Birthday Joseph Mikita  
03/20 Namesday Claire Emmons  
03/21 Birthday Olga Payton  
03/21 Birthday Jonathan Spencer  
03/26 Namesday Larissa Spencer  
03/28 Birthday Cody Bergren  
03/31 Birthday Christine Negreanu

#### **April**

04/01 Birthday Alexandra Gisetti  
04/01 Namesday Masha Gisetti  
04/23 Namesday Alexandra Gisetti  
04/23 Namesday Serena Jerome

**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.

**NOTE: There will be no Sunday of Orthodoxy Vespers on Sunday, March 24 because it is the eve of Annunciation. Sunday Evening Lenten Vespers will begin on Sunday, March 31.**

## Schedule of Services and Events

### March

2	Sat	5:00 pm	Vespers	
3	Sun	9:00 am	Liturgy	<b>Sunday of the Prodigal Son</b>
9	Sat	5:00 pm	Vespers	
10	Sun	8:00 am	<u>Matins (Orthros)</u>	
		9:00 am	Liturgy	<b>Meatfare Sunday</b>
16	Sat	4:00 pm	<u>Parents Discussion</u>	
		5:00 pm	Vespers	
17	Sun	9:00 am	Liturgy	<b>Cheesefare Sunday</b>
			Forgiveness Vespers (after Coffee hour)	
18	Mon		<u>Start of Great Lent</u>	
		7:00 pm	Great Compline with Canon of St. Andrew of Crete	
20	Wed	6:30 pm	Presanctified Liturgy	
			Lenten Potluck and Discussion	
23	Sat	5:00 pm	Vespers	
24	Sun	9:00 am	Liturgy	<b>Sunday of Orthodoxy</b>
25	Mon	6:30 pm	Evening Liturgy	<b>Annunciation to the Theotokos</b>
			Potluck	
27	Wed	6:30 pm	Presanctified Liturgy	
			Lenten Potluck and Discussion	
30	Sat	9:00 am	<b>Retreat with Fr. John Behr: "Being Human"</b>	
		5:00 pm	Vespers	
31	Sun	9:00 am	Liturgy	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent (St. Gregory Palamas)</b>
<b>April</b>				
3	Wed	6:30 pm	Presanctified Liturgy	
			Lenten Potluck and Discussion	
6	Sat	9:00 am	<b>Teaching Liturgy</b>	
		5:00 pm	Vespers	
7	Sun	9:00 am	Liturgy	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent (The Cross)</b>
10	Wed	6:30 pm	Presanctified Liturgy	
			Lenten Potluck and Discussion	
13	Sat	5:00 pm	Vespers	
14	Sun	8:00 am	<u>Matins (Orthros)</u>	
		9:00 am	Liturgy	<b>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent (St. John Climacus)</b>
17	Wed	6:30 pm	Presanctified Liturgy	
			Lenten Potluck and Short Discussion	
			Great Canon of St. Andrew of Crete	
19	Fri	7:00 pm	Lauds of the Theotokos	
20	Sat	4:00 pm	<u>Parents Discussion</u>	
		5:00 pm	Vespers	
21	Sun	9:00 am	Liturgy	<b>5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent (St. Mary of Egypt)</b>
24	Wed	6:30 pm	Presanctified Liturgy	
			Lenten Potluck and Discussion	
27	Sat	9:00 am	Liturgy	<b>Lazarus Saturday</b>
		3:30 pm	<u>Adult Discussion</u>	
		5:00 pm	Vespers with blessing of Palms and Pussywillows	
28	Sun	9:00 am	Liturgy	<b>Palm Sunday (Entrance into Jerusalem)</b>
29	Mon	7:00 pm	Bridegroom Matins	<b>Holy Monday</b>
30	Tue	6:30 pm	Presanctified Liturgy (no potluck)	<b>Holy Tuesday</b>

## Looking ahead - 2013 General Schedule of Services

(see monthly newsletter for changes)

### 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

Vigil

25 Wed 9:00 am Liturgy **Nativity of our Lord**