



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

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### **April 2013 SJCC News**

My Joy in the Lord,

This month is the middle of Great Lent. And, normally, I do not encourage major decisions to be made while fasting. Not only does the devil work harder to inflame passions during this time, but we do not need a distraction from our spiritual lives in most cases.

This year, I believe, is an exception. We have an opportunity to purchase a home for us. We had a Special Meeting and approved the purchase with some limitations. As I write this, I have heard from the Metropolitan and we have his blessing to proceed. But, we have not done several other steps that we are required, as good stewards, to do – assess, inspect, and agree to terms.

The first meeting to establish this mission was held in Wheat Ridge. Perhaps it is God's providence that is moving us back for our first home there as well.

I am reminded of the Hebrews in Exodus – wandering without a home. Their time for wandering was not supposed to be 40 years, but several failures of faith condemned them to keep wandering and Moses never saw the promised land except from afar.

Please spend some extra time in prayer in these next few weeks for God's plan for us to become clear. This is NOT a perfect place for us, but there is no perfect place for us outside of Heaven. It is a place for us to grow.

During the meeting I heard all sorts of reservations, and I agree with most of them, but despite reservations, I do believe that God is leading us in this direction. I believe this is a good thing for us to do but I am not the church, we all are. This is why we need everyone's prayers. Take a moment, every day, to ask God to clear our minds and our hearts of all distractions, so that we may truly do His Will.

With love, in Christ,  
Fr. Seraphim

**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:

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.

**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.

## PROSPHORA Baking Schedule

### April

7 Alexandra Gisetti  
14 Masha Gisetti  
21 Alexandra Gisetti  
28 Parish (Palm Sunday)

### May

5 Parish (Pascha)  
12 Bert & Margo Waisanen  
19 Fr. Seraphim  
26 Andrei & Jacque Gisetti

**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 Proskomedie 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.

### Parishioner Celebrations in April & May

**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**

### April

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

### May

05/03 Birthday Anna Gisetti  
05/05 Birthday Matthew Pullos  
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

**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.

### FUN FACTS:

There are 15 readings on Holy Saturday at the Vespertine Liturgy, more than on any other day. The most that any other service has is 8. In the Typikon of Patriarch Alexios the Studite of Constantinople, composed in 1034, there is a note after the 8<sup>th</sup> reading on Holy Saturday. “If the Patriarch has not finished baptizing, continue with..” The Patriarch hasn't baptized in almost a thousand years on Holy Saturday (and won't serve in our church anyway), but we're still waiting for him to finish .....

## Schedule of Services and Events

### April

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>

### May

1	Wed	7:00 pm	Matins of Holy Thursday and Unction	<b>Holy Wednesday</b>
2	Thu	4:00 pm	Vesperal Liturgy of the Mystical Supper	<b>Holy Thursday</b>
		7:00 pm	Matins of Holy Friday (12 Gospels)	
3	Fri	9:00 am	Royal Hours	<b>Holy Friday</b>
		3:00 pm	Burial Vespers with Epitaphios/Plaschanitsa	
		7:00 pm	Matins of Holy Saturday (Praises/Lamentations) (Descent to Hades)	
4	Sat	10:00 am	Vesperal Liturgy (Harrowing of Hades)	<b>Holy Saturday</b>
		<b>11:30 pm</b>	<b>Nocturne</b>	
5	Sun	<b>12:01 am</b>	<b>Paschal Procession</b>	<b>PASCHA</b>
			<b>Paschal Matins</b>	
			<b>Paschal Liturgy</b>	
			<b>Paschal Meal</b>	
		<b>noon</b>	<b>Paschal (Agape) Vespers</b>	
6	Mon	9:00 am	Liturgy Paschal Meal at TBA	<b>Bright Monday</b>
11	Sat	5:00 pm	Vespers	
12	Sun	8:00 am	<u>Matins/Orthros</u>	<b>Thomas Sunday</b>
		9:00 am	Liturgy	
18	Sat	4:00 pm	<u>Parent Discussion (With ?)</u>	
		5:00 pm	Vespers	

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<b>May (cont.)</b>				
19	Sun	9:00 am	Hierarchical Liturgy	Myrrhbearers Sunday
			Coffee	
		12:30 pm	Reception at the Vista at Applewood Golf Course, Golden	
		1:30 pm	Lunch	
25	Sat	3:30 pm	<u>Adult Discussion</u>	
		5:00 pm	Vespers	
26	Sun	9:00 am	Liturgy	Sunday of the Paralytic

**Looking ahead - 2013 General Schedule of Services**

(see monthly newsletter for changes)

<b>May</b>				
5	Sun	midnight	Matins & Liturgy & BreakFast	<b>PASCHA</b>
19	Sun	9:00 am	Hierarchical Liturgy w/ Bishop Basil	
<b>June</b>				
6-8	Parish Life Conference in Kansas City.			
13	Thu	6:30 pm	Liturgy & Potluck	<b>Ascension of our Lord</b>
23	Sun	9:00 am	Liturgy	<b>Pentecost</b>
29	Sat	9:00 am	Liturgy & Brunch	<b>SS. Peter &amp; Paul</b>
<b>August</b>				
1	Thu		<i>Dormition fast begins</i>	
6	Tue	6:30 pm	Liturgy & Potluck	<b>Transfiguration of Our Lord</b>
15	Thu	6:30 pm	Liturgy & Potluck	<b>Dormition of the Theotokos</b>
<b>September</b>				
8	Sun	9:00 am	Liturgy	<b>Nativity of the Theotokos</b>
14	Sat	9:00 am	Liturgy & Brunch	<b>Elevation of the Cross</b>
<b>November</b>				
13	Wed	6:30 pm	Liturgy & Potluck	<b>St. John Chrysostom (Patronal Feast)</b>
15	Fri		<i>Nativity Fast begins</i>	
21	Thu	6:30 pm	Liturgy & Potluck	<b>Entrance into the Temple of the Theotokos</b>
28	Thu	9:00 am	Liturgy	<b>Thanksgiving Day</b>
<b>December</b>				
24	Tue	9:00 am	Royal Hours	<i>Nativity Eve</i>
			Vesperal Liturgy	
		7:00 pm	Vigil	
25	Wed	9:00 am	Liturgy	<b>Nativity of our Lord</b>