



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

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### **May 2013 SJCC News**

My Joy in the Lord,

#### **Christ is Risen!**

May all of you be blessed with the light of our Lord's Resurrection.

Pascha comes every year and yet it is always unique, always new. No matter how old we get, no matter how familiar with the services and the yearly schedule, Pascha is always something special. Our Lord's resurrection is never just another day. We may celebrate the Resurrection every 7 days, but this annual special day is still something out of the ordinary, something bright and new and joyful. As St. John Chrysostom, in his Paschal sermon says: "He both accepts the deeds and welcomes the intention, and honors the acts and praises the overtures". Do not let anything ever be in your way to enjoy this great and radiant feast. Let us all gather to praise our Savior, who on this day, opened the doors of paradise to us.

On another note: We are searching for a new home – a slightly more permanent home that we can call our own, rather than rented. Please be on the lookout for suitable opportunities. We need to be roughly where we are or a few miles south, perhaps a mile or two east if need be, but not much further away than that. Of course, if something wonderful is available that inspires all of us but is outside that zone, we won't turn it down.

Also, please make this search part of your daily prayer. Pray to God that He will aid us and bless our search and crown it with success.

With love, in Christ,  
Fr. Seraphim

#### **Please remember the Holy Week Services:**

**Holy Monday:** Bridegroom Matins 7 pm

**Holy Tuesday:** Presanctified Liturgy 6:30 pm

**Holy Wednesday:** Holy Thursday Matins and Unction 7 pm

**Holy Thursday:** Liturgy of the Mystical Supper 4 pm; Matins of Holy Friday (12 Gospels) 7 pm

**Holy Friday:** Royal hours (the story of the Passion) 9 am; Vespers (The burial service) 3 pm

and Matins of Holy Saturday (the Lamentations – the Descent into Hades) 7 pm

**Holy Saturday:** Liturgy of the Harrowing of Hades and the resurrection of the dead 10 am

**Pascha:** **11:30 pm** Nocturne – the promise of the Resurrection

**Midnight** the proclamation of the resurrection and Paschal Matins and Paschal Liturgy and

Paschal meal

**Noon** Agape vespers (and children's egg hunt)

**Bright Monday:** Paschal Liturgy 9 am

**PASCHA:**

Denise has a **sign-up for flowers for Pascha**. Please see what you can do to help beautify the church. Our usual **sign-up for the Paschal Meal** is hanging on the back bulletin board. Don't pass it by in silence.

**We need red eggs. Please dye a dozen or half a dozen for the church when you dye your own eggs. Thank you!**

**Children's Easter Egg Hunt and Rolling:** After Agape Vespers on Pascha. *Parents:* Please make sure this is on your schedule!!!!

**Bright Monday Celebration:** You are invited to come to the Anna and Alexandra Gisetti's home after Liturgy to celebrate the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of Pascha. 624 Ammons Way, Lakewood 80214 (roughly 6<sup>th</sup> & Wadsworth)

**Mother's Day Brunch:** Mother's day is on May 12 (Thomas Sunday). Gentlemen, it is our turn to serve the parish. Please let me know what you can bring..... (720.938.1302 OR vrevsg@comcast.net)

**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 join us.

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

**Dan Rahe** will be received into the Church by baptism on Holy Saturday before the Vespers Liturgy. **Aaron, Jason, and Kelsey Gomez** will be baptised on Sunday, May 26 at 9 am  
Please join in to welcome our newest members.

**Parent Discussions:** Since we have not had any participation, they are canceled until we can agree on a time to gather.

### **FUN FACTS:**

Pascha Liturgy is the only Liturgy that is officially scheduled to begin while it is dark. (Every other liturgy is scheduled to be served while the sun is in the sky because Christ is our Light.) This is because in the 4 Gospels, only in the Gospel of St. Mark do the women come to the tomb after the "sun had shone"; the other 3 all speak of the women coming before the rising of the sun, while it was still dark. St. Matthew even has them coming at the end of the Sabbath "before the dawning". That is why the service begins, traditionally, at midnight and lasts longer than any other service.

Other Liturgies that wind up being after dark, Presanctified and Vespers Liturgies, are served at those times for pastoral reasons; though in the early centuries (before 800) even this was unthinkable.

## **PROSPHORA Baking Schedule**

### **May**

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

### **June**

2 Joe & Joyce Mikita (50<sup>th</sup>!!!!)  
9 Paula Leshinski  
16 Kara Yakubik  
23 Becca Higgins  
30 Paul Saieg

**REMINDER:** PLEASE make sure that you bring ONE (and only one) prosphora 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 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.

### **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  
05/05 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

### **June**

06/02 Anniversary Joseph & 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  
06/28 Birthday Aaron Gomez  
06/28 Birthday Jason Gomez  
06/29 Anniversary Christina Veselak  
06/29 Namesday Paul Saieg

**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.

## Schedule of Services and Events

### May

1	Wed	7:00 pm	Matins of Holy Thursday and Unction	<b>Holy Wednesday</b>
2	Thu	4:00 pm	Vespertal 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	9:00 am	Baptism of Dan Rahe	
		10:00 am	Vespertal Liturgy (Harrowing of Hades)	<b>Holy Saturday</b>
		<b>11:30 pm</b>	<b>Nocturn</b>	
5	<b>Sun</b>	<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	<b>Bright Monday</b>
			Paschal Meal at 624 Ammons Way, Lakewood	
11	Sat	5:00 pm	Vespers	
12	Sun	8:00 am	<u>Matins/Orthros</u>	<b>Thomas Sunday</b>
		9:00 am	Liturgy	
			<b>Mother's Day Brunch</b>	
			Antiochian Women's Meeting	
15	Wed	7:00 pm	Parish Council Meeting	
18	Sat	5:00 pm	Vespers	
19	<b>Sun</b>	<b>9:00 am</b>	<b>Hierarchical Liturgy</b>	<b>Myrrhbearers Sunday</b>
			<b>Coffee</b>	
		<b>12:30 pm</b>	<b>Reception at the Vista at Applewood Golf Course, Golden</b>	
		<b>1:30 pm</b>	<b>Lunch</b>	
25	Sat	3:30 pm	<u>Adult Discussion</u>	
		5:00 pm	Vespers	
26	Sun	9:00 am	Baptism of Aaron, Jason, and Kelsey Gomez	
			Liturgy	<b>Sunday of the Paralytic</b>

### June

1	Sat	5:00 pm	Vespers	
2	Sun	9:00 am	Liturgy	<b>Sunday of the Samaritan Woman</b>
8	Sat	5:00 pm	Vespers	
9	Sun	8:00 am	<u>Matins/Orthros</u>	
		9:00 am	Liturgy	<b>Sunday of the Blind Man</b>
13	Thu	6:30 pm	Liturgy	<b>Ascension of our Lord</b>
15	Sat	5:00 pm	Vespers	
16	Sun	9:00 am	Liturgy	<b>Sunday of the Frs. of the 1<sup>st</sup> Ecumenical Council</b>
22	Sat	5:00 pm	Vespers	
23	Sun	9:00 am	Liturgy	<b>PENTECOST</b>
29	Sat	9:00 am	Liturgy	<b>Ss. Peter &amp; Paul</b>
		3:30 pm	<u>Adult Discussion</u>	
		5:00 pm	Vespers	
30	Sun	9:00 am	Liturgy	<b>All Saints</b>

## Looking ahead - 2013 General Schedule of Services

(see monthly newsletter for changes)

### June

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>

### August

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>

### September

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>

### November

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>

### December

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>