



St. John Chrysostom Church

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September 2013 SJCC News

My Joy in the Lord,

September is a month of beginnings: the beginning of the ecclesiastical year, the beginning of the story of Christ with the celebration of the Nativity of the Theotokos on Sept. 8, the beginning of the school year (or at least it used to be, we've slipped into August now), and the beginning of our Pledge drive. This year, more than ever, we need your financial and your personal support – both now and next year.

As we settle back into regular routines, please remember the church in your monthly budget. Even if you may not make it to services, please don't let that prevent you from tithing every month.

With love, in Christ,
Fr. Seraphim

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

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. This is, also, part of our tithing – not just of money but of time and talents!

Consecration of the New St. Luke church in Erie: Bishop Basil will be in Erie to consecrate St. Luke's on Saturday, September 28 at 10:00 am. You are invited to come but if you plan on staying for the banquet/reception, please RSVP to me and I will let them know for us as a group. Their flyer is attached at the end of this newsletter. This is a wonderful opportunity to witness a consecration of a church and to participate and worship with our fellow Orthodox in Erie.

Fun Facts:

September 1 is the Ecclesiastical New Year. Why September 1? Because that was when the Roman year began in the early centuries of Christianity. Just as the Julian Calendar was used because it was the civil calendar, the New Year was calculated in accordance with the civil usage. Actually, September 1 was not particularly celebrated because the New Year began on Tax Day. Just as April 15 is not a particularly festive day, neither was September 1. But, nevertheless, that is how our church books (some of them) begin. Interestingly, the Russian Church, in the late 19th century, began printing liturgical books beginning on January 1 – in accordance with modern usage. Sadly, except for church calendars, few books today follow that tradition.

PROSPHORA Baking Schedule

September

- 1 Fr. Seraphim & Masha
- 8 Anna Gisetti
- 15 Eric Jerome
- 22 Dan Rahe
- 29 Carolyn Baldwin

October

- 6 Sean & Jaimy Weddingfeld
- 13 Anne Emmons
- 20 Timothy Wretling
- 27 Ed & Paul Leshinski

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

**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**

September

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| 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 | Anne Emmons |
| 09/09 | Namesday | Anna Gisetti |
| 09/09 | Namesday | Miriam Fox |
| 09/09 | Namesday | Ahna Rom |
| 09/09 | Namesday | Kara Yakubik |
| 09/10 | Birthday | Lisa DeLeo |
| 09/15 | Birthday | Eric Jerome |
| 09/24 | Birthday | Daniel Rahe |
| 09/25 | Birthday | Fanny Negreanu |
| 09/25 | Birthday | Jaime Rall |
| 09/30 | Birthday | Carolyn Baldwin |

October

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| 10/02 | Birthday | Joy Jerome |
| 10/02 | Birthday | Ashley Young |
| 10/02 | Namesday | Joy Jerome |
| 10/03 | Birthday | Theodore Emmons |
| 10/05 | Namesday | Dana Berry |
| 10/07 | Birthday | Miriam Fox |
| 10/08 | Anniversary | Sean & Jaimy Weddingfeld |
| 10/08 | Namesday | Theodore Emmons |
| 10/14 | Namesday | Kelsey Perkins |
| 10/15 | Birthday | Anne Emmons |
| 10/19 | Birthday | Timothy Spencer |
| 10/23 | Birthday | Timothy Wretling |
| 10/28 | Anniversary | Ed & Paula Leshinski |
| 10/30 | Namesday | Lisa DeLeo |

Schedule of Services and Events

September

1	Sun	9:00 am	Liturgy
7	Sat	5:00 pm	Vespers
8	Sun	8:00 am	<u>Matins</u>
		9:00 am	Liturgy
14	Sat	9:00 am	Liturgy & Brunch
		5:00 pm	Vespers
15	Sun	9:00 am	Liturgy
21	Sat	5:00 pm	Vespers
22	Sun	9:00 am	Liturgy
28	Sat	3:30 pm	<u>Adult Discussion</u>
		5:00 pm	Vespers
29	Sun	9:00 am	Liturgy

**Nativity of the Theotokos
Elevation of the Cross**

October

5	Sat	5:00 pm	Vespers
6	Sun	9:00 am	Liturgy
12	Sat	5:00 pm	Vespers
13	Sun	8:00 am	<u>Matins</u>
		9:00 am	Liturgy
19	Sat	5:00 pm	Vespers
20	Sun	9:00 am	Liturgy
26	Sat	3:30 pm	<u>Adult Discussion</u>
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27	Sun	9:00 am	Liturgy

Looking ahead - 2013-2014 General Schedule of Services

(see monthly newsletter for changes)

November

13	Wed	6:30 pm	Liturgy & Potluck	St. John Chrysostom (Patronal Feast)
15	Fri			<i>Nativity Fast begins</i>
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 Vespereal Liturgy	<i>Nativity Eve</i>
		7:00 pm	Vigil	
25	Wed	9:00 am	Liturgy	Nativity of our Lord

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January

6	Mon	6:30 pm	Liturgy & Potluck	Theophany (note - blessing of Water will be on Sunday)
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February

2	Sun	9:00 am	Liturgy	Meeting of the Lord
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March

3	Mon			<i>Beginning of Great Lent</i>
25	Tue	6:30 pm	Vespereal Liturgy & Potluck	Annunciation to the Theotokos

April

20	Sun	Midnight	Procession, Matins, Liturgy	PASCHA
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May

29	Thu	6:30 pm	Liturgy & Potluck	Ascension
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June

8	Sun	9:00 am	Liturgy	Pentecost
16	Mon		<i>Apostles Fast begins</i>	
29	Sun	9:00 am	Liturgy	Ss. Peter & Paul

August

1	Fri		<i>Dormition Fast begins</i>	
6	Wed	6:30 pm	Liturgy & Potluck	Transfiguration of our Lord
15	Fri	6:30 pm	Liturgy & Potluck	Dormition of the Theotokos

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