



St. John Chrysostom Church

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My Joy in the Lord,

As we go through these last weeks of Lent, I hope that we can continue with joy the Fast. If we look through the various texts of the services we regularly find the phrase “joyful sadness”. This joyful sadness is made up of, first, the realization that we need saving, that our efforts on our own behalf are not enough to get us into heaven; and second, that our God loves us, each one of us, enough to die for us. And that understanding gives us joy. The joy that nothing – not our sins, not our inattention, not our failures – can destroy that love.

When we greet each other on Pascha with the words, “Christ is risen”. Let us remember that He is risen for us. Let us remember that the cross was not the end, was not the goal, but it was the method by which God returns us to His Kingdom.

With love, in Christ,
Fr. Seraphim

PASCHA is coming. The sign-up sheet for the Paschal meal is hung up on the cupboard at church. Please consider what you want to share with everyone. We will have the meal in the fellowship hall of Hosanna church after the midnight liturgy.

Bright Monday Liturgy will be at 9 am. Afterward, you are all invited to come to the Gisetti house at 5514 S. Ward Way for a Paschal meal and more fellowship. Our house is just over a mile from Hosanna church

The Parish Council met with John Milosevich of Voorhis Associates. He gave us pointers on how best to proceed with getting a new home for our community. (He has been helping churches develop plans for 40 years.) One of the processes will be a series of brief meetings after church on Sundays – perhaps once a month – to cover what our expectations are about what a new home means to us. There will be more information following the Parish Council meeting on the 6th as well as a schedule for these meetings. I hope that all of you can make time to attend.

Coffee Hour: Please note that the Parish council is asking everyone to take a turn at providing for our coffee hours after Liturgy. Our budget includes money to reimburse you if you need it, up to \$25.00 per Sunday. Please don't hesitate to see Fr. Seraphim, Margo, or Kara to get that reimbursement.

As most of you are aware, Joy Jerome, Anne Emmons, and Paula Leshinski have resigned from the Parish Council in the last few weeks. As a result, they have been replaced by Seraphima Rahe, Jacque Gisetti, and Jonathan Spencer in that order. Joy and her family and Anne have also decided that they need a different parish for their spiritual growth. We pray that they will find what we were not able to provide.

As a result of the changes, the following are our officers for this year:

Margo Waisanen, Parish Council Chair

Kara Yakubik, Treasurer

Jonathan Spencer, Financial Secretary

Anna Gisetti, Secretary

At the direction of Metropolitan Philip, before he fell asleep in the Lord, no priest in the Archdiocese will be permitted to hand out Q-tips with the unction oil this year. We will still have the Unction service on Holy Wednesday, but I cannot offer you the Sacramental Oil to take home with you.

PROSPHORA Baking Schedule

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.

April

04/06 Masha Gisetti

04/13 Parish (Palm Sunday)

04/20 Parish (Pascha)

04/27 Anna Gisetti

May

5/4 Margo Waisanen

5/11 Paul Saieg

5/18 Rebecca Ogden (for Xavier)

5/25 Andrei & Jacque Gisetti

We will always need prospophora. I will be happy to come to your house and bake them with you if you're not sure about how to do it.

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**

April

04/01 Birthday Alexandra Gisetti

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04/23 Namesday Alexandra Gisetti

04/29 Birthday Ricky Gomez

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

05/13 Birthday Xavier Ogden

05/14 Birthday Kylee Gisetti

05/15 Birthday Ed Leshinski

05/15 Birthday Alexander Watson (Higgins)

05/17 Birthday Hannah Fox

05/31 Anniversary Andrei & Jacque Gisetti

Schedule of Services and Events

April

2	Wed	6:30 pm	Presanctified Liturgy, Lenten potluck & discussion Great Canon of St. Andrew of Crete
4	Fri	7:00 pm	Akathist to the Theotokos
5	Sat	5:00 pm	Vespers
6	Sun	9:00 am	Liturgy 5th Sunday of Lent – St. Mary of Egypt
9	Wed	6:30 pm	Presanctified Liturgy, Lenten potluck & discussion
12	Sat	5:00 pm	Vespers
13	Sun	9:00 am	Liturgy Palm Sunday
14	Mon	7:00 pm	Bridegroom Matins
16	Wed	7:00 pm	Matins of Holy Thursday and Unction Service
17	Thu	4:00 pm	Vesperal Liturgy of the Last Supper
		7:00 pm	Matins of Holy Friday (12 Gospels)
18	Fri	8:00 am	Royal hours
		3:00 pm	Vespers of Holy Friday (Burial Service)
		7:00 pm	Matins of Holy Saturday (Lamentations)
19	Sat	10:00 am	Vesperal Liturgy of Holy Saturday
		11:30 pm	Nocturne
		midnight	Procession PASCHA
20	Sun		Paschal Matins
			Paschal Liturgy
			Paschal Meal
		noon	Paschal Vespers
21	Mon	9:00 am	Paschal Liturgy Bright Monday
26	Sat	5:00 pm	Vespers
27	Sun	9:00 am	Liturgy Thomas Sunday

May

3	Sat	5:00 pm	Vespers
4	Sun	9:00 am	Liturgy Sunday of the Myrrh-bearers
7	Wed	7:00 pm	<u>A Different Bible Study</u>
10	Sat	5:00 pm	Vespers
11	Sun	9:00 am	Liturgy Sunday of the Paralytic
14	Wed	7:00 pm	<u>A Different Bible Study</u>
17	Sat	5:00 pm	Vespers
18	Sun	9:00 am	Liturgy Sunday of the Samaritan Woman
21	Wed	7:00 pm	<u>A Different Bible Study</u>
24	Sat	5:00 pm	Vespers
25	Sun	9:00 am	Liturgy Sunday of the Blind Man
28	Wed	7:00 pm	<u>A Different Bible Study</u>
29	Thu	6:30 pm	Liturgy Ascension of our Lord