



St. John Chrysostom Church

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May 2014 SJCC News

My Joy in the Lord,
Christ is Risen!

We will be having the next brainstorming session this Sunday – May 4. Please come with your ideas and your vision for our church.

As of this writing, our offer has not been accepted for the Nelson property. If the accepted offer falls through then we may revisit our options. In the meantime, we need to continue planning our future – and what it holds for all of us.

At the end of this month, on May 25 (appropriately the Sunday of the Blind Man) I will have a presentation regarding the election of a new Metropolitan, the candidates, the process, and I will ask your thoughts on the candidates. I realize that you know none of the possible candidates, but we can discuss the type of candidate that you hope to see and I can share my thoughts on the candidates and the process. Please come and join me for that discussion.

A new metropolitan will mean great changes for the archdiocese – both in the short term, and, more obviously, in the long term. I cannot foretell what kind of changes or when or how, but I can promise one thing – the life of the parish will not change and will continue as it has. Also, your lives, as Christians, should not be affected and should not change. Priests come and go, bishops come and go, Christians come and go, but the life of a Christian remains constant – a life of love, a life of prayer, and a life of dedication to Christ. We may be imperfect in our fulfillment of those functions, but they remain our goals regardless of who or where our clergy are.

With love, in Christ,
Fr. Seraphim

Mother's Day Brunch: We will have our annual Mother's day Brunch on May 11. Gentlemen, prepare your dishes. Please call Fr. Seraphim if you will participate in the Brunch preparation. Mother's, I hope you can come so we can celebrate your blessed work.

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.

Thank you for all your prayers and support for Masha's recovery.

PROSPHORA Baking Schedule

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.

May

5/4 Margo Waisanen
5/11 Paul Saieg
5/18 Rebecca Ogden (for Xavier)
5/25 Andrei & Jacque Gisetti

June

1 Open
8 Open
15 Kara Yakubik
22 Jacque Gisetti
29 Paul Saieg

We will always need prospora. 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**

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

June

06/02 Anniversary Joseph & Joyce Mikita
06/03 Namesday Paula Leshinski
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

Schedule of Services and Events

May

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| 3 | Sat | 5:00 pm | Vespers | |
| 4 | Sun | 9:00 am | Liturgy | Sunday of the Myrrh-bearers |
| | | | | <u>Brainstorming Session #2</u> |
| 6 | Tue | 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 |
| 13 | Tue | 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 |
| 20 | Tue | 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 |
| | | | | <u>Discussion of Metropolitan election</u> |
| 27 | Tue | 7:00 pm | <u>A Different Bible Study</u> | |
| 29 | Thu | 6:30 pm | Liturgy | Ascension of our Lord |
| 31 | Sat | 5:00 pm | Vespers | |

June

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| 1 | Sun | 9:00 am | Liturgy | Frs of the 1st Ecumenical Council |
| 3 | Tue | 7:00 pm | <u>A Different Bible Study</u> | |
| 5 | Thu | All Day | Special Archdiocesan Convention to elect a new Metropolitan | |
| 7 | Sat | 5:00 pm | Vespers | |
| 8 | Sun | 9:00 am | Liturgy | PENTECOST |
| 10 | Tue | 7:00 pm | <u>A Different Bible Study</u> | |
| 11-14 | | | DOWAMA Parish Life Conference (PLC) | |
| 14 | Sat | | NO Vespers | |
| 15 | Sun | 9:00 am | Liturgy | All Saints |
| 16 | Mon | | <i>Apostles Fast begins</i> | |
| 17 | Tue | 7:00 pm | <u>A Different Bible Study</u> | |
| 21 | Sat | 5:00 pm | Vespers | |
| 22 | Sun | 9:00 am | Liturgy | |
| 24 | Tue | 7:00 pm | <u>A Different Bible Study</u> | |
| 28 | Sat | 5:00 pm | Vespers | |
| 29 | Sun | 9:00 am | Liturgy | SS. Peter & Paul |