



St. John Chrysostom Church

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November 2014 SJCC News

My Joy in the Lord,

We are on the threshold of a new life for our community. In a few days, the City of Lakewood will give us a certificate of occupancy and we will begin having services in our own home. We speak of the church as being God's House, and it is, but we are the ones who provide it. A church is not a building, it is a community. "Where two or three are gathered in My Name, there I am", our Lord promised. We have been gathering in His Name for over seven years and He has been with us. But just as Israel wanted a place of their own so have we. Fr. Andrew Harrison, the priest at the founding of St. Herman's, was in town briefly this past week. I showed him our new building and he was excited. "It gives you everything you need!", was his comment. When we spent time putting together our needs and desires, we created a list of all the things that we would like to have in a church and a facility. This building fulfills all the basic ones. It doesn't fulfill every wish. But it provides a foundation for eventually fulfilling them all.

Thank you for your prayers and your hard work over the years which have brought us to this threshold. I hope that every one of you will take the time to come and worship in our new home.

With love, in Christ,
Fr. Seraphim

Dartmouth Property News: Work is been completed on all of the requirements for our Certificate of Occupancy. Thanks to several generous parishioners, we are installing new carpeting throughout the upstairs. Every room has been thoroughly cleaned and is either freshly painted or soon will be. Thanks to everyone for their hard work and perseverance. We are on track to move in beginning November 7! BUT, we still need to finish a few projects, so we will have work groups on the two immediate Saturdays AND Sundays – Nov. 1, 2, 8, & 9. **First Service will be on Thursday November 13 at 6:30 pm!**

NOTE: Our last Sunday at Hosanna (November 9) will be another shortened liturgy so that we can host a Thank You coffee hour for our hosts. Liturgy will begin at 8:45.

If you have not come to the Tuesday night "A Different Bible Study", you have been missing out on a treat. Paul Saieg is presenting a way to make a difference in your life and your faith. Every Tuesday, from 7 to 8:30

Prayer Circle: If you wish to be part of the Prayer Circle or for more information, please contact Rebecca Ogden at r.braaten@comcast.net.

Fund Raising Christmas Concert CANCELED: The December 14 Christmas Concert has been canceled. With the move in for our new church and with everything else going on, people were running out of steam to do everything. Both the Choir Director and I felt that, rather than trying to stretch ourselves to do it all, it is better to focus on the new building and getting ourselves ensconced and ready for the Holy Days.

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**

November

11/04	Birthday	Melia Weddingfeld
11/06	Anniversary	Zach & Rebecca Higgins
11/08	Namesday	Cody Bergren
11/08	Namesday	Micky Negreanu
11/08	Namesday	Micco Waisanen
11/08	Namesday	Michael Ogden
11/08	Namesday	Den Michael Tarris
11/09	Birthday	Margaret Berry
11/09	Birthday	Joseph Berry
11/10	Birthday	Andrei Gisetti
11/11	Birthday	Zachary Higgins
11/11	Namesday	Fanny Negreanu
11/14	Birthday	Evan Weddingfeld
11/23	Namesday	Alexander Higgins
11/25	Namesday	Jaimy Weddingfeld
11/29	Birthday	Krista Bergren
11/30	Namesday	Andrei Gisetti

December

12/02	Namesday	Margo Waisanen
12/03	Birthday	Margo Waisanen
12/06	Namesday	Haley Bergren
12/06	Namesday	Nickolas Higgins
12/09	Namesday	Hannah Fox
12/11	Birthday	Micco Waisanen
12/16	Namesday	Jonathan Spencer
12/16	Namesday	Rebecca Ogden
12/12	Birthday	Jaimy Weddingfeld
12/16	Birthday	Samuel Wretling
12/18	Birthday	Rebecca Ogden
12/21	Birthday	Jacque Gisetti
12/26	Birthday	Christina Veselak
12/30	Anniversary	Nathan & Dana Berry
12/31	Namesday	Melia Weddingfeld

Schedule of Services and Events

November

1	Sat	10:00 am	Painting and cleaning at new church	
		5:00 pm	Vespers at Hosanna	
2	Sun	9:00 am	Liturgy	
			Coffee Hour	
			Packing up of Hosanna room except for minimum needed	
			Parish Council Meeting	
			Painting & cleaning at new church	
4	Tue	7:00 pm	<u>A Different Bible Study</u>	
8	Sat	10:00 am	Moving stuff from Hosanna to Dartmouth, final cleaning, painting	
		5:00 pm	Vespers at Hosanna	
9	Sun	8:45 am	Liturgy	
			Thank You Coffee Hour for Hosanna	
			Final move from Hosanna, putting new church and facility in order	
11	Tue	7:00 pm	<u>A Different Bible Study</u>	site to be determined!
13	Thu		OFFICIAL START AT OUR NEW HOME	
		6:30 pm	Liturgy	Patronal Feast Day – St John Chrysostom
			Potluck	
15	Sat		<u>Nativity fast begins</u>	
		5:00 pm	Vespers	
16	Sun	9:00 am	Liturgy	
			Annual Parish Assembly	
18	Tue	7:00 pm	<u>A Different Bible Study</u>	
21	Fri	6:30 pm	Liturgy	Entrance of the Theotokos to the Temple
			Potluck (<i>Friday Fast</i>)	
22	Sat	5:00 pm	Vespers	
23	Sun	9:00 am	Liturgy	
25	Tue	7:00 pm	<u>A Different Bible Study</u>	
27	Thu	9:00 am	Liturgy	Thanksgiving Day
29	Sat	5:00 pm	Vespers	
30	Sun	9:00 am	Liturgy	

December

6	Sat	5:00 pm	Vespers	
7	Sun	9:00 am	Liturgy	
9	Tue	7:00 pm	<u>A Different Bible Study</u>	
13	Sat	5:00 pm	Vespers	
14	Sun	9:00 am	Liturgy	Sunday of the Forefathers
16	Tue	7:00 pm	<u>A Different Bible Study</u>	final until next year

20	Sat	5:00 pm	Vespers	
21	Sun	9:00 am	Liturgy	Sunday of the Fathers
24	Wed	9:00 am	Royal Hours	Nativity Eve
			Vesperal Liturgy	
		7:00 pm	Vigil	
25	Thu	9:00 am	Liturgy	Nativity of our Lord
27	Sat	5:00 pm	Vespers	
28	Sun	9:00 am	Liturgy	

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.

November

- 2 Sean & Jaimy Weddingfeld (for Melia)
- 9 Micco Waisanen
- 16 Dana & Nathan Berry (for Maggie & Joey)
- 23 Jaimy Weddingfeld
- 30 Andrei Gisetti

December

- 7 Jonathan Spencer
- 14 Rebecca Ogden
- 21 Jacque Gisetti
- 28 Seraphima Rahe

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