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June 2015 SJCC News

My Joy in the Lord,

This month, I will be representing our mission at our Archdiocesan Convention in Boston. This will be the first time that Metropolitan Joseph will be chairing our meetings and giving his view of the future of our archdiocese. After the convention, Masha and I will be going to the DC area to represent St. Ephraim's and do some presentations to the area clergy and clergy families.

But, before I go, we really need to work on our facility and finish some of the cleaning that has been put off. Please join us for the Work Party on July 11.

One last comment, if you would like to understand what ISIS is about and what is happening to Christians in the Middle East under ISIS, please read "What ISIS Really Wants" by Graeme Wood (available online at <http://www.theatlantic.com/features/archive/2015/02/what-isis-really-wants/384980/>)

With love, in Christ,
Fr. Seraphim

Baptism of Jakob Higgins on Sunday, July 12 at 9 am. Liturgy will immediately follow the baptism.

July 11 Work Party at church starting at noon until Vespers. We still have many things left to improve our home. Please give a few hours and help reduce our "need-to-do" list.

I will be gone the last two weeks in July. One week for the Archdiocesan Convention and the second week as a partial vacation. I will be presenting on behalf of St. Ephraim's in D.C. Masha and I will be leaving immediately after Liturgy on the 19th, returning late on the 1st. There will be no Vespers for the two Saturdays I am gone (July 25 and Aug 1) and there will be no Liturgy on the 26th. Those who wish may have a Reader's Typika at St. John's or attend another church that Sunday. There will be Liturgy on August 2nd, unless my flight is canceled.

Mark your calendars! Bishop Basil will be with us at St. John's on Friday, October 16 at 7 pm for Vespers! A dessert potluck will follow.

A Different Bible Study every Tuesday at 7 pm. Now with Susan Arnold. Discussing the book "On the Apostolic Preaching" by St. Irenaeus of Lyons.

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

An Orthodox point of view

by Prof. S. S. Verhovskoy

The nature of the Church and of its unity.

1. What is the Church?

We believe that the Church is essentially the unity of man with God in Jesus Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit. We believe that the Church is the Body of Jesus Christ and that the kingdom of God is present in her. If Christ is in us and we are in Him, if we are the temples of the Holy Spirit, true children of God the Father, and participants in His nature, if we live by the light of Divine Truth and submit ourselves to the will of the Holy One, we participate even on earth in the kingdom of God. For the same reason, we believe that the Church is holy. The sins which some ascribe to her, the Church, are sins of this world, which we bring with us into Christian communities. Thus, with the help of Divine Grace, we must liberate ourselves from the corruption of this world and become rather the children of the light or true Christians.

The pamphlet, "An Orthodox Point of View", subtitled, "On Some of the Problems of Today's World" was written in May of 1968 to help clarify some ideas for the Orthodox participants at the World Council of Churches Assembly that year and was a direct response to several ideas presented in the working documents for the Assembly. I will be presenting the several parts of the document over the next few months.

For those not familiar with Professor Sergei Sergeievitch Verhovskoy, he was a graduate of the Theological Institute of St. Sergius in Paris (along with Fr. Alexander Schmemmann and Fr. John Meyendorff) and was Professor of Dogmatics at St. Vladimir's Seminary in New York. (He was also both my and Bishop Basil's professor of Dogmatics)

NOTE: All references in the original text to specific sections of the draft working documents have been removed since most people have no access to them, nor are they needed to understand Prof. Verhovskoy's points.

For those interested in a much more extensive development of Prof. Verhovskoy's points, I would recommend reading "Orthodoxy; The Cosmos Transfigured" by Paul Evdokimov (Published by 8th Day Press). BUT, I warn you that it is not an easy read. (And keep in mind who's telling you this...) :-)

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**

July

07/02	Birthday	Fr. Seraphim Gisetti
07/09	Birthday	Seraphima Rahe
07/17	Namesday	Carolyn Baldwin
07/17	Namesday	Margaret Berry
07/19	Namesday	Fr. Seraphim Gisetti
07/20	Birthday	Robert Kinsey
07/20	Birthday	Susan Arnold
07/22	Namesday	Kylee Gisetti
07/24	Namesday	Christina Veselak
07/25	Namesday	Joyce Mikita
07/31	Namesday	Joseph Mikita
07/31	Namesday	Joseph Berry

August

08/07	Birthday	Joyce Mikita
08/13	Birthday	Joshua Fox
08/13	Birthday	Denise Mikita
08/14	Birthday	Bert Waisanen
08/19	Anniversary	John & Seraphima Rahe
08/22	Anniversary	Josh & Miriam Fox
08/28	Anniversary	Sid & Tim Kurtz
08/31	Namesday	Sidney Gray-Kurtz

PROSPHORA Baking Schedule

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.

July

5	Seraphima Rahe
12	Dana Berry
19	Fr. Seraphim
26	NONE

August

2	Open
9	Denise Mikita
16	John & Seraphim Rahe
23	Fr. Seraphim & Masha Gisetti
30	Jonathan & Lara Spencer

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

Schedule of Services and Events

July

4	Sat	5:00 pm	Vespers
5	Sun	9:00 am	Liturgy Coffee Hour
7	Tue	7:00 pm	A Different Bible Study
11	Sat	noon	<u>Work Party</u>
		5:00 pm	Vespers
12	Sun	9:00 am	Baptism of Jakob Higgins Liturgy Coffee Hour
14	Tue	7:00 pm	A Different Bible Study
18	Sat	5:00 pm	Vespers
19	Sun	9:00 am	Liturgy Coffee Hour
21-26	<u>Archdiocesan Convention in Boston</u>		
21	Tue	7:00 pm	A Different Bible Study
25	Sat	5:00 pm	NO Vespers
26	Sun	9:00 am	Reader Typika Service NO Coffee Hour
28	Tue	7:00 pm	A Different Bible Study

August

1	Sat	5:00 pm	NO Vespers <i>Dormition Fast begins</i>	
2	Sun	9:00 am	Liturgy Coffee Hour	
4	Tue	7:00 pm	A Different Bible Study	
6	Thu	6:30 pm	Liturgy Pot luck	Transfiguration of our Lord
8	Sat	noon	<u>Work Party</u>	
		5:00 pm	Vespers	
9	Sun	9:00 am	Liturgy Coffee Hour	
11	Tue	7:00 pm	A Different Bible Study	
15	Sat	9:00 am	Liturgy	Dormition of the Theotokos
		5:00 pm	Vespers	
16	Sun	9:00 am	Liturgy Coffee Hour	
18	Tue	7:00 pm	A Different Bible Study	
22	Sat	5:00 pm	Vespers	
23	Sun	9:00 am	Liturgy and Prayer for the New School Year Coffee Hour	
25	Tue	7:00 pm	A Different Bible Study	
29	Sat	5:00 pm	Vespers	
30	Sun	9:00 am	Liturgy Coffee Hour	