



St. John Chrysostom Church

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September 2015 SJCC News

My Joy in the Lord,

It is September, the start of the school year and the start of our planning for next year. When you come to church, you will be asked to fill out a tithing form. We call it a tithe and hope that you will make it a tithe, but we demand nothing of you, other than your faith.

The world asks many things of you, but God will only ask - "How have you been an image of Me? How have you shown My Light to others?" Working together to establish a physical Church is one way in which we represent God to the world. Other ways are through our Food program, through being mindful of the ill and those who cannot come to church, through our prayers for the Church and for each other, and through witnessing by our actions (not our words so much) that we are Christians: loving our neighbors and our enemies.

It is a fact that those who best support the local community of the Church are those who do not limit their giving to just their church, but give to all in need, as much as they can. In other words, giving is not "Giving" if we don't have to change our lives in order to do it. If we only come to church or come to work at the church when "we can spare the time", we are not offering our time or our resources to God, only our leftovers.

I am writing this not as a reproof but as an encouragement to remain very fruitful to God. I cannot thank you enough for all the work and the sacrifices you have made for our church and for our God. Keep it up.

With love, in Christ,
Fr. Seraphim

Sunday school began on Sunday, September 13

Readers and Chanters workshop: Wednesday, September 16, 7:00 pm. Everyone who is interested in Reading in Church – whether the epistle or for any of the services is invited to come to this workshop. We will be covering all the basic information about reading in church. Also, I have materials for anyone who wants to learn how to chant Byzantine tones. These will be made available to everyone, free of charge.

"A Different Bible Study" has ended for the time being. Instead, Fr. Seraphim will be doing a series of presentations on "The Mind of the Orthodox Church: How our theology and our ecclesiology has been expressed over the centuries." The first 13 week session will begin on September 23 at 6:30 pm and last 13 weeks. Please feel free to bring your dinner and/or snacks to share during these sessions.

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

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.

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

09/01	Namesday	Joshua Fox
09/03	Anniversary	Fr. Seraphim & Masha Gisetti
09/04	Anniversary	Jonathan & Larissa Spencer
09/07	Birthday	Sidney Gray-Kurtz
09/09	Namesday	Anna Gisetti
09/09	Namesday	Miriam Fox
09/09	Namesday	Kara Yakubik
09/10	Birthday	Lisa DeLeo
09/16	Birthday	Don Lewis
09/24	Birthday	Daniel Rahe
09/25	Birthday	Jaime Rall
09/30	Birthday	Carolyn Baldwin

October

10/05	Namesday	Dana Berry
10/07	Birthday	Miriam Fox
10/08	Anniversary	Sean & Jaimy Weddingfeld
10/19	Birthday	Timothy Spencer
10/30	Namesday	Lisa DeLeo

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.

September

6	Anna Gisetti
13	Open
20	Open
27	Carolyn Baldwin

October

4	Dana Berry
11	Miriam Fox
18	Timothy Spencer
25	Open

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

September

14	Mon	6:30 pm	Liturgy LENTEN Potluck	Elevation of the Cross
16	Wed	7:00 pm	Reader/Chanter Training Class	
19	Sat	5:00 pm	Vespers	
20	Sun	9:00 am	Liturgy Coffee Hour & Sunday School	
23	Wed	6:30 pm	<u>The Mind of the Church</u>	
26	Sat	5:00 pm	Vespers	
27	Sun	9:00 am	Liturgy Coffee Hour & Sunday School	
30	Wed	6:30 pm	<u>Special Parish Meeting</u> <u>The Mind of the Church</u>	

October

3	Sat	5:00 pm	Vespers	
4	Sun	9:00 am	Liturgy Coffee Hour & Sunday School	
7	Wed	6:30 pm	<u>The Mind of the Church</u>	
10	Sat	5:00 pm	Vespers	
11	Sun	9:00 am	Liturgy Coffee Hour & Sunday School	
14	Wed	6:30 pm	<u>The Mind of the Church</u>	
17	Sat	5:00 pm	Vespers	
18	Sun	9:00 am	Liturgy Coffee Hour & Sunday School	
21	Wed	6:30 pm	<u>The Mind of the Church</u>	
24	Sat	5:00 pm	Vespers	
25	Sun	9:00 am	Liturgy Coffee Hour & Sunday School	
28	Wed	6:30 pm	<u>The Mind of the Church</u>	
31	Sat	5:00 pm	Vespers	