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November 2015 SJCC News

My Joy in the Lord,

As we come to the season of elections, especially as they seem to become continuous, let us please leave all political discussion outside of the church. We are invited to “lay aside all earthly cares” as we enter the to worship our God. Let us include politics in those “earthly cares” and leave them not just from our worship but from our gathering.

There have been many attempts to elevate politics and make them Christian – all have failed: Byzantium, Russia, Geneva, etc., etc., etc.. That is the reason we pray for all civil authorities in the services. They cannot act as Christians – they cannot forgive their enemies, they cannot turn the other cheek when smited. So, let us accept the fact that politics are not Christian and leave all such discussions for another time and place.

I beg you to pray for all in civil authority, whether we agree with them or not, just as we do in church, precisely because they have an unenviable task which will not exist in the Kingdom – to deal with those who are not, and do not want to be, Christians as well as those who are Christians and fail to live up to our Faith. It is not an easy task, and may God have mercy on those who choose to take up that challenge.

On another note, we have three major events this month: our **Patronal Feast on Nov. 13** (this will also be our first anniversary in our own home), our **Annual Assembly on November 22**, and **Thanksgiving Day Liturgy on November 26**. Please try and put all three on your schedule. I hope to see you a lot this month!

With love, in Christ,
Fr. Seraphim

“The Mind of the Orthodox Church: How our theology and our ecclesiology has been expressed over the centuries.” is continuing throughout November, every Wednesday at 6:30 pm. Please feel free to bring your dinner and/or snacks to share during these sessions. Come whenever you can, even if you can't come for the entire time or every week.

We will have an OCMC presentation this month: on Sunday, November 15, Kara Yakubik will be back with us to talk about her Uganda Mission trip. **We will have a special collection for OCMC in conjunction with her talk!**

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.

Sunday School for our Young Ones – every Sunday during Coffee hour.

Our annual Parish Assembly will be held on Sunday, November 22 after Coffee hour.

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

11/06	Anniversary	Zach & Becca Higgins
11/08	Namesday	Micco Waisanen
11/08	Namesday	Michael Ogden
11/09	Birthday	Margaret Berry
11/09	Birthday	Joseph Berry
11/10	Birthday	Andrei Gisetti
11/11	Birthday	Zachary Higgins
11/17	Birthday	Dcn Jan Veselak
11/23	Namesday	Alexander Higgins
11/25	Namesday	Caitlin Dovey
11/26	Birthday	Jakob Higgins
11/30	Namesday	Andrei Gisetti

December

12/03	Birthday	Margo Waisanen
12/06	Namesday	Nickolas Higgins
12/09	Namesday	Hannah Fox
12/11	Birthday	Micco Waisanen
12/13	Namesday	Jakob Higgins
12/13	Namesday	Jonathan Spencer
12/13	Namesday	Rebecca Ogden
12/13	Namesday	Susan Arnold
12/18	Birthday	Rebecca Ogden
12/20	Namesday	Dawn Dovey
12/21	Birthday	Jacque Gisetti
12/26	Birthday	Christina Veselak
12/28	Birthday	Caitlin Dovey
12/30	Anniversary	Dana & Nathan Berry

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.

November

1	Becca Higgins
8	Micco Waisanen
15	Christina Veselak
22	Becca Higgins
29	Andrei Gisetti

December

6	Becca Higgins (for Nickolas & Jakob)
13	Susan Arnold
20	Dawn Dovey
27	Dana Berry

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

November

1	Sun	9:00 am	Liturgy Coffee Hour & Sunday School	
4	Wed	6:30 pm	<u>The Mind of the Church</u>	
7	Sat	5:00 pm	Vespers	
8	Sun	9:00 am	Liturgy Coffee Hour & Sunday School	
11	Wed	6:30 pm	<u>The Mind of the Church</u>	
13	Fri	6:30 pm	Liturgy Festal Potluck	St. John Chrysostom
14	Sat	5:00 pm	Vespers	
15	Sun	9:00 am	Liturgy Coffee Hour & Sunday School	
18	Wed	6:30 pm	<u>The Mind of the Church</u>	
21	Sat	9:00 am	Liturgy Breakfast	Entrance into the Temple
		5:00 pm	Vespers	
22	Sun	9:00 am	Liturgy Coffee Hour & Sunday School	
25	Wed	6:30 pm	<u>The Mind of the Church</u>	
26	Thu	9:00 am	Liturgy	Thanksgiving Day
28	Sat	5:00 pm	Vespers	
29	Sun	9:00 am	Liturgy Coffee Hour & Sunday School	

December

2	Wed	6:30 pm	<u>The Mind of the Church</u>	
5	Sat	5:00 pm	Vespers	
6	Sun	9:00 am	Liturgy Coffee Hour & Sunday School	St. Nicholas
9	Wed	6:30 pm	<u>The Mind of the Church</u>	
12	Sat	5:00 pm	Vespers	
13	Sun	9:00 am	Liturgy Coffee Hour & Sunday School	Sunday of the Forefathers
16	Wed	6:30 pm	<u>The Mind of the Church</u> (Last Session)	
19	Sat	5:00 pm	Vespers	
20	Sun	9:00 am	Liturgy Coffee Hour & Sunday School	Sunday of the Fathers
24	Thu	9:00 am	Royal hours Vesperal Liturgy	Nativity Eve
		7:00 pm	Nativity vigil and Caroling	
25	Fri	9:00 am	Nativity Liturgy	Nativity of our Lord
26	Sat	5:00 pm	Vespers	
27	Sun	9:00 am	Liturgy Coffee Hour & Sunday School	Sunday after the Nativity