



## ***St. John Chrysostom Church***

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### **February 2016 SJCC News**

My Joy in the Lord,

This Tuesday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>, we celebrate the Feast of the Meeting of our Lord. In Greek it is called "Ypapanti", in Church Slavonic, "Sretenje". These words mean much more than just "meeting". They have the sense of "coming together", "encountering" - not as a chance encounter, but as a deliberate seeking to see/find our Lord. Both St. Simeon and St. Anna the Prophetess were brought to the temple at that moment to encounter our Lord. This was the culmination for them of very long lives, but they were patient to wait until the promise made to them would be fulfilled. It is this patience that is the example that we need to follow, to wait until God will act: in our lives and in the lives of our Church. I do not minimize the difficulties we face in being patient. That is one reason why patience is considered one of the great virtues. Precisely because it is not easy. We usually want things to happen within our time and within our view. But God often asks us to wait for things to be ready. This is also the word that is used at the beginning of a Liturgy: "kairon", "vremya". It is not the time on the clock, it is the time when all of the necessary steps have been made and the next step is available to us. But that next step is only available to us when God sees that we are ready. Let us truly pray not just for God's plan for us, but also to see the steps He wants us to take, and the steps that He is blessing in our lives.

With love, in Christ,  
Fr. Seraphim

**"The Mind of the Orthodox Church: How our theology and our ecclesiology has been expressed over the centuries. Session 2 from 400 to 1500"** started on January 27, and will continue every Wednesday at 6:30 pm, for 13 weeks. 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. Even if you miss some, you are welcome to join at any time.

**Prayer Circle:** If you wish to be part of the Prayer Circle or would like more information, please contact Alexandra Gisetti at [alexandra.gisetti@gmail.com](mailto:alexandra.gisetti@gmail.com).

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

**House Blessings** will begin as soon as I can do them and will continue until everyone has been visited. If the time I put down for you does not work for you, please let me know and I will reschedule. When I come to your home for a house blessing, please have a small bowl for the Holy Water and a candle out on a table or other flat surface near an icon where we can gather and pray. I will bring the Holy Water and everything else. A reminder, I will be happy to have some tea, juice, or water with you after the blessing, but I'll skip the coffee. Thank you. (**Schedule to be sent out later**)

### 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**

#### February

02/03	Birthday	Dana Berry
02/03	Birthday	Masha Gisetti
02/11	Birthday	Christopher Cheaqui
02/21	Birthday	Ken Fredricksen
02/21	Birthday	Michael Ogden
02/22	Birthday	Manda Baker
02/23	Anniversary	Donald & Angela Wallace
02/26	Birthday	Leah Kacere

#### March

03/04	Namesday	Jaime Rall
03/15	Birthday	Nickolas Higgins
03/19	Birthday	Joseph Mikita
03/19	Birthday	John Rahe
03/21	Birthday	Jonathan Spencer
03/24	Birthday	Alyssa Dovey
03/25	Namesday	Leah Kacere
03/26	Namesday	Larissa Spencer

### 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.

#### February

7	Christopher Cheaqui
14	Open
21	Manda Baker
28	Open

#### March

6	Open
13	Joe Mikita
20	Jonathan Spencer
27	Alexandra Gisetti

**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.

House Blessing Schedule (TBD)!!!

## Schedule of Services and Events

### February

2	Tue	6:30 pm	Liturgy	<b>Meeting of our Lord</b>
3	Wed	6:30 pm	<u>The Mind of the Church (Session2)</u>	
6	Sat	5:00 pm	Vespers	
7	Sun	9:00 am	Liturgy Coffee Hour & Sunday School	
10	Wed	6:30 pm	<u>The Mind of the Church (Session2)</u>	
13	Sat	5:00 pm	Vespers	
14	Sun	9:00 am	Liturgy Coffee Hour & Sunday School	
17	Wed	6:30 pm	<u>The Mind of the Church (Session2)</u>	
20	Sat	5:00 pm	Vespers	
21	Sun	9:00 am	Liturgy Coffee Hour & Sunday School	<b>Publican &amp; Pharisee</b>
24	Wed	6:30 pm	<u>The Mind of the Church (Session2)</u>	
26	Fri	7:00 pm	Akathist to the Theotokos of the Inexhaustible Cup	
27	Sat	5:00 pm	Vespers	
28	Sun	9:00 am	Liturgy Coffee Hour & Sunday School	<b>Prodigal Son</b>

### March

2	Wed	6:30 pm	<u>The Mind of the Church (Session2)</u>	
5	Sat	5:00 pm	Vespers	
6	Sun	9:00 am	Liturgy Coffee Hour & Sunday School	<b>Last Judgment (Meatfare)</b>
9	Wed	6:30 pm	<u>The Mind of the Church (Session2)</u>	
12	Sat	5:00 pm	Vespers	
13	Sun	9:00 am	Liturgy Coffee Hour & Sunday School Vespers of Forgiveness	
14	Mon		<b><u>Start of Great Lent</u></b>	
		7:00 pm	Compline and Great Canon	
16	Wed	6:30 pm	Presanctified Liturgy & Lenten Potluck <u>The Mind of the Church (Session2)</u>	
18	Fri	7:00 pm	Medaia (Akathist to the Theotokos)	
19	Sat	5:00 pm	Vespers	
20	Sun	9:00 am	Liturgy Procession with Icons Coffee Hour & Sunday School	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Great Lent - Orthodoxy</b>
		5:30 pm	Sunday of Orthodoxy Vespers	Assumption Cathedral
23	Wed	6:30 pm	Presanctified Liturgy & Lenten Potluck <u>The Mind of the Church (Session2)</u>	
25	Fri	6:30 pm	Vesperal Liturgy Lenten Potluck	<b>Annunciation to the Theotokos</b>
26	Sat	5:00 pm	Vespers	
27	Sun	9:00 am	Liturgy	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Great Lent – Gregory Palamas</b>
			Coffee Hour & Sunday School	
30	Wed	6:30 pm	Presanctified Liturgy & Lenten Potluck <u>The Mind of the Church (Session2)</u>	