



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

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### **August 2016 SJCC News**

My Joy in the Lord,

Thank you again for your prayers. My recovery is progressing nicely. I hope to start driving again very soon but I will be limited in my range. I am very thankful to be back serving with you.

During August, I will be assisted by Deacon Anthony Dyl from Transfiguration and Deacon Jan Veselak from All Saints. I wish to express my gratitude to Fr. Stephan Close and Fr. James Worth who served for me when I was not able to serve at all, and to Hierodeacon Mark Berge from St. Luke's who has helped me in July.

As the Political season once again springs into full gear, I would remind everyone to please leave the politics of this world at the door or, even better, at the street! The Church is a home (paroikia=parish) for everyone, regardless of their political persuasion. As this promises to be an especially heated campaign, let us treat each other as brothers and sisters in Christ and leave political discussions to other locales.

Further, I would also remind everyone that every person is a child of God and beloved by Him – including all the candidates. No matter how much we agree, disagree, like or dislike a particular individual, that neither makes them saintly nor devilish. I thank God that earthly politics will remain earthly and have no place in the Kingdom of Heaven.

With love, in Christ,  
Fr. Seraphim

#### **Our Parish Picnic is on August 28!!!**

**Jonathan Spencer** will be tonsured a Reader by Bishop Basil at Vespers at St. Elias on September 3. Please come to celebrate his tonsure as well as on Sunday, when Fr. George will be elevated to Archpriest.

**We are continuing with the \$5-a-Month Club** to support the priests in Uganda. Each \$5 raises the monthly stipend for all the priests in Uganda by .3% per month. 340 people are needed to double their \$25 a month salary. We can't do it by ourselves, but if people from all parishes support this project, it can be done. But it needs to start with us, please join – just write a check for \$5 every month or \$60 for the year. Thank you.

**Prayer Circle:** The Prayer Circle is a group of Parishioners who, at least once each week, spend some time asking God to care for and bless various individuals who are in need of His Mercy. 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).

### 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**

#### August

08/07	Birthday	Joyce Mikita
08/09	Namesday	Don Lewis
08/09	Namesday	Alex Beim
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

#### 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
09/16	Birthday	Don Lewis
09/24	Birthday	Daniel Rahe
09/30	Birthday	Carolyn Baldwin

### 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 Proskomedia 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.

#### August

7	Joyce Mikita
14	Seraphima Rahe
21	Josh & Miriam Fox
28	Fr. Seraphim & Masha

#### September

11	Don Lewis
18	Dan Rahe
25	Carolyn Baldwin

**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

### August

1	Mon		<i><u>Dormition Fast begins</u></i>	
6	Sat	9:00 am	Liturgy Brunch (location TBD)	<b>Transfiguration of our Lord</b>
			<b>NO vespers</b>	
7	Sun	9:00 am	Liturgy Coffee Hour	
13	Sat	5:00 pm	Vespers	
14	Sun	9:00 am	Liturgy Coffee hour	
15	Mon	6:30 pm	Liturgy	<b>Dormition of the Theotokos</b>
20	Sat	5:00 pm	Vespers	
21	Sun	9:00 am	Liturgy Coffee hour	
27	Sat	5:00 pm	Vespers	
28	Sun	9:00 am	Liturgy Prayer for the Start of the School Year Parish Picnic	

### September

<u>3</u>	<u>Sat</u>	<u>5:00 pm</u>	<i><u>Vespers at St. Elias (Arvada) with Bishop Basil</u></i>	
<u>4</u>	<u>Sun</u>	<u>9:00 am</u>	<i><u>Matins at St. Elias (Arvada) with Bishop Basil</u></i>	
		<u>10:00 am</u>	<i><u>Hierarchical Liturgy at St. Elias (Arvada) with Bishop Basil</u></i>	
			<i><u>Coffee hour</u></i>	
8	Thu	6:30 pm	Liturgy Potluck	<b>Nativity of the Theotokos</b>
10	Sat	5:00 pm	Vespers	
11	Sun	9:00 am	Liturgy Coffee hour & Sunday School	
14	Wed	6:30 pm	Liturgy Lenten Potluck	<b>Elevation of the Cross</b>
17	Sat	5:00 pm	Vespers	
18	Sun	9:00 am	Liturgy Coffee hour & Sunday School	
24	Sat	5:00 pm	Vespers	
25	Sun	9:00 am	Liturgy Coffee hour & Sunday School	