



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

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### **May 2018 SJCC News**

My Joy in the Lord,

The PLC (Parish Life Conference) is just around the corner. I hope most of you have already made plans to attend. This is not just because this is the annual get-together of our Diocesan family, but also because it is going to be our turn at some point in the future to host it. It would be good for all of us to be familiar with the events and the love that is a PLC.

It is a time for prayer, for games, for business, for entertainment and for worship. It is, probably, the only time that most of you will have the opportunity to see a Hierarchical service with 30-50 priests and 5-10 deacons. It will be a wonderful opportunity to hear from experts on a number of topics, including Masha Gisetti who will be speaking on Parishes as nurturing communities.

We are, also, sending a team to participate in the Bible Bowl. Please come to cheer them on!

The deadline for the Early Bird registration is MAY 1!!! You can certainly register afterwards but it will cost you a bit more.

I look forward to seeing you there.

With love, in Christ,  
Fr. Seraphim

**This month we say goodbye to Susan Arnold, who is moving to Colorado Springs. May God grant her many years!**

**Mother's Day Brunch on May 13!** All men see Gene Hill to arrange what you are contributing this tribute to all our mothers, grandmothers, and godmothers!

**Our last day of Sunday School will be May 20!**

**There will be a Special Meeting of the Parish on Sunday, May 20, following the Sunday school presentation.** We have some serious financial problems that need to be resolved. Please make time for this important meeting!

**Parish Picnic is on June 3!**

**Reminder: PLC is coming in June. June 13-16 in Santa Fe, New Mexico.** All are welcome. Rooms are only \$139 a night during the PLC. We have a team for the Bible Bowl. Our first year! Let's be there to cheer them on. Go to: <http://www.holytrinitysantafe.org/> for information and <http://www.antiochianevents.com/wichita.html> for schedule and registration!

**Adding our Google calendar ([stjohngoldenco@gmail.com](mailto:stjohngoldenco@gmail.com)) to your computer or phone.** Please access the calendar on your phone or computer and follow the specific instructions for your setup.

**We are continuing with the \$5-a-Month Club** to support the priests in Uganda. Please join – just write a check for \$5 every month or \$60 for the year.

**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 Dianna Vagianos-Armentrout at [diannavagianos@gmail.com](mailto:diannavagianos@gmail.com).

**We have two Fund-raising opportunities** – through Amazon Smile and through the Archdiocesan on-line Purchasing – please see the notice at the end of the newsletter for details of how you can participate.

### 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**

#### May

05/03	Birthday	Anna Gisetti
05/03	Repose	Robert Baldwin
05/04	Birthday	Robert Saieg
05/08	Anniversary	Bert & Margo Waisanen
05/08	Birthday	Paul Saieg
05/09	Namesday	Christopher Cheaqui
05/09	Namesday	Chris Dovey
05/14	Birthday	Kylee Gisetti
05/14	Birthday	Ricky Hill
05/14	Birthday	Russell Zinng III
05/15	Birthday	Alexander Watson (Higgins)
05/17	Birthday	Hannah Fox
05/19	Ordination to the Priesthood	Fr. Seraphim Gisetti
05/20	Birthday	Darya Goudzwaard
05/24	Birthday	Alyssa Dovey
05/27	Anniversary	Alex & Ketino Beim
05/31	Anniversary	Andrei & Jacque Gisetti

#### June

06/02	Anniversary	Joseph & Joyce Mikita
06/08	Birthday	Mike Drakulich
06/16	Birthday	Ketino Beim
06/16	Birthday	Kara Yakubik
06/17	Birthday	Dawn Dovey
06/20	Birthday	Rebecca Higgins
06/21	Birthday	Joanna Hill
06/27	Namesday	Jacque Gisetti
06/28	Anniversary	Robert & Linda Saieg
06/29	Anniversary	Christina Veselak
06/29	Namesday	Paul Saieg

### Parish Responsibilities

#### Parish Cleaning:

May	5, 6	Andrei & Jacque Gisetti
June	2, 3	Armentrout

	Prospora	Epistle	Communion help	Coffee Hour
<b>May</b>				
6	Christopher Cheaqui	Dana Berry	Taisia & Alyssa	J. Gisetti, Baldwin
13	Fr. Seraphim	Chris Dovey	Pelagia & Kylee	<u>Mother's Day Brunch</u>
20	Darya Goudzwaard	Taisia Taraschuk	Caitlin & Hannah	J&S Rahe, Dovey, Roberts
27	Alex & Ketino Beim	Jonathan Spencer	Taisia & Alyssa	Wallace, Taraschuk, Al. Gisetti
<b>June</b>				
3	Drakulich	Margo Waisanen	Pelagia & Kylee	<u>Picnic</u>
10	Kara Yakubik	Joe Mikita	Caitlin & Hannah	Saieg, M. Gisetti, Baldwin
17	Dawn Dovey	Seraphima Rahe	Taisia & Alyssa	<u>Father's Day Brunch</u>
24	Bob & Linda Saieg	Andrei Gisetti	Pelagia & Kylee	Hill, Cheaqui, D. Mikita

### PROSPHORA Baking

**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 Proskomedia 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.

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.

#### Prospora Instructions

2 tsp yeast (Fleischmann's Dry Yeast) - roughly 1 envelope

1 pinch salt (iodized is what I use)

2 c water

~1.5 lb flour (I use Hungarian High Altitude Unbleached, I used to use Gold Medal Bleached or store brand Unbleached -DO NOT use Whole Wheat)

Needed: mixing bowl, mixing spoon, liquid measuring cup, cookie sheet, 1 large linen/cotton towel (flour bag type), 1½" - 3" craft/leather needle (NOT Knitting needle) – you can use a smaller one if that is all you have or a pin – but sterilize first

Preheat oven to 350 (some 325, some 375 or somewhere in between)

Mix water and yeast and 1 cup flour, mix, cover (with a linen towel) and let stand until it bubbles (or separates – sometimes it does one, sometimes the other), then add the pinch of salt and start adding flour, mixing thoroughly until “rubbery” to the touch and does not stick to your fingers.

Roll out, fold up, roll out, fold up, roll out. Form into a loaf about 10” across (diameter), put on cookie sheet (flour the cookie sheet – do not oil it or spray pam or any other oil on it), stamp with prospora seal (don't be afraid to flatten it in the process, and prick the 4 corners of the main seal (in the center) with the needle (does not have to go all the way to the bottom and hit the cookie sheet) as well as the very center of the seal (this lessens the chance of an air bubble under the seal)

Put into oven for ~45 minutes. (do 20 minutes on top rack and 20+ minutes on the bottom rack)

Take out when it starts to brown (VERY light brown), wrap in the linen towel and let it cool in the towel.

Put in plastic bag (1 gal size works well) and bring to church. You can freeze it at home if it is baked several days early – but don't let it defrost on the way to church unless it is the day before it is going to be used.

If you have more dough than needed for the prospora, bake yourself a loaf and slather it with butter and enjoy

## Schedule of Services and Events

### May

5	Sat	4:00 pm	What is Orthodoxy?	
		5:00 pm	Vespers	
6	Sun	9:00 am	Liturgy	<b>Sunday of the Samaritan Woman</b>
			Coffee hour & Sunday School	
12	Sat	4:00 pm	What is Orthodoxy? An open discussion	
		5:00 pm	Vespers	
13	Sun	9:00 am	Liturgy	<b>Sunday of the Blind Man</b>
			<b>Mother's Day Brunch</b> & Sunday School	
17	Thu	6:30 pm	Liturgy	<b>Ascension of our Lord</b>
			Festal potluck	
19	Sat	4:00 pm	What is Orthodoxy? An open discussion	
		5:00 pm	Vespers	
20	Sun	9:00 am	Liturgy	<b>Sunday of the Fathers of the 1<sup>st</sup> Ec. Council</b>
			Coffee hour & Last day of Sunday School	
26	Sat	4:00 pm	What is Orthodoxy? An open discussion	
		5:00 pm	Vespers	
27	Sun	9:00 am	Liturgy & Vespers with Kneeling Prayers	<b>Pentecost</b>
			Coffee hour & NO Sunday School	

### June

2	Sat	4:00 pm	What is Orthodoxy?	
		5:00 pm	Vespers	
3	Sun	9:00 am	Liturgy	<b>All Saints</b>
			<b>Parish Picnic</b>	
4	Mon	12:01 am		<i>Start of the Peter &amp; Paul Apostles Fast</i>
9	Sat	4:00 pm	What is Orthodoxy?	
		5:00 pm	Vespers	
10	Sun	9:00 am	Liturgy	
			Coffee hour	
13-16				<i>Parish Life Conference in Santa Fe, NM</i>
16	Sat		<b>NO Vespers</b>	
17	Sun	9:00 am	Liturgy	
			<b>Father's Day Brunch</b>	
23	Sat	4:00 pm	What is Orthodoxy?	
		5:00 pm	Vespers	
24	Sun	9:00 am	Liturgy	
			Coffee hour	
29	Fri	6:30 pm	Liturgy	<b>SS. Peter &amp; Paul</b>
			Festal potluck	
30	Sat	4:00 pm	What is Orthodoxy?	
		5:00 pm	Vespers	

## Amazon Smile Program

1. Instead of using [www.amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com), use smile.amazon.com
2. Bookmark smile.amazon.com in all of your browsers
3. Search for St. John Chrysostom Church (Christian – Lakewood, CO)
4. Select it as your charity.
5. Always use smile.amazon.com when purchasing from Amazon. Everything will look the same and work the same as on [www.amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com) including Prime if you have it.

EXCEPT, St. John's will get a (small – 0.5%) donation of every purchase that you make.

THIS DOES NOT COST YOU ANY MORE.

That's it.

Thank you



## St. John Chrysostom Rewards Program

### **Program Overview:**

1. A digital savings and fundraising platform for our ministry.
2. The program creates an automatic monetary contribution to our ministry as a percentage of your online spending.
3. This program is endorsed by the Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese of North America.

### **How Does It Work?**

1. Shop at thousands of your favorite retailers, such as Target, Best Buy, Nordstrom, Home Depot, Kohl's, J. Crew, and more.
2. Save by taking advantage of discounts and deals including %-off discounts, \$-off discounts, and free shipping.
3. Support the parish, as a percentage of every purchase you make at participating retailers is contributed back to the ministry at no additional cost to you.

### **How Do You Participate:**

1. Go to <http://antiochian.org/rewardsprogram> and register with your email address.
2. Remember to visit <http://antiochian.org/rewardsprogram> prior to making online purchases to enable a contribution to St. John's and to discover relevant savings offers for you. OR
3. Install the <http://antiochian.org/rewardsprogram> support button on your Chrome, Firefox, or Safari browser to automatically support the ministry every time you make a purchase—without having to visit the deal site first.