



St. John Chrysostom Church

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June 2018 SJCC News

My Joy in the Lord,

I wish all of you a blessed Pentecost. The Descent of the Holy Spirit is not simply a celebration of a moment in the past, it is the continuing reminder that we all have received that same Spirit and that it is in each of us. We all have the capability of walking on water; we all have the capability of speaking in tongues; we all have the capability of healing the sick, opening the eyes of the blind and making paralytics walk.

We all can.

But we all rarely do.

Mostly it is because we think that we never do.

The love that we extend to those around us does all of these things. You think you don't open the eyes of the blind? Every time you teach someone something – how to prepare a salad, how to hammer in a nail, how to turn on a light, you open their eyes.

Every time you communicate with an infant, you are speaking in tongues.

Every time you touch the hand of someone infirm in body or soul, you are healing their sickness.

But, the response may be, everyone does that.

No, “everyone” does not do that. There are many Christians and non-Christians who do that but every such act is a reflection of the Holy Spirit in this world, whether done by a Christian or non-Christian.

So what is the difference between us and them? We know what we are doing and they don't. Scripture says, “... And by (the Most High's) Will (He) acts among the powers of Heaven and the habitations of the earth; and there is none who will contest His hand and say to Him, 'What have You done?’” (Daniel 4:32; LXX) God acts in this world constantly. He acts through whomever will be His agent. That is our calling, to be His people, to act in accordance with His Spirit.

Let us open our hearts and our minds to those very “mundane” acts that yet are the acts of the Spirit in our lives.

With love, in Christ,

Fr. Seraphim

Parish Picnic on June 3 (this Sunday) right after Liturgy! Meat/gluten free veggie and buns are provided. Bring a side dish to share.

Reminder: PLC is 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!

Please – NO GUM. In the church or even on the premises – especially for our children. It is very hard to remove from our carpets! And is inappropriate to chew in church.

There will be an Altar server meeting on June 3 and 10 after Liturgy. Please don't make plans to leave before we have our meeting!

The Ss. Peter and Paul apostles Fast begins on Monday, June 4!

Father's Day is on June 17. There will be a brunch for all the fathers, grandfathers, godfathers, and great-grandfathers of our parish hosted by the ladies and children of St. John's See Lara or the sign-up sheet and bring a tasty dish. No meat but eggs and dairy allowed..

Fr. Seraphim will be on vacation between July 12 and July 24. Fr. James Worth will serve Liturgy on the two Sundays I am gone. There will be no Vespers those two weekends.

Adding our calendar to your computer or phone. Please follow the instructions at Google for stjohngoldenco@gmail.com . The calendar is public and available for all.

You are invited to the Wedding of Alexandra Gisetti and Shawn Wyman on August 26 at 2:30 pm at St. Catherine Greek Orthodox Church. Cake and champagne will follow the service in the Parish Hall. The formal invitation is hung on the bulletin board on the Fellowship Hall.

Bishop Basil will visit our parish on August 25 for Hierarchical Liturgy at 9 am. Please put it on your calendar and make plans to attend. Coffee Hour will follow the Liturgy

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.

Parish Responsibilities

Parish Cleaning:

June 2, 3 Armentrout
 July 7, 8 Higgins

	Prospora	Epistle	Communion help	Coffee Hour
June				
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
July				
1	Joe Conder	Ricky Hill	Caitlin & Hannah	Spencer, Fiscus, Anna Gisetti
8	Mike & Dagmar Drakulich	Taisia Taraschuk	Taisia & Alyssa	Hill, D. Rahe, Baker
15	Carolyn Baldwin	Dana Berry	Pelagia & Kylee	Saieg, Veselak, Conder
22	Christopher & Bethany Cheaqui	Chris Dovey	Caitlin & Hannah	Fox, Zingg, Yakubik
29	Fox	Susan Arnold	Taisia & Alyssa	Berry, Cheaqui, Waisanen

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**

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

July

07/01	Birthday	Brigitte Tarashchuk
07/02	Birthday	Fr. Seraphim Gisetti
07/02	Birthday	Dianna Vagianos-Armentrout
07/03	Birthday	Joseph Conder
07/08	Birthday	Alex Beim
07/09	Birthday	Seraphima Rahe
07/11	Anniversary	Mike & Dagmar Drakulich
07/13	Birthday	Chris Dovey
07/13	Birthday	Elisabeth Gisetti
07/17	Namesday	Carolyn Baldwin
07/17	Namesday	Margaret Berry
07/18	Namesday	Alyssa Dovey
07/18	Namesday	Elisabeth Gisetti
07/19	Namesday	Fr. Seraphim Gisetti
07/19	Namesday	Dagmar Drakulich
07/20	Birthday	Susan Arnold
07/22	Namesday	Kylee Gisetti
07/24	Anniversary	Christopher & Bethany Cheaqui
07/24	Namesday	Christina Veselak
07/25	Birthday	Richard Hill
07/25	Namesday	Joyce Mikita
07/29	Birthday	Micah Fox
07/31	Namesday	Joseph Berry
07/31	Namesday	Joseph 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.

Because we have grown, the prosporas need to be bigger, please see the recipe for the new proportions....

Prospora Instructions

Needed:

Mixing bowl

Mixing spoon

Liquid Measuring cup

Cookie sheet

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

1 large linen/cotton towel (flour bag type)

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)

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)

(40 - 45 min depending on the size of the loaf and efficiency of the oven)

Take out when it starts to brown (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

June

2	Sat	4:00 pm	What is Orthodoxy?	
		5:00 pm	Vespers	
3	Sun	9:00 am	Liturgy	All Saints
			Parish Picnic	
4	Mon	12:01 am		<u><i>Start of the Peter & Paul Apostles Fast</i></u>
9	Sat	4:00 pm	What is Orthodoxy?	
		5:00 pm	Vespers	
10	Sun	9:00 am	Liturgy	
			Coffee hour	
16	Sat		NO Vespers	
17	Sun	9:00 am	Liturgy	
			Father's Day Brunch	
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	SS. Peter & Paul
			Festal potluck	
30	Sat	4:00 pm	What is Orthodoxy?	
		5:00 pm	Vespers	

July

1	Sun	9:00 am	Liturgy
			Coffee hour
7	Sat	4:00 pm	What is Orthodoxy?
		5:00 pm	Vespers
8	Sun	9:00 am	Liturgy
			Coffee hour
14	Sat		NO Vespers
15	Sun	9:00 am	Liturgy
			Coffee hour
21	Sat		NO Vespers
22	Sun	9:00 am	Liturgy
			Coffee hour
28	Sat	4:00 pm	What is Orthodoxy?
		5:00 pm	Vespers
29	Sun	9:00 am	Liturgy
			Coffee hour

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

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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.