



St. John Chrysostom Church

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My Joy in the Lord,

July and August bring vacations and camping and much outdoor activity. May you be safe when you leave home.

I will be on vacation as well for two weekends. Fr. James Worth will cover for me – this also includes any emergencies that come up. You can also call Fr. David Mustian at St. Luke's.

We have had a few people move from our community and a few people join. Our schedules for Epistle Readers and Coffee Hour serving is out of kilter. We need new schedules. I hope to make them before I leave for my vacation. But you will notice that August is blank on the schedule. It'll be filled in as soon as possible.

We REALLY need you to welcome new people when they come to services not just coffee hour. I say "YOU" because I cannot and will not interrupt the service to make people at home and give them a book if they want one and have them fill out a welcome slip and answer their questions. You need to do this. It helps if you are in church before our visitors arrive....

This means interrupting your personal prayers to make hospitality part of your prayer to God. I have often spoken of making everything we do into prayer. Helping someone new begin to learn how to pray with us is one outstanding example of such. Don't see it as an interruption of your prayer. See it as an opportunity to help someone join in the worship of God that brings glory to you.

So how does filling out a slip with name and phone and email help them pray? It doesn't. But, by allowing me to welcome them properly, it helps our community be welcoming. It is much more effective to say to someone, "Welcome, John Doe from X" than to say, "Welcome new people" (whoever you are). It also helps me contact them after the service if they have to leave, not expecting a coffee hour and fellowship. I cannot express how frustrated I have been over several visitors in the last two months who left without leaving any contact information and no one caught them to say, "Please, how can we contact you?"

This activity can't be left to just one or two individuals. It shouldn't be left to people who are in the choir singing for the services. It needs to be part of everyone's responsibility and it needs to become an automatic reaction to a new face. It needs to be felt by all of us as part of our Christian worship.

I do understand that some people only come rarely to church and may be confused with new visitors. That is quickly straightened out if we approach people gently asking, "Have we met? I'm Jane. Are you new to St. John's?"

The key is remembering faces and names. I heard the story of a person who once tried attending a parish in another part of the country. They gave a mug as a souvenir of a person's first visit. Unfortunately, they kept giving her a mug every time she attended so that she soon had a collection. We need to try and remember people's faces to be truly hospitable, not just playacting at it.

With love, in Christ,

Fr. Seraphim

I 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 and no 4 pm discussion those two weeks.

In case of emergency, you can reach Fr. David at St. Luke's: 303.665.4013. You can reach Fr. James at 303.525.0654.

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.

NOTE about the Prospora schedule: If you can't bake a prospora, please, at least, email or text me the names for commemoration a few days BEFORE THE SUNDAY.

Adding our calendar to your computer or phone. Please follow the instructions at stjohngoldenco@gmail.com Please note that you need to delete it and re-add it periodically. It does not update properly on its own.

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:

July 7, 8 Higgins
 August 4,5 Hill

	Prospora	Epistle	Communion help	Coffee Hour
July				
1	Joe Conder	Ricky Hill	Hannah	Spencer, Fiscus, Anna Gisetti
8	Mike & Dagmar Drakulich	Taisia Taraschuk	Taisia	Hill, D. Rahe, Baker
15	Carolyn Baldwin	Dana Berry	Kylee	Saieg, Conder
22	Cheaqui	Jonathan Spencer	Pelagia	Fox, Zingg, Yakubik
29	Fox	Margo Waisanen	Hannah	Berry, Cheaqui, Waisanen
August				
5				
12				
19				
26				

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**

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

August

08/07	Birthday	Joyce Mikita
08/09	Namesday	Alex Beim
08/09	Namesday	Matthew Bourquin
08/09	Namesday	Don Lewis
08/11	Birthday	Rory Neill
08/13	Birthday	Denise Mikita
08/14	Birthday	Bert Waisanen
08/14	Namesday	Micah Fox
08/15	Namesday	Dianna Vagianos-Armentrout
08/16	Birthday	Kelsey Perkins
08/18	Birthday	Joshua Fox
08/19	Anniversary	John & Seraphima Rahe
08/22	Anniversary	Josh & Miriam Fox
08/28	Anniversary	Sid & Tim Kurtz
08/31	Namesday	Sid Gray-Kurtz

Special note: Mike & Dagmar are celebrating their 70th Anniversary – longer than almost all of us have been born!

Schedule of Services and Events

July

1	Sun	9:00 am	Liturgy Coffee hour
7	Sat	4:00 pm 5:00 pm	What is Orthodoxy? 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 5:00 pm	What is Orthodoxy? Vespers
29	Sun	9:00 am	Liturgy Coffee hour

August

1		12:01 am		<i>Start of the Dormition Fast</i>
4	Sat	4:00 pm 5:00 pm	What is Orthodoxy? Vespers	
5	Sun	9:00 am	Liturgy Coffee hour	
6	Mon	6:30 pm	Liturgy Festal Potluck	Transfiguration of our Lord
11	Sat	4:00 pm 5:00 pm	What is Orthodoxy? Vespers	
12	Sun	9:00 am	Liturgy Coffee hour	
15	Wed	6:30 pm	Liturgy Festal Potluck	Dormition of the Theotokos
18	Sat	4:00 pm 5:00 pm	What is Orthodoxy? Vespers	
19	Sun	9:00 am	Liturgy Coffee hour	
25	Sat	9:00 am	Hierarchical Liturgy with Bishop Basil Festal Potluck NO Vespers	
26	Sun	9:00 am 2:30 pm	Liturgy Coffee hour Crowning of Alexandra Gisetti and Shawn Wyman	St. Catherine GOC

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

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)

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)

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

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3. This program is endorsed by the Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese of North America.

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