



St. John Chrysostom Church

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My Joy in the Lord,

On August 1st the Dormition Fast begins. It is only two weeks long but is the second most followed fast in the Church Calendar. Please make an effort to follow this fast.

We do have a break on Monday, August 6 with the Feast of the Transfiguration of our Lord. If you have any fruits or berries growing in your yard, please bring an example to be blessed at Liturgy on that day.

Also, our bishop is coming to serve liturgy with us. Please make an effort to come early and be here to greet him before the Liturgy begins. The bishop is not just an administrative figure that lives far off and comes every so often to strike fear into everyone's hearts. He is our father in Christ. More so than the local priest, he is the supposed to be the icon of Christ dwelling in our hearts. In our case, Bishop Basil is much more than just "supposed to be", he truly is the icon of Christ for us. Please make him welcome as our bishop and chief shepherd, the true "archiereus" (archpriest).

With love, in Christ,

Fr. Seraphim

REMINDER: Bishop Basil is with us on SATURDAY August 25 at 9 am for Liturgy. Please be on time to greet the Bishop! Coffee Hour follows Liturgy just as on a Sunday. Please see Diana Armentrout or Alex Beim for signup.

Another reminder: we don't shake hands with the bishop, we get his blessing. We put our right hands over our left, palms up and hold them out towards him. When he blesses and puts his hand over ours, we bend down and kiss his hand!

The Prayer for the start of the school year will be at the end of the Hierarchical Liturgy with bishop Basil. If you are involved in a school as student or teacher, please be there for the prayer!

You are all invited to the wedding of Alexandra Gisetti and Shawn Wyman at St. Catherine Greek Orthodox Church at 2:30 pm. Toast and cake to follow in the Parish Hall.

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.

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

August

08/04	Birthday	Deanna Margugito
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

September

09/01	Namesday	Josh Fox
09/02	Birthday	Russell Zinng
09/03	Anniversary	Fr. Seraphim & Masha Gisetti
09/04	Anniversary	Jonathan & Larissa Spencer
09/06	Anniversary	John & Colleen Fiscus
09/07	Birthday	Sid Gray-Kurtz
09/07	Namesday	Savannah Roberts
09/09	Namesday	Miriam Fox
09/09	Namesday	Anna Gisetti
09/09	Namesday	Kara Yakubik
09/09	Namesday	Kalee Zinng
09/09	Namesday	Anna Cheaqui
09/10	Birthday	Lisa DeLeo
09/10	Birthday	John Fiscus
09/15	Birthday	Savannah Roberts
09/16	Birthday	Don Lewis
09/24	Birthday	Daniel Rahe
09/25	Birthday	Jaime Rall
09/28	Birthday	Anna Cheaqui
09/30	Birthday	Carolyn Baldwin

Parish Responsibilities

Parish Cleaning:

August 4,5 Hill

September 1,2 Rahe

	Prospora	Epistle	Communion help	Coffee Hour
August				
5	Alex Beim	Jonathan Spencer	Taisia & Alyssa	Spencer, Zingg, Margugito
12	Denise Mikita	Margo Waisanen	Pelagia & Kylee	Wallace, Perkins
19	Seraphima Rahe	Joe Mikita	Caitlin & Hannah	Beim, Goudzward, Baldwin
26	Josh Fox	Seraphima Rahe	Taisia & Alyssa	Armentrout, Roberts
September				
2	Kalee Zingg	Andrei Gisetti	Pelagia & Kylee	<u>Potluck</u>
9	Anna Gisetti	Ricky Hill	Caitlin & Hannah	J. Gisetti, Dovey, Al. Gisetti
16	Savannah Roberts	Taisia Taraschuk	Taisia & Alyssa	J&S Rahe, Taraschuk, Anna Gisetti
23	Christopher Cheaqui	Dana Berry	Pelagia & Kylee	Wallace, Fiscus, Baker
30	Carolyn Baldwin	Chris Dovey	Caitlin & Hannah	Spencer, D. Rahe, Conder

Schedule of Services and Events - August

1		12:01 am		<i>Start of the Dormition Fast</i>
4	Sat	4:00 pm	What is Orthodoxy?	
		5:00 pm	Vespers	
5	Sun	9:00 am	Liturgy	
			Coffee hour	
6	Mon	6:30 pm	Liturgy	Transfiguration of our Lord
			Festal Potluck	
11	Sat	4:00 pm	What is Orthodoxy?	
		5:00 pm	Vespers	
12	Sun	9:00 am	Liturgy	
			Coffee hour	
15	Wed	6:30 pm	Liturgy	Dormition of the Theotokos
			Festal Potluck	
18	Sat	4:00 pm	What is Orthodoxy?	
		5:00 pm	Vespers	
19	Sun	9:00 am	Liturgy	
			Coffee hour	
25	Sat	9:00 am	Hierarchical Liturgy with Bishop Basil	
			Prayer for the New School Year	
			Festal Potluck	
			NO Vespers	
26	Sun	9:00 am	Liturgy	
			Coffee hour	
		2:30 pm	Crowning of Alexandra Gisetti and Shawn Wyman	
September				
1	Sat	4:00 pm	What is Orthodoxy?	
		5:00 pm	Vespers	
2	Sun	9:00 am	Liturgy	
			Coffee hour	
8	Sat	9:00 am	Liturgy	Nativity of the Theotokos
			Breakfast TBD	
			NO Vespers	
9	Sun	9:00 am	Liturgy	
			Coffee hour	
14	Fri	6:30 pm	Liturgy	Elevation of the Cross
			Strict Lenten Potluck	
15	Sat	4:00 pm	What is Orthodoxy?	
		5:00 pm	Vespers	
16	Sun	9:00 am	Liturgy	
			Coffee hour	
22	Sat	4:00 pm	What is Orthodoxy?	
		5:00 pm	Vespers	
23	Sun	9:00 am	Liturgy	
			Coffee hour	
29	Sat	4:00 pm	What is Orthodoxy?	
		5:00 pm	Vespers	
30	Sun	9:00 am	Liturgy	
			Coffee hour	

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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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.

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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.