



St. John Chrysostom Church

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September 2018 SJCC News

My Joy in the Lord,

September is a time of beginnings. The weather gets cooler. Schools are open and back into the swing of things. And we start our Fall Adult Education series. This year the topic will be the Christian Life based on two books by Fr. Joseph Honeycutt: “Defeating Sin” and “We came, we saw, we converted”.

September should also be a time for our spiritual beginnings as well. Many have gone to Confession in the Spring and have given it no thought since then. We have gone through TWO Fasts since the Spring and few have followed them in anything other than food! Even though there is no Fast during either September or October, please think about coming to Confession rather than waiting for Great Lent again. Once a year is not often enough! If we can't remember what we ate for breakfast a month ago, how do we expect to remember our sins?

I am especially speaking to parents: our children need to come to Confession once a month. NOT ONE child is doing that. I do understand their reluctance. But this reluctance is going to continue into adulthood unless we change the pattern.

Every one of us, as Christians, needs to be comfortable with Confession or else the path into the Kingdom is going to be very difficult because the Kingdom is only open to us through confession and repentance. It is too easy to say “I have a hard time repenting now, I'll do it later, when I come face to face with the God of All.” or “I have a hard time confessing now, I'll do it later, when I come face to face with the God of All.”. Our Lord is going to face us with ourselves – each and every one of our sins – and unless we have spent time looking at ourselves and considering ourselves, and confessing and repenting, we will have to deal with an enormous load.

Come to Vespers and stay for Confession or give me a call and we'll set up a convenient time. But please don't ignore this ministry and Sacrament of the Church.

With love, in Christ,

Fr. Seraphim

THIS SUNDAY COFFEE HOUR IS A POTLUCK! Please bring whatever you wish to share.

Wednesday, September 12 we begin our Fall Adult Education series. The books are: “Defeating Sin” and “We came, we saw, w converted” by Fr. Joseph Honeycutt. Available from Amazon and our bookstore.

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

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
09/24	Birthday	Daniel Rahe
09/25	Birthday	Jaime Saieg
09/28	Birthday	Anna Cheaqui
09/30	Birthday	Carolyn Baldwin

October

10/03	Namesday	Denise Mikita
10/05	Namesday	Dana Berry
10/07	Birthday	Miriam Fox
10/07	Birthday	Nina Beim
10/08	Anniversary	Andrei & Brigitte Tarashchuk
10/08	Namesday	Taisia Tarashchuk
10/08	Namesday	Pelagia Tarashchuk
10/08	Namesday	Brigitte Tarashchuk
10/09	Birthday	Taisia Tarashchuk
10/14	Birthday	Bethany Cheaqui
10/14	Namesday	Kelsey Perkins
10/20	Namesday	Russell Zinng III
10/22	Birthday	Tim Armentrout

Parish Responsibilities

Parish Cleaning:

September 1,2 Rahe

October 6,7 Saieg

	Prospora	Epistle	Communion help	Coffee Hour
September				
2	Kalee Zingg	Andrei Gisetti	Pelagia & Kylee	<u>Potluck</u>
9	Anna Gisetti	Ricky Hill	Caitlin & Hannah	J. Gisetti, Dovey, Al. Wyman
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
October				
7	Tarashchuk	Joanna Hill	Taisia & Alyssa	Hill, Yakubik
14	Cheaqui	Jonathan Spencer	Pelagia & Kylee	Saieg, Zingg, Waisanen
21	Armentrout	Margo Waisanen	Caitlin & Hannah	Fox, Cheaqui, Margugito
28	Open	Joe Mikita	Taisia & Alyssa	Berry, M. Gisetti, Perkins

Schedule of Services and Events

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	
12	Wed	7:00 pm	Adult Discussion	
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	
19	Wed	7:00 pm	Adult Discussion	
22	Sat	4:00 pm	What is Orthodoxy?	
		5:00 pm	Vespers	
23	Sun	9:00 am	Liturgy	
			Coffee hour	
26	Wed	7:00 pm	Adult Discussion	
29	Sat	4:00 pm	What is Orthodoxy?	
		5:00 pm	Vespers	
30	Sun	9:00 am	Liturgy	
			Coffee hour	

October

3	Wed	7:00 pm	Adult Discussion	
6	Sat	4:00 pm	What is Orthodoxy?	
		5:00 pm	Vespers	
7	Sun	9:00 am	Liturgy	
			Coffee hour	
10	Wed	7:00 pm	Adult Discussion	
13	Sat	4:00 pm	What is Orthodoxy?	
		5:00 pm	Vespers	
14	Sun	9:00 am	Liturgy	
			Coffee hour	
17	Wed		NO Adult Discussion	
20	Sat		NO Vespers	
21	Sun	9:00 am	Liturgy	
			Coffee hour	
24	Wed	7:00 pm	Adult Discussion	
27	Sat	4:00 pm	What is Orthodoxy?	
		5:00 pm	Vespers	
28	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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3. Search for St. John Chrysostom Church (Christian – Lakewood, CO)
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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.

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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.