



St. John Chrysostom Church

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October 2018 SJCC News

My Joy in the Lord,

At the end of this month many children participate in Halloween. When I was growing up, this was a completely secular activity. We dressed up as pirates, princesses, heroes and heroines and visited friends, relatives and neighbors to get candy. It was innocuous and fun.

Recently, our secular society has placed more emphasis on a darker Halloween. In response, some churches have tried to “protect” their children from these developments by removing the children from the neighborhood and having “hallowed” parties for them. The children dress up as figures from the Bible or as various saints and get their candy or healthy snacks in the context of their church community.

I believe this is a mistake - not the dressing up as biblical or saintly figures, that's fine, though I also don't see a problem with pirates, heroes and heroines, but the isolation of the church from the community. We are called to transfigure the world. We cannot do that if we isolate ourselves from it.

For us, November 1 is not All Saints Day – we celebrate it on the 1st Sunday after Pentecost, so October 31st is just another evening (the eve of Sts. Cosmas and Damian). So everything associated with the evening becomes a secular/family celebration.

I see Halloween as an opportunity to be kind – to children and to parents. It is an opportunity to be a witness – not by passing out pamphlets – but by having a smiling face and a kind voice. It is an opportunity to show our love for our neighbor by participating in a secular ritual with patience and charity.

We usually think of charity as giving to the homeless or the needy, but it is also to our neighbor who asks, “Trick or Treat”.

With love, in Christ,

Fr. Seraphim

I will be away from October 17th through the 20th. I have been invited to participate in the 150th anniversary of one of my previous parishes – Holy Trinity Cathedral in San Francisco. I will return late Saturday night and we will have Sunday services as usual but there will be no Adult Discussion that Wednesday night and no Vespers or Open Discussion on that Saturday.

October Fellowship Activity: Trunk and Treat. October 27th after Vespers. Potluck dinner will follow Vespers, we will then tour the decorated car trunks. For ideas you can Google “Trunk or Treat” or just look on Pinterest. Please remember that we have agreed to not serve or bring alcohol to Fellowship Activities.

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

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

November

11/06	Anniversary	Zach & Becca Higgins
11/08	Namesday	Aaron Rendoff
11/08	Namesday	Micco Waisanen
11/08	Namesday	Mike Drakulich
11/09	Birthday	Margaret Berry
11/09	Birthday	Joseph Berry
11/10	Birthday	Andrei Gisetti
11/11	Birthday	Zach Higgins
11/14	Namesday	John Fiscus
11/23	Namesday	Sandro Beim
11/23	Namesday	Alexander Higgins
11/25	Namesday	Ketino Beim
11/25	Namesday	Caitlin Dovey
11/25	Namesday	Katherine Knudtsen
11/26	Birthday	Emma Dovey
11/26	Birthday	Jakob Higgins
11/30	Namesday	Andrei Gisetti
11/30	Namesday	Andrei Tarashchuk

Parish Responsibilities

Parish Cleaning:

October 6,7 Saieg

November 3,4 Spencer

	Prospora	Epistle	Communion help	Coffee Hour
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
November				
4	Andrei Gisetti	Seraphima Rahe	Pelagia & Kylee	J&J Mikita, Higgins, D. Mikita
11	John Fiscus	Andrei Gisetti	Caitlin & Hannah	Potluck
18	Becca Higgins	Ricky Hill	Taisia & Alyssa	J&S Rahe, Waisanen
25	Ketino Beim	Taisia Taraschuk	Pelagia & Kylee	J. Gisetti, Fiscus, Yakubik

Schedule of Services and Events

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	Chrismation of Russell Zingg
			Liturgy
			Coffee hour
		11:00 am	Sunday School
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

		11:00 am	Sunday School	
			Parish Council Meeting	
17	Wed		NO Adult Discussion	
20	Sat		NO Vespers	
21	Sun	9:00 am	Liturgy	
			Coffee hour	
		11:00 am	Sunday School	
24	Wed	7:00 pm	Adult Discussion	
27	Sat	4:00 pm	What is Orthodoxy?	
		5:00 pm	Vespers	
28	Sun	8:00 am	Matins (Orthros)	
		9:00 am	Liturgy	
			Coffee hour	
		11:00 am	Sunday School	
31	Wed		NO Adult Discussion	
November				
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11	Sun	9:00 am	Liturgy	
			Coffee hour	
			NO Sunday School	
			Annual Parish Assembly	
13	Tue	6:30 pm	Liturgy	St. John Chrysostom, Patronal Feast Day
			Festal Potluck	
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		5:00 pm	Vespers	
18	Sun	9:00 am	Liturgy	
			Coffee hour	
		11:00 am	Sunday School	
21	Wed	6:30 pm	Liturgy	Presentation of the Theotokos in the Temple
			Potluck (Wednesday Fast)	
22	Thu	9:00 am	Liturgy	Thanksgiving (Native American saints)
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		5:00 pm	Vespers	
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			Coffee hour	
		11:00 am	Sunday School	
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2018 – 2019 Festal Weekday Services

2018

November

13	Tuesday	6:30 pm	Liturgy	St. John Chrysostom – Patronal Feast
21	Wednesday	6:30 pm	Liturgy	Entrance into the Temple of the Theotokos
22	Thursday	9:00 am	Liturgy	Thanksgiving (Native American Saints)

December

24	Monday	9:00 am	Royal Hours Vespereal Liturgy	Nativity Eve
		6:00 pm	Nativity Vigil and Carols	
25	Tuesday	9:00 am	Liturgy	Nativity of our Lord

2019

January

4	Friday	9:00 am	Royal hours	Theophany preparation
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Theophany falls on Sunday, January 6

February

Meeting of our Lord falls on Saturday, February 2

March

25	Monday	6:30 pm	Vespereal Liturgy	Annunciation to the Theotokos
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June

6	Thursday	6:30 pm	Liturgy	Ascension of our Lord
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SS Peter & Paul fall on Saturday, June 29

August

6	Tuesday	6:30 pm	Liturgy	Transfiguration of our Lord
15	Thursday	6:30 pm	Liturgy	Dormition of the Theotokos

September

Nativity of the Theotokos falls on Sunday, September 8

Elevation of the Cross falls on Saturday, September 14

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2019 Lenten & Paschal Schedule

March 1st Week of Lent

10	Sunday	Forgiveness Vespers	after Coffee hour
11	Monday	Canon of St. Andrew of Crete	7:00 pm
12	Tuesday	Canon of St. Andrew of Crete	7:00 pm
13	Wednesday	Presanctified Liturgy Lenten Potluck and Discussion	6:30 pm
14	Thursday	Canon of St. Andrew of Crete	7:00 pm
15	Friday	Medaia (Akathist of the Theotokos)	7:00 pm

2nd Week of Lent

20	Wednesday	Presanctified Liturgy Lenten Potluck and Discussion	6:30 pm
22	Friday	Medaia (Akathist of the Theotokos)	7:00 pm

3rd Week of Lent

27	Wednesday	Presanctified Liturgy Lenten Potluck and Discussion	6:30 pm
29	Friday	Medaia (Akathist of the Theotokos)	7:00 pm

April 4th Week of Lent

3	Wednesday	Presanctified Liturgy Lenten Potluck and Discussion	6:30 pm
5	Friday	Medaia (Akathist of the Theotokos)	7:00 pm

5th Week of Lent

10	Wednesday	Presanctified Liturgy Lenten Potluck Great Canon of St. Andrew of Crete	6:30 pm
12	Friday	Akathist of the Theotokos	7:00 pm

6th Week of Lent

17	Wednesday	Presanctified Liturgy Lenten Potluck and Discussion	6:30 pm
20	Saturday	Teaching Liturgy Church Cleaning and Preparation for Pascha	9:00 am Lazarus Saturday

Holy Week

22	Monday	Bridegroom Matins	7:00 pm
23	Tuesday	Bridegroom Matins	7:00 pm
24	Wednesday	Presanctified Liturgy Matins of Holy Thursday and Unction	4:00 pm 7:00 pm
25	Thursday	Vesperal Liturgy of the Last Supper Matins of Holy Friday (12 Gospels)	3:30 pm 7:00 pm
26	Friday	Royal Hours Vespers of Holy Friday (Burial of the Lord)	9:00 am 3:00 pm
27	Saturday	Matins of Holy Saturday (Lamentations) Vesperal Liturgy	7:00 pm 9:30 am
		Paschal Services begin at	11:30 pm

Bright Week

28	Sunday	Agape Vespers & Egg Hunt & Picnic	noon
29	Monday	Bright Monday Paschal Liturgy	9:00 am

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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How Does It Work?

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