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May SJCC News

My Joy in the Lord,
CHRIST IS RISEN!!

A death during Bright Week always brings to mind the dichotomy between Christ's death on the cross and every one of our deaths. Christ came willing to die so that we might live, yet we continue to die. But each one of our deaths, whether from accident or illness, is not the end, but only a beginning. If we look on the calendar of saints we will see that every almost every saint is remembered on the anniversary of their death. This is not because we glorify death, but because the Church has always seen the day of death as the day of birth – into the kingdom of Heaven.

We remember our family and friends on the anniversary of their death as well for the same reason – because we hope and pray that they, too, are in God's Kingdom “where there is neither sorrow nor sighing, but life eternal”.

On another note – the Archdiocesan / diocesan confusion continues. Bishop Basil sent a letter to the Patriarch requesting clarification but there has been no response as yet. Hopefully we will know more by the time of the PLC.

This newsletter is very short, and I apologize for the brevity but between Holy Week, Pascha, Dennis Mantas' death, and my having to leave my job with IBM and switch to EDS, my mind and my energy have been on other things. With God's help, things will settle down after this.

With love, in Christ,
Fr. Seraphim

Inquirer's Class resumes beginning May 2.

FFHP – Food For Hungry People. We still have some boxes not returned and/or checks that have not been brought. This will be the last reminder until next year

Parish Life Conference

The Parish Life Conference will be in Wichita from June 10-13. Everyone is invited. Reservations can be made at the Airport Hilton in Wichita. Details are available at the back of the church, next to the refrigerator. It would be nice if we could put together an adult Bible Bowl team (three people). Details for the Bible Bowl are in a flyer at the back of the church. The cost is \$125 (before May 22) per person plus hotel and meals, though the hospitality room often has enough food that no additional meals need be purchased. The Conference begins at 6 pm on June 10 and ends with the Liturgy on Saturday – though all are invited to stay over until after the Sunday liturgy. (I will be returning back to Denver for Liturgy on Sunday, though no Vespers that Saturday).

Schedule of Services and Events

May

2	Sat	5:00 pm	Vespers	
		5:45	Inquirer's Class	
3	Sun	9:00 am	Liturgy	Sunday of the Holy Myrrhbearers
9	Sat	5:00 pm	Vespers	
		5:45	Inquirer's Class	
10	Sun	9:00 am	Liturgy	Sunday of the Paralytic
12	Tue	7:00 pm	Parish Council – at the Fingers	
16	Sat	5:00 pm	Vespers	
		5:45	Inquirer's Class	
17	Sun	9:00 am	Liturgy	Sunday of the Samaritan Woman
23	Sat	5:00 pm	Vespers	
		5:45	Inquirer's Class	
24	Sun	9:00 am	Liturgy	Sunday of the Blind Man
28	Thu	6:30 pm	Vesperal Liturgy	Ascension of our Lord
30	Sat	5:00 pm	Vespers	
		5:45	Inquirer's Class	
31	Sun	9:00 am	Liturgy	Frs of the 1st Ecumenical Council

June

2	Tue	7:00 pm	Parish Council – at M. Borquin's	
6	Sat	5:00 pm	Vespers	
		5:45	Inquirer's Class	
7	Sun	9:00 am	Liturgy	Pentecost
10 – 13				<u>Parish Life Conference – Wichita KS</u>
13	Sat		NO Vespers	
			NO Inquirer's Class	
14	Sun	9:00 am	Liturgy	Sunday of All Saints
15	Mon			<u>Apostles Fast begins</u>
20	Sat	5:00 pm	Vespers	
		5:45	Inquirer's Class	
21	Sun	9:00 am	Liturgy	
27	Sat	5:00 pm	Vespers	
		5:45	Inquirer's Class	
28	Sun	9:00 am	Liturgy	
29	Mon	6:30 pm	Liturgy	Ss. Peter & Paul (end of Apostles Fast)