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St. John Chrysostom Society

Meeting of 3 June 2022

Location: Holy Trinity Serbian Orthodox Church, Laird Road, Youngstown

In attendance: Lori Demiduk, Tom Batten, Rich Mattiussi, Deacon Mike, Father Conoboy

Points:

Discussion concerning programs for the 2022-2023 calendar year. The suggested program is as follows; Note, unless indicated no specific date has been decided for each individual program.

1. August: Jack Figel from the National SJCS would like to speak to us on Sunday August 21.
2. September: open to possibilities (suggestions welcomed) But, possibly a presentation from Father Radu (Duquesne University, Pittsburgh) on a topic regarding the Romanian Orthodox Church. (Tom will serve as contact with Father).
3. October: from the Diocese of Pittsburgh, Adam Blay on the concept of demons and the supernatural. (Rich Mattiussi will serve as contact with Mr. Blay).
4. November: "Special Event" The Meeting of Two Bishops: East and West." Bishop David Bonner (Diocese of Youngstown) and Metropolitan Savas Zembillas (Greek Orthodox Metropolis of Pittsburgh) to address some contemporary issues of what the East & West share, centered upon St. John Chrysostom. An afternoon program has been suggested beginning at 4 or 4:30 pm on November 13, 2022 (The Feast of St. John Chrysostom).

(Lori Demiduk will serve as contact for Metropolitan Savas and Father Conoboy will serve as contact for Bishop Bonner).

5. December: no program
6. January: The history of the Ecumenical ministry in the Diocese of Youngstown with Fr. Joe Whitmer and Father Sawn Conoboy. (Deacon Mike will serve as contact for Fr. Whitmer).
7. February: A presentation from Father Daniel Rogich on the “Jesus Prayer” as we prepare for the Lenten Season. (Lori Demiduk will serve as contact to Father).

Calendar Dates of Significance:

Orthodox:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Great Lent Begins</u>	<u>Pascha (Easter)</u>	<u>Ascension</u>	<u>Pentecost</u>
2023	Feb. 28	April 16	May 25	June 4
2024	March 18	May 5	June 13	June 23
2025	March 3	April 20	May 29	June 8
2026	Feb. 23	April 12	May 21	May 31

Also:

Palm Sunday (the Sunday before Pascha)

Ascension (forty days after Pascha)

Pentecost (fifty days after Pascha)

The other Great Feasts are on the Fixed Cycle:

The Nativity of the Theotokos — 8 September [O.S. 21 September]

The Elevation of the Holy Cross — 14 September [O.S. 27 September]

The Presentation of the Theotokos — 21 November [O.S. 4 December]

The Nativity of the Lord — 25 December [O.S. 7 January]

The Theophany (Epiphany) of the Lord — 6 January [O.S. 19 January]

The Presentation of the Lord — 2 February [O.S. 15 February]

The Annunciation — 25 March [O.S. 7 April]

The Transfiguration — 6 August [O.S. 19 August]

The Dormition (Falling Asleep) of the Theotokos — 15 August [O.S. 28 August]

Roman:

Year	Lent (Ash Wednesday)	Easter	Pentecost	Start of Advent
2023	Feb. 22	April 9	May 28	Dec. 3
2024	Feb. 12	March 31	May 19	Dec. 1
2025	March 5	April 20	June 8	Nov. 30
2026	Feb. 18	April 5	May 24	Nov. 29

Also:

- Mary, Mother of God (always celebrated January 1, but if this occurs on a Saturday or a Monday there is no obligation to go to Mass)
- Epiphany (this has been permanently translated to the first Sunday after January 1)
- Ascension (this is celebrated on different days depending on which ecclesiastical province you live in; a few provinces celebrate it on the traditional date, which is the Thursday of the sixth week of Easter, but most provinces in the U.S. have transferred it to the seventh Sunday of Easter.)
- The Body and Blood of Christ (this has been permanently translated to the second Sunday after Pentecost)
- Assumption of Mary (always celebrated August 15, but if this occurs on a Saturday or a Monday there is no obligation to go to Mass)

- All Saints (always celebrated November 1, but if this occurs on a Saturday or a Monday there is no obligation to go to Mass)
- Immaculate Conception of Mary (always celebrated December 8)
- Christmas (always celebrated December 25)

Other Points:

1. Rich will be looking into shoring up the website
2. In general, we will be pursuing “new” ways to make meetings work with “social media” and technology.

NOTE: If anything is in error, we can correct it at the next meeting. Which we didn't not set a date.