

he Weekly Messenger – August 7, 2016

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Epistle: St. Paul's Letter to the Romans 15:1-7 Gospel: Matthew 9:27-35

Commemorations for the Departed: Afrodhite Dilo, Eleanor Zoidis, Charlie Adams, Hugh, Bettye, Brent, Tranette Ledford, Jorgjia Kashari, Father Deacon Stephen Stefani and those servicemen and women who have fallen asleep in the Lord in the service of their Country.

Commemorations for the Living: Archbishop Nikon, Pope Francis, Richard Trout, Ergesa, George & Ermelinda Kosova, William Spiro, Ann Gjoka, Virginia Daka, Semele Halkedis, Katherine Halkedis, Donna Hlavacek, Haretina (Papa) Milo, Susan, Philip Kosta, Margarita, Peter Melnik, Clive & Dhimitri Miller, Kim Burdumy, Andigoni Steffa, Dhimiter Ndrecka, Pandeli, Jorgaq, Lefteri, and all of the men and women serving in Armed Forces.

Contacting Father Brooks: You can reach Father Brooks at church, 215-563-0979, at his new number, 215-992-9234 or via email, fr.brooks@stjohnsphila.org. If the phone goes to voice mail please leave a message and Father Brooks will call you back.

Church Picnic: Sunday, August 28, 2016 from 12:00 – 7:00 pm

Mermaid Lake, 1002 Jolly Road, Bluebell, PA

\$20.00 to enter the park. Everyone brings their food and/or shares with each other.

Contact Nilda Salavaci for additional details or if you have any questions

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Coffee Hour Sponsors: We have sponsors for ALL Sundays **Except AUGUST 28th!** Our sincere thanks to all who have or are going to sponsor a coffee hour this year.

August 7th Greta Dilo in memory of Afrodhiti Dilo

August 14th Rubis Family in memory of Margaret

August 21st Marinela Prifti

August 28th Open date – no sponsor

September 4th Qendro Family

September 11th Sunday School

September 18th Lakuriqi Family

September 25th Lescas Family

Upcoming Events:

August 7th Afrodhiti Dilo -2 year Memorial

Saturday, August 6th, 10:00 am The Feast of the Transfiguration

Wedding of Elira Behaj and Nertil Gorre @ 12:30 pm

Tuesday, August 9th Parish Council Meeting @ 7:00 pm (Postponed from Aug 2nd)

August 14th 3 year Memorial for Margarita Rubis.

We will also celebrate the Feast of the Dormition of the Theotokos

Youth group luncheon with Father Brooks

Sunday, August 28th Church Picnic 12:00 pm – 7:00 pm

Sept 12th Parish Council Meeting 7:00 pm

Sept 18th First day of Sunday School

Sept 22nd - 24th Thurs – Saturday - Archdiocesan Assembly Southbridge MA

October 2nd Gregory E. Costa Golf Classic & Dinner

October 5th – November 9th Every Wednesday evening Father Brooks will discuss the History of Orthodoxy in his Education Class

October 16th Semi-Annual Parish Meeting – Parish Council Election

Nov 20th We will Celebrate our Parish Nameday / Archbishop Nikon will visit

Parishioner News: It is with sadness we inform you of the repose of Rose Kosta -on July 29th. Rose was the wife of the late CG Kosta and the sister-in-law of Phil & Linda Kosta. Memory Eternal!

Congratulations to George & Ermelinda Kosova on the arrival of their daughter Ergesa, who was born on July 31st. Ergesa weighed 8 lbs 5 ozs and was 21” long. Ergesa is the little sister of Christian and granddaughter of Marsel & Natasha Kosova. Mother and baby are home and all are doing well. Many years to all!

Congratulations to Nilda Salavaci, who on August 29th, will begin a new job as a welfare fraud investigator for the Inspector General’s Office (Pa). Nilda previously worked as a correction officer. Nilda is married to Spartak Brahollari and is the daughter of Niko & Luiza Salavaci. Congratulations Nilda!

Please keep Phil & Linda Kosta in your prayers. Over the past months Phil has been in and out of the hospital and rehab centers. He will, hopefully, be home next week.

If you have information to share with our parishioners please email

info@stjohnsphila.org

Per Shume Vjet! Gezuar! To our parishioners and friends who celebrate their Nameday in August: 6th Holy Transfiguration (Sotir), August 15th Dormition of the Theotokos (Mary, Maria, Marie)

Monthly giving for August: Sunday school snacks, juice boxes, small bottles of water.