

The Weekly Messenger – May 1, 2016

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Epistle: Acts of the Apostles 1:1-8 Gospel: John 1:1-17

CHRIST IS RISEN! INDEED HE IS RISEN!

KRISHTI U NGJALL! VERTET U NGJALL!

On Great and Holy Saturday the Orthodox Church commemorates the burial of Christ and His descent into Hades. It is the day between the Crucifixion of our Lord and His glorious Resurrection. The Matins of Holy Saturday is conducted on Friday evening, and while many elements of the service represent mourning at the death and burial of Christ, the service itself is one of watchful expectation.

http://lent.goarch.org/holy_saturday/learn/

On the Great and Holy Feast of Pascha, Orthodox Christians celebrate the life-giving Resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. This feast of feasts is the most significant day in the life of the Church. It is a celebration of the defeat of death, as neither death itself nor the power of the grave could hold our Savior captive. In this victory that came through the Cross, Christ broke the bondage of sin, and through faith offers us restoration, transformation, and eternal life.

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Commemorations for the Departed: Brent Ledford, Daniel Coraluzzi, Peter Mallios, Charlie Adams, Bettye Ledford, 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, Virginia Daka, Dorothy Tomassini, Semele Halkedis, Katherine Halkedis, Donna Hlavacek, Haretina (Papa) Milo, Susan, Philip Kosta, Margarita, Peter Melnik, Clive & Dhimitri Miller, Rosemary Notskas, Kim Burdumy, Andigoni Steffa, Dhimitri Ndrecka, Pandeli, Jorgaq, Lefteri, and all of the men and women serving in Armed Forces.

Readers Schedule: May 1st Agape Vespers, May 8th Chris M, May 15th Reader Mark, May 22nd Michele D, May 29th Adam C.

May giving: Paper plates and Paper Towels

Upcoming Events:

Sunday, May 1st Paschal Agape Vespers - 1:00 pm - no coffee hour after Vespers

May 3rd Parish Council Meeting 7:00 pm

May 8th Mother's Day, Marriage of Fjorentina Lakuriqi & Ilir Gremi Many Years!

May 15th 40 Day Memorial Peter Mallios

Coffee Hour Sponsors: Thank you to those who have signed up!

May 1st Pascha Agape Vespers @ 1:00 pm – no coffee hour

May 8th Bill Bortner

May 15th Mallios, Contoudis, Callas Families in memory of Peter

May 22nd Moza & Koco Priftanji

May 29th Entela & Dhimitri Ndrecka

June 5th ***Open Date No Sponsor***

June 12th Jim & Paula Bendo

June 19th ***Open Date No Sponsor***

June 26th No Divine Liturgy at St. John's. We will celebrate the Divine Liturgy with Ss. Peter & Paul Church. It is the 100th Anniversary of their first Liturgy. Archbishop Nikon will be visiting their parish.

Parishioner News: Interested in an original handmade favor for any occasion, contact Fotini (Greta) Dilo 267-401-9898. Or visit <http://www.gretasfavors.com> Wedding and christening favors are Greta's specialty!

Congratulations to Traci Cosmo, who was selected as teacher of the month at Stuart Elementary School in Willingboro, NJ. Traci is a first grade teacher in her first year of teaching. Way to go Traci!

Race for the Cure Sunday, May 8, 2016: Benefits breast cancer research.

It's not too late to join our team - Albanians & Friends for the cure

http://rfcphl.convio.net/site/TR/Race/TeamRaiser/476544422?pg=team&fr_id=1150&team_id=64776

Contact Donna Dimitri donnadimitri@gmail.com for more information.

Buddy Walk - Sunday, May 15, 2016: Team Brother John looks forward to another great Buddy Walk this year. We are always looking for new faces to join us as we celebrate together. If you are unable to attend the walk but would like to donate to this very worthy organization please click:

<http://secure.dsadelaware.org/BuddyWalk/BuddiesAndTeams/Team.aspx?TeamID=725>

If you have any questions contact Susan or Vlad Melnik. Thank you for your support.

Welcome to our visitors. Father Brooks, the members of our Parish Council, and our church community thank you for celebrating the Divine Liturgy with us. We invite you to join us for coffee hour and fellowship in the church hall following the Divine Liturgy.