

The Weekly Messenger – December 6, 2015

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Epistle: St. Paul's Letter to the Hebrews 13:17-21 Gospel: Luke 13:10-17

Icons: Our annual Icon auction will be on Sunday, January 10th and January 17th 2016. Please return your Icons by Sunday, December 20th so that we can prepare for the auction. **Jan 10th** Holy Theophany (Epiphany) blessing of water after the Divine Liturgy.

Sunday school: The students and teachers are working on the Christmas Pageant, which will be presented on Sunday, December 20th following the Divine Liturgy. Our Pageant Director, Sandi Fiss, is very excited about this year's presentation. Bring your family, bring your friends, bring your camera. We have the most precious angels and shepherds in the greater Philadelphia area! Join us!!!

Christmas Ornament Fundraising Event: The Sunday school is also selling beautiful Christmas ornaments for \$10.00 each. Don't miss this opportunity to purchase a beautiful ornament for your Christmas display. Available at the bookcase in the church hall.

Help the Homeless and those less fortunate than us: donate toothbrushes, hand sanitizers, travel size, sample size, and hotel toiletries for the homeless in our area. A collections box is located in the side vestibule. We are asking for your help today as we will be passing a donation basket, with all of the proceeds going to purchase travel size items for the homeless.

Nick Naum Scholarship Committee: We need one (1) more volunteer to join Sandi Fiss, Stephanie Kosta, Nicole Ferrara and Nick Zoto on this scholarship committee. Please contact Donna Dimitri or email chairperson@stjohnsphila.org to express your interest.

Contribution Statements were emailed and mailed last week. If you haven't received your contribution statement please contact Michele Anderson treasurer@stjohnsphila.org Or call 609-685-1651.

Monthly giving for December - your Christmas Donation. A letter will be mailed to your home in the next two weeks.

Commemorations for the Living: Archbishop Nikon, Pope Francis, Betty Subashi, Betty Ledford, Haretina (Papa) Milo, Irene Anne Gedremenc, Susan, Philip Kosta, Margarita, Tranette Ledford, Peter Melnik, Peter Mallios, Elaine Quirias, George Robos, Clive & Dhimitri Miller, Rosemary Notskas, Kim Burdumy, Andigoni Steffa, Mary Croke, Leslie Shocka, Dhimiter Ndrecka, Pandeli, Jorgaq, Lefteri, and all of the men and women serving in Armed Forces.

Commemorations for the Departed: Kiki Notskas (17 years), Gregory Bendo (2 years), Father Deacon Stephen Stefani and those servicemen and women who have fallen asleep in the Lord in the service of their Country.

Upcoming Events:

Tue. Dec 8th Parish Council Meeting 7:00 pm. All welcome to attend

Sat. Dec 12th, 10:00 am Decorate the church for the Nativity

Dec 20th Chrismation of Bella, Thomas and Olivia Lorimer,

3 year Memorial for Peter Kosta,

Sunday school Christmas Pageant

followed by a visit from Santa & Mrs. Claus (a very busy day)

Dec 24th Nativity Liturgy 6:30 pm

Jan. 10th Epiphany and part 1 of the Icon Auction

Jan 17th Part 2 of the Icon Auction

February date to be determined – Sunday school ice skating outing

Coffee Hour Sponsors: Thank you, Thank you, and Thank you!!!

Dec 6th Salavaci Family in honor of Niko's Nameday

Dec 13th Chuck Burdumy

Dec. 20th Kosta Family in Memory of Peter

Dec 27th Sara Dimitri in Memory of Nick

The 2016 Coffee Hour Sponsor sign-up sheet is posted in the side vestibule and we are looking for sponsors. Thank you to Jim Bendo for making the poster!

Per Shume Vjet Gezuar! Dec 4 Great Martyr Barbara, Dec 6 St. Nicholas, Dec 12 St. Spiridon, Dec 15 St. Eleutherios, Dec 17 Holy Prophet Daniel, Dec 23 St. Naum, Dec 25 Christmas Day, Sunday after Christmas St. Joseph the Betrothed, St. David the King, Dec 27 St. Stephen the Protomartyr.

Readers Schedule: Dec 6th Adam C., Dec 13th Chris M. Dec 20th Reader Mark, Dec 27th Michele D., Jan., 3rd Adam C., Jan 10th Chris M., Jan 17th Reader Mark