

The Weekly Messenger – February 22, 2015

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Epistle: St. Paul's Letter to the Romans 13:11-14; 14:1-4 Gospel: Matthew 6:14-21

Sunday School News: We would like to know if you plan to attend the ice skating outing scheduled for March 1st, from 1:00 to 3:30 at the U of P Class of 23 Rink. The cost for skating ticket, skate rental & food will be \$3.00 per adult, children – no charge.



We have a warm room and will provide pizza and hot chocolate. Sunday school director Steve Coraluzzi may be contacted at 856-562-9672, or e-mail

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Upcoming Events:

February 22nd Forgiveness/Cheesefare

February 23rd, Lent Begins

Wed Feb 25th Pre-sanctified Liturgy 6:30 pm Pot Luck Dinner and Discussion follow

March 1st 3 year Memorial Sotir Capo – Sunday school ice skating outing

Tues March 3rd Parish Council Meeting 7 pm

Wed March 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th, Pre-sanctified Liturgy 6:30 pm Pot Luck Dinner

Saturday, March 7th Women's Day Dance 7p-11p in the Church Hall

March 8th 40 day Memorial Father John Garvey

March 15th, Divine Liturgy- 40 Day Memorial Shyqyrie Brahollari

March 22nd, Semi-annual parish meeting following the Divine Liturgy

Tuesday, March 24th Vesperal Liturgy 6:30 pm, no fast Pot Luck following for the Annunciation Feast

Saturday April 4th, Lazarus Saturday 10:00 am – 3:00 pm

Home Blessing/Visitation: Please don't miss this opportunity to sign up for a visit and home blessing. Father Brooks would like to visit all of our parishioners and get to know you and your family. You may pick a date and time that is convenient and sign up on the sheet in the vestibule. Or you may contact Father Brooks directly to arrange a date for him to visit you and your family. fr.brooks@stjohnsphila.org or call 210-461-1956

February Giving: Paper Napkins Thank you!

Message from Father Brooks: In today's epistle, St. Paul writes, "Let not him who eats despise him who abstains, and let not him who abstains pass judgement on him who eats, for God has welcomed him. Who are you to pass judgement on the servant of another?" We start Great Lent with forgiveness and the notion that - always - God is the judge not us. Peace to all.

Commemorations for the Living: Archbishop Nikon, Father Stephen Siniari, Father Ken James Stavrevsky, Deacon Michael Sochka, Ann Dimitri, Jennie Sapnas, Peter Melnik, Ernie Douris, Semele Halkedis, Peter Mallios, Hugh Ledford, Grigor Lakuriqi, Elaine Quirias, Ann Gjoka, George Robos, Wayne Merkle, Sophie, Clive & Dhimitri Miller, Katherine Halkedis, Rosemary Notskas, Kim Burdumy, Leslie Sochka, Andigoni Steffa, Mary Croke, Candace Pepenelli, Dhimiter Ndrecka, Flossie Vissar, Pandeli, Jorgaq, Lefteri, and all of the men and women serving in Armed Forces.

Commemorations for the Departed: Shyqyrie Brahollari (Spartak's Mother), Father John Garvey, Father Deacon Stephen Stefani and those servicemen who have fallen asleep in the Lord in the service of their Country.

Coffee Hour Sponsors: Thank you very much!

February 22nd Mark & Tish Klus

March 1st Capo Family – in memory of Sotir Capo

March 8th Father Brooks - in memory of Father John Garvey

March 15th Spartak Brahollari & Nilda Salavachi- memory of Spartak's Mother Shyqyrie

March 22nd Ann Gjoka/Linda Notskas

March 29th Vangjel & Margarita Haxhistasa

Reader Schedule: 22nd Michelle Dardaris, March 1st Reader Mark, 8th Adam Coraluzzi, 15th Kevin Fiss, March 22nd Edward Kokalari, March 29th Michelle Dardaris

Great Lent begins this Monday, Feb 23rd. We will have Pre-sanctified Liturgy on Wednesday nights beginning Feb. 25th, Lenten (Pot Luck) dinner and discussion will be held in the church hall following the Pre-sanctified Liturgy.

Parishioner News: Don't forget to check with Linda Notskas to find out how retired life is treating her. Linda officially retired on Friday, February 13, 2015. Many Years, Linda!

The Women's Day Celebration and Dance: Saturday, March 7, 2015, 7:00 – 11:00 pm in the Church Hall. Keeping the Women's Day Celebration alive, this year we are having women and girls over 12 years old.- Sorry guys! Tickets are \$40.00. A buffet dinner and continuous dancing are included! Please contact Luiza or Nilda Salavachi for tickets. You may also email info@stjohnsphila.org for more information.