

**The Weekly Messenger – January 18, 2015**  
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*Epistle: St. Paul's Letter to the Hebrews 13:7-16 Gospel: Luke 17:12-19*

**Icon Auction:** Thank you to all who participated in our annual Icon Auction Jan 4<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup>. We are very happy to report we received bids totaling \$15,685.00 If you were unable to attend the auction you are still able make a donation in the name of your Patron Saint. All donations gratefully accepted. A very big thank you to our auctioneers, Peter Ghicondey and David Biando, our Icon Displayers, Bella & Olivia Lorimer, Lillie Whitney, Jonathan Xhoxhi, Olivia Highland, John Melnik, our recorders, Michele Lorimer and Michele Anderson. Everyone, including the bidders did a great job! We are planning to purchase some new Icons for next year's auction. If there is an Icon you would like to see made available at our auction please send your suggestion to [info@stjohnsphila.org](mailto:info@stjohnsphila.org)

**Reader Schedule:** January 18<sup>th</sup> Mark Klus, 25<sup>th</sup> Adam Coraluzzi, February 1<sup>st</sup> Michele Coraluzzi, 8<sup>th</sup> Kevin Fiss, 15<sup>th</sup> Edward Kokalari, 22<sup>nd</sup> Michelle Dardaris

**Upcoming Events:**

Friday, January 30<sup>th</sup> YAL Meeting 7:00 pm

February 1<sup>st</sup> Soup-er Bowl Sunday

February 3<sup>rd</sup> Parish Council Meeting 7:00 pm

February 15<sup>th</sup> Meatfare Sunday.

February 22<sup>nd</sup> Forgiveness/Cheesefare

February 23<sup>rd</sup>, Lent Begins

**Wed** Feb 25<sup>th</sup> Pre-sanctified Liturgy 6:30 pm Pot Luck Dinner and Discussion follow

March 1<sup>st</sup> Meatfare Sunday/ Sunday of Orthodoxy

**Saturday**, March 7<sup>th</sup> Women's Day Dance 7p-11p in the Church Hall

March 8<sup>th</sup> Spring Forward – Set clocks ahead 1 hour

**Wed** March 4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, 25, Pre-sanctified Liturgy 6:30 pm Pot Luck Dinner

**March** 15<sup>th</sup>, Divine Liturgy- Veneration of the Cross

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

**Message from Father Brooks:** In today's Gospel reading we recognize Jesus' healing of the ten lepers. Only one comes back to thank him. It is astonishing. Although American Thanksgiving only comes once a year, as Christians we are to be gracious and grateful everyday. It may seem small, but saying thanks to someone for anything they have done for us can be huge to them. May we all bear in mind to say "thank you". Peace to all.

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

**Commemorations for the Departed:** Castor Notskas, 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!

January 18<sup>th</sup> Sunday School Hot Dog Sale

January 25<sup>th</sup> Andon & Miranda Lakuriqi in honor of son Grigor's Nameday

February 1<sup>st</sup> Soup-er Bowl Sunday

February 8<sup>th</sup>, Greta Dilo - Memory of Afrodhiti Dilo, 6 month

February 15<sup>th</sup> Alfred Coni & Margarita Sevi

February – *open date no sponsor*

**Home Blessing/Visitation:** A sheet is posted in the side vestibule. Father Brooks is asking those who were not visited in 2014 to pick a date for him to visit and bless their homes. If the posted dates are not conducive for a visitation please contact Father Brooks to make other arrangements. It is his hope to visit all of our parishioners.

**Soup-er Bowl Sunday:** We will have our 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Soup-er Bowl Sunday on Feb. 1<sup>st</sup> following the Divine Liturgy. We are asking our parishioners to donate their specialty homemade soup. We will offer the soup at coffee hour for a small donation. The proceeds will be donated to a charity. Last year we had 20 different kinds of soup and raised \$350.00, which was donated to Covenant House. Linda Biando is coordinating this event. Please contact her to advise what soup you will donate: [trustee.linda@stjohnsphila.org](mailto:trustee.linda@stjohnsphila.org)

**Parish Council info:** At our monthly meeting Michele Anderson presents the treasurer's report. We currently post the minutes from the meeting on our website. If you would like a copy of the treasurer's report please email [treasurer@stjohnsphila.org](mailto:treasurer@stjohnsphila.org)

**January Giving:** Paper Towels Thank you!