

The Weekly Messenger – January 25, 2015
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Epistle: St. Paul's Letter to the Hebrews 7:26-28, 8:1-2 Gospel: Luke 19:1-10

Upcoming Events:

Friday, January 30th YAL Meeting 7:00 pm

February 1st Soup-er Bowl Sunday

February 3rd Parish Council Meeting 7:00 pm

February 15th Meatfare Sunday.

February 22nd Forgiveness/Cheesefare

February 23rd, Lent Begins

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

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

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

March 8th Spring Forward – Set clocks ahead 1 hour

March 15th, Divine Liturgy- Veneration of the Cross

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

Stewardship: Our 2015 Pledge Drive is beginning! We truly appreciate your support and generosity. All pledge contributions are tax deductible and can be paid in installments. Since we receive no outside financial contributions, each pledge is vital to our parish. Please fill out your pledge card (on paper or through our website, www.stjohnsphila.org Payments can be made by cash or check and by credit card via our website. If you bank online, consider setting up an auto payment for your pledge. It is quick and easy to do. Thank you for your continued support.

****Pledge cards are also available at the candle stand****

Parishioner News: Longtime parishioner, Ernie Douris, is currently residing at Brookdale Senior Living, 1301 Laurel Oak Rd., Voorhees, NJ 08043. 856-679-0964. Father Brooks visited Ernie this past week. He is doing well and sends his regards to all his friends at St. John Chrysostom. If you have an opportunity to send a card or give a call, Ernie would love to hear from you!

Message from Father Brooks: Today is Zacchaeus Sunday, which is the first sign that Great Lent is almost upon us. One of the themes of the Gospel reading is "seeing Jesus", and we are told that Zacchaeus climbed the Sycamore tree in order to do just that. As we move toward Great Lent, let us all start to really put Christ in our vision, first in the Gospel and secondly in the world around us, which is, truly a gift from God. Peace to all.

Commemorations for the Living: Archbishop Nikon, Father Stephen Siniari, Father Ken James Stavrevsky, Deacon Michael Sochka, Ernie Douris, 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: Father John Garvey, 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 25th Andon & Miranda Lakuriqi in honor of son Grigor's Nameday

February 1st Soup-er Bowl Sunday

February 8th, Greta Dilo – Memory of Afrodhiti Dilo, 6 month

February 15th Sunday School Hot Dog Sale, hot dogs and fixins' donated by Alfred Coni & Margarita Sevi in honor of Alfred's Nameday – Hieromartyr Haralambos
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 2nd Annual Soup-er Bowl Sunday on Feb. 1st 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

January Giving: Paper Towels Thank you!

Reader Schedule: January 25th Adam Coraluzzi, February 1st Michele Coraluzzi, 8th Kevin Fiss, 15th Edward Kokalari, 22nd Michelle Dardaris