

## The Weekly Messenger –July 13, 2014

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*Epistle: St. Paul's Letter to Titus 3:8-15      Gospel: Matthew 5:14-19*

**Message from Father Brooks:** "The Lord said to his disciples, 'You are the light of the world'. All of us should take that to heart. Truly, if we do not bring light, bring joy, bring blessedness, to those around us, we are not working out our salvation. Ours is not to follow rules and regulations, but to demonstrate the Gospel - the Good News - by the way we live our lives. St. Francis said something to the effect, preach the Gospel everywhere; when necessary, use words. May all of us who are baptized follow this sentiment. Peace to all.

**Commemorations for the Living:** Archbishop Nikon, Proto Deacon Michael Sochka, Newly illuminated Anna, Zoe, Philip Kosta, Luke Jablonski, Janice Leyden, George Touros, Katherine Halkedis, Rosemary Notskas, Kim Burdumy, Larry Kosta, Leslie Sochka, Andigoni Steffa, John and 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 Spero Page, 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!

July 13 Gusho Family

July 20 Ilirjan and Fioralba Papa celebrating Elias and Ilirjan's name day

July 27<sup>th</sup> Robert & Majhida & Family

August 3<sup>rd</sup> Rose Adams & Family (in memory of Charlie)

August 10<sup>th</sup> Kosta Family (in memory of Maria)

August 17<sup>th</sup> Rubis Family (in memory of Marguerita)

August 25<sup>th</sup> Bortner Family (in memory of Eva)

### **Upcoming Events:**

August Date to be announced- Fantasy Football Draft

August 3<sup>rd</sup> 3 year memorial - Qiriako (Charlie) Adams

August 5<sup>th</sup> Parish Council meeting 7:00 pm

August 10<sup>th</sup> 20 year memorial - Maria Kosta

August 17<sup>th</sup> 1 year memorial - Marguerita Rubis

August 25<sup>th</sup> 8 year memorial for Eva Bortner, William's grandmother

40 day Memorial for Father Spero Page

Sept. 21<sup>st</sup> Gregory E. Costa Golf Classic and Dinner

Sept 26 & 27 Albanian Archdiocese Assembly Ss Peter & Paul Albanian Orthodox Church

Nov. 29<sup>th</sup> Albanian Flag Day Dance

**Parishioner News:** George Touros continues his recovery at Westgate Hills Rehabilitation and Nursing Center, 2050 Old West Chester Pike, Havertown, PA 19083, 610-449-8600.

**Newsletter:** The August Newsletter is being written. If you have news or information you would like to share please send it to [info@stjohnsphila.org](mailto:info@stjohnsphila.org) We are going to have a section that highlights the businesses owned by our parishioners. We would like to hear from you with a few paragraphs describing your business venture. Please send this information to [info@stjohnsphila.org](mailto:info@stjohnsphila.org)

**July Namedays: Per Shume Vjet! Gezuar!** To our parishioners and friends who celebrate their Nameday in July: Last week we did not list July 6<sup>th</sup>, St. Juliana, Happy Nameday to Juliana Melnik! Happy Name Day to Ilirjan and Elias Papa who celebrate their Nameday on July 20<sup>th</sup>!

**Pledges:** We are struggling to meet our goal of 140 pledged families. We have received 97 pledges through the end of June. If you have not pledged please submit your pledge card and help us achieve our goal! Thank you to those families who have submitted their pledge cards!

**Clothing Drive for the Homeless:** Please donate clothing and blankets you no longer use. Bring the items to the church and Linda Notskas will take them to those in need.

**Monthly Giving July:** Olive Oil - Used for the lamps in front of the Iconostas and in the Altar.