

+ The Weekly Messenger –March16, 2014

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*Epistle: St. Paul's Letter to the Hebrews 1:10-14; 2:1-3 Gospel: Mark 2:1-12*

**Message from Father Brooks:** Our parish at St. John's is about community, connection, and love. I saw all of that Saturday night at the Women's Day Dance. Those events make our parish stronger. Big thanks go out to Nilda, Fiori, and Donna (and her family) for putting on a great community event. I hope to see many of you Wednesday night for the Pre-Sanctified Liturgy as we continue to take Lent seriously on our journey to Pascha. Peace to all.

**Commemorations for the Living:** Archbishop Nikon, Father Ken James Stavrevsky, Proto Deacon Michael Sochka, Newborn Marisa, Elena & Eduard Papa, Steven Alessi, Rosemary Notskas, Kim Burdumy, Hugh Ledford, Larry Kosta, Leslie Sochka, Dolly Spiro, Daniel Coraluzzi, Andigoni Steffa, John and Mary Croke, Paula Kosta, Candace Pepenelli, Mac, Kristin Snow, Dhimiter Ndrecka, Francesca Giansante, Flossie Vissar, Pandeli, Jorgaq, Lefteri, and all the servicemen especially, Calvin Colclough (Marines–Spain).

**Commemorations for the Departed:** Loralyn (Biando) White, Father Deacon Stephen Stefani and those servicemen who have fallen asleep in the Lord in the service of their Country.

**Parishioner News:** Our fellow parishioners, Kostandin & Oanh Pajcini, are looking for a nanny for their children. If you or someone you know are interested please contact Kostandin Pajcini [kpajcini@mail.med.upenn](mailto:kpajcini@mail.med.upenn)

We are happy to report Lt. Matthew Sherwood, husband of Krista (Risley), has returned to the United States from Afghanistan. Welcome home Matthew and thank you for your service.

Lefteria Dhimitri fell and broke her hip. She underwent successful hip replacement surgery and is in Harlee Manor, Room 22a, 463 West Sproul Road, Springfield, PA 19064, 610.544.2200.

**Semi Annual Parish Meeting:** March 30, 2014 during coffee hour. Parish business to be discussed: Religious Education, Church Finances, Social Activities, selection of delegates for Archdiocesan Assembly Sept.26 & 27, 2014. This year the Assembly will be at our sister church, Ss. Peter & Paul.

**Coffee Hour Sponsors:** Thank you very much!

March 16<sup>th</sup> Coraluzzi Family

March 23<sup>rd</sup> The Haxhistasa Family

March 30<sup>th</sup> Sergio & Colleen Xhoxhi

April 6<sup>th</sup> Zoto Family in Memory of Vrisidha

April 13<sup>th</sup> Palm Sunday Pancake Breakfast – Rose Adams & Family

April 20<sup>th</sup> Refreshments will be served following the Paschal Liturgy

*We have open coffee hour dates: in May, June, July, August*

**Monthly Giving:** March single ply toilet paper and/or paper napkins.

Thank you very much to our parishioners who have made donations!

**The Sunday of Saint Gregory Palamas:** On the Second Sunday of Lent the Orthodox Church commemorates our Holy Father Gregory Palamas, Archbishop of Thessalonica, the Wonderworker. The feast day of Saint Gregory Palamas is November 14, however, he is commemorated on this Sunday as the condemnation of his enemies and the vindication of his teachings by the Church in the 14th century was acclaimed as a second triumph of Orthodoxy. [http://lent.goarch.org/saint\\_gregory\\_palamas/learn/](http://lent.goarch.org/saint_gregory_palamas/learn/)

**Important Dates:**

March 16<sup>th</sup> 95<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the consecration of Theophan Noli into the episcopacy

**Wed** March 19<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup> Pre-sanctified Liturgy 6:30pm Lenten Dinner and Discussion

March 23<sup>rd</sup> Veneration of the Cross

**Monday** March 24<sup>th</sup> Vespers Liturgy 6:30 pm, fast before Liturgy - Pot Luck Dinner following for the Annunciation Feast (no fast on March 25<sup>th</sup>)

March 30<sup>th</sup> 1 year Memorial Nick Naum; Semi-Annual Parish Meeting

**Wed** April 2<sup>nd</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> Pre-sanctified Liturgy 6:30pm Lenten Dinner and Discussion

April 6<sup>th</sup> 1 year Memorial Vrisidha Zoto

April 12<sup>th</sup> Lazarus Saturday, 10 am Liturgy followed by Sunday School Retreat

April 13<sup>th</sup>, Palm Sunday, Entry of Our Lord into Jerusalem- Blessing of the Palms

April 15<sup>th</sup> Holy Tuesday - Bridegroom Matins 6:30 pm

April 16<sup>th</sup> Holy Wednesday - Holy Unction 6:30 pm

April 17<sup>th</sup> Holy Thursday - 12 Gospels 6:30 pm

April 18<sup>th</sup> Holy Friday – 10 am Decorate the Epitaphion, 5 pm Vespers (Taking Down From Cross), 7 pm Funeral

April 19<sup>th</sup> Holy Saturday - Liturgy 9:00 am, Matins/Nocturn/Liturgy beginning 11:00pm

April 20<sup>th</sup> Paschal Agape Vespers - 1:00 pm - no coffee hour after Vespers

**Pre-Sanctified Liturgy:** every Wednesday @ 6:30 pm during Lent. This Wed., 3/12/14 we had 11 people attend. Come and join us, it is a beautiful Liturgy.