

The Weekly Messenger –April 28, 2013
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Epistle - Philippians 4: 4-9 Gospel – John 12: 1-18

If you would like to have someone remembered in prayer or in need of a priest please contact Donna Dimitri, Parish Council Chair, chairperson@stjohnsphila.org or 609-685-1651.

Commemorations for the Living: Metropolitan Tikhon, Archbishop Nikon, Father Stephen Siniari, The 178 victims in the Boston bombing, Cranford, Kristin Snow, Madeline Couris-Guarinello, Jennie Sapnas, Dhimiter Ndrecka, Mary Legidakes, Francesca Giansante, Pandeli Spiro, Rosemary Notskas, Peter Mallios, Katherine Zoidis, Marcena Moore, Flossie Vissar, Kathleen, Pandeli, Jorgaq, Lefteri, and all the servicemen especially, Matthew Sherwood (Army-Afghanistan), Steven Cosmo (Marines-Romania), Dylan Colclough (Marines-South Korea).

Commemorations for the Departed: Qiriako Adams, Andigoni, Stavri, Dorothy Adams, Martin Richard, Krystle Campbell, Lu Lingzi (victims in the Boston bombing), Vrisidha Zoto, Nick Naum, Father Deacon Stephen Stefani and those servicemen who have fallen asleep in the Lord in the service of their Country.

+Dorothy Adams (age 75), longtime chancery secretary, St. George Cathedral, Boston, fell asleep in the Lord on Monday, April 22, 2013. May her memory be eternal!

Pastoral Coverage: April 27, April 28, Holy Week & Pascha (May 5th) Father Brooks
May 12, 19 Father Joe Toroney

Our Sincere Thanks to the family of Charlie Adams; wife Rose, Children and Grandchildren for providing our pancake breakfast today. As many of you know Charlie (Qiriako) celebrated his Nameday on Palm Sunday. In honor of his Nameday celebration he would bring a pancake breakfast for our parishioners. His family has kindly carried on this tradition. May Charlie's memory be eternal!

Coffee Hour Sponsors: April 28th Adams Family, Charlie Adams Pancake Breakfast
May 5th Parish Council will sponsor refreshments after the 11:00 pm Paschal Liturgy
May 12th Family & Friends of Ed & Cathy Anderson in their memory
May 19th Ghicondes/Ghicondey Families in memory of Spiro
May 26th Cutshaw, Zoto, Efessiou Families in memory of Vrisidha Zoto

Open coffee hour dates: June 23, August 25, Sept 1, Nov 3 & 24, Dec 1. Please sign up!

Important Dates: **HOLY WEEK** please attend as many services as you can.
April 28th Palm Sunday, Charlie Adams Pancake Breakfast
Wednesday May 1st Holy Unction 7:00 pm followed by a meeting with Father Brooks
Thursday May 2nd Holy Passion 7:00 pm
Friday May 3rd 3:00 pm Vespers 7:00pm Lamentations
Saturday May 4th 10 am Liturgy of St Basil Holy Pascha 11:00 pm Liturgy
Sunday May 5th Agape Vespers 1 pm - Gospel read in different languages
May 12th 40 Day Memorial Nick Naum, 3 year Memorial Cathy & Ed Anderson
May 19th 1 year Memorial Spiro Ghicondes
May 26th 40 Day Memorial Vrisidha Zoto

Palm Sunday: On the Sunday before the Feast of Great and Holy Pascha and at the beginning of Holy Week, the Orthodox Church celebrates one of its most joyous feasts of the year. Palm Sunday is the commemoration of the Entrance of our Lord into Jerusalem following His glorious miracle of raising Lazarus from the dead. Having anticipated His arrival and having heard of the miracle, the people went out to meet the Lord and welcomed Him with displays of honor and shouts of praise. On this day, we receive and worship Christ in this same manner, acknowledging Him as our King and Lord.
http://lent.goarch.org/palm_sunday/learn/

Wednesday, May 1, 2013: Following the Holy Unction Service (which is less than one hour) Father Brooks will be in the church hall to meet with our parishioners. Please come upstairs after the service and say hello!

It's Time!! We are requesting that our parishioners bring in 6 red eggs to church either Friday (May 3rd) or Saturday (May 4th) for Pascha. The eggs will be collected at the candle stand. Red egg dye is also available at the candle stand (\$2.00 per packet) see Steve Ghicondes or George Touros.

Friday, May 3, 2013 10:00 am: Helpers needed to decorate the Epitaphios. Please let Diane Lescas know if you are able to be there. Many hands make light work! You may also email chairperson@stjohnsphila.org if you are able to help.

A couple of weeks ago we had a special collection for Cranford Coulter (the person who assists the homeless in the city) who has fallen on hard times. A check for \$171.00 was sent to Cranford. Thank you to those who made donations.

Ancient Faith Radio - "**Bringing the Ancient Faith to the Modern World**" - Visit the top of our home page www.stjohnsphila.org (*hyper link*) and play it all day!

Thank you to our parishioners who have made Pascha donations. Very much appreciated

Thank you Father Brooks for serving at St. John today and during Holy Week!