

The Weekly Messenger – April 3, 2016
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Epistle: St. Paul's Letter to the Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:1-6 Gospel: Mark 8:34-38; 9:1

The Third Sunday of Great Lent: Sunday of the Veneration of the Holy Cross:

On the Third Sunday of Great and Holy Lent, the Orthodox Church commemorates the Precious and Life-Giving Cross of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Services include a special veneration of the Cross, which prepares the faithful for the commemoration of the Crucifixion during Holy Week. http://lent.goarch.org/sunday_of_the_cross/learn/

Commemorations for the Departed: Constantine Duka (1 year), Bettye Ledford, Jorgjia Kashari, Father Deacon Stephen Stefani and those servicemen and women who have fallen asleep in the Lord in the service of their Country.

Commemorations for the Living: Archbishop Nikon, Pope Francis, Dorothy Tomassini, Semele Halkedis, John Cokos, Constantine, Kathie Costa, Donna Hlavacek, Haretina (Papa) Milo, Susan, Philip Kosta, Margarita, Peter Melnik, Peter Mallios George Robos, Clive & Dhimitri Miller, Rosemary Notskas, Kim Burdumy, Andigoni Steffa, Dhimiter Ndrecka, Pandeli, Jorgaq, Lefteri, and all of the men and women serving in Armed Forces.

Parishioner News: Congratulations to Vangjel & Margarita Haxhistasa on the birth of their grandson, Tristan Vangjel Haxhistasa, March 18, 2016, 8lbs 3ozs, 21". Tristan is the son of Elis & Ester Haxhistasa. Many Years!

Buddy Walk - Sunday, May 15, 2016: Team Brother John looks forward to another great Buddy Walk this year. We are always looking for new faces to join us as we celebrate together. If you are unable to attend the walk but would like to donate to this very worthy organization please click:

<http://secure.dsadelaware.org/BuddyWalk/BuddiesAndTeams/Team.aspx?TeamID=725>

If you have any questions contact Susan or Vlad Melnik. Thank you for your support.

Race for the Cure Sunday, May 8, 2016: Benefits breast cancer research.

Join our team Albanians & Friends for the cure

http://rfcphl.convio.net/site/TR/Race/TeamRaiser/476544422?pg=team&fr_id=1150&team_id=64776

Contact Donna Dimitri donnadimitri@gmail.com for more information.

VESPERS WEDNESDAY EVENINGS 6:30 pm join us for a very spiritual service, potluck dinner and lively conversation!

Please mark your calendars, Friday April 29th 10:00 am We need volunteers to come to church to decorate the Epitaphion. Come and bring a friend or two!

Upcoming Events:

April 3rd 1 Year Memorial Constantine Duka

Tuesday April 12th Parish Council Meeting 7:00 pm

April 17th 1 Year Memorial Ernie Douris

Saturday April 23rd, Lazarus Saturday Divine Liturgy 10:00 am

followed by Sunday school Retreat ending at 3:00 pm

April 24th Palm Sunday, Entry of Our Lord into Jerusalem- Blessing of the Palms

Tuesday, April 26th Holy Tuesday - Bridegroom Matins 7:00 pm

Wednesday, April 27th Holy Wednesday - Holy Unction 7:00 pm

Thursday, April 28th Holy Thursday - 12 Gospels 7:00 pm

Friday, April 29th, Holy Friday – 10 am Decorate the Epitaphion,

5 pm Vespers (Taking Down From Cross), 7:00 pm Funeral

Saturday, April 30th Saturday - Liturgy 9:00 am, Matins/Nocturn/Liturgy beginning 11 pm

Sunday, May 1st Paschal Agape Vespers - 1:00 pm - no coffee hour after Vespers

Coffee Hour Sponsors: Thank you to those who have signed up!

April 3rd Duka/Budo Family in memory of Constantine

April 10th Sergio & Colleen Georgi

April 17th Fiori & Ilirjan Papa in celebration of Elisabeth's 2nd Birthday & Nameday

April 24th Palm Sunday – Pancake Breakfast sponsored by the Adams Family in memory of Charlie Adams

May 1st Pascha Agape Vespers @ 1:00 pm – no coffee hour

May 8th Bill Bortner

Readers Schedule: April 3rd Chris M., April 10th Reader Mark, April 17th Michele D. April 24th Adam C. May 1st Agape Vespers, May 8th Chris M, May 15th Reader Mark

Home Blessing/Visitation: If you would like Father Brooks to visit and bless your home please contact him: 210-461-1956 or email fr.brooks@stjohnsphila.org A sign-up sheet is also posted in the side vestibule.

Welcome to our visitors. Father Brooks, the members of our Parish Council, and our church community thank you for celebrating the Divine Liturgy with us. We invite you to join us for coffee hour and fellowship in the church hall following the Divine Liturgy.

March giving: single ply toilet tissue.