

**The Weekly Messenger – August 21, 2016**  
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*Epistle: St. Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians 3:9-17    Gospel: Matthew 14:22-34*

**Ninth Eothinon Resurrectional (9<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost)**

Apolytikion in the Plagal of the Fourth Tone

From on high didst Thou descend, O Compassionate One; to burial of three days hast Thou submitted that Thou mightest free us from our passions. O our Life and Resurrection, Lord, glory be to Thee.

Seasonal Kontakion in the Second Tone

Neither the grave nor death could contain the Theotokos, the unshakable hope, ever vigilant in intercession and protection. As Mother of life, He who dwelt in the ever-virginal womb transposed her to life.

[http://www.goarch.org/chapel/saints\\_view?contentid=993&PCode=9PES&D=S&date=8/21/2016](http://www.goarch.org/chapel/saints_view?contentid=993&PCode=9PES&D=S&date=8/21/2016)

**Commemorations for the Departed:** Katherine Zoidis, Hugh, Bettye, Brent, Tranette 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, Tom Zoidis, Linda Kosta, John Kolea, Jr., William Spiro, Ann Gjoka, Virginia Daka, Semele Halkedis, Katherine Halkedis, Donna Hlavacek, Haretina (Papa) Milo, Susan, Philip Kosta, Margarita, Peter Melnik, Clive & Dhimitri Miller, Kim Burdumy, Andigoni Steffa, Dhimiter Ndrecka, Pandeli, Jorgaq, Lefteri, and all of the men and women serving in Armed Forces.

**Our First Annual Church Picnic: NEXT Sunday, August 28, 2016 from 12:00 – 7:00 pm Mermaid Lake, 1002 Jolly Road, Bluebell, PA**  
\$20.00 to enter the park. Contact Nilda Salavaci for additional details or if you have any questions [trustee.nilda@stjohnsphila.org](mailto:trustee.nilda@stjohnsphila.org).

**Monthly giving for August:** Sunday school snacks, juice boxes, small bottles of water.

**Parishioner News:** Congratulations to Jamie Ledford who recently began a new job with the Philadelphia School District. Jamie will be consulting, managing and mentoring teachers as Special Education Liaison at the Harding Middle School.

Congratulations are also extended to Kristin Cosmo, who will begin a new job in the Burlington City School District, teaching art to kindergarten – second grade students. Last year Kristin taught at a charter school in Trenton. Way to go ladies, much success!

Ann Gjoka continues her recovery at home, 601 Warren Blvd, Broomall, PA 19008.

Phil Kosta has returned home, 625 Cedar Lane, Morton, PA 19070, after a stint in the hospital followed by rehab. Please keep Ann and Phil in your prayers.

*If you have news about a parishioner you would like to share please email [info@stjohnsphila.org](mailto:info@stjohnsphila.org)*

**Gregory E Costa Golf Outing:** Start forming your golf foursomes and lining up your dinner partners. The 9<sup>th</sup> Gregory E Costa golf outing is set for Sunday, October 2, 2016. Golf and dinner \$125.00. Dinner tickets \$40.00 for adults and \$20.00 for children. Contact [info@stjohnsphila.org](mailto:info@stjohnsphila.org) to reserve a ticket.

**Coffee Hour Sponsors:** We have sponsors for ALL Sundays  
Our sincere thanks to all who have or are going to sponsor a coffee hour this year.

August 21<sup>st</sup> Marinela Prifti

August 28<sup>th</sup> Parish Council

September 4<sup>th</sup> Qendro Family

September 11<sup>th</sup> Sunday School

September 18<sup>th</sup> Lakuriqi Family

September 25<sup>th</sup> Lescas Family

**Upcoming Events**

August 21<sup>st</sup> 3 year memorial Katherine Zoidis

**Sunday, August 28<sup>th</sup> Church Picnic 12:00 pm – 7:00 pm**

Sept 12<sup>th</sup> Parish Council Meeting 7:00 pm

Sept 13<sup>th</sup> – Feast of the Elevation of the Cross Liturgy @ 7:00 pm

Sept 18<sup>th</sup> First day of Sunday School

Sept 22<sup>nd</sup> - 24<sup>th</sup> Thurs – Saturday - Archdiocesan Assembly Southbridge MA

October 2<sup>nd</sup> Gregory E. Costa Golf Classic & Dinner

October 5<sup>th</sup> – November 9<sup>th</sup> Every Wednesday evening Father Brooks will discuss the History of Orthodoxy in his Education Class

October 16<sup>th</sup> Semi-Annual Parish Meeting – Parish Council Election

Nov 20<sup>th</sup> We will Celebrate our Parish Nameday / Archbishop Nikon will visit