

The Weekly Messenger – December 18, 2016
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Epistle: St. Paul's Letter to the Hebrews 11:9-10; 32-40 Gospel: Matthew 1:1-25

Poinsettia Donations: Thank you Linda Kosta for purchasing the beautiful poinsettias. We are very grateful to the following families for their donations in memory of their loved ones:

Roxane & Jim Ghicondey	Anna Ghicondey (mother)
Pappas Family	Alexandra Pappas (mother)
Mike Dardaris & Family	Dorothy & Paula Dardaris (mother & sister)
Bendo Family	John & Mary Cokos / Klainthi & Kosta Bendo (parents)
Caroline Fiss	Raymond Fiss (grandfather)
Kosta/Highland Family	Maria Kosta (grandmother) Peter Kosta (brother)
Biando Family	John & Mary Croke (parents) Corine Biando (mother)
Spiro Family	Mary Spiro (mother)
Cosmo/Dimitri Family	Tom & Chris Dimitri (parents)
Pajollari Family	Seladin & Xherit (grandfathers)
Leyden Family	Mary & Steve Zaffis (parents)
Bob Flanagan	Emily Flanagan (mother)
Greg Dardaris & Family	Katherine Dardaris (mother)
Linda Notskas	Kiki & George Notskas (parents)
Tom Zoidis	Katherine Zoidis (mother)
Dorothy Tomassini	Alex Spiro (brother)
Elena Shomos	Helen Shomos (mother)
Coraluzzi Family	Dan Coraluzzi (father)
Nowmos Family	Spiro & Mary Dimitri (parents)
Bessie Satir	
Salavaci/Kashari/Prifti Families	Jorgjia Kashari (mother & grandmother)

May Their Memories Be Eternal!

Monthly giving for December: Your Christmas Donation. You should have received a letter in the mail.

Christmas Card Alert: We are asking our parishioners to send Christmas cards to those who are not able to come to church and those who are ill. If you have someone who could use some holiday cheer, please send us their name & address. A list is available at the candle stand or you can request the list of names by emailing: info@stjohnsphila.org

Coffee Hour Sponsors: Our sincere thanks to all who have sponsored a coffee hour this year. *The sign-up sheet for 2017 is posted in the side vestibule. Thanks Jim Bendo!*

December 18th Chris Manosis – Chris' Nameday is December 25th
December 25th No Liturgy we will Celebrate the Nativity Liturgy on Dec 24th

Fr. Brooks' sabbatical - I will return on the 5th of January. While I am gone, Fr. Emanuel will be the priest in charge. He is really a good priest; please get to know him. Father Emmanuel can be reached at 215-543-2989. Blessings, Fr. Brooks

Icons: Our annual Icon auction will be on Sunday, January 8th and January 15th 2017. Please return your Icons by next Sunday, December 18th so that we can prepare for the auction. Additionally, **Jan 8th 2017** Holy Theophany (Epiphany) blessing of water after the Divine Liturgy. As in the past we will distribute Holy Water in small bottles.

Commemorations for the Departed: Peter Kosta (4 years), Sophie Harrington, Victoria VerPlanck, 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: Father Brooks, Jamie, Taylor, Scout, Paul Dimitri, Paula Urquhart, Andrea Subashi, Alan, Carl, Anna and Zoe VerPlanck, Michele Coraluzzi, Thomas Anderson, Elizabeth Jones, Tom Zoidis, John Kolea, Jr., William Spiro, Ann Gjoka, Virginia Daka, Semele Halkedis, Katherine Halkedis, Haretina (Papa) Milo, Philip Kosta, Margarita, Peter Melnik, Clive Miller, Kim Burdumy, Andigoni Steffa, Dhimiter Ndrecka, Pandeli, Jorgaq, Lefteri, and all of the men and women serving in Armed Forces.

Upcoming Events:

Dec 18th Sunday school Christmas Pageant following the Divine Liturgy
Santa & Mrs. Claus will visit during coffee hour

SATURDAY December 24th Christmas Eve Liturgy @ 6:00 pm

SATURDAY Jan 7th 1:00pm Baptism of Vanessa, Haley, Mikayla & Nathan Kashari

Jan 8th 2017 Holy Theophany/ Epiphany is celebrated on Jan 6th. Fr. Brooks will bless the water on Jan 8th Part 1 of our annual Icon Auction

Tuesday Jan 10th 2017 Parish Council Meeting 7:00 pm

Jan 15th 2017 Annual Icon Auction – Part 2

Thursday Jan 19th 2017 Outreach Committee Meeting 7:00 pm