

The Weekly Messenger – January 10, 2016
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Epistle: St. Paul's Letter to the Ephesians 4:7-13 Gospel: Matthew 4:12-17

Soup-er Bowl Sunday: We will have our 3rd Annual Soup-er Bowl Sunday on Feb. 7th following the Divine Liturgy. We are asking our parishioners to donate their specialty homemade soup. We will offer the soup at coffee hour for a small donation. The proceeds will be donated to a charity.

Our sincere thanks to our parishioners and friends who made Christmas donations. Also thank you to those who donated poinsettias and helped with decorating the church. The Solea looked spectacular with the poinsettias, the beautifully decorated tree and of course our new marble floor. Thank you very much!

Readers Schedule: Jan 10th Chris M., Jan 17th Reader Mark, Jan 24th Michele D, Jan 31st Adam C., Feb 7th Chris M., Feb 14th Reader Mark, Feb 21st Michele D

Commemorations for the Living: Archbishop Nikon, Pope Francis, Donna Hlavacek, Peter Ghicondey, Jenny Sapnas, Betty Subashi, Betty Ledford, Haretina (Papa) Milo, Susan, Philip Kosta, Margarita, Tranette Ledford, 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.

Commemorations for the Departed: June Mitrocsak, Elaine Quirias, Mary Croke, Joe Gjoka (26 years), Evelina Notskas, Jorgjia Kashari, Father Deacon Stephen Stefani and those servicemen and women who have fallen asleep in the Lord in the service of their Country.

Home Blessing/Visitation: A sheet will be posted in the side vestibule. Father Brooks intends to visit on Thursdays and Saturdays. Please pick a date and time and sign up. If you notice someone has signed up on the same date but lives far from you, please pick another date. As always if you are unable to schedule a visitation on Thursday or Saturday, Father Brooks encourages you to contact him directly 210-461-1956 or email fr.brooks@stjohnsphila.org to schedule an alternate date. Everyone is encouraged to sign up as Father Brooks looks forward to visiting you in your home!

Upcoming Events:

Jan. 10th Epiphany and Part 1 of the Icon Auction, Hot dog sale
Jan 12th Charity & Benevolence Meeting 7:00 pm
Jan 17th 40 Day Memorial – Mary Croke (Linda Brando's Mother)
Part 2 of the Icon Auction
Jan 20th Stewardship Meeting
Feb 7th Soup-er Bowl Sunday
Feb 21st Sunday school ice skating outing

Coffee Hour Sponsors:

Jan 10th Sunday School – Hot Dog Sale
Jan 17th Linda & David Biando in memory of Mary Croke
Jan 24th Ann Gjoka & Linda Notskas
Jan 25th Michele Lorimer, Madge Graziani, Amanda Schneider
Feb 7th Soup-er Bowl Sunday
Feb 14th no sponsor

Parishioner News: It is with sadness we inform our parishioners of the repose of +June Mitrocsak. June was a good friend of +Nick Naum and often attended the Divine Liturgy at St. Johns. She participated in many of our social events and was a long time supporter of our parish. May her memory be eternal!

Congratulations to Mike & Janice Leyden, who celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on January 8th. Many Years!

Congratulations are extended to Gjergji Gjogu, who recently graduated from Temple University with a bachelor's degree in Civil Engineering. Gjergji is the boyfriend of Jola Salavachi and the nephew of Michael & Marjeta Gjogu.

Sunday January 17th – Bishop Seraphim will celebrate the Divine Liturgy with us as Father Brooks will be traveling to California to see his son, Taylor, compete in the American Collegiate Moot Court Association Tournament. Taylor will be competing for the national championship of intercollegiate moot court on January 15 – 16 at the California State University at Long Branch. Good Luck Taylor!

Congratulations to our Fantasy Football Winners: Champions - Florina Bacuta & Drew Garcia, 2nd Place – Eldion Pajallori, 3rd Place Peter Ghicondey. Many thanks to Commissioner Peter Ghicondey, for once again coordinating the league activities. Everyone had a great time participating in the league and look forward to next year. The Sportspersons Club donated \$300.00 to our parish. Thank you!!

January Giving: Paper Towels