

The Weekly Messenger – January 17, 2016
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Epistle: St. Paul's Letter to the Hebrews 13:17-21 Gospel: Luke 17:12-19

IN THREE WEEKS>>>>>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.

Year- end financial totals: We received 118 pledges from our parishioners, totaling \$70,160.00. We received \$66,155.00 through December 31, 2015. Our Icon Auction and subsequent donations promised was \$16,935.00, of that total we received \$15,560.00. We have received some checks in the first two weeks of January. If you have not fulfilled your 2015 pledge, it is not too late! Our total income for 2015 was \$171,622.13. Our expenses for 2015 were \$187,550.81. If you have any questions please contact our treasurer Michele Anderson.

Parish Council info: At our monthly meeting Michele Anderson presents the treasurer's report. We currently post the minutes from the meeting on our website. If you would like a copy of the treasurer's report please email treasurer@stjohnsphila.org

Icon Auction Today - January 17th, Icons 40 – 80 will be auctioned in the church hall during coffee hour. If you are unable to attend the Icon Auction we encourage you to make a donation in the name of your Patron Saint.

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

Sunday school News: An ice skating outing is scheduled for Feb 21st from 1:00 to 3:30 at the U of P Class of 23 rink. We will be inviting our parish and extending the offer to St Peter & Paul's to join us. The Sunday school will pay for the outing using the money they earned from their fundraising activities. Sunday school director Steve Coraluzzi may be contacted at 856-562-9672, or e-mail sundayschooldirector@stjohnsphila.org

Commemorations for the Living: Archbishop Nikon, Pope Francis, Donna Hlavacek, Jenny Sappas, 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: Castor Notskas, June Mitrocsak, Elaine Quirias, Mary Croke, 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 is 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 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 16th Charity & Benevolence meeting 7:00 pm
Feb 21st Sunday school ice skating outing
March 5th Women's Day dance

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

Jan 17th Linda & David Biando in memory of Mary Croke
Jan 24th Ann Gjoka & Linda Notskas
Jan 31st Michele Lorimer, Madge Graziani, Amanda Schneider
Feb 7th Soup-er Bowl Sunday
Feb 14th no sponsor
Feb 21st Davit & Mirna

January Giving: Paper Towels

*Welcome Bishop Seraphim and Grace
thank you for celebrating the Divine Liturgy with us!*