

**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 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Soup-er Bowl Sunday on Feb. 7<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:treasurer@stjohnsphila.org)

**Icon Auction** Today - January 17<sup>th</sup>, 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 17<sup>th</sup> Reader Mark, Jan 24<sup>th</sup> Michele D, Jan 31<sup>st</sup> Adam C., Feb 7<sup>th</sup> Chris M., Feb 14<sup>th</sup> Reader Mark, Feb 21<sup>st</sup> Michele D

**Sunday school News:** An ice skating outing is scheduled for Feb 21<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto: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](mailto: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 17<sup>th</sup> 40 Day Memorial – Mary Croke (Linda Brando's Mother)  
Part 2 of the Icon Auction  
Jan 20<sup>th</sup> Stewardship Meeting  
Feb 7<sup>th</sup> Soup-er Bowl Sunday  
Feb 16<sup>th</sup> Charity & Benevolence meeting 7:00 pm  
Feb 21<sup>st</sup> Sunday school ice skating outing  
March 5<sup>th</sup> Women's Day dance

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

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

**January Giving:** Paper Towels

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