

The Weekly Messenger – January 24, 2016
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Epistle: St. Paul's First Letter to Timothy 1:15-17 Gospel: Luke 18:35-43

Memory Eternal It is with sadness we inform our parishioners of the repose of +William Zoidis, brother of Tom Zoidis and cousin of George Zafis, on January 16, 2016. Bill lived in Bangor Maine. We also inform you of the repose of +Helen Douris, sister of the late Charles Douris, on January 14, 2016. Helen was a resident of Dresher PA.

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. 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

IN TWO WEEKS>>>>>Soup-er Bowl Sunday: We will have our 3rd Annual Soup-er Bowl Sunday on Feb. 7th following the Divine Liturgy. Please let Linda Biando, Michele Anderson or Donna Dimitri know what type of soup you will bring. We want to make signs ahead of time. Or you can email info@stjohnsphila.org We will offer the soup at coffee hour for a small donation. The proceeds will be donated to a charity.

Icon Auction Update: Thank you to our parishioners who participated in our annual Icon auction Sunday January 10th and 17th. We are happy to report we received bids totaling \$12,700.00. Peter Ghicondey did a wonderful job as auctioneer. His helpers, Vanessa, Olivia, Vivian, Lillie, and Jimmie did their best Vanna White impression carrying the Icons around for all to see. If you were unable to attend the Icon Auction we encourage you to make a donation in the name of your Patron Saint. Thank you!!!

Readers Schedule: Jan 24th Michele D, Jan 31st Adam C., Feb 7th Chris M. Feb 14th Reader Mark, Feb 21st Michele D, Feb 28th Adam C.,

January Giving: Paper Towels

Commemorations for the Living: Archbishop Nikon, Pope Francis, Donna Hlavacek, 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: Helen Douris, William Zoidis, Father John Garvey (1 year) Janulla Gjidede (2 years), June Mitrocsak, Elaine Quirias, 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:

Feb 2nd Parish Council Meeting 7:00 pm
Feb 7th Soup-er Bowl Sunday
Feb 14th Stewardship Committee Presentation
Feb 16th Charity & Benevolence meeting 7:00 pm
Feb 21st Sunday school ice skating outing
March 5th Women's Day dance
March 6th Meatfare Sunday & Charity & Benevolence Presentation
March 13th Cheesefare & Forgiveness Sunday
March 14th Great Lent Begins

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

Jan 24th Prifti/Petuqi
Jan 31st Michele Lorimer, Madge Graziani, Amanda Schneider
Feb 7th Soup-er Bowl Sunday
Feb 14th Stewardship Committee
Feb 21st Davit & Mirna
Feb 28th Ed & Elena Papa
March 6th //Charity & Benevolence Committee

Stewardship: 2016 Pledge Information will be forthcoming in the next few weeks. If you have any questions about your 2015 contribution statement please contact our parish treasurer, Michele Anderson treasurer@stjohnsphila.org