

The Weekly Messenger – January 3, 2016
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Epistle: St. Paul's Second Letter to Timothy 4:5-8 Gospel: Mark 1:1-8

CHRIST IS BORN! GLORIFY HIM!
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The Feast of the Holy Theophany (Epiphany) of our Lord God and Savior Jesus Christ is celebrated each year on January 6. The Feast commemorates the Baptism of Christ and the divine revelation of the Holy Trinity. At the Baptism of Christ, all three Persons of the Holy Trinity—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—were made manifest. Thus, the name of the Feast is Epiphany, meaning manifestation, or Theophany, meaning manifestation of God.

Please Return your Icons: If you haven't returned your Icons please do so this Sunday. Part one of our auction is Sunday, January 10th and we need all of the Icons returned in order to conduct the Icon Auction.

Readers Schedule: Jan., 3rd Adam C., Jan 10th Chris M., Jan 17th Reader Mark, Jan 24th Michele D, Jan 31st Adam C., Feb 7th Chris M.

Commemorations for the Living: Archbishop Nikon, Pope Francis, Peter Ghicondey, Jenny Sapnas, Betty Subashi, Betty Ledford, Haretina (Papa) Milo, Susan, Philip Kosta, Margarita, Tranette Ledford, Peter Melnik, Peter Mallios, Elaine Quirias, George Robos, Clive & Dhimitri Miller, Rosemary Notskas, Kim Burdumy, Andigoni Steffa, Leslie Shocka, Dhimiter Ndrecka, Pandeli, Jorgaq, Lefteri, and all of the men and women serving in Armed Forces.

Commemorations for the Departed: Mary Croke, Connie, Philip & Stephanie Manosis, Father Deacon Stephen Stefani and those servicemen and women who have fallen asleep in the Lord in the service of their Country.

Sunday School Director Steve, the Teachers and Students would like to thank everyone who purchased Gertrude Hawk Christmas Candy and Christmas ornaments. The kids over \$500.00 with this year's fundraisers and will be using the money toward the annual ice skating outing this February. Class will resume on Sunday January the 10th and we look forward to a great second half of our school year. Wishing a Happy and Healthy New Year to all!

Parish Council Meeting Tuesday, January 5th, 2016 @ 7:00 pm. All welcome to attend.

Upcoming Events:

Jan. 10th Epiphany and Part 1 of the Icon Auction
Jan 17th 40 Day Memorial – Mary Croke (Linda Biando's Mother)
Part 2 of the Icon Auction
Feb 7th Soup-er Bowl Sunday
Feb 2016 – date to be determined, Sunday school ice skating outing

Coffee Hour Sponsors: Thank you to all of our 2015 Coffee Hour Sponsors!

Jan 3rd Jamie & Father Brooks
Jan 10th Sunday School
Jan 17th Linda & David Biando in memory of Mary Croke
Jan 24th No Sponsor
Jan 25th No Sponsor

Jan 10, 2016: Holy Theophany (Epiphany) blessing of water after the Divine Liturgy. We will have Holy Water in plastic bottles for all of our parishioners.

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January Giving: Paper Towels

Parishioner News: We are interested in what is going on with our parishioners. If you have news to share please send it to info@stjohnsphila.org

HAPPY NEW YEAR!