

**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!***  
***KRISHTI LINDI! LAVDËROJENI ATË!***

**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 10<sup>th</sup> and we need all of the Icons returned in order to conduct the Icon Auction.

**Readers Schedule:** Jan., 3<sup>rd</sup> Adam C., Jan 10<sup>th</sup> Chris M., 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.

**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 5<sup>th</sup>, 2016 @ 7:00 pm. All welcome to attend.

**Upcoming Events:**

Jan. 10<sup>th</sup> Epiphany and Part 1 of the Icon Auction  
Jan 17<sup>th</sup> 40 Day Memorial – Mary Croke (Linda Biando's Mother)  
Part 2 of the Icon Auction  
Feb 7<sup>th</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup> Jamie & Father Brooks  
Jan 10<sup>th</sup> Sunday School  
Jan 17<sup>th</sup> Linda & David Biando in memory of Mary Croke  
Jan 24<sup>th</sup> No Sponsor  
Jan 25<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Per Shume Vjet Gezuar! January Namedays** 1<sup>st</sup> St. Basil, 7<sup>th</sup> St John the Baptist, 11<sup>th</sup> St Theodosius, 14<sup>th</sup> St Nina, 17<sup>th</sup> St Anthony, 18<sup>th</sup> St Athanasius, 20<sup>th</sup> St Euthymius, 23<sup>rd</sup> St Dionysius of Korca, 25<sup>th</sup> St Gregory, Jan 30<sup>th</sup> Hierarchs (Basil, Gregory, John Chrysostom)

**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](mailto:info@stjohnsphila.org)

***HAPPY NEW YEAR!***