

The Weekly Messenger – January 31, 2016
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Epistle: St. Paul's First Letter to Timothy 4:9-15 Gospel: Luke 19:1-10

Home Blessing/Visitation: A few parishioners have signed up on the board in the vestibule. For those who don't get to church often, please contact Father Brooks directly to arrange a date for him to visit you and your family.

fr.brooks@stjohnsphila.org or call 210-461-1956. If you know someone who does not receive email; please pass this information onto them.

The Women's Day Celebration and Dance: Saturday, March 5, 2016, 6:00 – 10:00 pm in the Church Hall. Tickets are \$40.00, \$20.00 for children under 12. DJ Sergio Xhoxhi will be playing Albanian music all night! A buffet dinner and continuous dancing are included! Please contact Luiza or Nilda Salavachi for tickets.

You may also email info@stjohnsphila.org for more information

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

NEXT WEEK 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. Soup will be available for you to take home!



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

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.

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.

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 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