

The Weekly Messenger – July 17, 2016
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Epistle: St. Paul's Letter to Titus 3:8-15 Gospel: Matthew 5:14-19

The seventh Sunday after the Feast of Holy Pascha: is observed by the Orthodox Church as the Sunday of the Fathers of the First Ecumenical Council. This day commemorates the 318 God-bearing Fathers who gathered in Nicaea in 325 at the request of the Emperor, Saint Constantine the Great, to address the heresy of Arianism together with other issues that concerned the unity of the Church.

http://lent.goarch.org/sunday_of_fathers/learn/

Commemorations for the Departed: The Police Officers in Dallas, Rose Mary Notskas, George Touros (2 years), John Croke (2 years), Hugh, Bettye, Brent, Tranette Ledford, 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, The injured Police Officers in Dallas, Spartak Brahollari, Michelle Dardaris, Merna Mikhail, Dorela Priftanji, Diane Rubis, Brianna Powels, Ann Gjoka, Virginia Daka, Semele Halkedis, Katherine Halkedis, Donna Hlavacek, Haretina (Papa) Milo, Susan, Philip Kosta, Margarita, Peter Melnik, Clive & Dhimitri Miller, Kim Burdumy, Andigoni Steffa, Dhimiter Ndrecka, Pandeli, Jorgaq, Lefteri, and all of the men and women serving in Armed Forces.

Church Picnic: We are organizing a church picnic tentatively scheduled for Saturday, August 27, 2016 from 12:00 pm – 4:00 pm. Nilda Salavaci is looking into different venues. The picnic would include a buffet lunch, swimming and various activities for kids and adults. A sign-up sheet is located at the candle stand or you can email your interest in attending to info@stjohnsphila.org The cost to attend the picnic will be approximately \$40.00 for adults and \$20.00 for children. Contact Nilda for additional details or if you have any questions trustee.nilda@stjohnsphila.org We must have at least 40 people to reserve access to the park and we will need to know if you would like to attend by Aug 1st.

Readers Schedule: July 17th Michelle D, July 24th Adam, July 31st Chris.

Contacting Father Brooks: You can reach Father Brooks at church, 215-563-0979, at his new number, 215-922-9234 or via email, fr.brooks@stjohnsphila.org. If the phone goes to voice mail please leave a message and Father Brooks will call you back.

Nick Naum Scholarship: Congratulations to the recipients of the Nick Naum Scholarship: Spartak Brahollari, Michelle Dardaris, Merna Mikhail, Dorela Priftangi. This is the inaugural distribution of \$2,500.00 to each student with the funds bequeathed by our beloved Nick Naum. The presentation will be made today following the Divine Liturgy. Congratulations and much success to our scholarship recipients!

Parishioner News: Attention all Parishioners: Would you or anyone you know consider a job as a live-in nanny, beginning in the fall, for two children who have special needs. They are in school during the week days. Contact Jen Abramson at abramson.jen@gmail.com or 215-519-5660

Upcoming Events:

July 24th Rose Mary Notskas - 40 Day Memorial

Monday, July 18th Outreach Committee Meeting 7:00 pm

Tuesday, August 2nd Parish Council Meeting 7:00 pm

Saturday, August 6th, 10:00 am The Feast of the Transfiguration

Wedding of Elira Behaj and Nertil Gosse @ 12:30 pm

August 14th 3 year Memorial for Margarita Rubis.

We will also celebrate the Feast of the Dormition of the Theotokos

Saturday, August 27th Church Picnic 12:00 pm – 4:00 pm

Sept 22nd - 24th Thurs – Saturday - Archdiocesan Assembly Southbridge MA

October 2nd Gregory E. Costa Golf Classic

Nov 20th We will Celebrate our Parish Nameday / Archbishop Nikon will visit

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

July 17th Nick Naum Scholarship Committee

July 24th Family of Rose Mary Notskas in memory of Rose Mary

July 31st Ilirjan & Fiori Papa – Nameday for Ilirjan & Elias

August 7th Greta Dilo in memory of Afrodhiti Dilo

August 14th Rubis Family in memory of Margaret

August 21st Marinela Prifti

August 28th Open date – no sponsor

Please take a look at the coffee hour list and sign up for an open date

Fantasy Football draft is right around the corner. Info will be posted in the Messenger.

July Giving: Paper Napkins. Thank you for your donations!