

The Weekly Messenger – June 12, 2016

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Epistle: Acts of the Apostles 20:16-18, 28-36 Gospel: John 17:1-13

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/

Church Decorum: If you enter the church after the Divine Liturgy begins (10:00 am), you should not walk down the center aisle to the pews. Instead, walk down the aisle on the left side of the church or across the back (past the choir) to the aisle on the right side of the church. Walking down the center aisle can be disruptive so we ask your cooperation in this matter.

Sunday School Graduation Party was rescheduled to today, after coffee hour. Our Sunday school students and their families will go to Kathie Costa's house to enjoy a cookout and swimming. Parishioners are invited to attend.

Commemorations for the Departed: 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, Father Brooks, Mirna El Khatib, Davit Jishkariani, Hugh Ledford, Linda Kosta, Julia Thack, Virginia Daka, Semele Halkedis, Katherine Halkedis, Donna Hlavacek, Haretina (Papa) Milo, Susan, Philip Kosta, Margarita, Peter Melnik, 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.

Our Website <http://www.stjohnsphila.org> has a great deal of information -Thanks to Tish Klus for updating it on a regular basis. There are also many new photos that have been added. Take a look!

Parishioner News: Congratulations to Mirna El Khatib who was baptized last Sunday. Mirna's sponsor was Dean Dickos. Many Years!

Upcoming Events:

June 12th Senior Class Luncheon following coffee hour

June 13th Nick Naum Scholarship Committee meeting 7:00 pm

June 19th Pentecost & Father's Day

Saturday, June 25th Great Vespers SS Peter & Paul Church 6:00 pm

June 26th No Divine Liturgy at St. John's - We will celebrate the Divine Liturgy with Ss. Peter & Paul Church. It is the 100th Anniversary of their first Liturgy.

Archbishop Nikon will be visiting their parish.

4:00pm Marriage of Davit Jishkariani & Mirna El Khatib

(Dean Dickos will be their Sponsor)

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

October 2nd Gregory E. Costa Golf Classic SAVE THE DATE!!!

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

June 12th Jim & Paula Bendo

June 19th Roxane & Jim Ghicondey

June 26th No Divine Liturgy at St. John's

July 3rd Grabocka Family – Peter's Nameday

July 10th No Sponsor

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

Financial Update: We have received 92 pledges to date totaling \$48,806.00. We have received \$24,454.00. Our pledge goal for 2016 is \$60,000.00. If you haven't made a pledge for 2016 cards are available at the candle stand or on our website,

<http://www.stjohnsphila.org> Pledges are the major fundraiser for our church. Pledges account for one half of our annual budget.

Our income through May was \$53,935.68 and our expenses were \$75,190.21, a deficit of \$21,254.53.

Each month at our Parish Council meeting a treasurer's report is distributed. After the meeting copies of the report are left on the table in the side vestibule. If you would like to receive a copy of the treasurer's report email treasurer@stjohnsphila.org

June Giving: Paper towels - we always seem to need paper towels!!!

Readers Schedule: June 19th Michelle D. June 26th NO liturgy at St. John's, July 3rd Adam, July 10th Chris, July 17th Michelle D, July 24th Adam.