

The Weekly Messenger – June 19, 2016
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Epistle: Acts of the Apostles 2:1-11 Gospel: John 7:37-52; 8:12

The Feast of Holy Pentecost is celebrated each year on the fiftieth day after the Great and Holy Feast of Pascha (Easter) and ten days after the Feast of the Ascension of Christ. The Feast is always celebrated on a Sunday.

The Feast commemorates the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles on the day of Pentecost, a feast of the Jewish tradition. It also celebrates the establishment of the Church through the preaching of the Apostles and the baptism of the thousands who on that day believed in the Gospel message of salvation through Jesus Christ. The Feast is also seen as the culmination of the revelation of the Holy Trinity.

http://www.goarch.org/special/listen_learn_share/pentecost/index_html

Sunday School Graduation Party a wonderful time was had by all. Burgers, dogs, swimming, an extremely gorgeous day and our church family, what more can one ask for? Many thanks to Kathie Costa for inviting us to her home and to Director Steve for getting everything and for coordinating the outing and for grilling!

Photos are on our website info@stjohnsphila.org

Commemorations for the Departed: 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, Father Brooks, Mirna El Khatib, Davit Jishkariani, Hugh Ledford, Brianna Powels, Ann Gjoka, 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.

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

Happy Father's Day There are a range of events, which may have inspired the idea of Father's Day. One of these was the start of the Mother's Day tradition in the first decade of the 20th century. Another was a memorial service held in 1908 for a large group of men, many of them fathers, who were killed in a mining accident in Monongah, West Virginia in December 1907.

A woman called Sonora Smart Dodd was an influential figure in the establishment of Father's Day. Her father raised six children by himself after the death of their mother. This was uncommon at that time, as many widowers placed their children in the care of others or quickly married again.

Sonora was inspired by the work of Anna Jarvis, who had pushed for Mother's Day celebrations. Sonora felt that her father deserved recognition for what he had done. The first time Father's Day was held in June was in 1910. Father's Day was officially recognized as a holiday in 1972 by President Nixon.

<http://www.timeanddate.com/holidays/us/fathers-day>

Upcoming Events:

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)

Tuesday, July 12th Parish Council Meeting 7:00 pm

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 19th Roxane & Jim Ghicondey

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

July 3rd Grabocka Family – Peter's Nameday

July 10th No Sponsor

July 17th No Sponsor

July 25th Ilirjan & Fiori Papa – Nameday for Ilirjan & Elias

July 31st No Sponsor

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

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.