

The Weekly Messenger – June 26, 2016
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Epistle: St. Paul's Letter to the Hebrews 11:33-40; 12:1-2

Gospel: Matthew 10:32-33; 37-38; 19:27-30

The Sunday following Pentecost is dedicated to All Saints, both those who are known to us, and those who are known only to God. There have been saints at all times, and they have come from every corner of the earth. They were Apostles, Martyrs, Prophets, Hierarchs, Monastics, and Righteous, yet all were perfected by the same Holy Spirit.

The Descent of the Holy Spirit makes it possible for us to rise above our fallen state and to attain sainthood, thereby fulfilling God's directive to "be holy, for I am holy" (Lev. 11:44, 1 Peter 1:16, etc.). Therefore, it is fitting to commemorate All Saints on the first Sunday after Pentecost.

This feast may have originated at an early date, perhaps as a celebration of all martyrs, then it was broadened to include all men and women who had borne witness to Christ by their virtuous lives, even if they did not shed their blood for Him.

<http://oca.org/saints/lives/2016/06/26/48-synaxis-of-all-saints>

Commemorations for the Departed: Rose Mary Notskas, 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, Julia Thack, 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.

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

Parishioner News: We are thinking of having a church picnic at a park in either late August or September. The picnic would be after the Divine Liturgy. There will be a cost to attend the picnic, in the area of \$35.00 - \$40.00 for adults and approximately \$20.00 for children. The price will include food and activities for approximately 3 hours.

The parks being considered are :

The Brandywine Picnic Park located in 690 South Creek Road West Chester, PA 19382

<http://picnic.com/>

The Neshaminy Shore Picnic Park located in 13 Beaver Street Hulmeville, PA 19047

<http://www.nspp.com/>

Nilda Salavaci is coordinating this event. Let her know what you think or if you would be willing to help. Contact Nilda at trustee.nilda@stjohnsphila.org

Upcoming Events:

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!

We have open dates; July 10th and July 31st. Get together with a family member or a friend and sponsor coffee hour!!

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July 3rd Grabocka Family – Peter's Nameday

July 10th Looking for a sponsor

July 17th Nick Naum Scholarship Committee

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

July 31st No Sponsor

August 7th Greta Dilo in memory of Afrodhiti Dilo

August 14th Rubis Family in memory of Margaret

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

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