

The Weekly Messenger – March 20, 2016

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Epistle: St. Paul's Letter to the Hebrews Gospel: John 1:43-51

Welcome Father Emmanuel Pratsinakis thank you for celebrating the Divine Liturgy with us today!

The First Sunday of Lent: The Sunday of Orthodoxy is the first Sunday of Great Lent. The dominant theme of this Sunday since 843 has been that of the victory of the icons. In that year the iconoclastic controversy, which had raged on and off since 726, was finally laid to rest, and icons and their veneration were restored on the first Sunday in Lent. Ever since, this Sunday has been commemorated as the "Triumph of Orthodoxy."

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

Commemorations for the Departed: Betty Ledford, Apostol Priftanji (15 years), Gregory E. Costa (8 years), Bajame (Josef's Mother), 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, John Cokos, Constantine, Kathie Costa, Donna Hlavacek, Haretina (Papa) Milo, Susan, Philip Kosta, Margarita, 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.

Parishioner News: +Helen Zalli Mangino, daughter of St. John's 1st president and one of the founders of the church, Dhimiter Miti. Helen passed away on Feb. 20, 2016. She was 93 years old. Helen was the cousin of Lorraine Monska, Mary DiMassa and the late Peter Monska. May her memory be eternal!

Happy Birthday Dorothy Tomassini and Kathie Costa who celebrated their big day on March 17th! Many Years!

Plan to attend Lazarus Saturday (April 23rd): The Charity & Benevolence Committee is coordinating the preparation of 300 sandwiches for the Chosen 300 Ministry. If you are in high school the time will count toward your community service hours. Contact Diane Coraluzzi, Sandi Fiss, Mark Klus, Sophia Kozlov, Susan Melnik or Linda Notskas or Sunday school Director Steve Coraluzzi with questions.

Upcoming Events:

March 20th Semi-Annual Parish meeting during coffee hour

THURSDAY - March 24th Vespertal Liturgy Annunciation 6:30 pm no fasting

Pot Luck following - for the Annunciation Feast

March 27th 1 Year Memorial Flossie Vissar & 1 Year Memorial Ernie Douris

April 3rd 1 Year Memorial Constantine Duka

Saturday April 23rd, Lazarus Saturday Divine Liturgy 10:00 am

followed by Sunday school Retreat ending at 3:00 pm

April 24th Palm Sunday, Entry of Our Lord into Jerusalem- Blessing of the Palms

Tuesday, April 26th Holy Tuesday - Bridegroom Matins 7:00 pm

Wednesday, April 27th Holy Wednesday - Holy Unction 7:00 pm

Thursday, April 28th Holy Thursday - 12 Gospels 7:00 pm

Friday, April 29th, Holy Friday – 10 am Decorate the Epitaphion,

5 pm Vespers (Taking Down From Cross), 7:00 pm Funeral

Saturday, April 30th Saturday - Liturgy 9:00 am, Matins/Nocturn/Liturgy beginning 11 pm

Sunday, May 1st Paschal Agape Vespers - 1:00 pm - no coffee hour after Vespers

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

March 20th Sunday School – pasta & salad

March 27th Haxhistasa Family – Vangel's Nameday &

The Vissar Family in memory of Flossie

April 3rd Duka/Budo Family in memory of Constantine

April 10th Sergio & Colleen Georgi

April 17th Fiori & Ilirjan Papa in celebration of Elisabeth's 2nd Birthday & Nameday

April 24th Palm Sunday – breakfast

May 1st Pascha Agape Vespers @ 1:00 pm – no coffee hour

May 8th Bill Bortner

Readers Schedule: March 20th Michele D, March 27th Adam C., April 3rd Chris M.,

April 10th Reader Mark, April 17th Michele D. April 24th Adam C.

Welcome to our visitors. Father Brooks, the members of our Parish Council,+ and our church community thank you for celebrating the Divine Liturgy with us. We invite you to join us for coffee hour and fellowship in the church hall following the Divine Liturgy.

Have you visited our website lately???? Click on the link or go to

<http://www.stjohnsphila.org>

March giving: single ply toilet tissue.