

**The Weekly Messenger – March 6, 2016**  
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*Epistle: St. Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians 8:8-13; 9:1-2*  
*Gospel: Matthew 25:31-46*

**The Third Sunday of the Triodion Period: Sunday of The Last Judgement**

**(Meatfare Sunday)** The Sunday of the Last Judgment is the third Sunday of a three-week period prior to the commencement of Great Lent. During this time, the services of the Church have begun to include hymns from the Triodion, a liturgical book that contains the services from the Sunday of the Publican and the Pharisee, the tenth before Pascha (Easter), through Great and Holy Saturday. On this day, focus is placed on the future judgment of all persons who will stand before the throne of God when Christ returns in His glory. <http://lent.goarch.org/judgement/learn/>

**Great Lent** begins Monday, March 14<sup>th</sup>. We will have Pre-sanctified Liturgy on Wednesday nights beginning March 16<sup>th</sup>, Lenten (Pot Luck) dinner and discussion will be held in the church hall following the Pre-sanctified Liturgy.

**Semi Annual Parish Meeting:** March 20, 2016 during coffee hour. Parish business to be discussed: Religious Education, Church Finances, Social Activities, selection of delegates for Archdiocesan Assembly Sept. 23 - 24, 2016. This year the Assembly will be at St. Nicholas Albanian Orthodox Church, Southbridge, MA.

**Commemorations for the Departed:** 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, Constantine, Kathie Costa, Donna Hlavacek, Betty Ledford, 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.

**March NAMEDAYS** Per **Shume Vjet! Gezuar!** To our parishioners who celebrate their NAMEDAY in March: 10<sup>th</sup> St. Theodore the General, 17<sup>th</sup> St. Alexander, 25<sup>th</sup> The Annunciation

**Upcoming Events:**

March 6<sup>th</sup> Meatfare Sunday & Charity & Benevolence Presentation  
March 13<sup>th</sup> Cheesefare & Forgiveness Sunday/1 Year Memorial Shyqyrie Brahollari  
March 14<sup>th</sup> Great Lent Begins  
March 15<sup>th</sup> Parish Council Meeting 7:00 pm  
March 16<sup>th</sup> Pre-sanctified Liturgy 6:30 pm  
March 20<sup>th</sup> 1 Year Memorial Ernie Douris  
Semi-Annual Parish meeting during coffee hour  
**THURSDAY** - March 24<sup>th</sup> Vespertal Liturgy Annunciation 6:30 pm no fast  
Pot Luck following - for the Annunciation Feast  
March 27<sup>th</sup> 1 year Memorial Flossie Vissar

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

March 6<sup>th</sup> Charity & Benevolence Committee  
March 13<sup>th</sup> Spartak Brahollari 1 year memorial for Shyqyrie (Spartak's Mother)  
March 20<sup>th</sup> Sunday School  
March 27<sup>th</sup> Haxhistasa Family – Vangel's NAMEDAY &  
The Vissar Family in memory of Flossie

**Parishioner News:** Last Sunday, during coffee hour we sang Happy Birthday to Marissa Papa. Her parents, Eduard & Elena Papa brought a cake to be shared during coffee hour. Marge Nowmos offered a different rendition of Happy Birthday, which she and her family sing to their children: May the Dear Lord Bless you, May the Dear Lord Bless you, May the Dear Lord bless (Child's Name), Happy Birthday to You! Again it is sung to the Happy Birthday tune. Something we wanted to share with you.

**Home Blessing/Visitation:** Please don't miss this opportunity to sign up for a visit and home blessing. Father Brooks would like to visit all of our parishioners and get to know you and your family. You may pick a date and time that is convenient and sign up on the sheet in the vestibule. Or you may contact Father Brooks directly to arrange a date for him to visit you and your family. [fr.brooks@stjohnsphila.org](mailto:fr.brooks@stjohnsphila.org) or call 210-461-1956

**Readers Schedule:** March 6<sup>th</sup> Chris M., March 13<sup>th</sup> Reader Mark, March 20<sup>th</sup> Michele D, March 27<sup>th</sup> Adam C., April 3<sup>rd</sup> Chris M., April 10<sup>th</sup> Reader Mark, April 17<sup>th</sup> Michele

**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.

**March giving:** single ply toilet tissue. Thank you to those who donated napkins last month.