

**The Weekly Messenger – May 22, 2016**

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*Epistle Acts of the Apostles 9:32-42 Gospel: John 5:1-15*

**CHRIST IS RISEN! INDEED HE IS RISEN!**

**KRISHTI U NGJALL! VERTET U NGJALL!**

**The fourth Sunday of Holy Pascha** is observed by the Orthodox Church as the Sunday of the Paralytic. The day commemorates the miracle of Christ healing a man who had been paralyzed for thirty-eight years. The biblical story of the event is found in the Gospel of John 5:1-15. - See more at:

[http://lent.goarch.org/sunday\\_of\\_the\\_paralytic/learn/#sthash.t94aVDSO.dpuf](http://lent.goarch.org/sunday_of_the_paralytic/learn/#sthash.t94aVDSO.dpuf)

**Please send information about the graduates in your family**, College, High School, 8<sup>th</sup> Grade. We would like to acknowledge and congratulate our graduates. Please send an email to [info@stjohnsphila.org](mailto:info@stjohnsphila.org) Include the name of the graduate and the school from which they graduated. For 8<sup>th</sup> grade graduates, let us know what high school they will be attending next year. For HS grads that are attending college, let us know the name of the college, or what they will be pursuing. For College graduates, let us know their degree and plans for the future. We would also like the proud parents and grandparents names. Thank-you!

**Commemorations for the Departed:**, Konstantin Pyze, Brent Ledford, Daniel Coraluzzi, 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, 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.

**Readers Schedule:** May 22<sup>nd</sup> Michele D, May 29<sup>th</sup> Adam C. June 5<sup>th</sup> Chris, June 12<sup>th</sup> Reader Mark, June 19<sup>th</sup> Michele D. June 26<sup>th</sup> NO liturgy at St. John's

**May Giving:** Paper towels & Paper plates

**Parishioner News:** As many of you know, Tom Zoidis recently moved to North Jersey. His new address is Brightview, 175 Quaker Church Road, Wellspring Building #16, Randolph, NJ 07869.

**Sunday school graduation** is scheduled for June 5<sup>th</sup>. Michelle Dardaris is graduating! After the graduation, the Sunday school students and their parents will go to Kathie Costa's house for a cookout and pool party! Please contact Director Steve for additional details.

**Upcoming Events:**

May 29<sup>th</sup> Memorial for Brent, Bettye and Tranette Ledford (40 days for Brent)

May 30<sup>th</sup> Memorial Day Father Brooks will bless the graves at Fernwood & Lawnview

June 5<sup>th</sup> Baptism of Mirna el Khatib – During the Divine Liturgy

Dean Dickos will be Mirna's Sponsor

Sunday school graduation

June 7<sup>th</sup> Parish Council Meeting

**Wednesday, June 8<sup>th</sup> 7:00 pm Vespertal Liturgy Feast of the Ascension**

June 19<sup>th</sup> Pentecost

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

Archbishop Nikon will be visiting their parish.

Marriage of Davit Jishkariani & Mirna El Khatib

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

May 22<sup>nd</sup> Moza & Koco Priftanji

May 29<sup>th</sup> Entela & Dhimiter Ndrecka

June 5<sup>th</sup> Mike & Carolyn Dardaris

June 12<sup>th</sup> Jim & Paula Bendo

June 19<sup>th</sup> *Open Date No Sponsor*

**June 26<sup>th</sup> No Divine Liturgy at St. John's**

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

**Memorial Day Grave Blessing at Fernwood & Lawnview Cemeteries:** Father Brooks will be at Fernwood Cemetery on Monday, May 25, 2015 @ 10:00 am, at the "upper portion" of the cemetery. He will then proceed to the other section to bless the graves. He will arrive at Lawnview Cemetery around 12:30 pm. Please contact him if you have a loved one at another cemetery. [fr.brooks@stjohnsphila.org](mailto:fr.brooks@stjohnsphila.org)  
Or call Father Brooks 210-461-1956.