

**The Weekly Messenger – May 8, 2016**  
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*Epistle: St. Johns First Universal Letter 1:1-7 Gospel: John 20:19-31*

***CHRIST IS RISEN! INDEED HE IS RISEN!***  
***KRISHTI U NGJALL! VERTET U NGJALL!***

**The Orthodox Church observes the Sunday of Thomas** one week following the celebration of the Sunday of Holy Pascha. The day commemorates the appearance of Christ to His disciples on the evening of the Sunday following Passover. It also commemorates the appearance of the Lord to His disciples eight days later when Thomas was present and proclaimed "My Lord and my God" upon seeing the hands and side of Christ.

This Sunday is also called Antipascha (meaning "in the stead of Pascha," not "in opposition to Pascha") because with this day, the first Sunday after Pascha, the Church consecrates every Sunday of the year to the commemoration of Pascha, that is, the Resurrection. Saint Thomas the Apostle is commemorated by the Church on October 6. Read more: [http://lent.goarch.org/sunday\\_of\\_thomas/learn/](http://lent.goarch.org/sunday_of_thomas/learn/)

**Commemorations for the Departed:** Brent Ledford, Spiro Ghicondes (4 years) Daniel Coraluzzi, Peter Mallios, 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, The Parishioners at St. Sava Serbian Orthodox Church, 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 8<sup>th</sup> Chris M, May 15<sup>th</sup> Reader Mark, May 22<sup>nd</sup> Michele D, May 29<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Upcoming Events:**

May 8<sup>th</sup> Mother's Day, Marriage of Fjorentina Lakuriqi & Ilir Gremi Many Years!  
May 15<sup>th</sup> 40 Day Memorial Peter Mallios  
May 30<sup>th</sup> Memorial Day Father Brooks will bless the graves at Fernwood & Lawnview  
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.

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

May 8<sup>th</sup> Bill Bortner  
May 15<sup>th</sup> Mallios, Contoudis, Callas Families in memory of Peter  
May 22<sup>nd</sup> Moza & Koco Priftanji  
May 29<sup>th</sup> Entela & Dhimiter Ndrecka  
June 5<sup>th</sup> ***Open Date No Sponsor***  
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.



This flower arrangement was sent by our parish to Father Brooks and his family for his brother Brent's funeral.

**May giving:** Paper plates and Paper Towels

**Please keep the parishioners at St. Sava Serbian Orthodox Church in NYC,** in your prayers. Their church suffered damage from a massive fire on Sunday evening. Many of Bill Bortner's family and friends attend this parish. <http://www.nbcnewyork.com/news/local/Firefighters-Battle-Massive-Fire-in-Manhattan-Church-377750261.html>

**Buddy Walk - Sunday, May 15, 2016:** Team Brother John looks forward to another great Buddy Walk this year. We are always looking for new faces to join us as we celebrate together. If you are unable to attend the walk but would like to donate to this very worthy organization please click: <http://secure.dsadelaware.org/BuddyWalk/BuddiesAndTeams/Team.aspx?TeamID=725> If you have any questions contact Susan or Vlad Melnik. Thank you for your support.

**Per Shume Vjet, Gezuar!** To our parishioners who celebrate Namedays in May: 5<sup>th</sup> Great Martyr Irene, 9<sup>th</sup> Martyr Christopher, May 12<sup>th</sup> St. Thomas the Apostle, May 21<sup>st</sup> Ss Constantine & Helen, May 30<sup>th</sup> Isacius of Dalmatus.