

The Weekly Messenger – May 15, 2016
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Epistle Acts of the Apostles 6:1-7 Gospel: Mark 15:43-47; 16:1-8

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

The third Sunday of Holy Pascha is observed by the Orthodox Church as the Sunday of the Holy Myrrhbearers. The day commemorates when the women disciples of our Lord came to the tomb to anoint his body with myrrh-oils but found the tomb empty. As the woman wondered what this meant, angels appeared proclaiming that Christ had risen from the dead. http://lent.goarch.org/sunday_of_myrrhbearers/learn/

Commemorations for the Departed: Peter Mallios, 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.

Parishioner News: Many years to Mirna El Khatib who will be baptized on June 5th and to Mirna and Davit Jishkariani, who will be married on June 26th!

Congratulations for Fjorentina Lakuriqi and Ilir Gremi who were married last Sunday. Many years to both couples!!

Buddy Walk – This Sunday, May 15, 2016: The event begins at 1:00 pm.

Contact Susan Melnik if you plant to attend. If you are unable to attend the walk but would like to donate to this very worthy cause please click:

<http://secure.dsadelaware.org/BuddyWalk/BuddiesAndTeams/Team.aspx?TeamID=725>

Readers Schedule: May 15th Reader Mark, May 22nd Michele D, May 29th Adam C.
June 5th Chris, June 12th Reader Mark, June 19th Michele D.

Upcoming Events:

May 15th 40 Day Memorial Peter Mallios

May 29th Memorial for Brent, Bettye and Tranette Ledford (40 days for Brent)

May 30th Memorial Day Father Brooks will bless the graves at Fernwood & Lawnview

June 5th Baptism of Mirna el Khatib – During the Divine Liturgy

Dean Dickos will be Mirna's Sponsor

Sunday school graduation

June 7th Parish Council Meeting

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.

Marriage of Davit Jishkariani & Mirna El Khatib

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

We are in need of sponsors for June 5th and June 29th.

May 15th Mallios, Contoudis, Callas Families in memory of Peter

May 22nd Moza & Koco Priftanji

May 29th Entela & Dhimiter Ndrecka

June 5th *Open Date No Sponsor*

June 12th Jim & Paula Bendo

June 19th *Open Date No Sponsor*

June 26th No Divine Liturgy at St. John's

Thank you to Ann Gjoka for donating and making the corsages that were given out last week for Mother's Day. They were BEAUTIFUL!

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
Or call Father Brooks 210-461-1956.

Race for the Cure: A very big THANK YOU to the runners, walkers and all those who donated money to the Race for the Cure. Our team, *Albanians & Friends for the Cure*, raised over \$3,000.00 through registrations and donations!

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