

The Weekly Messenger – December 10, 2017
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Epistle: Ephesians 6:10-17 Gospel: Luke 13:10-17

Christmas Card Alert: We are asking our parishioners to send Christmas cards to those who are not able to come to church and those who are ill. If you have someone who could use some holiday cheer, please send us their name & address. A list is available at the candle stand or you can request the list of names by emailing: info@stjohnsphila.org

Our Church was decorated for the Nativity season last Saturday. How beautiful does the tree look? Like a picture from a magazine. The rest of the church and the church hall – spectacular! Thank you to everyone who took the time to come and help out, it is greatly appreciated. Special thanks to Greta Dilo for putting the finishing touches on the decorations.

Contacting Father Brooks: You can reach Father Brooks at church, 215-563-0979, at 215-992-9234 or via email, fr.brooks@stjohnsphila.org If the phone goes to voicemail please leave a message and Father Brooks will call you back.

Commemorations for the Departed: Martha Jane Hasis Neidland, Michael Cosmo, Tina Rhodes, 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: Newly Illuminated Laura Hall, Newly Illuminated Teresa Papa, Linda Dudash, Betty Subashi, Pandora Bendo, Craig Risley, Larry Jance, Sara, Wayne Merkle, Elizabeth Jones, John Kolea Jr, Pandeli Spiro, Ann Gjoka, Virginia Daka, Katherine Halkedis, Haretina (Papa) Milo, Margarita, Peter Melnik, Kim Burdumy, Dhimiter Ndrecka, Pandeli, Jorgaq, Lefteri, and all of the men and women serving in the Armed Forces.

Coffee Hour Sponsors: Our sincere thanks to all who have or are going to sponsor a coffee hour this year.

December 10th The Salavaci Family in honor of Niko's Nameday

December 17th Father Brooks and Jamie

December 24th NO COFFEE HOUR Liturgy at 4:00 pm

December 31st Bill Bortner

Upcoming Events:

December 24th Christmas Eve Vesperal Liturgy 4:00 pm no Divine Liturgy at 10:00 am

Parish Council Meeting was postponed until January 2, 2018

January 7th Holy Theophany (Epiphany), Icon auction part I

January 14th Icon auction part II

Contribution update: Contribution statements (for contributions you made as of Nov 30, 2017) were emailed to all parishioners. If you did not receive a statement contact Nilda Salavachi. Another statement will be sent toward the middle of Jan 2018, which will include all contributions for 2017. That will be the statement you use for your tax return.

Icons: Our annual Icon auction will be on Sunday, January 7th and January 14th 2018 please return your Icons by next Sunday, December 17th so that we can prepare for the auction. Additionally, **Jan 7th 2018**, Holy Theophany (Epiphany) blessing of water after the Divine Liturgy. As in the past we will distribute Holy Water in small bottles.

Per Shume Vjet Gezuar! Dec 12 St. Spiridon, Dec 15 St. Eleutherios, Dec 17 Holy Prophet Daniel, Dec 23 St. Naum, Dec 25 Christmas Day, Sunday after Christmas St. Joseph the Betrothed, St. David the King, Dec 27 St. Stephen the Protomartyr

Church Decorum: If you enter the church after the Divine Liturgy begins (10:00 am), you should not walk down the center aisle to the pews. Instead, walk down the aisle on the left side of the church or across the back (past the choir) to the aisle on the right side of the church. Walking down the center aisle can be disruptive so we ask your cooperation in this matter.

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.

Monthly Giving for December: Your Christmas donation to St. Johns

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