

The Weekly Messenger – December 17, 2017
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Epistle: Colossians 3:4-11 Gospel: Luke 14:16-24

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

Annual Ladies Christmas Outing:



A super fun time was had by all those who attended the dinner and show! Thank you to our social director Nilda for putting together another fabulous outing.

Congratulations and Many Years: Fjori & Ilir Gremi welcomed their first child, Nicholas Gremi, on December 3, 2017. Nicholas weighed 7lb 11 oz. Mom, Dad and Nicholas are doing great. Nicholas is the first grandchild of Andon & Miranda Lakuriqi. He is the nephew of Grigor Lakuriqi and Laura & John Kittel. Congratulations and many years to the entire family.

Commemorations for the Departed: Peter Kosta (5 yrs), 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, Pandeli Spiro, Linda Dudash, Betty Subashi, Pandora Bendo, Craig Risley, Larry Jance, Sara, Wayne Merkle, Elizabeth Jones, Ann Gjoka, Virginia Daka, Katherine Halkedis, Haretina (Papa) Milo, Margarita, Peter Melnik, Dhimiter Ndrecka, Pandeli, Jorgaq, Lefteri, and all of the men and women serving in the Armed Forces.

If you have news for the messenger please send it to info@stjohnsphila.org

The Sunday school Christmas Pageant:



Many thanks to Sandi Fiss and her helpers for putting together another wonderful Christmas Pageant! Thank you to our own Mr. & Mrs. Claus for visiting during coffee hour. We have such a terrific team at St. Johns!

Annual Icon Auction: At the beginning of January we will hold our Annual Icon Auction. Congratulations if you were fortunate enough to have the high bid and were able to keep the Icon in your home during 2017. We ask that you return the Icon so that we can prepare for the 2018 Auction. A list of Icons available for bids will be on our website. Even if you are not able to attend the Icon Auction you can still submit a bid or make a donation in honor of your patron saint. If you bid on an Icon in 2017 and have not made your donation there is still time. Please send a check or go online to PayPal and submit your donation. Thank you!

Coffee Hour Sponsors: Our sincere thanks to all who have or are going to sponsor a coffee hour in 2017. Thanks to Jim Bendo we have a 2018 coffee hour sign-up sheet. It is posted in the side vestibule. Please pick a date and sponsor a coffee hour in 2018!

December 17th Father Brooks and Jamie

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

December 31st Bill Bortner

January 7th, 2018

January 14th 2018

January 21st 2018

Upcoming Events:

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

Friday, December 29th @ 6:00 pm 40 day Memorial for Michael Cosmo (husband of Donna Dimitri) All invited to attend the repast in the church hall following the Memorial.

January 7th, 2018 Holy Epiphany (Blessing of the water) Part 1 of the Annual Icon Auction

January 14th 2018 Part 2 of the Annual Icon Auction

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 Thank you!