

The Weekly Messenger – April 23, 2017
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Epistle: Acts 12:1-11 Gospel: John 20:19-31

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

Second Sunday of Pascha: Sunday of Thomas 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.
<https://www.goarch.org/-/second-sunday-of-pascha-sunday-of-thomas>

Our Sincere Thanks: There are so many people to thank for their contributions this past week: Father Brooks, Richard Yonkoski, Chris Manosis William Bortner, Kevin & Carolyn Fiss, The Melnik Family -Vlad, Susan, Juliana- for singing during Holy Week, our Altar Servers, those who decorated the Epitaphios Holy Friday morning, those who helped clean up Friday night after the Lamentations. Special thanks to all who brought in red eggs for Pascha. We had just enough for everyone! Thank you to all who attended the Liturgical Services and those who were unable to attend but kept us in your prayers. We are all very blessed to belong to such a loving and giving church family!

Commemorations for the Living: Roxane Ghicondey, Jim Ghicondey, Richard Moon, Paul Dimitri, Elizabeth Jones, Tom Zoidis, John Kolea, Jr., William 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.

Per Shume Vjet! Gezuar! (Happy Nameday) Father Thomas (Brooks) and Thomas Lorimer, Nathan Thomas Kashari

Commemorations for the Departed: Tatjana Kulheku (Vasil Xhoxhi's sister & Sergio's cousin), Brent Ledford (1 yr), Jorgjia Kashari, Father Deacon Stephen Stefani and those servicemen and women who have fallen asleep in the Lord in the service of their Country.

If you have someone to add to the Commemorations for the Living or the Departed list please give the information to Father Brooks or email info@stjohnsphila.org

Bring a Friend to Church Day: sponsored by the Outreach Committee. We are encouraging everyone to ask a neighbor, friend, co-worker to come join us as we celebrate the Divine Liturgy on Sunday, May 7th. Have them experience the fullness of the Liturgy, the smell of the incense, the Icons that adorn our church. You may also bring a relative who has not attended church in a while. Children are encouraged to bring a friend as well! A gourmet coffee hour will be provided by the Outreach Committee. Questions contact Father Brooks, Janice Leyden, Tatjana Plesati, Albana Qendro

Coffee Hour Sponsors: Please take a look at the sign-up sheet and pick a date!!!

April 23rd Vasil Xhoxhi & Family in memory of Tatjana Kulheku

April 30th Open Date NEXT SUNDAY Looking for a Sponsor

May 7th Outreach Committee

Upcoming Events:

April 23rd Memorial for Tatjana Kulheku (Vasil Xhoxhi's sister & Sergio's cousin)

Thursday April 25th Stewardship Committee Meeting 7:00 pm

Tuesday May 2nd Parish Council Meeting 7:00 pm

May 7th Bring a Friend to Church Day

May 29th Memorial Day Father Brooks will bless the graves at Fernwood & Lawnview

John Melnik – Annual Buddy Walk: Team Brother John looks forward to another great Buddy Walk this year. Please come out to do the walk, have some fun and picnic with us under the Brother John tent. Susan, Vlad, Juliana and John are always looking for new faces to join as they celebrate together. It is Saturday, May 13th from 1-4pm. Hopefully more people will be able to walk since it is on a Saturday this year!

See Susan or Vlad Melnik in church or click on this link:

<http://secure.dsadelaware.org/BuddyWalk/BuddiesAndTeams/Team.aspx?TeamID=814>

Nick Naum Scholarship Applications: are being accepted. The applications must be submitted by June 15, 2017. Information is available on our website <http://www.stjohnsphila.org> or by emailing nnscholarship@stjohnsphila.org or see a member of the Nick Naum Scholarship committee in church: Diane Coraluzzi, Carolyn Dardaris, Sandi Fiss, Stephanie Kosta, Nicole Ferrara, Reem Tarazi, Donna Dimitri