

**The Weekly Messenger – April 30, 2017**  
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*Epistle: Acts 6:1-7      Gospel: Mark 15:43-47; 16:1-8*

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

**On this day, the third Sunday of Pascha**, we celebrate the feast of the holy Myrrh-bearing women. And we also make commemoration of Joseph of Arimathea, who was a secret disciple, and Nicodemus, who was a disciple by night.

*The women disciples bring myrrh unto Christ;  
And I bring a hymn as it were myrrh unto them.*

The women went to Christ's tomb on Holy Pascha to anoint His body, only to discover it empty. We know the names of only seven of these women: Mary Magdalene; Mary the Mother of James and Joses; Joanna the wife of Chuza; Salome the mother of the sons of Zebedee; Susanna; and Mary and Martha, the sisters of Lazarus. Joseph was a rich and noble man, and a member of the Privy Council of Jerusalem. He dared to ask Pilate for the undefiled body of our Savior, which he took and buried in his own tomb. Accompanying Joseph to the sepulcher was Nicodemus, a Jerusalemite who was one of the leaders of the Pharisees. Nicodemus brought 100 pounds of myrrh and aloes to scent and embalm the body of Christ.

[http://www.antiochian.org/myrrh\\_bearing\\_women\\_sunday](http://www.antiochian.org/myrrh_bearing_women_sunday)

**Commemorations for the Living:** Elida, 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.

**Commemorations for the Departed:** 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](mailto: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 7<sup>th</sup>. 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 30<sup>th</sup> Davit Jishkariani & Mirna El Katib

May 7<sup>th</sup> Outreach Committee

May 14<sup>th</sup> Kosova Family

May 21<sup>st</sup> Koco & Mimoza Priftanji

May 28<sup>th</sup> Fjorentina Lakuriqi & Ilir Gremi (1 year wedding anniversary)

June 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday School

**Upcoming Events:**

**Tuesday** May 2<sup>nd</sup> Parish Council Meeting 7:00 pm

May 7<sup>th</sup> Bring a Friend to Church Day

May 29<sup>th</sup> Memorial Day Father Brooks will bless the graves at Fernwood & Lawnview

June 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday school graduation and swim party

**Please send information about the graduates in your family,** College, High School, 8<sup>th</sup> Grade. We would like to acknowledge and congratulate our graduates. Please send an email to [info@stjohnsphila.org](mailto:info@stjohnsphila.org) Include the name of the graduate and the school from which they graduated. For 8<sup>th</sup> 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!

**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](mailto: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