

The Weekly Messenger – April 9, 2017

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Epistle: Philippians 4:4-9

Gospel: John 12:1-18

Palm Sunday: The Feast of the Entrance of our Lord Jesus Christ into Jerusalem

On the Sunday before the Feast of Great and Holy Pascha and at the beginning of Holy Week, the Orthodox Church celebrates one of its most joyous feasts of the year. Palm Sunday is the commemoration of the Entrance of our Lord into Jerusalem following His glorious miracle of raising Lazarus from the dead. Having anticipated His arrival and having heard of the miracle, the people went out to meet the Lord and welcomed Him with displays of honor and shouts of praise. On this day, we receive and worship Christ in this same manner, acknowledging Him as our King and Lord.

http://lent.goarch.org/palm_sunday/learn/

Website: Many thanks to Tish Klus and Sergio Xhoxhi for their ongoing work to our website. The website is constantly evolving. John Rubis made an excellent suggestion to add links to other Orthodox Websites. That information was added and can be found under the *Orthodoxy* tab. If you haven't visited our website lately, take a look!

<http://www.stjohnsphila.org>

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.

Commemorations for the Departed: Q iriako (Charlie) Adams, Tatjana Kulheku (Vasil Xhoxhi's sister & Sergio's cousin), Paula Kosta, Elizabeth Brooks, 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

April Giving: paper napkins

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

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

April 9th Palm Sunday Pancake Breakfast sponsored by the Adams Family

April 16th PASCHA – no coffee hour

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

April 30th Betty Subashi

May 7th Outreach Committee

Upcoming Events:

April 9th Entry of Our Lord into Jerusalem- Blessing of the Palms– Rose Adams and her family sponsor the Pancake Breakfast in Memory of Charlie

Tuesday, April 11th Holy Tuesday - Bridegroom Matins 7:00 pm

Wednesday, April 12th Holy Wednesday - Holy Unction 7:00 pm

Thursday, April 13th Holy Thursday - 12 Gospels 7:00 pm

Friday, April 14th, Holy Friday – 10 am Decorate the Epitaph ion,
4:00 pm Vespers (Taking Down From Cross), 7:00 pm Funeral

Saturday, April 15th Saturday - Liturgy 10:00 am, Matins/Nocturne/Liturgy beginning 11:30p

Sunday, April 16th Paschal Agape Vespers - 1:00 pm - no coffee hour after Vespers

Thursday, April 20th Outreach Committee Meeting 7:00 pm

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

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>

Many Thanks to our parishioners who have made their 2017 Pledge. The scroll of names is hanging in the side vestibule. If your name has been inadvertently left off the list please contact Nilda Salavachi or Donna Dimitri and your name will be added.

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.