

The Weekly Messenger – August 27, 2017
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Epistle: Ephesians 6:10-17 Gospel: Matthew 19:16-26

12th Sunday of Matthew: At that time, a man asked Jesus a very important question. He asked, “What do I need to do to get to heaven? Jesus helped him remember God’s commandments, like “do not steal, and do not kill.” Jesus also reminded the man that we should love our neighbor. The man said that he had kept all the commandments. Jesus then told him that if he wanted to be perfect, he could do one more thing--he could sell what he owned, give the money to the poor, and follow Jesus as a disciple. The man became sad, because he owned many things and did not want to give them up to follow Jesus. <http://antiochian.org/christianeducation/letusattend>

Commemorations for the Departed: Ted Lescas, Tom Zoidis, Alan, 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: Newlywed Florina Bacuta & Drew Garcia, Newlywed Marsel & Jonida Karemani, Newly Illuminated Elena Shomos, Zach Smith, Carl, Zoey, Anna, Larry Jance, Sara, Michael Cosmo, Wayne Merkle, Richard Moon, Elizabeth Jones, 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.

Liturgy in the Park A good time was had by all who attended the Divine Liturgy and Church Picnic at Neshaminy State Park last Sunday. It was a magnificent day, the weather, food and company were perfect. Thank you to Nilda Salavachi for organizing the event, Bill Bortner & David Joseph for the music, Sergio Georgi for the grill and delicious food and for everyone who came and shared their food. Good times! Photos have been posted on our website <http://www.stjohnsphila.org>

August Giving: snacks, juice boxes for the Sunday school

St. John's Sportspeople – Philadelphia Last Call to Draft

<http://stjohnsphila.football.cbssports.com/> Some do it for fun. Others do it for the competition! **St. John's is once again looking for its Sportspeople!** Profiles range from teenagers to seniors and everything in between! Please join our **fifth - St. John's Sportspeople's - Fantasy Football League**. Both **women and men** are encouraged to participate! There is a one-time entry fee of \$75.00 per Sportspeople (owner for the entire season). Two or more family members can share a team and be co-owners! One email address for each owner/co-owner and Internet connectivity is all that is required. Entry fee can be invoiced from St. John's via **PayPal, credit or debit**, secure and direct to your personal email confidentially. Prizes will be posted and St. John's Church will benefit in the pool proceeds. There will be an **online draft** scheduled similar to last year's home event on **Saturday, August 26th @ 12:00 Noon**.

In TWO weeks: Parish Clean-up Day Saturday, September 9, 2017 @ 9:00am we will meet at the church, use some elbow grease and make our church sparkle! If you are able to attend please email info@stjohnsphila.org or advise a member of parish council. Questions contact Linda Kosta or Donna Dimitri

Coffee Hour Sponsors: We have open dates in September, October & December

Please join with a friend or family member to sponsor coffee hour one of the open dates!

August 27th Reem Tarazi & Pierre Chanoine & Family

September 3rd Open Date

September 10th Marinela Prifti

September 17th Sunday School

September 24th Open Date

Sept 3rd, 24th, Oct 1st, 22nd, Dec 3rd 17th, 31st open dates no sponsors

Upcoming Events:

Aug 28th – Sept 6th Father Brooks on Vacation

September 3rd Father Brooks on Vacation – substitute priest

Thursday, Sept 7th Parish Council Meeting 7:00 pm

Saturday Sept 9th Church Clean-up day

Sept 10th Tom Zoidis 40 day memorial

Blessing of the Backpacks and Sunday School registration

Saturday Sept 16th Sunday school teacher's workshop 9-11 am

Sept 17th Elevation of the Cross and 1st Day of Sunday school

Friday Sept 22nd Archdiocesan Assembly hosted by our Parish /Dinner in church hall

Saturday Sept 23rd Thanksgiving service and brunch in church hall

Oct 1st Gregory E Costa Golf Classic and dinner – Paxon Hollow Country Club