

The Weekly Messenger – December 3, 2017
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Epistle: Ephesians 5:8-19 Gospel: Luke 18:35-43

NEXT SATURDAY Annual Ladies Christmas Outing: Saturday, December 9, 2017. We will have an early dinner 3:00 pm at Bellini Grill located on 220 South 16th Street, Philadelphia. Then off to see the Nutcracker 7:00 pm at the Academy of Music located on 240 South Broad Street, Philadelphia. You may choose from the following options: Both dinner and show \$77/person, show only \$37/person, dinner only \$40/person. If interested please let Nilda Salavachi know treasurer@stjohnsphila.org

Congratulations and Many Years: Teresa Papa, daughter of Eduard & Elena, granddaughter of Pandeli & Dodona and little sister of Marisa, was baptized on Nov 25th. Laura Hall, wife of Jerry Hall was chrismated on Nov 26th. May God Bless Teresa and Laura and their families! Last weekend was wonderfully busy for our parish and parishioners!!!

Commemorations for the Departed: Kiki Notskas (19 yrs), Marci Moore (4 yrs), Gregory Bendo (4 yrs), Sophie Harrington (2 yrs), Mary Croke (2 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, John Kolea Jr, 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.

Sunday school: NEXT SUNDAY DECEMBER 10th, following the Divine Liturgy, the Sunday school will present their annual Christmas Pageant. The pageant is early this year so be sure to mark your calendar and plan to attend. The most precious kids in the Philadelphia area attend St. Johns and this is a must see event. Bring your kids, your grandkids, nieces, nephews and your camera. You don't want to miss the pageant.

Monthly Giving for December: Your Christmas donation to St. Johns

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

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 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 this year.

December 3rd The Dimitri Family in memory of Spiro and Mary

December 10th The Salavaci Family in honor of Niko's Nameday

December 17th Father Brooks and Jamie

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

December 31st Bill Bortner

Upcoming Events:

Tuesday, December 5th Vesperal Liturgy 7:00 pm St. Nicholas the Wonderworker
Potluck dinner following Liturgy - YAL group meeting

Thursday, December 7th Parish Council meeting 7:00 pm

December 9th Christmas Outing - Dinner and The Nutcracker

December 10th Sunday school Christmas Pageant following the Divine Liturgy

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

Per Shume Vjet Gezuar! Dec 4 Great Martyr Barbara, Dec 6 St. Nicholas, Dec 12 St. Spiridon, Dec 15 St. Eleutherios, Dec 17 Holy Prophet Daniel, Dec 23 St. Naum, Dec 25 Christmas Day, Sunday after Christmas St. Joseph the Betrothed, St. David the King, Dec 27 St. Stephen the Protomartyr

Church Decorum: If you enter the church after the Divine Liturgy begins (10:00 am), you should not walk down the center aisle to the pews. Instead, walk down the aisle on the left side of the church or across the back (past the choir) to the aisle on the right side of the church. Walking down the center aisle can be disruptive so we ask your cooperation in this matter

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.