

The Weekly Messenger – January 15, 2017

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Epistle: St. Paul's Letter to the Colossians 3:4-11 Gospel: Luke 17:12-19

Home Blessing/Visitation: This year we are trying something new. The sign-up sheet, located in the side vestibule, will have a regional location. In January & February - Delaware County and southwest PA. March – Northeast Phila. Father Brooks would like to visit all of our parishioners and get to know you and your family. You may pick a date and time that is convenient and sign up on the sheet in the vestibule. Or you may contact Father Brooks directly to arrange a date for him to visit you and your family. fr.brooks@stjohnsphila.org or call 215-992-9234

ICON AUCTION: Our Sincere Thanks to the auctioneers, Peter Ghicondey and Iirjan Papa for doing a fabulous job last Sunday. We received bids totaling \$8,770.00 for part 1 of our annual Icon auction. Today, January 15th, Icons 41 –80 will be auctioned in the church hall during coffee hour. Father Brooks and his helpers will be the auctioneers. It should be great fun! We look forward to seeing you. If you are unable to attend the Icon Auction we encourage you to make a donation in the name of your Patron Saint. Visit our website to see how! www.stjohnsphila.org

Sunday school News: An ice skating outing is scheduled for Jan 29th, from 12:00 to 2:00 at the U of P Class of 23 Rink. Cost: Adults \$3.00, Sunday school children free. Sunday school director Steve Coraluzzi may be contacted at 856-562-9672, or e-mail sundayschooldirector@stjohnsphila.org

Soup-er Bowl Sunday: We will have our 4th Annual Soup-er Bowl Sunday on Feb. 5th following the Divine Liturgy. We are asking our parishioners to donate a homemade soup. We will offer the soup at coffee hour for a small donation. The proceeds will be donated to a charity. A Sign-up sheet is located at the candle stand.

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.

Monthly giving for January: Paper Towels

Congratulations and Many Years to newly baptized Vanessa Maria, Haley Elisabeth, Mikayla Sofia and Nathan Thomas. The children were baptized Jan. 7th. Their sponsors were Tezja Nilda Salavachi and Xhaxhai Spartak Brahollari. Mom, Jorgeta and grandparents Zisi & Marjana beamed with pride as did other family members who attended. It was a truly joyous day!



Commemorations for the Living: New illuminated Vanessa, Haley, Mikayla, Nathan Kashari, their Godparents, Nilda Salavachi & Spartak Brahollari Paul Dimitri, Michele Coraluzzi, Thomas Anderson, Elizabeth Jones, Tom Zoidis, John Kolea, Jr., William Spiro, Ann Gjoka, Virginia Daka, Katherine Halkedis, Haretina (Papa) Milo, Philip Kosta, Margarita, Peter Melnik, Kim Burdumy, Andigoni Steffa, Dhimiter Ndrecka, Pandeli, Jorgaq, Lefteri, and all of the men and women serving in the Armed Forces.

Commemorations for the Departed: Sophie Harrington, Greg Vrato, Sr., June Mitrocsak (1 year), Jorgjia Kashari, Father Deacon Stephen Stefani and those servicemen and women who have fallen asleep in the Lord in the service of their Country.

Coffee Hour Sponsors: We have many open dates in the coming weeks. Please take a look at the sign-up sheet and pick a date!!!

January 15 th Sunday School	February 12 th <i>No sponsor</i>
January 22 nd <i>No sponsor</i>	February 19 th Elena & Eduard Papa
January 29 th <i>No sponsor</i>	Marissa's 3 rd Birthday
February 5 th Soup-er Bowl Sunday	February 26 th <i>No sponsor</i>

Upcoming Events:

Jan 15th 40 Day Memorial Sophie Harrington, (sister of John, Bill & Chris Rubis)
Annual Icon Auction – Part 2
Tuesday Jan 17 Parish Council Meeting 7:00 pm
Thursday Jan 19th Outreach Committee Meeting 7:00 pm
January 29th Sunday school Ice Skating Outing
Saturday March 4th Women's Day Celebration/Dance 6 pm – 11pm