

The Weekly Messenger – January 22, 2017

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Epistle: St. Paul's Letter to Timothy 4:9-15 Gospel: Luke 19:1-10

Memory Eternal +Phil Kosta It is with sadness we inform you of the repose of +Philip Kosta, beloved husband of Linda, father of Paula, Lisa, Larry, Stephanie and the late Peter. Phil was a long time parishioner and member of the elite coffee hour prep crew! Phil was also an extraordinary Icon auctioneer for many years. Please keep the Kosta family in your prayers. Memory Eternal!

Parishioner News: It is with sadness we inform you of the repose of Joseph W. Potter, Father of Steve Potter (Tana Elia Potter). +Joseph was married over 60 years, was a loving father of 4, grandfather of 12 and great-grandfather of 12. He served our country and he was an amazing father-in-law to Tana. May his memory be eternal!

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: a great success! Thank you very much to those who came out and bid on the Icons. We raised \$15,665.00 for parish. Many thanks to last Sunday's auctioneers: Spartak Brahollari and Stephanie Kosta, and of course to our helpers; Olivia H., Vanessa and Olivia L. If you were unable to attend the Icon Auction we encourage you to make a donation in the name of your Patron Saint. Thank you!!! Super terrific job!

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 610-606-8448, or e-mail sundayschooldirector@stjohnsphila.org

Monthly giving for January: Paper Towels

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.

Commemorations for the Living: New illuminated Vanessa, Haley, Mikayla, Nathan Kashari, their Godparents, Nilda Salavachi & Spartak Brahollari, Paul Dimitri, Thomas Anderson, Elizabeth Jones, Tom Zoidis, John Kolea, Jr., William Spiro, Ann Gjoka, Virginia Daka, Katherine Halkedis, Haretina (Papa) Milo, 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: Philip Kosta, Castor Notskas, Joseph Potter, Greg Vrato, Sr., 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 22nd Sunday School/Hot Dogs
January 29th Mike & Carolyn Dardaris
February 5th Soup-er Bowl Sunday
Feb 12th Michele Lorimer, Amanda Schneider
Missy Zavatsky, Madge Graziani

February 19th Elena & Eduard Papa
Marissa's 3rd Birthday
February 26th No sponsor
March 5th No Sponsor

Upcoming Events:

Saturday, January 28th YAL Meeting 5:00pm
January 29th Sunday school Ice Skating Outing
Feb. 19th Meatfare Sunday
Feb 26th Sunday of Forgiveness/Cheesefare
Feb 27th Great Lent begins
Saturday March 4th Women's Day Celebration/Dance 6 pm – 11pm

Pledge Update: In the very near future the Stewardship committee will be sending letters regarding your 2017pledge. Please feel free to submit your 2017 pledge at any time. Pledge cards are available at the candle stand. As in the past we gratefully accept pledges on line via credit card or PayPal. To those who have made their 2017 pledge, Thank you very much!