

The Weekly Messenger – July 2, 2017
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Epistle: Hebrews 9:1-7

Gospel: Matthew 8:5-13

Forth Sunday of Matthew: At that time, as Jesus entered Capernaum, a centurion came forward to him, beseeching him and saying, "Lord, my servant is lying paralyzed at home, in terrible distress." And he said to him, "I will come and heal him." But the centurion answered him, "Lord, I am not worthy to have you come under my roof; but only say the word, and my servant will be healed. For I am a man under authority, with soldiers under me; and I say to one, 'Go,' and he goes, and to another, 'Come,' and he comes, and to my slave, 'Do this,' and he does it." When Jesus heard him, he marveled, and said to those who followed him, "Truly, I say to you, not even in Israel have I found such faith. I tell you, many will come from east and west and sit at table with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven, while the sons of the kingdom will be thrown into the outer darkness; there men will weep and gnash their teeth." And to the centurion Jesus said, "Go; be it done for you as you have believed." And the servant was healed at that very moment.

<https://www.goarch.org/chapel/lectionary?type=gospel&code=78&event=885>

Commemorations for the Departed: Ted Lescas, Castor Notskas, Elida Xhoxhi, Jim Bachelor, 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: Evisa Frasheri, Greg Boyle, Sara, Michael Cosmo, Wayne Merkle, 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.

Pool Party: About 40 people attended the end of the Sunday school year celebration and pool party. It was a beautiful day! The burgers and dogs prepared by Chef Steve and Chef Erion were delicious; the adult beverages provided by Arjan were most appreciated! The kids swam and had fun; the adults chatted and had more fun! Special thanks to Kathie Costa for opening her home to us. We are so blessed to have such wonderful and giving parishioners.

Parishioner News: Father Brooks has posted dates (through October) for his home blessing and visitations. Father Brooks wants to visit all of our parishioners. No one lives too far away, it is not inconvenient, it is not a bother! If you have not signed up please do so on the sheets posted in the side vestibule.

Outdoor Liturgy and Church Picnic: Mark you calendars, Sunday, August 20, 2017 at Neshaminy State Park. We will meet at 10:00 and celebrate the Divine Liturgy. Following the Liturgy we will gather for a picnic. Food, music, dancing, games, a day of fun! The last Liturgy/Picnic was July 21, 2002. Our church picnic was very successful last year and we hope more parishioners are able to join us this August 20th!

Coffee Hour Sponsors: *We have open dates in August and September and October.* Please take a look at the sign-up sheet and pick a date!!!

July 2nd Grabocka family – Nameday

July 9th Cosmo-Dimitri Family in Memory of George Touros

July 16th Betty Subashi

July 23rd Pandeli Papa Family

July 30th OPEN DATE - NO SPONSOR

Upcoming Events:

Friday June 30th Wedding of Evisa Frasheri and Greg Boyle 1:00 pm

July 9th 3 yr Memorial – George Touros

Tuesday July 11th Parish Council Meeting 7:00 pm

Saturday, July 15th Buddy Walk 11 am – 3 pm (See Melnik Family)

August 6th Transfiguration

Monday August 14th 7:00pm Feast of the Dormition of the Theotokos

August 20th Liturgy in the park and church picnic - Neshaminy State Park

Saturday Sept 9th Church Clean-up day

Friday Sept 22nd Archdiocesan Assembly hosted by our Parish

Saturday Sept 23rd Thanksgiving service and brunch in church hall

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

Church Clean-up scheduled for Saturday Sept. 9th @ 10:00 am. We didn't have a clean-up last year; please come out and give a few hours of your time to make our church sparkle!

July Namedays: Per Shume Vjet! Gezuar! To our parishioners and friends who celebrate their Nameday in July: July 8th Great Martyr Procopius, July 17th Great Martyr Marina, July 20th Prophet Elijah, July 24th Great Martyr Christina of Tyre, July 27th St. Panteleimon

July Giving: Paper towels (again!)