

The Weekly Messenger – July 23, 2017
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Epistle: Romans 15:1-7

Gospel: Matthew 9:27-35

The Seventh Sunday after Pentecost: Jesus was walking one day when two men followed Him. They cried out to him, “Have mercy on us.” The men were blind. They wanted Jesus to heal them. Jesus said to them, “Do you believe that I can heal you?” They said, “Yes, Lord.” Then Jesus touched their eyes. He said, “Because you believe, it will be done.” They could see! Jesus told them, “Tell no one what I have done.” The men didn’t listen to Jesus. They told everyone about him. Then a man who was acting strangely was brought to Jesus. He had a demon making him act badly. He also could not speak. Jesus cast out the demon and the man spoke! The people were so amazed at what Jesus did. Then Jesus went through all the cities and villages, teaching, preaching, and healing. <http://www.antiochian.org/christianeducation/letusattendarchives>

Commemorations for the Departed: Ted Lescas, 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: Marcel Karemani, 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.

Parishioner News: Good Luck to Tim Pappas (son of Tim & Donna Pappas) as he competes in the Lake Placid Triathlon July 23rd. A triathlon consists of a 2.4-mile swim, a 112-mile bicycle ride and a marathon 26.2-mile run, raced in that order and without a break. WOW! All the best Tim!

Contacting Father Brooks: You can reach Father Brooks at church, 215-563-0979, at, 215-992-9234 or via email, fr.brooks@stjohnsphila.org. If the phone goes to voice mail please leave a message and Father Brooks will call you back.

July Giving: Paper towels (again!)



Congratulations once again to our 2017 Nick Naum Scholarship recipients: Adam Coraluzzi, Michele Coraluzzi, Anesti Kondili, Jorgji Ndrecka. Many thanks to Nicole Pappas Ferrara and Stephanie Kosta for representing the scholarship committee and presenting the checks to the recipients. Thank you to the Committee: Carolyn Dardaris, Sandi Fiss, Reem Tarazi & Father Brooks for working on this committee!

Meshe our supply of Meshe is still low. If you would like to make Meshe we will greatly appreciate your donation. Thank you to those who have made Meshe in the past. We have had a few donations but are requesting additional loaves of Meshe.

Home Visitations: Father Brooks has posted dates (through August) 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. The September and October dates will be posted shortly.

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 23rd Pandeli Papa Family

July 30th Qendro Family

August 6th Elena Shomos & Zach Smith (in honor of Elena’s Chrismation)

August 13th Lescas Family 40 day memorial Ted

August 20th CHURCH PICNIC @ Neshaminy State Park

August 27th, Sept 3rd, 17th, 24th, Oct 1st, 22nd, Dec 3rd 17th, 31st open dates no sponsors

Upcoming Events:

July 23rd Baptism of Marcel Karemani @ 1:00 pm

Thursday, July 27th Stewardship Committee Meeting 7:00 pm

Saturday, August 5th Wedding of Jonida Pajallori & Marsel Karemani 4:00 pm

August 6th Transfiguration Chrismation Elena Shomos

August 13th 40 day Memorial Ted Lescas

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

Saturday August 19th Wedding Florina Bacuta & Drew Garcia

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