

The Weekly Messenger – July 30, 2017

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Epistle: I Corinthians 1:10-17

Gospel: Matthew 14:14-22

8th Sunday of Matthew: At that time, Jesus saw a great throng; and he had compassion on them, and healed their sick. When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a lonely place, and the day is now over; send the crowds away to go into the villages and buy food for themselves." Jesus said, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." They said to him, "We have only five loaves here and two fish." And he said, "Bring them here to me." Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass; and taking the five loaves and the two fish he looked up to heaven, and blessed, and broke and gave the loaves to the crowds. And they all ate and were satisfied. And they took up twelve baskets full of the broken pieces left over. And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children. Then he made the disciples get into the boat and go before him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds.

<https://www.goarch.org/chapel/lectionary?type=gospel&code=106&event=979>

Commemorations for the Departed: Ted Lescas, Elton Ceca, 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 Marsel 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: Congratulations and Many Years to Marsel Karemani, who was baptized last Sunday. Marsel is the fiancé of Jonida Pajollari. Marsel and Jonida will be married on Saturday, August 5th, 2017.

2017 Fantasy Football League: is about to begin. If you are interested in participating please contact Peter Ghicondey (League Commissioner) pghicondey@aol.com

Outdoor Liturgy and Church Picnic: Mark your 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!

Church Clean-up: Saturday, September 9th @ 10:00 am. We have the cleaning supplies and we need your helping hands to make our church sparkle! Please donate a couple of hours of your time to help spruce up the church.

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 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:

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

August 6th Transfiguration Chrismation Elena Shomos during the Divine Liturgy

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 2:00 pm

August 20th Liturgy in the park and church picnic - Neshaminy State Park **10:00 am**

Saturday Sept 9th Church Clean-up day 10:00 am

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

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

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July Giving: Paper towels (again!)