

The Weekly Messenger – April 22, 2018
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Epistle: Acts 6:1-7 Gospel: Mark 15:43-47; 16:1-8

CHRIST IS RISEN! INDEED HE IS RISEN!
KRISHTI U NGJALL! VERTET U NGJALL!

Sunday of the Myrrh-Bearing Women About the beginning of His thirty-second year, when the Lord Jesus was going throughout Galilee, preaching and working miracles, many women who had received of His beneficence left their own homeland and from then on followed after Him. They ministered unto Him out of their own possessions, even until His crucifixion and entombment; and afterwards, neither losing faith in Him after His death, nor fearing the wrath of the Jewish rulers, they came to the sepulchre, bearing the myrrh-oils they had prepared to anoint His body. It is because of the myrrh-oils, that these God-loving women brought to the tomb of Jesus that they are called the Myrrh-bearers. Of those whose names are known are the following: first of all, the most holy Virgin Mary, who in Matthew 27:56 and Mark 15:40 is called "the mother of James and Joses" (these are the sons of Joseph by a previous marriage, and she was therefore their step-mother); Mary Magdalene (celebrated July 22); Mary, the wife of Clopas; Joanna, wife of Chouza, a steward of Herod Antipas; Salome, the mother of the sons of Zebedee, Mary and Martha, the sisters of Lazarus; and Susanna. As for the names of the rest of them, the evangelists have kept silence (Matt 27:55-56; 28:1-10. Mark 15:40-41. Luke 8:1-3; 23:55-24:11, 22-24. John 19:25; 20:11-18. Acts 1:14).

Read more: <https://www.goarch.org/chapel/saints?contentid=1067>

Commemorations for the Departed: Andy Subashi (10 yrs.), Jennie Sapnas, Jorgjia Kashari (2 yrs.), 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: Father Dimitrie Vincent, Betty Subashi, Brenda Cantwell, Dolly Seiler, Sara, Craig Risley, Wayne Merkle, Elizabeth Jones, Ann Gjoka, Virginia Daka, Haretina (Papa) Milo, Margarita, Peter Melnik, Dhimiter Ndrecka, Pandeli, Jorgaq, Lefteri, and all of the men and women serving in the Armed Forces.

April giving: Your Pascha Donation. Our sincere thanks to those who have made a donation.

Our first Paint Event Social will be **NEXT** Saturday April 28th at 4:00pm. The class will be taught by our own Fiori Papa so she'll be able to assist you in English or Albanian as needed. Also, as the name suggests it will be a very relaxed social event. You won't need to bring anything other than \$30 fee (donation) per person. Paint supplies, appetizers and refreshments/wine will be provided for you and you will be able to take home your work of art. <https://stjohnsphila.org/registration.html>

Nick Naum Scholarship Applications are being accepted. The applications must be submitted by June 1, 2018. Information is available on our website <https://stjohnsphila.org/scholarship.html> or by emailing nnscholarship@stjohnsphila.org or see a member of the Nick Naum Scholarship committee in church: Fr. Brooks, Diane Coraluzzi, Carolyn Dardaris, Sandi Fiss, Stephanie Kosta, Nicole Ferrara, Reem Tarazi, Donna Dimitri

Coffee Hour Sponsors: *Please check the sign-up sheet in the vestibule and pick a date or visit our website and signup online:* <https://teamup.com/ksqta3sqv6k1qvr2o7>

April 22nd Betty Subashi (10 yrs. Andy)

April 29th Fiori & Ilirjan Papa in honor of Elisabeth's birthday & Nameday

May 6th No Sponsor

May 13th Elena & Eduard Papa Teresa's 1st Birthday & Dhimitraq Xhoxhi & Family in memory of Elida

Upcoming Events:

Saturday, April 28th Paint Event 4:00 pm

Tuesday April 15th 7:00 Parish Council meeting

May 13th 1-year memorial Elida Xhoxhi

Wednesday May 16th 7:00 pm Feast of the Ascension - Vesperal Liturgy

Saturday May 19th Buddy Walk with the Melnik Family

May 27th Pentecost

May 28th Memorial Day – Father Brooks will bless the graves at Fernwood and other Cemeteries upon request

June 10th Sunday school graduation

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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