

The Weekly Messenger – August 19, 2018
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Epistle: I Corinthians 15:1-11 Gospel: Matthew 19:16-26

12th Sunday of Matthew: At that time, a man asked Jesus a very important question. He asked, “What do I need to do to get to heaven? Jesus helped him remember God’s commandments, like “do not steal, and do not kill.” Jesus also reminded the man that we should love our neighbor. The man said that he had kept all the commandments. Jesus then told him that if he wanted to be perfect, he could do one more thing--he could sell what he owned, give the money to the poor, and follow Jesus as a disciple. The man became sad, because he owned many things and did not want to give them up to follow Jesus. <http://antiochian.org/christianeducation/letusattend>

NEXT SUNDAY Outdoor Liturgy and Church Picnic: August 26, 2018 at Neshaminy State Park. We will meet at 12:00 pm at Pavilion 1 and celebrate the Divine Liturgy. Following the Liturgy, we will gather for a picnic. Food, music, dancing, games, a day of fun! Bring a friend. St. John Chrysostom will not be open on Aug 26th.

Commemorations for the Departed: Rosemarie Ryan, Christine Stavrou, Wayne Merkle, 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: Costina Bacuta & Michael Morrison, Brad and Jane, Madge Graziani, Donna Hlavcek, Father Dimitrie Vincent, Dolly Seiler, Sara, 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.

If you have a name to add to the Commemorations for the departed or the living please email info@stjohnsphila.org

The Charity & Benevolence Committee sent a letter to all parishioners. If you haven’t received the letter please contact Sandi Fiss. Upcoming events: **September 15th--3pm** "the making of the sandwiches" please come or stay after cleaning the church to help out. We especially encourage the Sunday school kids to attend. **September 16th--**"Taking up our cross" give-away event.

August Giving: snacks, juice boxes for the Sunday school

Parishioner News: Happy 1st anniversary to Florina & Drew Garcia. They were married on August 19, 2017. Today, August 19, 2018, Costina Bacuta (Florina’s sister) will marry Michael Morrison at 1:00 pm. August 19th is definitely a special date for the Bacuta family! Costina and Florina are the daughters of Constantin and Cristina Bacuta. Congratulations and many years to the Bacuta Family!

Some do it for fun, others do it for the competition! St. John's is looking for its Sportspeople. Profiles range from teenagers to seniors and everything in between! Please join our **6th** St. John's Sportspeople's Fantasy Football League. **Both** women and men are encouraged to participate! There is a one-time entry fee of \$75.00 per Sportspeople (Owner). Prizes will be posted and St. John's will also benefit in the pool. There will be an online draft before the NFL regular season starts. Any parishioner or sponsored friend of St. John's is welcome! You must have access to a PC or other app enabled device (such as iPad or Android) to participate. <http://stjohnsphila.football.cbssports.com/> Please reply to pghicondey@aol.com to reserve your slot or contact **Peter Ghicondey** as soon as you are able to!

Church Clean-up September 15th @ 10:00 am Mark your calendars and plan to help out as we have our annual fall clean-up day at church. We only need an hour or two of your time. This is an opportunity to give your time and talent – make our church shine! We will supply the cleaning supplies – all we need is YOU!

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

The following dates have no sponsors: Sept 2nd Oct 28th Nov 4th Dec 30th.

Thank you to those who have or are going to sponsor a coffee hour!

August 19th Sergio & Colleen in memory Colleen’s Mom, Rosemarie Ryan on the 40th anniversary of her death

August 26th Liturgy in the Park

SEPT. 2nd NO SPONSOR

Sept 9th Bill Bortner

Sept 16th Sunday School

Sept 23rd Lorimer Family

Sept 30th Lakuriqi Family

Upcoming Events:

Aug 19th Wedding of Costina Bacuta & Michael Morrison 1:00 pm

Aug 26th Divine Liturgy & Church Picnic Neshaminy State Park 12:00 pm

40-day Memorial for Wayne Merkle

Saturday Sept 15th Church clean-up day 10:00 am and

Charity & Benevolence prep for Sunday Sept 16th

Sept 16th Elevation of the Cross and first day of Sunday School