

**The Weekly Messenger – January 14, 2018**  
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*Epistle: Ephesians 4:7-13 Gospel: Matthew 4:12-17*

**ICON AUCTION: Our Sincere Thanks to the auctioneers, Peter Ghicondey and Sergio Georgi** for doing a fabulous job last Sunday. We received bids totaling \$9,4250.00 for part 1 of our annual Icon auction. That total did not include 6 Icons that were not returned. We will auction those Icons along with Icons 41 –80 today, January 14<sup>th</sup>. will be auctioned in the church hall during coffee hour. We look forward to seeing you. ***If you have not returned the Icons you received in 2017 please bring them to church this Sunday.*** If you are not able to attend the Icon Auction we encourage you to make a donation in the name of your Patron Saint. Visit our website to see how!  
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**Soup-er Bowl Sunday:** We will have our 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Soup-er Bowl Sunday on Feb. 4<sup>th</sup> following the Divine Liturgy. We are asking our parishioners to donate a homemade soup. We will offer the soup at coffee hour for a small donation. The proceeds will be donated to a charity. A Sign-up sheet is located at the candle stand. This is a super fun event. We encourage all to attend and bring a friend!!

**Commemorations for the Departed:** Pandeli Spiro, 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:** Newborn Nicholas, Fjorentina & Ilir Gremi, Newly Pandora Bendo, Linda Dudash, Craig Risley, Larry Jance, Sara, Wayne Merkle, Elizabeth Jones, Ann Gjoka, Virginia Daka, Katherine Halkedis, Haretina (Papa) Milo, Margarita, Peter Melnik, Dhimiter Ndrecka, Pandeli, Jorgaq, Lefteri, and all of the men and women serving in the Armed Forces.

**Year- end financial totals:** We received 110 pledges from our parishioners, totaling \$57,235.00. We received \$56,441.00 through December 31, 2017. Our Icon Auction and subsequent donations promised was \$15,800.00, of that total we received \$14,590.00. We have received some checks in the first two weeks of January. If you have not fulfilled your 2017 pledge, it is not too late! If you have any questions please contact our treasurer Nilda Salavachi.

**Holy Water is available:** If you were unable to be in church last Sunday we have small bottles of Holy Water. You may also bring a container and fill it with Holy Water. Many thanks to our Sunday school students, teachers, Diane, Michele and Adam Coraluzzi for filling the Holy Water bottles last week. Everything was perfect!

**Home Blessing/Visitation:** A sheet is posted in the side vestibule. Father Brooks intends to visit on Thursdays and Saturdays. Please pick a date and time and sign up. If you notice someone has signed up on the same date but lives far from you, please pick another date. As always if you are unable to schedule a visitation on Thursday or Saturday, Father Brooks encourages you to contact him directly 215-992-9234 or email [fr.brooks@stjohnsphila.org](mailto:fr.brooks@stjohnsphila.org) to schedule an alternate date. Everyone is encouraged to sign up as Father Brooks looks forward to visiting you in your home!

**Father Brooks** is on vacation from January 8<sup>th</sup> – January 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2018.

Father Gregory DuDash will celebrate the Divine Liturgy on January 14<sup>th</sup> and Jan 21<sup>st</sup>. There will be a priest who will be available for our parishioners should they be in need.

**Coffee Hour Sponsors:**

**January 14<sup>th</sup>** Sunday school - breakfast sandwiches

**January 21<sup>st</sup>** Kosta Family 1 yr. Memorial for Phil

**January 28<sup>th</sup>** Spiro-Coraluzzi Families in memory of Paul

**February 4<sup>th</sup>** Soup-er Sunday

**February 11<sup>th</sup>** OPEN DATE – No sponsor

**Upcoming Events:**

**Jan 8<sup>th</sup> – Jan 23<sup>rd</sup>** Father Brooks on vacation

**January 14<sup>th</sup>** Part 2 of the Annual Icon Auction

**January 21<sup>st</sup>** 1 Year Memorial – Philip Kosta

**January 28<sup>th</sup>** 40 Day Memorial Pandeli Spiro

**February 4<sup>th</sup>** 2018 Soup-er Bowl Sunday

**Saturday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>** – Annual Women’s Day Dance – all invited!

**Monthly giving for January: Paper Towels**

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR CHRISTMAS DONATIONS!**

**2018 Calendars** are available at the candle stand. Our thanks to Vraim Funeral Home for donating the calendars to our parish.

*If you have news for the messenger please send it to [info@stjohnsphila.org](mailto:info@stjohnsphila.org)*

*Welcome Father Gregory DuDash  
Thank you for celebrating the Divine Liturgy with us today.*