

The Weekly Messenger – January 21, 2018
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Epistle: I Timothy 4:9-15 Gospel: Luke 19:1-10

The Christmas decorations are down: Many thanks to Linda Kosta, Linda Notskas, Michele Lorimer, Brianna Powles, Greta Dilo, Melissa Hyseneshi, Fiori Papa, Donna D.

ICON AUCTION: well we did it! Another successful Icon Auction – Bids totaling \$15,325.00 were made. In addition to sending a check or cash, you may fulfil your bid via our website by clicking this link <https://stjohnsphila.org/donate.html>
Please be sure to indicate your donation is for ICONS in the comments area.
Thank you to all who participated in the auction!

Soup-er Bowl Sunday: Please get your crock pots and soup pots ready!!!!
IN TWO WEEKS we will have our 5th Annual Soup-er Bowl Sunday on Feb. 4th 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 charity. A Sign-up sheet is located at the candle stand. This is a soup-er fun event. We encourage all to attend and bring a friend!!

The Women's Day Celebration and Dance: Will be here before you know it!
Saturday, March 3, 2018, 5:00 – 10:00 pm in the Church Hall. Tickets are \$50.00, \$20.00 for children under 12. A buffet dinner and continuous dancing are included! Soda & coffee will be provided BY.O.B. Please visit our website to register or contact Nilda Salavachi trustee.nilda@stjohnsphila.org for tickets or other information.

Commemorations for the Departed: Phil Kosta, Paul Kosta, Peter Kosta, Nico Mallozzi, 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: Joey Mallozzi, Charlie Daka, 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.

If you have news for the messenger please send it to info@stjohnsphila.org

2017 Contribution Statements: have been emailed to our parishioners and friends. If you do not have email your statement is at the candle stand. Those statements not picked up will be mailed. If you have any questions about your statement please contact our treasurer, Nilda Salavaci. Thank you for your donations!

Save the Date: Our first Paint Event Social will be **Saturday, April 28th at 4pm** in our fellowship hall at St. John Chrysostom. You will get a chance to socialize with your fellow parishioners, enjoy a glass of wine, light appetizers and most importantly you get to paint and keep your own work of art. Non-church members are also welcome and their invitation is encouraged. We can introduce them to our church and other fellow members. Tickets are \$30 per person and all proceeds will go to the church. Please contact Fiori Papa or Michele Lorimer for more information.

Father Brooks is on vacation from January 8th – January 23rd, 2018. Father Gregory DuDash will celebrate the Divine Liturgy on Jan 21st. If you need a priest while Father Brooks is away contact Donna Dimitri 609-685-1651.

Coffee Hour Sponsors: *Please check the sign-up sheet in the vestibule and pick a date!*
January 21st Kosta Family 1 yr. Memorial for Phil
January 28th Spiro-Coraluzzi Families in memory of Paul (40 days)
February 4th Soup-er Sunday
February 11th OPEN DATE – No sponsor
February 18th OPEN DATE – No sponsor

Upcoming Events:
Jan 8th – Jan 23rd Father Brooks on vacation
Jan 21st 1 Year Memorial – Philip Kosta
Jan 28th 40 Day Memorial Pandeli Spiro
Feb 4th 2018 Soup-er Bowl Sunday
Feb 11th Meatfare Sunday, **Feb 18th** Cheesefare/Forgiveness Sunday
Feb 19th Lent begins, **Feb 25th** Sunday of Orthodoxy
Saturday, March 3rd – Annual Women's Day Dance – all invited!
Saturday, April 28th Paint Event Social

Monthly giving for January: Paper Towels
THANK YOU FOR YOUR CHRISTMAS DONATIONS!

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

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