

**The Weekly Messenger – July 22, 2018**

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**Epistle: I Corinthians 1:10-17      Gospel: Matthew 4:14-22**

**Eighth Sunday after Pentecost The Miracle of the Five Loaves and Two Fishes:**

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:** Tom Zoidis, Wayne Merkle, Lilly Shallapi, Michael Theokary, 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:** 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](mailto:info@stjohnsphila.org)*

**Outdoor Liturgy and Church Picnic:** Sunday, August 26, 2018 at Neshaminy State Park. We will meet at 12:00 pm 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.

**July Giving:** Paper towels

**Parishioner News:** Congratulations to Laureta (Lakuriqi) and Jack Kittel on the birth of their son, Christian, who was born on June 29<sup>th</sup>. Christian's proud grandparents are Andon & Miranda Lakuriqi. He is the nephew of Grigor, Fjori and Ilir and the cousin of Nicholas. Many years to the entire family!

**The Charity & Benevolence Committee:** The C&B Committee will be having a clothing drive. All donations new and gently used can be dropped off at the candle stand. Please look through your closets and share with those in need. (No household items please). Our plan is to have a donation table laden with collected items & sandwiches made by our Sunday school students outside the church on Sunday, September 16<sup>th</sup> -Elevation of the Cross. A day when we celebrate Jesus' love for humanity and his victory over death. There couldn't be a better day to start our outreach! **August 15<sup>th</sup>**--there will be a "brief" meeting after to church to sort what we have collected and finalize. All interested in helping us are urged to attend...we will need lot of hands to get this going!! **September 15<sup>th</sup>--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 16<sup>th</sup>**--"Taking up our cross" give-away event. Our goal is to make this a monthly/bi-monthly event. Other activities we have planned for the fall are a collection of food items for the Sunday Breakfast Mission & donations for the Orthodox Home of Hope orphanage in Albania. In April, we hope to finalize a mission trip to New Skeet Monastery. Please help us to make our mission to help others a success!!!

**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>*

**The following dates have no sponsors: Sept 2<sup>nd</sup> Sept 30<sup>th</sup> Oct 28<sup>th</sup> Nov 4<sup>th</sup> and Dec 30<sup>th</sup>. Thank you to those who have or are going to sponsor a coffee hour!**

**July 22<sup>nd</sup>** Zoidis Family in Memory of Tom

**July 29<sup>th</sup>** Pandi & Liska Bello in honor of Pandi's Nameday

**August 5<sup>th</sup>** Linda Kosta in memory of Harry's 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday

**August 12<sup>th</sup>** Sergio & Colleen 40 year Memorial

**August 19<sup>th</sup>** Marinela Prifti

**August 26<sup>th</sup>** Liturgy in the Park

**Upcoming Events:**

**July 22<sup>nd</sup>** 1 - year memorial Tom Zoidis

**July 23<sup>rd</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup>** All American Council & Archdiocesan Assembly St. Louis MO

**July 29<sup>th</sup>** Presentation of Nick Naum Scholarship to Kevin Fiss, Adam & Michele

**Aug 3<sup>rd</sup> – Aug 5<sup>th</sup>** AANO Convention Washington D.C.

**Aug 14<sup>th</sup>** Vesperal Liturgy – Dormition of the Theotokos 7:00 pm followed by pot luck

**Aug 19<sup>th</sup>** Wedding of Costina Bacuta & Michael Morrison 1:00 pm

**Aug 26<sup>th</sup>** Divine Liturgy & Church Picnic Neshaminy State Park 12:00 pm

**Saturday Sept 15<sup>th</sup>** Church clean-up day 10:00 am and

Charity & Benevolence prep for Sunday Sept 16th