

The Weekly Messenger – July 29, 2018

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Epistle: I Corinthians 3:9-17

Gospel: Matthew 14:22-34

9th Sunday after Pentecost: At that time, Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go before him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up into the hills by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but the boat by this time was many furlongs distant from the land, beaten by the waves; for the wind was against them. And in the fourth watch of the night he came to them, walking on the sea. But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out for fear. But immediately he spoke to them, saying "Take heart, it is I; have no fear."

And Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, bid me come to you on the water." He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat and walked on the water and came to Jesus; but when he saw the wind, he was afraid, and beginning to sink he cried out, "Lord, save me." Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, "O man of little faith, why did you doubt?" And when they entered the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God." And when they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret.

Commemorations for the Departed: Christine Stavrou, Wayne Merkle, Lilly Shallapi, 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

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

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 16th -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 15th**--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 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. 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 2nd Sept 30th Oct 28th Nov 4th and Dec 30th. Thank you to those who have or are going to sponsor a coffee hour!

July 29th Pandi & Liska Bello in honor of Pandi's Nameday

August 5th Linda Kosta in memory of Harry's 100th Birthday

August 12th Marinela Prifti

August 19th Sergio & Colleen 40-year Memorial

August 26th Liturgy in the Park

Upcoming Events:

July 29th Presentation of Nick Naum Scholarship to Kevin Fiss, Adam & Michele

Aug 3rd – Aug 5th AANO Convention Washington D.C.

Aug 5th At the Divine Liturgy we will celebrate Transfiguration of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ

Aug 13th Parish Council Meeting 7:00 pm

Aug 14th Vespers Liturgy – Dormition of the Theotokos 7:00 pm followed by pot luck

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

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

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

Charity & Benevolence prep for Sunday Sept 16th

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