

The Weekly Messenger – June 24, 2018

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Epistle: Romans 13:11-14; 14:1-4 *Gospel: Luke 1:1-25, 57-68, 76-80*

Nativity of the Forerunner John the Baptist: He that was greater than all who are born of women, the Prophet who received God's testimony that he surpassed all the Prophets, was born of the aged and barren Elizabeth (Luke 1:7) and filled all his kinsmen, and those that lived round about, with gladness and wonder. But even more wondrous was that which followed on the eighth day when he was circumcised, that is, the day on which a male child receives his name. Those present called him Zacharias, the name of his father. But the mother said, "Not so, but he shall be called John." Since the child's father was unable to speak, he was asked, by means of a sign, to indicate the child's name. He then asked for a tablet and wrote, "His name is John." And immediately Zacharias' mouth was opened, his tongue was loosed from its silence of nine months, and filled with the Holy Spirit, he blessed the God of Israel, who had fulfilled the promises made to their fathers, and had visited them that were sitting in darkness and the shadow of death and had sent to them the light of salvation. <https://www.goarch.org/-/the-nativity-of-the-venerable-and-glorious-prophet-and-forerunner-john-the-baptist?inheritRedirect=true>

Commemorations for the Departed: Ted Lescas, Theodore & Freda Lescas, Constantine & Florence Elia, Rosemary Notskas (2 yrs.), Mary Legidakis (5 yrs.), 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, Wayne Merkle, 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.

A Big Thank you to Kathie Costa who once again opened her home and pool to our Sunday school students and teachers for the end of the school year party. Kathie has a beautiful home and a fabulous pool which she has shared with us the past few years. The weather was spectacular and all who attended had a wonderful time. Special thanks to Director Steve for working the grill and providing all of the great food. Thanks to all who attended and helped out. If you were not able to attend you missed a really good time!

A very happy and blessed Nameday Celebration to our sister church Ss. Peter & Paul The Holy Apostles Peter and Paul June 29th - The divinely-blessed Peter was from Bethsaida of Galilee. He was the son of Jonas and the brother of Andrew the First-called. He was a fisherman by trade, unlearned and poor, and was called Simon; later he was renamed Peter by the Lord Jesus Christ Himself, Who looked at him and said, "Thou art Simon the son of Jonas; thou shalt be called Cephas (which is by interpretation, Peter)" (John 1:42). **Paul, the chosen vessel of Christ, the glory of the Church, the Apostle of the Nations and teacher of the whole world, was a Jew by race, of the tribe of Benjamin, having Tarsus as his homeland.** <https://www.goarch.org/-/feast-of-the-holy-glorious-and-all-praiseworthy-chiefs-of-the-apostles-peter-and-paul?inheritRedirect=true>

Have you made a pledge for 2018????? Pledge cards are available at the candle stand or online by clicking this link <https://stjohnsphila.org/pledge.html>
We're counting on you!! Many thanks to those who have made a 2018 pledge.

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>

June 24th Diane Lescas & Family in memory of Ted

Tuesday, June 26th Charity & Benevolence Committee Meeting 7:00 pm

July 1st Spartak Brahollari & Nilda Salavachi

July 8th Elvira & Erion Gusho

July 15th, 22nd, 29th and August 5th NO SPONSORS

Upcoming Events:

June 24th 1-year Memorial Ted Lescas

July 10th Parish Council Meeting 7:00 pm

July 23rd – 27th All American Council & Archdiocesan Assembly St. Louis MO

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

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

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!

June Monthly Giving: A box of tissues.