

The Weekly Messenger –April 14, 2019
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Epistle: Hebrews 9:11-14 Gospel: Mark 10:32-45

The Fifth Sunday of Great Lent recalls the memory of Saint Mary of Egypt, the repentant harlot. Mary tells us, first of all, that no amount of sin and wickedness can keep a person from God if he truly repents. Christ himself has come “to call sinners to repentance” and to save them from their sins (Lk 5.32). In addition, Saint Mary tells us that it is never too late in life—or in Lent—to repent. Christ will gladly receive all who come to him even at the eleventh hour of their lives. But their coming must be in serious and sincere repentance.

The Last Pre-sanctified Liturgy of 2019 on Wednesday April 17th @ 7:00pm,
Lenten (Pot Luck) dinner in the church hall following the Pre-sanctified Liturgy.

Upcoming Events:

April 14th YAL meeting Florina & Drew’s house 4:00 pm
April 20th **Lazarus Saturday** Liturgy @ 10:00 followed by Sunday school retreat
April 21st Palm Sunday - annual Pancake Breakfast
HOLY WEEK April 24-28
Holy Wednesday: Liturgy of the Pre-Sanctified Gifts (7:00)
Holy Thursday: Reading of the 12 Gospels (7:00)
Holy Friday: Royal Hours (10:00 a.m.); Funeral (Lamentations) 7:00).
Holy Saturday: Baptismal Liturgy (10:00 a.m.) Amy Lewis
Pascha (Saturday evening) - Nocturn, Matins, Liturgy, beginning 11:30 p.m.
Chrismation of Zach Smith
Agape Vespers: Sunday (1:00 p.m.)
Monday, April 29th Charity & Benevolence Committee Meeting 7:00 pm
May 18th Buddy Walk

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.

April giving: Dyed Red Eggs and Your Pascha Donation

Commemorations for the Deported: Lefteria Dhimitri (5 yrs.), Vrisidah Zoto (6 yrs.), Jorgjia Kashari, Father Deacon Stephen Stefani and those servicemen and women who have fallen asleep in the Lord in the service of their Country. *If you have a name to add to the Commemorations for the departed or the living please email info@stjohnsphila.org*

Commemorations for the Living: Archbishop Nikon, Lee Bortner, Marion Merkle, Tala Ayyad, Diane Mallios, Rose Adams, Evangeline Prifti, Lisa Kelley, Donna Hlavcek, Father Dimitrie Vincent, Dolly Seiler, Elizabeth Jones, Ann Gjoka, Virginia Daka, Haretina (Papa) Milo, Peter Melnik, Dhimiter Ndrecka, Pandeli, Jorgaq, Lefteri, and all of the men and women serving in the Armed Forces

Lazarus Saturday Liturgy & Retreat: April 20, 2019, 10:00 am – 2:00 pm



Our Sunday school director and teachers are preparing for the Lazarus Saturday retreat. Divine Liturgy on the Solea begins at 10:00 am followed by the retreat.

Please mark your calendars; Friday April 26th 10:00 am we need volunteers to come to church to decorate the Epitaphios. Come and bring a friend or two!

Buddy Walk 2019. Saturday, May 18th 11:00a - 3:00p Silver Lake Park 200 E Cochran St, Middletown, DE 19709. Brother John's love for all of you is so great. Everyone of you who has donated in the past has made him feel so special. He and our family thanks you for your support. John is really excelling in swimming, karate and being a super terrific 4th grader @ Forwood Elementary School. He participated in Special Olympics Soccer skills last year & the basketball skills this year. John loves sports! He is training for the soccer skills Special Olympics again right now! Please join our team and walk with us or consider donating to our team if you cannot be there. We will do a pot luck. Bring yourself and your favorite food, dessert or beverage. Always fun under the Brother John tent. Thank you all for your support!!! The Melnik Family
<https://www.ds-stride.org/delawarebuddywalk/profiles/team/87>

Coffee Hour Sponsors:

April 14th Pappas/Ferrara Families
April 21st Annual Pancake Breakfast
April 28th PASCHA no coffee hour
May 5th 12th, No Sponsor May 19th Elena & Zach, **May 26th** No Sponsor