

**The Weekly Messenger – Jan 27, 2019**

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*Epistle: Hebrews 7:26-28; 8:1-2 Gospel: Luke 19:1-10*

**15<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Luke:** At that time, Jesus entered Jericho and was passing through. And there was a man named Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector, and rich. And he sought to see who Jesus was, but could not, on account of the crowd, because he was small of stature. So, he ran on ahead and climbed up into a sycamore tree to see Jesus, for he was to pass that way. And when Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, “Zacchaeus, make haste and come down; for I must stay at your house today.” So, he made haste and came down, and received him joyfully. And when they saw it, they all murmured, “He has gone in to be the guest of a man who is a sinner.” And Zacchaeus stood and said to the Lord, “Behold, Lord, the half of my goods I give to the poor; and if I have defrauded any one of anything, I restore it fourfold.” And Jesus said to him, Today salvation has come to this house, since he also is a son of Abraham. For the Son of man came to seek and to save the lost.”

<http://www1.antiochian.org/christianeducation/letusattendarchives>

**Soup-er Bowl Sunday:** NEXT SUNDAY we will have our 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Soup-er Bowl Sunday on Feb. 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 a charity. A Sign-up sheet is located at the candle stand. This is a super fun event. We encourage all to attend and bring a friend!!

**Annual Icon Auction: PART 2** will be held Sunday, January 27<sup>th</sup> during coffee hour. A list of Icons available for bids will be on our website. Even if you are not able to attend the Icon Auction you can still submit a bid or make a donation in honor of your patron saint. Please send a check or go online to our website <https://stjohnsphila.org/donate.html> and select the Donate button. Thank you!

**Vespers Service will Return:** beginning in February, the last Saturday of the month (February 23<sup>rd</sup>) Father Brooks will conduct a Vesper Service at 5:00 pm. The service will be followed by pot luck dinner in the church hall and will feature a guest speaker. Please see Father Brooks for additional details or any questions you have.

**Monthly giving for January: Paper Towels**

**The Women’s Day Celebration and Dance:** Will be here before you know it! Saturday, March 2, 2019, 6:30 – 10:30 pm in the Church Hall. A buffet dinner and continuous dancing are included! Soda & coffee will be provided BY.O.B. Tickets are \$55.00 for adults and \$25.00 for children under 12. Please visit our website to register or contact Nilda Salavachi [treasurer@stjohnsphila.org](mailto:treasurer@stjohnsphila.org) for tickets or other information.

**Commemorations for the Departed:** Pandora Bendo (1 yr.), Larry Jance (1 yr.), Steven DiStefano (1 yr.), 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](mailto:info@stjohnsphila.org)*

**Commemorations for the Living:** Archbishop Nikon, Ensign Zach Dardaris, Marion Merkle, Tala Ayyad, Diane Mallios, Rose Adams, Evangeline Prifti, Lisa Kelley, 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

**Father Brooks** is on vacation from January 18<sup>th</sup> – February 2<sup>nd</sup> 2019. Father Gregory DuDash will celebrate the Divine Liturgy on Jan 27<sup>th</sup>

#### **Upcoming Events:**

**Jan 27<sup>th</sup>** Father Gregory DuDash will celebrate the Divine Liturgy

**Jan 27<sup>th</sup>** Memorial Pandora Bendo 1 year

**Feb 3<sup>rd</sup>** Soup-er Bowl Sunday

**Tuesday, Feb 5<sup>th</sup>** Parish Council Meeting 7:00 pm

**Saturday, Feb 23<sup>rd</sup>** Vespers 5:00 pm

**March 2<sup>nd</sup>** Women’s Day Celebration & Dance 6:30 pm – 10:30 pm

#### **Coffee Hour Sponsors:**

**Jan 27<sup>th</sup>** Bendo Family in memory of Pandora

**Feb 3<sup>rd</sup>** Parishioners Homemade Soup will be sold and the proceeds donated to charity

**Feb 10<sup>th</sup>** Eduard & Elena Papa in honor of Marisa’s 5<sup>th</sup> birthday

**Feb 17<sup>th</sup>, Feb 24<sup>th</sup>, March 3<sup>rd</sup>** Looking for Sponsors

*If you have information to share in the Weekly Messenger please send it to [info@stjohnsphila.org](mailto:info@stjohnsphila.org)*

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