

The Weekly Messenger –August 10, 2014

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Epistle: St. Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians 3:9-17 Gospel: Matthew 14:22-34

Message from Father Brooks: We are, temporarily, celebrating weekday Feasts on the closest Sunday. Today, our theme is the Transfiguration (6 August). Generally assumed to have taken place on Mount Tabor, no one knows; it may not have even taken place on a mountain. The Mountain was symbolic of the place for divine revelation. In this sense, we are all climbing a mountain, symbolically moving toward the Divine, moving toward being closer to God. May we all pray for each other's journey, and help each other on the way. Peace to all.

Commemorations for the Living: Archbishop Nikon, Father Stephen Siniari, Proto Deacon Michael Sochka, Newly Illuminated Emma, Betty Subashi, Philip Kosta, Luke Jablonski, Janice Leyden, Katherine Halkedis, Rosemary Notskas, Kim Burdumy, Larry Kosta, Leslie Sochka, Andigoni Steffa, Mary Croke, Paula Kosta, Candace Pepenelli, Kristin Snow, Dhimiter Ndrecka, Francesca Giansante, Flossie Vissar, Pandeli, Jorgaq, Lefteri, and all of the men and women serving in Armed Forces.

Commemorations for the Departed: Maria Kosta, Eleanor Mallios Zoidis, George Touros, John Croke, Catherine Bishop, Father Spero Page, Father Deacon Stephen Stefani and those servicemen who have fallen asleep in the Lord in the service of their Country.

Coffee Hour Sponsors: Thank you very much!

August 10th Kosta Family (in memory of Maria)

August 17th Rubis Family (in memory of Margaret)

August 24th Bortner/Zoidis Families (in memory of Eva & Katherine)

August 31st Davit & Mirna

September 7th Open date

September 14th Sunday School

September 21st Jennifer Hunter (in memory of Susan Pekarski)

Parishioner News:

Saturday, 23 August baptism of Victor & Elliot Shyti sons of Raphael & Eranda

Saturday, 27 September we will be baptizing Aden Zebib, son of Sonja and Neil.

Parish Council Meeting: The Parish Council meeting scheduled for Tuesday, August 5th, was postponed to this Tuesday, August 12th, at 7:00 pm

Meshe: We are in need of Meshe to be used for Holy Communion as well as distributed following the Divine Liturgy. If you or someone you know makes Meshe, please donate a loaf or two. Include a list with the departed and living and Father Brooks will include them in the Proskomide. Meshe should be at church by 9:30 am in order to be used for the Proskomide. To learn more about the Proskomide please go to:

<http://www.goarch.org/ourfaith/ourfaith9561>

Upcoming Events:

August 10th 20 year memorial - Maria Kosta

August 12th Parish Council Meeting 7:00 pm

August 17th 1 year memorial - Margaret Rubis, 40 days George Touros

August 24th 8 year memorial for Eva Bortner, William's grandmother

1 year memorial for Katherine Zoidis

40 day Memorial for Father Spero Page

Sept 9th (Tuesday) Parish Council Meeting 7:00 pm

Sept 10th (Wednesday) Young Adults Committee Meeting 7:00 pm

Sept 13th (Saturday) Teacher workshop 9am – 12pm, appreciation luncheon will follow

Sept 16th (Tuesday) Outreach Committee Meeting 7:00 pm

Sept. 21st Gregory E. Costa Golf Classic & Dinner Contact Donna Dimitri-Linda Biando

Memorial Susanne Pekarski 10 years

Sept 23rd Outreach Committee Meeting 7:00 pm

Sept 26 & 27 Albanian Archdiocese Assembly Ss Peter & Paul Albanian Orthodox Church

Nov. 29th Albanian Flag Day Dance 7pm – 11pm Contact Nilda Brahollari or Fiori Papa

Per Shume Vjet! Gezuar! To our parishioners and friends who celebrate their NAMEDAY in August: 6th Holy Transfiguration (Sotir), August 15th Dormition of the Theotokos (Mary, Maria, Marie)

Monthly giving for August: Sunday school snacks, juice boxes, small bottles of water.

Parish Fundraiser: Tickets are available for *The Gregory E. Costa Golf Classic*, which will be held Sunday, September 21, 2014 at Paxon Hollow Country Club. Cocktail hour (cash bar) begins at 4:45 pm, buffet dinner at 5:45 pm. Tickets for golf and dinner are \$125.00; dinner only \$35.00 for adults and \$20.00 for children. For more information or if you plan to attend please contact info@stjohnsphila.org