

**The Weekly Messenger –August 17, 2014**  
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*Epistle: St. Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians 4:9-16      Gospel: Matthew 17:14-23*

**Message from Father Brooks:** Today we celebrate the Feast of the Dormition, the falling asleep of the mother of Jesus. We read about Martha serving and Mary tending to Jesus. All of us need to incorporate both into our lives. We need to serve others and we need to worship God in a devotedly loving way. This is what we do at St. John's, which is why I am so blessed to be here. May we continue to do that, to work out the Gospel as we should. 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:** Margaret Rubis, George Touros, John Croke, Eleanor Mallios Zoidis, 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 17<sup>th</sup> Rubis Family (in memory of Margaret)

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

August 31<sup>st</sup> Davit & Mirna

September 7<sup>th</sup> Family of Eleanor Mallios Zoidis

September 14<sup>th</sup> Sunday School

September 21<sup>st</sup> 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.

**The Feast of the Dormition of Our Most Holy Lady**, the Theotokos and Ever-Virgin Mary is celebrated on August 15 each year. The Feast commemorates the repose (dormition and in the Greek kimisis) or "falling-asleep" of the Mother of Jesus Christ, our Lord. The Feast also commemorates the translation or assumption into heaven of the body of the Theotokos.

The Holy Scriptures tell us that when our Lord was dying on the Cross, He saw His mother and His disciple John and said to the Virgin Mary, "Woman, behold your son!" and to John, "Behold your mother!" ([John 19:25-27](#)). From that hour, the Apostle took care of the Theotokos in his own home.

Along with the biblical reference in Acts 1:14 that confirms that the Virgin Mary was with the Holy Apostles on the day of Pentecost, the tradition of the Church holds that she remained in the home of the Apostle John in Jerusalem, continuing a ministry in word and deed.

At the time of her death, the disciples of our Lord who were preaching throughout the world returned to Jerusalem to see the Theotokos. Except for the Apostle Thomas, all of them, including the Apostle Paul were gathered together at her bedside. At the moment of her death, Jesus Christ himself descended and carried her soul into heaven.

Following her repose, the body of the Theotokos was taken in procession and laid in a tomb near the Garden of Gethsemane. When the Apostle Thomas arrived three days after her repose and desired to see her body, the tomb was found to be empty. The bodily assumption of the Theotokos was confirmed by the message of an angel and by her appearance to the Apostles. ([http://www.goarch.org/special/listen\\_learn\\_share/dormition](http://www.goarch.org/special/listen_learn_share/dormition))

#### **Upcoming Events:**

August 17<sup>th</sup> 1 year memorial - Margaret Rubis, 40 days George Touros

August 24<sup>th</sup> 8 year memorial for Eva Bortner, William's grandmother

1 year memorial for Katherine Zoidis

40 day Memorial for Father Spero Page

Sept 7<sup>th</sup> Memorial for Eleanor Mallios Zoidis

Sept 9<sup>th</sup> (Tuesday) Parish Council Meeting 7:00 pm

Sept 10<sup>th</sup> (Wednesday) Young Adults Committee Meeting 7:00 pm

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

Sept 16<sup>th</sup> (Tuesday) Outreach Committee Meeting 7:00 pm

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

Memorial Susanne Pekarski 10 years

Sept 23<sup>rd</sup> Outreach Committee Meeting 7:00 pm

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

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

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