

**The Weekly Messenger – December 20, 2015**  
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*Epistle: St. Paul's Letter to the Hebrews 11:9-10, 32-40    Gospel: Matthew 1:1-25*

**Poinsettia Donations:** This year we have a spectacular display of live poinsettias to grace the altar for our Nativity Feast. Thank you all. If your donation has been missed accidentally, please see Linda Kosta or Donna Dimitri.

Tom Zoidis & Family in memory of + Katherine Zoidis  
Marinela Prifti in memory of +Ferdinando Prifti  
Valentina Grabocka in memory of her +grandparents  
Georgeta Kashari in memory of +Jorgjia Kashari  
Bessie Satir in memory of +Bill Satir  
Nikoleta & George Prifti & Luiza & Niko Salavachi in memory of +Jorgjia Kashari  
Elena Shomas in memory of +Helen Shomas  
Betty Subashi in memory of +Andy Subashi & +Lefteria Dhimitri  
The Kosta Family in memory of +Peter Kosta & +Marika Kosta  
Dorothy Tomassini in memory of +Alex Spiro  
Marion Merkle/Marge Nowmos/Madge Dimitri in memory of +Mary & +Spiro Dimitri,  
+Christo & + Eftalia Dimitri, +George & +Alexandra Costa  
The Bendo Family in memory of +Kiki & +John Cokos & +Kosta & Klanthi Bendo  
Kathie Costa in memory of +Greg Costa  
The Highland/Kosta Family in memory of +Tammy Highland  
The Cosmo/Dimitri Family in memory of +Tom & +Chris Dimitri

May Their Memories Be Eternal!

**Parishioner News:** Congratulations to Taylor Laurence Ledford, son of Father Brooks and Jamie, who graduated from the University of North Texas on December 12, 2015. Taylor earned a B.A. in Political Science and minored in International Studies. Taylor is in the process of applying to Law School. His parents are most proud! Congratulations and Many Years, Taylor!

**Readers Schedule:** Dec 20<sup>th</sup> Reader Mark, Dec 27<sup>th</sup> Michele D., Jan., 3<sup>rd</sup> Adam C., Jan 10<sup>th</sup> Chris M., Jan 17<sup>th</sup> Reader Mark, Jan 24<sup>th</sup> Michele D

**A big THANK YOU to our Elves who decorated the church last Saturday:** Paula Bendo, Bill Bortner, Linda Kosta, Michele, Bella Lorimer, Brianna Powels, and her friend Ella, Linda Notskas, Greta Dilo and her daughter Melissa. The tree looks spectacular (special thanks to Greta for her wonderful ideas), the Solea with the poinsettias is magnificent and the church hall beautiful. We are most grateful for your time and talents!

**Commemorations for the Living:** Archbishop Nikon, Pope Francis, Jenny Sapnas, Betty Subashi, Betty Ledford, Haretina (Papa) Milo, Susan, Philip Kosta, Margarita, Tranette Ledford, Peter Melnik, Peter Mallios, Elaine Quirias, George Robos, Clive & Dhimitri Miller, Rosemary Notskas, Kim Burdumy, Andigoni Steffa, Leslie Shocka, Dhimiter Ndrecka, Pandeli, Jorgaq, Lefteri, and all of the men and women serving in Armed Forces.

**Commemorations for the Departed:** Mary Croke, Peter Kosta (3 years), John, Father Deacon Stephen Stefani and those servicemen and women who have fallen asleep in the Lord in the service of their Country.

**Upcoming Events:**

Dec 20<sup>th</sup> Chrismation of Bella, Thomas and Olivia Lorimer,  
3 year Memorial for Peter Kosta,  
Sunday school Christmas Pageant  
followed by a visit from Santa & Mrs. Claus

**THURSDAY** - December 24<sup>th</sup> Nativity Liturgy 6:30 pm

Jan. 10<sup>th</sup> Epiphany and part 1 of the Icon Auction

Jan 17<sup>th</sup> Part 2 of the Icon Auction

Feb 2016 – date to be determined, Sunday school ice skating outing

**Coffee Hour Sponsors:** Thank you, Thank you, and Thank you!!!

Dec. 20<sup>th</sup> Kosta Family in Memory of Peter

Dec 27<sup>th</sup> Sara Dimitri in Memory of Nick

The sign-up sheet is once again hanging in the side vestibule – which is currently under construction. Please pick a date and sponsor coffee hour!

**Cat looking for a home:** She is 2 years, fixed, and has all of her shots. She also comes with her toys, litter and litter box, a cat perch, and a large bucket of dry food, and some wet food. Contact Vitali [vitalidedkov@gmail.com](mailto:vitalidedkov@gmail.com) or call 609-685-1651.

**Christ is Born! Glorify Him!** Many thanks to our parishioners who make Christmas at St. John Chrysostom so very special. Wishing everyone a blessed and joyous Nativity!