

The Weekly Messenger – December 21, 2014
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Epistle: St. Paul's Letter to the Hebrews 11:9-10;32-40 Gospel: Matthew 1:1-25

Father Brooks will be on vacation (with his family in Texas for the Nativity) from December 14th following the Divine Liturgy, until December 30th. Father Stephen Siniari will be available for emergencies. 609-385-3757

Nativity Liturgy: Wednesday, December 24th @ 7:00 pm.

No liturgy at St. John Chrysostom on Christmas morning.

Ss. Peter & Paul will celebrate the Nativity Liturgy on 12/25 @ 10:00 am.

Please Return your Icons: Our annual Icon auction will be on Sunday, January 4th and January 11th 2015 Please return your Icons by Sunday, December 21st so that we can prepare for the auction. **Jan 4th**, Holy Theophany (Epiphany), blessing of water after the Divine Liturgy.

We are asking for donations of new or gently used blankets, winter jackets/coats, men's and women's clothing. The collected items will be donated to the homeless in Philadelphia. **Thank you** to those who have already made donations.

Reader Schedule: 21st Mark Klus, 28th Michelle Dardaris
January 4th Edward Kokalari, 11th Michelle Dardaris, 18th Mark Klus,
January 25th Adam Coraluzzi, February 1st Michele Coraluzzi, 8th Kevin Fiss
February 15th Edward Kokalari, 22nd Michelle Dardaris

Upcoming Events:

Dec. 21st Deacon Gregory Vrato, Sunday School Christmas Pageant

Dec. 24th Nativity Liturgy @ 7:00 pm Father Mark Koczak

Dec. 25th Christmas Morning @ **Ss Peter & Paul** Nativity Liturgy 10 am

Dec. 28th Father Stephen Siniari will celebrate the Diving Liturgy

40 day Memorial Katherine Kane

January 4, 2015 Holy Theophany/ Epiphany and part 1 of our Icon Auction

January 11, 2015 Part 2 of our Icon Auction

December Giving: Your Christmas Donation.

Sunday School: The Sunday school pageant will be presented today. No Sunday school classes next week, December 28th.

Commemorations for the Living: Archbishop Nikon, Father Stephen Siniari, Father Ken James Stavrevsky, Proto Deacon Michael Sochka, Hugh Ledford, Grigor Lakuriqi, Greg Steffon, Elaine Qurias, Ann Gjoka, Christopher Manosis, George Robos, Wayne Merkle, Sophie, Clive & Dhimitri Miller, Elizabeth Melnik, Katherine Halkedis, Rosemary Notskas, Kim Burdumy, 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: Peter Kosta (2 years), Katherine Kane, Donna Cotto (Linda Biando's Aunt), Margo Craig (Father Stephen's Mother-in-law), 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

Dec 21st Bacuta Family

December 28th Family of Katherine Kane

The 2015 Coffee Hour Sponsor sign-up sheet is posted in the side vestibule and we are looking for sponsors.

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.

The Greg Dardaris Family in memory of +Katherine Dardaris

The Kosta Family in memory of +Peter Kosta & +Marika Kosta

Dorothy Tomassini in memory of +Alex Spiro

Marion Merkle in memory of +Mary & +Spiro Dimitri

The Biando Family in memory of +John Croke

The Cosmo/Dimitri in memory of +Tom & Chris Dimitri

The Bendo Family in memory of +Mary Cokos & +Klanthi Bendo

The Lescas Family in memory of +Frieda Lescas & +Florence Elia

The Leyden Family in memory of +Mary & +Steve Zafis

Kathy Costa in memory of +Greg Costa

The Highland/Kosta Family in memory of +Marika Kosta & +Tammy Highland

May Their Memories Be Eternal!

2015 Calendars are available at the candle stand. Our thanks to Vraim Funeral Home for donating the calendars to our parish.