

**The Weekly Messenger – December 28, 2014**  
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*Epistle: St. Paul's Letter to the Galatians 1:11-19 Gospel: Matthew 2:13-23*

**Father Brooks returns from Texas on December 30<sup>th</sup>.**  
**Father Stephen Siniari will be available for emergencies. 609-385-3757**

***CHRIST IS BORN! GLORIFY HIM!***  
***KRISHTI LINDI! LAVDËROJENI ATË!***

**Please Return your Icons:** If you haven't returned your Icons please do so this Sunday. Our auction is Sunday, January 4<sup>th</sup> and we need all of the Icons returned in order to conduct the Icon Auction.

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

**Upcoming Events:**  
Dec. 28<sup>th</sup> 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 40 day Memorial Marianthi Lacka and part 2 of our Icon Auction

**Sunday School:** The Sunday school pageant was tremendous! So many angels, shepherds, wise men....so many beautiful children. Our parish is so very blessed. The story is the same but each year it is a wonder to behold. Special thanks to Sandi Fiss for once again coordinating the spectacular production. Photos have been posted on our website: <http://www.stjohnsphila.org> If you have photos taken in the church hall when Santa & Mrs. Claus visited, please email them to [info@stjohnsphila.org](mailto:info@stjohnsphila.org) and we will include them on our website. Special thanks to Paula and Jim Bendo for donating the gifts given to the children by Santa and Mrs. Claus!

**Parishioner News:** Congratulations to Frank Lescas and Tammy Vosbikian on their marriage 12/21/14. They eloped in Las Vegas; Ted and Diane Lescas are thrilled. Many Years, Frank & Tammy!

Grigor Lakuriqi continues his recovery after being struck by a vehicle. Grigor and his family thank all of our parishioners for their cards and prayers.

Chris Manosis also thanks those who sent cards and prayed for his recovery. Chris hopes to return to St. John to serve in the Altar in the next few weeks.

**Commemorations for the Living:** Archbishop Nikon, Father Stephen Siniari, Father Ken James Stavrevsky, Deacon Michael Sochka, Hugh Ledford, Grigor Lakuriqi, 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:** Katherine Kane, Nick Dimitri (2 years), 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  
December 28<sup>th</sup> Family of Katherine Kane  
January 4<sup>th</sup> Sonja Ponoci & Edlira Tegu  
January 11<sup>th</sup> Kristina Rapheli and family in memory of Marianthi Lacka  
January 18<sup>th</sup> no sponsor  
January 25<sup>th</sup> no sponsor  
February 1<sup>st</sup> Soup-er Bowl Sunday

**Jan 4, 2015:** Holy Theophany (Epiphany) blessing of water after the Divine Liturgy. We will have Holy Water in plastic bottles for all of our parishioners.

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

**December Giving:** Your Christmas Donation. Thank you very much!

**Welcome Father Stephen Siniari – Thank you for serving today!**

**Gëzuar Krishtlindjet e Vitin e Ri**