

The Weekly Messenger – February 1, 2015
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Epistle: St. Paul's Letter to the Romans 8:28-39 Gospel: Luke 18:10-14

January Giving: Paper Towels Thank you!

Upcoming Events:

February 1st Soup-er Bowl Sunday

February 3rd Parish Council Meeting 7:00 pm

February 15th Meatfare Sunday / Hot Dog Sale

February 22nd Forgiveness/Cheesefare

February 23rd, Lent Begins

Wed Feb 25th Pre-sanctified Liturgy 6:30 pm Pot Luck Dinner and Discussion follow

March 1st 3 year Memorial Sotir Capo

Tues March 3rd Parish Council Meeting 7 pm

Wed March 4th, 11th, 18th, 25, Pre-sanctified Liturgy 6:30 pm Pot Luck Dinner

Saturday, March 7th Women's Day Dance 7p-11p in the Church Hall

March 8th 40 day Memorial Father John Garvey

March 15th, Divine Liturgy- Veneration of the Cross

Tuesday, March 24th Vesperal Liturgy 6:30 pm, no fast Pot Luck following for the Annunciation Feast

Stewardship: Our totals for Jan 1 – Dec 31, 2014 : 117 pledged parishioners/families. \$65,995.00 pledged. \$68,990.00 received. Thank you so very much! 2014 Contribution Statements were emailed and sent via regular mail. These can be used for your 2014 tax returns. If corrections are needed please contact our parish treasurer, Michele Anderson treasurer@stjohnsphila.org

2015 Pledge cards are available at the candle stand and on our web site <http://www.stjohnsphila.org/memberpledges.html> We will mail a stewardship letter this month. If you have any questions or concerns please contact Donna Dimitri chairperson@stjohnsphila.org

Parishioner News: It was a wonderful blessing to see Grigor Lakuriqi and his family in church last Sunday as he celebrated his Nameday. Grigor was struck by a vehicle a few months ago, receiving very severe injuries. He has made a tremendous recovery and is getting stronger with each passing day. Please keep Grigor and his family in your prayers.

Message from Father Brooks: "God, be merciful to me, a sinner". This is the prayer of the publican, acknowledging his faults, his sins. As we prepare for Great Lent, it is not ours to boast or to judge, but to acknowledge our own weaknesses. On the one hand, we are made in the image and likeness of God, and thus, are good. On the other hand, we all have things to improve on. Let us make this Lent a time to improve on those areas that need help. Peace to all.

Commemorations for the Living: Archbishop Nikon, Father Stephen Siniari, Father Ken James Stavrevsky, Deacon Michael Sochka, Ernie Douris, Semele Halkedis, Peter Mallios, Hugh Ledford, Grigor Lakuriqi, Elaine Quirias, Ann Gjoka, George Robos, Wayne Merkle, Sophie, Clive & Dhimitri Miller, Katherine Halkedis, Rosemary Notskas, Kim Burdumy, Leslie Sochka, Andigoni Steffa, Mary Croke, Candace Pepenelli, Dhimiter Ndrecka, Flossie Vissar, Pandeli, Jorgaq, Lefteri, and all of the men and women serving in Armed Forces.

Commemorations for the Departed: Father John Garvey, 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!

February 1st Soup-er Bowl Sunday

February 8th, Greta Dilo – Memory of Afrodhiti Dilo, 6 month

February 15th Sunday School Hot Dog Sale, hot dogs and fixins' donated by Alfred Coni & Margarita Sevi in honor of Alfred's Nameday – Hieromartyr Haralambos

February 22nd Mark & Tish Klus

March 1st Capo Family – in memory of Sotir Capo

March 8th Father Brooks - in memory of Father John Garvey

March 15th no sponsor

Home Blessing/Visitation: Father Brooks is in the process of scheduling home visitations/blessings for our parishioners who were not visited in 2014. Please contact Father Brooks to arrange a date that you and your family will be available. fr.brooks@stjohnsphila.org or call 210-461-1956.

Reader Schedule: February 1st Reader Mark, 8th Kevin Fiss, 15th Edward Kokalari, 22nd Michelle Dardaris, March 1st Reader Mark, 8th Adam Coraluzzi, 15th Kevin Fiss, March 22nd Edward Kokalari, March 29th Michelle Dardaris

February Namedays: Per Shume Vjet! Gezuar! 2nd Meeting of our Lord (Panajoti), 3rd St Simeon the God Bearer, 5th Martyr Agatha, 10th Hieromartyr Haralambos, 18th Leo, Pope of Rome