

**The Weekly Messenger – February 15, 2015**  
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*Epistle: St. Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians 8:8-13; 9:1-2 Gospel: Matthew 25:31-46*

**Sunday School News:** Today the Sunday school will hold a hot dog sale during coffee hour. Many thanks to Margarita Sevi and Alfred for donating the hotdogs and other items for the hot dog sale. This is a fundraiser for the Sunday school which helps defer the cost of the Sunday school outings. Ice skating is scheduled for March 1<sup>st</sup>, from 1:00 to 3:30 at the U of P Class of 23 Rink. The cost for skating ticket, skate rental & food will be \$3.00 per adult, children - no charge. We have a warm room and will provide pizza and hot chocolate. Sunday school director Steve Coraluzzi may be contacted at 856-562-9672, or e-mail [sundayschooldirector@stjohnsphila.org](mailto:sundayschooldirector@stjohnsphila.org)

**Upcoming Events:**

February 15<sup>th</sup> Meatfare Sunday / Hot Dog Sale

February 22<sup>nd</sup> Forgiveness/Cheesefare

February 23<sup>rd</sup>, Lent Begins

**Wed** Feb 25<sup>th</sup> Pre-sanctified Liturgy 6:30 pm Pot Luck Dinner and Discussion follow

March 1<sup>st</sup> 3 year Memorial Sotir Capo – Sunday school ice skating outing

**Tues** March 3<sup>rd</sup> Parish Council Meeting 7 pm

**Wed** March 4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>, Pre-sanctified Liturgy 6:30 pm Pot Luck Dinner

**Saturday**, March 7<sup>th</sup> Women's Day Dance 7p-11p in the Church Hall

March 8<sup>th</sup> 40 day Memorial Father John Garvey

March 15<sup>th</sup>, Divine Liturgy- Veneration of the Cross

March 22<sup>nd</sup>, Semi-annual parish meeting following the Divine Liturgy

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

**Saturday** April 4<sup>th</sup>, Lazarus Saturday 10:00 am – 3:00 pm

**Parishioner News:** Congratulations to longtime parishioner, interim choir director, auxiliary council member, Linda Notskas on her retirement. Her last day was at work was Friday, February 13, 2015. Linda has pledged to become even more involved in the daily operations of our church. God Bless you and grant you many years, Linda!

**February Giving:** Paper Napkins Thank you!

**Message from Father Brooks:** Today is the second Sunday before Great Lent begins. The Sunday of the Last Judgment is harsh in its way, but reminds us to look ahead and consider the way we are living today. Then we start Lent with an attitude of forgiveness...and, hopefully, humility. My prayers are with all of you as we begin this important journey. Peace to all.

**Commemorations for the Living:** Archbishop Nikon, Father Stephen Siniari, Father Ken James Stavrevsky, Deacon Michael Sochka, Ann Dimitri, Jennie Sappas, Peter Melnik, 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 15<sup>th</sup> Sunday School Hot Dog Sale, hot dogs and fixins' donated by Alfred Coni & Margarita Sevi in honor of Alfred's Nameday – Hieromartyr Haralambos

February 22<sup>nd</sup> Mark & Tish Klus

March 1<sup>st</sup> Capo Family – in memory of Sotir Capo

March 8<sup>th</sup> Father Brooks - in memory of Father John Garvey

March 15<sup>th</sup> Fiss Family

March 22<sup>nd</sup> Ann Gjoka/Linda Notskas

March 29<sup>th</sup> Vangjel & Margarita Haxhistasa

**Reader Schedule:** 15<sup>th</sup> Edward Kokalari, 22<sup>nd</sup> Michelle Dardaris, March 1<sup>st</sup> Reader Mark, 8<sup>th</sup> Adam Coraluzzi, 15<sup>th</sup> Kevin Fiss, March 22<sup>nd</sup> Edward Kokalari, March 29<sup>th</sup> Michelle Dardaris

**Stewardship:** 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](mailto:chairperson@stjohnsphila.org)

**Home Blessing/Visitation:** Please don't miss this opportunity to sign up for a visit and home blessing. Father Brooks would like to visit all of our parishioners and get to know you and your family. You may pick a date and time that is convenient and sign up on the sheet in the vestibule. Or you may contact Father Brooks directly to arrange a date for him to visit you and your family.

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