

The Weekly Messenger – February 8, 2015
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Epistle: St. Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians 6:12-20 Gospel: Luke 15:11-32

Home Blessing/Visitation: A few parishioners have signed up on the board in the vestibule. For those who don't get to church often, please contact Father Brooks directly to arrange a date for him to visit you and your family.
fr.brooks@stjohnsphila.org or call 210-461-1956. If you know someone who does not receive email; please pass this information onto them.

Upcoming Events:

February 8th 6 month Memorial Afrodhiti Dilo

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 – Sunday school ice skating outing

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

March 22, Semi-annual parish meeting following the Divine Liturgy

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

Sunday School News: The Sunday school will hold a hot dog sale during coffee hour Sunday, Feb. 15, 2015. This is a fundraiser for the Sunday school which helps defer the cost of the Sunday school outings. Ice skating is scheduled for March 1st, 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

Message from Father Brooks: Today, the Sunday of the Prodigal Son, we are reminded of why we worship and love God. We all have our faults and weaknesses; however, when we return and repent, God is not there to punish us, but to welcome us back as His sons and daughters. That love is unconditional. Let us make this season one of returning to the embracing arms of our Father, making the changes we need to make, and experiencing that unconditional love. Peace to all.

Commemorations for the Living: Archbishop Nikon, Father Stephen Siniari, Father Ken James Stavrevsky, Deacon Michael Sochka, 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: Afrodhiti Dilo, 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 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

Reader Schedule: February 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 Giving: Paper Napkins Thank you!

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

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