

The Weekly Messenger – January 18, 2015
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Epistle: St. Paul's Letter to the Hebrews 13:7-16 Gospel: Luke 17:12-19

Icon Auction: Thank you to all who participated in our annual Icon Auction Jan 4th & 11th. We are very happy to report we received bids totaling \$15,685.00 If you were unable to attend the auction you are still able make a donation in the name of your Patron Saint. All donations gratefully accepted. A very big thank you to our auctioneers, Peter Ghicondey and David Biando, our Icon Displayers, Bella & Olivia Lorimer, Lillie Whitney, Jonathan Xhoxhi, Olivia Highland, John Melnik, our recorders, Michele Lorimer and Michele Anderson. Everyone, including the bidders did a great job! We are planning to purchase some new Icons for next year's auction. If there is an Icon you would like to see made available at our auction please send your suggestion to info@stjohnsphila.org

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

Upcoming Events:

Friday, January 30th YAL Meeting 7:00 pm

February 1st Soup-er Bowl Sunday

February 3rd Parish Council Meeting 7:00 pm

February 15th Meatfare Sunday.

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 Meatfare Sunday/ Sunday of Orthodoxy

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

March 8th Spring Forward – Set clocks ahead 1 hour

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

March 15th, Divine Liturgy- Veneration of the Cross

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

Message from Father Brooks: In today's Gospel reading we recognize Jesus' healing of the ten lepers. Only one comes back to thank him. It is astonishing. Although American Thanksgiving only comes once a year, as Christians we are to be gracious and grateful everyday. It may seem small, but saying thanks to someone for anything they have done for us can be huge to them. May we all bear in mind to say "thank you". Peace to all.

Commemorations for the Living: Archbishop Nikon, Father Stephen Siniari, Father Ken James Stavrevsky, Deacon Michael Sochka, Semele Halkedis, Peter Mallios, Hugh Ledford, Grigor Lakuriqi, Elaine Quirias, Ann Gjoka, 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: Castor Notskas, 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!

January 18th Sunday School Hot Dog Sale

January 25th Andon & Miranda Lakuriqi in honor of son Grigor's Nameday

February 1st Soup-er Bowl Sunday

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

February 15th Alfred Coni & Margarita Sevi

February – *open date no sponsor*

Home Blessing/Visitation: A sheet is posted in the side vestibule. Father Brooks is asking those who were not visited in 2014 to pick a date for him to visit and bless their homes. If the posted dates are not conducive for a visitation please contact Father Brooks to make other arrangements. It is his hope to visit all of our parishioners.

Soup-er Bowl Sunday: We will have our 2nd Annual Soup-er Bowl Sunday on Feb. 1st following the Divine Liturgy. We are asking our parishioners to donate their specialty homemade soup. We will offer the soup at coffee hour for a small donation. The proceeds will be donated to a charity. Last year we had 20 different kinds of soup and raised \$350.00, which was donated to Covenant House. Linda Biando is coordinating this event. Please contact her to advise what soup you will donate: trustee.linda@stjohnsphila.org

Parish Council info: At our monthly meeting Michele Anderson presents the treasurer's report. We currently post the minutes from the meeting on our website. If you would like a copy of the treasurer's report please email treasurer@stjohnsphila.org

January Giving: Paper Towels Thank you!