

**The Weekly Messenger – January 4, 2015**  
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*Epistle: St. Paul's Second Letter to Timothy 4:5-8 Gospel: Mark 1:1-8*

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

**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.

**Icon Auction** Today January 4<sup>th</sup> Icons 1 – 40 will be auctioned in the church hall during coffee hour. Please come out and support this very important fundraiser for our parish. If you are unable to attend the Icon Auction we encourage you to make a donation in the name of your Patron Saint. Visit our website to see how!  
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**Reader Schedule:** January 4<sup>th</sup> Edward Kokalari, 11<sup>th</sup> Michelle Dardaris, 18<sup>th</sup> Mark Klus, 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:**

January 4, 2015 Holy Theophany/ Epiphany and part 1 of our Icon Auction  
Tuesday, January 6<sup>th</sup> Parish Council Meeting 7:00 pm  
January 11, 2015 40 day Memorial Marianthi Lacka and part 2 of our Icon Auction  
February 1<sup>st</sup> Soup-er Bowl Sunday

**St. John's Sportspersons Update:** Congratulations to the 2014 Fantasy Football Champion; Nancy Ghicondey (*Queen B*). Way to go Nancy! Congratulations are also extended to Rich Detskas, Michele & Tommy Lorimer, Florina & Costina Bacuta for coaching their teams to the playoffs and to Division Champions; Zak & Mike Dardaris, Greg, Gregory & Alex Dardaris and John Biando. Thank you to all the Sportspersons who participated. It was a great year and \$300.01 was raised for St. John's.

**Commemorations for the Departed:** Constance, Philip, Stephanie Manosis, Father Deacon Stephen Stefani and those servicemen who have fallen asleep in the Lord in the service of their Country.

**Message from Father Brooks:** Happy New Year to all! I am back from a wonderful two weeks with my family in San Antonio, but it is also great to be back with you. I am thankful to Dn. Gregory, Fr. Mark, and Fr. Stephen for taking care of things in my absence. I hope all of you had a blessed holiday season. To God be the glory.... Peace to all!

**Commemorations for the Living:** Archbishop Nikon, Father Stephen Siniari, Father Ken James Stavrevsky, Deacon Michael Sochka, Peter Mallios, Hugh Ledford, Grigor Lakuriqi, Elaine Qurias, 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.

**Parishioner News:** We inform you of the repose Eve Hassis Pillery, on Dec. 26<sup>th</sup>. She was in a nursing home in St Petersburg, Fl. for many years. Eve was the last of her family; Simon John & Evanthia Pappas Hassis were her parents. Eve was a member of the Albanian girls sorority- Ann Gjoka, Flossie, Andi Steffa, Connie Douris, Evelyn Margerison and others. Eve will be missed by her niece & nephew and her Great nieces & nephews. May Eve's memory be eternal.

**Sunday School** Director Steve, the Teachers and Students would like to thank everyone who purchased Gertrude Hawk Christmas Candy. The kids made \$350.00 with this year's candy fundraiser and we will be using the money toward our annual ice skating outing this winter. Class will resume on Sunday January the 4th and we look forward to a great second half of our school year. Wishing a Happy and Healthy New Year to all.

**Coffee Hour Sponsors:** Thank you very much!

January 4<sup>th</sup> Sonja Ponoci & Edlira Tegu Nameday of son/Godson Aden Emmanuel  
January 11<sup>th</sup> Kristina Papheli and family in memory of Marianthi Lacka  
January 18<sup>th</sup> *open date- need a sponsor*  
January 25<sup>th</sup> *open date- need a sponsor*  
February 1<sup>st</sup> Soup-er Bowl Sunday

**Per Shume Vjet Gezuar! January Namedays** 1<sup>st</sup> St. Basil, 7<sup>th</sup> St John the Baptist, 11<sup>th</sup> St Theodosius, 14<sup>th</sup> St Nina, 17<sup>th</sup> St Anthony, 18<sup>th</sup> St Athanasius, 20<sup>th</sup> St Euthymius, 23<sup>rd</sup> St Dionysius of Korca, 25<sup>th</sup> St Gregory, Jan 30<sup>th</sup> Hierarchs (Basil, Gregory, John Chrysostom)

**January Giving:** Paper Towels