

The Weekly Messenger –July 20, 2014
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Epistle: St. James' Universal Letter 5:10-20 Gospel: Matthew 9:1-8

July 20th, The Holy Prophet Elias (Elijah) is one of the greatest of the prophets and the first dedicated to virginity in the Old Testament. He was born in Tishba of Gilead into the Levite tribe 900 years before the Incarnation of the Word of God. St Epiphanius of Cyprus gives the following account about the birth of the Prophet Elijah: "When Elijah was born, his father Sobach saw in a vision angels of God around him. They swaddled him with fire and fed him with flames." The name Elijah (the Lord's strength) given to the infant defined his whole life. From the years of his youth he dedicated himself to the One God, settled in the wilderness and spent his whole life in strict fasting, meditation and prayer. Called to prophetic service, which put him in conflict with the Israelite king Ahab, the prophet became a fiery zealot of true faith and piety. Read more:

<http://oca.org/saints/lives/2014/07/20/102060-holy-glorious-prophet-elijah>

Commemorations for the Living: Archbishop Nikon, Proto Deacon Michael Sochka, Newly illuminated Anna, Zoe, Philip Kosta, Luke Jablonski, Janice Leyden, Katherine Halkedis, Rosemary Notskas, Kim Burdumy, Larry Kosta, 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: George Touros, John Croke, Catherine Bishop, Father Spero Page, 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!

July 20 Ilirjan and Fioralba Papa celebrating Elias and Ilirjan's name day

July 27th Robert & Majhida Ceca & Family

August 3rd Rose Adams & Family (in memory of Charlie)

August 10th Kosta Family (in memory of Maria)

August 17th Rubis Family (in memory of Marguerita)

August 24th Bortner Family (in memory of Eva)

August 31st Davit & Mirna

September 7th Marinela Prifti

September 14th Sunday School

Upcoming Events:

August 3rd 3 year memorial - Qiriako (Charlie) Adams

August 5th Parish Council meeting 7:00 pm

August 6th (Wed) Transfiguration of Christ – Liturgy at Ss. Peter & Paul 9:00 am

August 10th 20 year memorial - Maria Kosta

August 15th (Fri) Dormition of the Theotokos Liturgy at Ss. Peter & Paul 9:00 am

August 17th 1 year memorial - Marguerita Rubis

August 24th 8 year memorial for Eva Bortner, William's grandmother

1 year memorial for Katherine Zoidis

40 day Memorial for Father Spero Page

Sept. 21st Gregory E. Costa Golf Classic and Dinner

Sept 26 & 27 Albanian Archdiocese Assembly Ss Peter & Paul Albanian Orthodox Church

Nov. 29th Albanian Flag Day Dance 7pm – 11pm

Gregory E. Costa Golf Classic: This is the silver anniversary (yes, it all began 25 years ago!) for our annual golf outing and dinner: Sunday, September 21, 2014, at the Paxon Hollow County Club. The cost has remained the same, golf and dinner, \$125.00, dinner only \$35.00. Please plan to attend.

Parishioner News: We are saddened to announce the repose of our longtime parishioner, George Touros, on Monday, July 14, 2014. May his memory be eternal! Saturday, July 26th, Emma Moy, daughter of Greta & Aaron will be baptized at St. John Chrysostom.

Betty Subashi is feeling better after battling bronchitis the past 4 weeks.

Janice Leyden continues her recovery from recent surgery.

Congratulations to Steven Cosmo, son of Donna Dimitri & Michael Cosmo, who was recently hired as a full time police officer by the Burlington Township (NJ) Police Department. Steven begins 21 weeks of training at the Gloucester County Police Academy on August 4th.

Newsletter: The August Newsletter is in the process of being written. If you have news or information you would like to share please send it to info@stjohnsphila.org We are going to have a section that highlights the businesses owned by our parishioners. We would like to hear from you with a few paragraphs describing your business venture. Please send this information to info@stjohnsphila.org

Clothing Drive for the Homeless: Please donate clothing and blankets you no longer use. Bring the items to the church and Linda Notskas will take them to those in need.

Monthly Giving July: Olive Oil - Used for the lamps in front of the Iconostas and in the Altar.