

The Weekly Messenger –July 27, 2014
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Epistle: St. Paul's Second Letter to Timothy 2:1-10 *Gospel: Matthew 9:27-35*

Message from Father Brooks: "Do you believe I am able to do this?" asks Jesus in this Sunday's Gospel reading. Belief is a tricky thing, and usually it is not black and white. Recall the one who said to Jesus, "I believe, Lord, help my unbelief. It is not wrong to question something as long as we are open to the truth, and the truth is what we, as Christians, are all about. We even call the doubt of St. Thomas "the blessed doubt" because he was open to the truth. Peace to all, my friends.

Commemorations for the Living: Archbishop Nikon, Father Stephen Siniari, Proto Deacon Michael Sochka, Philip Kosta, Linda 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: Marika Papinghi, Elton Ceca, 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 27th Robert & Majlinda 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

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

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.

In September Father Brooks will begin meeting with the newly formed Ministry Teams. All are welcome to attend these meeting, even if you have not signed up to be on a committee. The meetings will begin at 7:00 pm and will be held at the church. Please check the upcoming events weekly for dates and times. We are looking for parishioners to donate their time and talent; Join a Ministry Team!

Upcoming Events:

August 3rd 3 year memorial - Qiriako (Charlie) Adams
August 5th Parish Council meeting 7:00 pm
August 10th 20 year memorial - Maria Kosta
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 6th (Saturday) Teacher workshop 9am – 12pm, appreciation luncheon will follow
Sept 9th (Tuesday) Parish Council Meeting 7:00 pm
Sept 11th (Thursday) Young Adults Committee Meeting 7:00 pm
Sept 16th (Tuesday) Outreach Committee Meeting 7:00 pm
Sept. 21st Gregory E. Costa Golf Classic and Dinner
Sept 23rd Outreach Committee Meeting 7:00 pm
Sept 26 & 27 Albanian Archdiocese Assembly Ss Peter & Paul Albanian Orthodox Church
Nov. 29th Albanian Flag Day Dance 7pm – 11pm

The Feast of the Transfiguration of Our Lord, God and Savior Jesus Christ is celebrated each year on August 6. The feast commemorates the transfiguration or metamorphosis of Christ on Mount Tabor, when our Lord appeared in His divine glory before the Apostles Peter, James, and John. We will celebrate Transfiguration on Sunday August 10, 2014. Our sister church, SS. Peter & Paul will celebrate Transfiguration on Wednesday, August 6th at 9 am

The Feast of the Dormition of Our Most Holy Lady, the Theotokos and Ever-Virgin Mary is celebrated on August 15 each year. The Feast commemorates the repose or "falling-asleep" of the Mother of Jesus Christ, our Lord. The Feast also commemorates the translation or assumption into heaven of the body of the Theotokos. We will celebrate the Dormition of the Theotokos on August 17th, 2014. The two-week fast anticipating the Dormition of the Theotokos begins August 1. Our sister church, Ss Peter & Paul will celebrate The Dormition on Friday, August 15th at 9 am

Parishioner News: Saturday, July 26, 2014, Emma Moy, daughter of Greta and Aaron Moy was baptized. Many years to the Moy family!
On Saturday, 27 September we will be baptizing Aden Zebib, son of Sonja and Neil..