

The Weekly Messenger –July 6, 2014
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Epistle: St. Paul's Letter to the Romans 6:18-23 Gospel: Matthew 8:5-13

**We hope everyone had a wonderful 4th of July Celebration.
Happy Birthday to our Nation!!**

Message from Father Brooks: Sunday's Gospel reading is about the faith of the centurion and how his servant was healed by Jesus. Prior to this, Jesus had healed a leper, even reaching out to touch him, a break with Jewish law. After the healing of the centurion's servant, Jesus heals Peter's mother-in-law, also reaching out to touch her, another break with Jewish law. Christ reaches out to everyone, showing by example that we, His followers, should do likewise. Peace to all.

Commemorations for the Living: Archbishop Nikon, Proto Deacon Michael Sochka, Newly illuminated Anna, Zoe, Philip Kosta, Luke Jablonski, Janice Leyden, George Touros, Katherine Halkedis, Rosemary Notskas, Kim Burdumy, Larry Kosta, Leslie Sochka, Andigoni Steffa, John and 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: Father Spero Page, Castor Notskas, We also commemorate the 107 Martyrs murdered in Borova, Albania, in 1943 (Nick Dimitri's place of birth). 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 6th Sara Dimitri

July 13 Gusho Family

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

July 27th Robert & Majhida & 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 25th Bitri Family (in memory of Eva)

IOCC Presentation: Louis A. Zagami, Development Officer for the International Orthodox Christian Charities, (IOCC), will make a presentation to our parishioners this Sunday, July 6, 2014. Mr. Zagami will lead a discussion on IOCC's worldwide humanitarian programs and answer questions about how your support is saving and improving vulnerable lives around the world. Our parish makes a donation to the IOCC each year.

Gregory E. Costa Golf Classic: Sunday, September 21, 2014. Please update your calendars and plan to attend this fun event. For additional information contact Donna Dimitri, Michele Anderson, Linda Biando.

Upcoming Events:

July 6th Louis A. Zagami, Development Officer, International Orthodox Christian

July 8th Parish Council Meeting 7:00 pm

August Date to be announced- Fantasy Football Draft

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

August 10th 20 year memorial - Maria Kosta

August 17th 1 year memorial - Marguerita Rubis

August 25th 8 year memorial for Eva Bitri, William's grandmother

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

Parishioner News: It was great to see Janice and Mike Leyden in church last Sunday. Janice is well on the road to recovery following her recent surgery. Saturday, July 26, 2014, Emma Moy, daughter of Greta and Aaron Moy will be baptized.

July Namedays: Per Shume Vjet! Gezuar! To our parishioners and friends who celebrate their Nameday in July: July 17th Great Martyr Marina, July 20th Prophet Elijah, July 24th Great Martyr Christina of Tyre, July 27th St. Panteleimon

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 Thank you to those who donated paper towels in June