

The Weekly Messenger –June 15, 2014

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Epistle: Paul's Letter to the Hebrews 11:33-40; 12:1-2 Gospel: Matthew 10:32-33; 19:27-30

Message from Father Brooks: At this time - the time of Pentecost - it is important to remember how small "the Church" was. Jesus began with few followers. It grew, but was still a tiny band of people. There was, however, a quest: to follow a new Law based on love. This quest, with humble beginnings, grew, spread over the Middle East, and in time, over the world. It demonstrates the power of what God can do if we follow the quest and, against all odds, put our hope in Him. Peace to all.

Commemorations for the Living: Archbishop Nikon, Proto Deacon Michael Sochka, Newly illuminated Zoe Bulgarides, Brie Cokos, Paige Cokos, Constantine Bulgarides, Janice Leyden, George Touros, Katherine Halkedis, Rosemary Notskas, Kim Burdumy, Larry Kosta, Leslie Sochka, Andigoni Steffa, John and Mary Croke, Paula Kosta, Candace Peppenelli, 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 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!

June 15th Michele & Lillie Anderson

June 22nd Bruce, Rovina & Francesca Protesto

June 29th **No one has signed up yet**

July 6th Sara Dimitri

July 13 Gusho Family

July 20 Fiori & Ilirjan Papa & family

July 27th Robert & Majhida & Family

August 3rd Rose Adams & Family

Parishioner News: Congratulations to proud parents Brie Cokos & Constantinos Bulgarides on the baptism of their daughter, Zoe Angelina Bulgarides. Zoe's Godmother is Paige Cokos and her Godfather is Carl, who came from England to participate in the baptism. Zoe is the granddaughter of John & Janice Cokos. Many years to all!

A Very Happy Father's Day to our Fathers, Grandfathers, Godfathers, Uncles and other men who are so very important in our lives. May God grant them many years!

Stewardship: Sign-up sheets for various ministries are located at the end of the refreshment table in the church hall. Please take a look and sign up for any or all of the following: Charity and Benevolence, Outreach/Evangelism, Stewardship ministry, Young adult ministry, Youth ministry, Women's guild, Men's Club
If you are not in church to sign the sheet you may contact Father Brooks via email fr.brooks@stjohnsphila.org or call 210-461-1956, to let him know your interests. Stewardship, both financial and volunteering your time, are important components of our church life. We need your assistance to help maintain our parish!

The Sunday School students, teachers and parents of the students had a great time at the end of school event at Dave & Buster's. Our sincere thanks go out to Sunday school director, Steve Coraluzzi for coordinating this fun event. Mark your calendars; Sunday school registration will begin again in September; dates to be announced.

Ss. Peter & Paul Nameday, Sunday, June 29, 2014: St. John Chrysostom will be open and Father Brooks will celebrate the Divine Liturgy at 10:00 am at St. John's. Our parishioners are welcome to attend Ss. Peter & Paul on June 29th as they celebrate their Nameday and join their parishioners for a luncheon after the Divine Liturgy. Per shumë vjët! Gezuar! to Father Stephen, our relatives and friends at Ss. Peter & Paul Albanian Orthodox church as they celebrate their 94 anniversary!

Upcoming Events:

June 15th Father's Day

June 22nd Mary Legidakes 1 year memorial

June 29th Ss. Peter & Paul Nameday Celebration

Aug 3rd Memorial (3 years) Qiriako (Charlie) Adams

Sept. 21st Save the date; Gregory E. Costa Golf Classic and Dinner

Nov. 29th Save the date Albanian Flag Day Dance

Meshe: We are looking for parishioners to donate Meshe each Sunday. A sign-up sheet is located in the side vestibule. Please pick a date and donate Meshe to be used for the Divine Liturgy. We need your help!

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 June: Paper Towels