

The Weekly Messenger –June 8, 2014
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Epistle: Acts of the Apostles 2:1-11 Gospel: John 7:37-52; 8:12

Message from Father Brooks: In the Jewish tradition, they are celebrating Shavuot, the Festival of Weeks. This feast takes place 50 days after Passover and commemorates the handing down of the Law of Moses, by God, on Mount Sinai. In the same way, we acknowledge the Feast of Pentecost, 50 days after Pascha (literally, Passover). It is a feast in which God's spirit (breath) comes over all, and as such, includes everyone, despite ethnicity or language. May we, as Orthodox Christians, strive to open up the Gospel and ourselves to everyone, despite our differences. Peace to all.

Commemorations for the Living: Archbishop Nikon, Proto Deacon Michael Sochka, Newly illuminated Noah, 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 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 8th Sunday school graduation – coffee hour sponsored by the teachers & students

June 15th Michele Anderson

June 22nd No one has signed up yet

June 29th No one has signed up yet

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.

Parishioner News: Welcome back to Fiori Papa, who was churched last week after the birth of her second child, Elisabeth Suzana. Many years to Fiori, Elisabeth, Ilirjan and Elias. George Touros is at Chester Crozier Medical Center following surgery on Thursday. Janice Leyden is recovering at home following surgery last week. Please keep George and Janice in your prayers.

The Feast of Holy Pentecost is celebrated each year on the fiftieth day after the Great and Holy Feast of Pascha (Easter) and ten days after the Feast of the Ascension of Christ. The Feast is always celebrated on a Sunday. The Feast commemorates the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles on the day of Pentecost, a feast of the Jewish tradition. It also celebrates the establishment of the Church through the preaching of the Apostles and the baptism of the thousands who on that day believed in the Gospel message of salvation through Jesus Christ. The Feast is also seen as the culmination of the revelation of the Holy Trinity. http://www.goarch.org/special/listen_learn_share/pentecost/index.html

Sunday school: Today, after the Divine Liturgy, our Sunday school will hold their graduation ceremony. Congratulations to our Sunday school students for completing the year! Special thanks to our Sunday school teachers: Vlad Melnik, Marinela Prifti, Mark Klus, Linda Biando, Carolyn Dardaris, Nicole Ferrara, Fjori Lakuriqi, Michele Lorimer, Traci Cosmo and assistant director, Diane Coraluzzi. Special thanks to our Sunday School Director, Steve Coraluzzi, for a terrific year!

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!

Upcoming Events:

June 8th Holy Pentecost

Sunday school graduation the students and teachers will celebrate with a trip to Dave & Busters

June 15th Father's Day

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!

Monthly Giving May: Paper Towels Thank you for donating coffee cups in May.