

The Weekly Messenger –May 11, 2014
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Epistle: Acts of the Apostles 9:32-42 Gospel: John 5:1-15

CHRIST IS RISEN! INDEED HE IS RISEN!
KRISHTI U NGJALL! VERTET U NGJALL!

Message from Father Brooks: In this Sunday's Gospel reading, we see that Jesus not only breaks tradition, he breaks the Jewish Law. He does this for the salvation of the lame man. As we Orthodox continue our journey toward life in Christ, it is important to remember that while traditions may be very good, they are not the end-all. How we live and how we treat others is what Jesus taught and lived himself. May we all follow his teachings and his example. Peace to all.

Commemorations for the Living: Archbishop Nikon, Proto Deacon Michael Sochka, Newborns Sylvia Pajcini and Elisabeth Papa, David Biando, Maryann Monska, George Touros, Katherine Halkedis, Rosemary Notskas, Kim Burdumy, Hugh Ledford, Larry Kosta, Leslie Sochka, Andigoni Steffa, John and Mary Croke, Paula Kosta, Candace Pepenelli, Mac, 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: Catherine & Edwin Anderson, Andrew Subashi, Lefteria Dhimitri, 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!

May 11th Betty Subashi – in Memory of Andy

May 18th Steve Ghicondes, Marjana Kokalari, Betty Subashi, Tatjana Plesati –
40-Day memorial Lefteria Dhimitri

May 25th Bendo Family

June 1st Stewardship Sunday – coffee hour sponsored by the Stewardship Committee

June 8th Sunday school graduation – coffee hour sponsored by the teachers & students

Monthly Giving for May: paper cups for coffee – no Styrofoam please.

A Very Happy Mother's Day to all of our Mothers, Grandmothers, Godmothers, Aunts and other women who are important in our lives. May God grant them many years!

Upcoming Events:

May 18th 40 day Memorial Lefteria Dhimitri

May 26th Memorial Day – Blessing of the graves – Fernwood Cemetery

June 7th Church clean up day

June 8th Sunday school graduation the students and teachers will celebrate with a trip to Dave & Busters

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

Memorial Day Grave Blessing at Fernwood Cemetery: Father Brooks will be at Fernwood Cemetery on Monday, May 26, 2014 @ 10:00 am, at the “upper portion” of the cemetery. He will then proceed to the other section to bless the graves. Father Brooks indicated he is available to bless graves at other cemeteries. Please contact him if you have a loved one at another cemetery. fr.brooks@stjohnsphila.org or call 210-461-1956.

We need your help: Please send information about the graduates in your family, High School, College, 8th Grade. We would like to acknowledge and congratulate our graduates. Please send an email to info@stjohnsphila.org Include the name of the graduate, the school from which they graduated. For 8th grade please let us know what school they will be attending next year, HS grads if they are attending college, the name of the college, or what they will be pursuing. College graduates, their degree and plans for the future. We would also like the proud parents and grandparents names.

Pledge Update: We have received 87 pledges totaling \$48,960.00. Our goal is \$62,000.00, the amount in our approved budget. Thank you to our parishioners who have submitted pledges. If you have not turned in your pledge you may go to our website <http://www.stjohnsphila.org/> and complete a pledge card or pick up a card at the candle stand. Contact our treasurer, Michele Anderson treasurer@stjohnsphila.org with questions.

Time to assist those less fortunate: When you are doing your spring cleaning and come across clothes you haven't worn in many years, think about those less fortunate than you. We are collecting clothes which will be donated to the homeless in center city. Linda Notskas is once again coordinating a clothes drive. Bring the items you no longer need; pants, shirts, jackets blankets, etc., to church and place them in the side vestibule near the table. Linda will take the items to those in need. Thank you in advance!

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