

The Weekly Messenger –May 18, 2014
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Epistle: Acts of the Apostles 11:19-30 Gospel: John 4:5-42

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

Message from Father Brooks: Once again - the Sunday of the Samaritan Woman - we are confronted with a radical Jesus. Not only did this "Rabbi" speak to a woman; he spoke to a Samaritan woman (the Samaritans and the Jews were enemies). Out of his love for everyone, Jesus brought her and other Samaritans to the Truth. This reminds me of the beauty of our parish. No matter who walks through our doors, they are welcomed and treated with respect. I've seen, since I've been here, so many wonderful interactions between our parishioners and strangers and visitors. May we, in the spirit of Christ, continue this beautiful outreach. Peace to all.

Commemorations for the Living: Archbishop Nikon, Proto Deacon Michael Sochka, Newly illuminated Noah, Newborns Sylvia Pajcini and Elisabeth Papa, David Biando, Maryann Monska, George Touros, Katherine Halkedis, Rosemary Notskas, Kim Burdumy, 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: Lefteria Dhimitri, Michael 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 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

Acknowledge our Graduates: Please send an email to info@stjohnsphila.org. Include the name of the graduate, the school they graduated from. 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. *We received information from two families last week. We are pretty sure we have more graduates. Please forward the information for your family member so they may be recognized by our parish.*

Upcoming Events:

May 18th 40 day Memorial Lefteria Dhimitri

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

June 1st We will celebrate **Holy Ascension** (actual date Thursday –May 29th Ss Peter & Paul will celebrate the Ascension of our Lord on May 29th @ 9:00 am)

June 3rd Tuesday, Parish Council Meeting 7:00 pm

June 7th Church clean up day

June 8th Holy Pentecost

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.

The Buddy Walk: What can I say but Thank you, thank you & Thank you! We exceeded our goal of \$3,000 by \$771! That's fantastic. What a great day yesterday and beautiful weather for the post walk activities. And a special thanks to everyone who came out and enjoyed the day with us. It was super-fantastic to be able to celebrate with all of you! Thank you once again! ~Vlad, Susan, Julie & John

Race for the Cure: Thank you so much to everyone who came out and walked with our team, Albanians & Friends for the Cure, and special thanks to those who made contributions to our team. We raised over \$3,300.00 for this very important cause, finding a cure for breast cancer. Everyone's support is much appreciated. Donna Dimitri

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.