

The Weekly Messenger –May 24, 2014
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Epistle: Acts of the Apostles 15:35-41 Gospel: John 10:27-38

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

Message from Father Brooks: On Monday, Memorial Day, we remember those who have gone before us. Although, technically, it is a day reserved for those who died in the military service of our country, this is also an appropriate time to remember all of our deceased relatives, for all passed away doing some kind of service. I am honored to say prayers and be with the family members for this important occasion. I will be at Fernwood at 10:00 am. If there is another cemetery to attend, please contact me. 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: 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 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

June 15th Michele Anderson

Acknowledge our Graduates: Last week to submit information about your graduate. Please send an email to info@stjohnsphila.org.

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.

The sixth Sunday of Holy Pascha is observed by the Orthodox Church as the Sunday of the Blind Man. The day commemorates the miracle of Christ healing the man who was blind since birth. The biblical story of this event is found in the Gospel of Saint John 9:1-41. http://lent.goarch.org/sunday_of_the_blindman/learn/#sthash.IIIZjsol.dpuf

Parishioner News: Congratulations to Noah Jordan, who was baptized on May 10th. Noah is the son of Eris & Christian Jordan. Fiori & Theodor Diamanti are Noah's Godparents. Noah is the grandson of George & Nikoleta Prifti. May God grant them many years!

Thank you Ann Gjoka for making the beautiful corsages for Mother's Day!

Upcoming baptisms: Zoey Cokos, daughter of Brie Cokos will be baptized in June. Anna Diamanti, daughter of Fiori & Theodor Diamanti will also be baptized in June.

Congratulations Doctor Thimi Pappas, who earned a Doctorate of Philosophy (Human Sexuality Education) from Widener University. The commencement ceremony was held on May 16, 2014. Way to go Tim! Also, the Pappas family has another reason to celebrate; Donna and Tim are grandparents for a third time! Their son, Tim and his wife Laura are the proud parents of a son, Miles Alexander Pappas, born 5/21/2014, weighing 6lbs, 5ozs. Many years to the entire Pappas family!

Upcoming Events:

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.

If you or someone you know was baptized at St. John Chrysostom but did not receive a Baptismal Certificate please contact Father Brooks or send an email to info@stjohnsphila.org. We will prepare a Baptismal Certificate for you.