

**The Weekly Messenger –May 4, 2014**  
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*Epistle: Acts of the Apostles 6:1-7 Gospel: Mark 15:43-47; 16: 1-8*

***CHRIST IS RISEN! INDEED HE IS RISEN!***  
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**Message from Father Brooks:** This is the Sunday of the Myrrh-Bearing Women. On this day, we are reminded of the importance of women in the Church from the very beginning. Whether it was the women at the foot of the Cross, the women who went to tomb, or later, the women who became deacons, the role of women in the Church has been instrumental. I would like to thank all the women in our parish for the work they do and especially for their love and work that made our Holy Week and Pascha so special this year. You are all very much appreciated! Peace to all.

**Commemorations for the Living:** Archbishop Nikon, Proto Deacon Michael Sochka, Newborns Sylvia Pajcini and Elisabeth Papa, 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:** 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 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday school hot dog sale

May 11<sup>th</sup> Betty Subashi – in Memory of Andy

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

May 25<sup>th</sup> open date

June 1<sup>st</sup> Stewardship Sunday – coffee hour sponsored by the Stewardship Committee

June 8<sup>th</sup> Sunday school graduation – coffee hour sponsored by the students

**Calling all Meshe Makers:** we are looking for parishioners to sign up to make Meshe to be used on Sunday. There is a sheet in the side vestibule. Please pick a date.

**Upcoming Events:**

May 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday school hot dog sale during coffee hour

May 6<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday – Parish Council Meeting 7:00pm

May 18<sup>th</sup> 40 day Memorial Lefteria Dhimitri

May 26<sup>th</sup> Memorial Day – Blessing of the graves – Fernwood Cemetery

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

Sept. 21<sup>st</sup> Save the date; Gregory E. Costa Golf Classic and Dinner

**Parishioner News:** We extend our thanks to Gus Cokos for supplying and installing new dimmer switches in the Church. You may have noticed the chandelier lights no longer flicker! Thanks very much Gus!

We also thank Traci Cosmo and her friend Keith Blackmore, for assembling and installing the new bookcases in the church hall and office. The bookcases are being used to hold books donated by Stephen Adams. Please feel free to peruse and borrow any of the books in the church hall.

**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!

**Buddy Walk and Race for the Cure:** Will take place next Sunday, May 11<sup>th</sup>, - Mother's Day. If you would like to make a donation or join the teams please see Susan or Vlad Melnik for the Buddy Walk; Donna Dimitri or Linda Biando for the Race for the Cure.

**Per Shume Vjet, Gezuar!** To our parishioners who celebrate Namedays in May: 5<sup>th</sup> Great Martyr Irene, 9<sup>th</sup> Martyr Christopher, May 12<sup>th</sup> St. Thomas the Apostle, May 21<sup>st</sup> Ss Constantine & Helen, May 30<sup>th</sup> Isaacius of Dalmatus.

**Remember to visit our website:** The website contains information about our faith, upcoming events and photos of past events. [www.stjohnsphila.org](http://www.stjohnsphila.org)

**Monthly Giving for May:** paper cups for coffee – no Styrofoam please. Thank you to our parishioners who donated wine for the altar in April.

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