

The Weekly Messenger – November 29, 2015
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Epistle: St. Paul's Letter to the Ephesians 5:8-19 Gospel: Luke 18:18-27

Sunday school: The students and teachers are working on the Christmas Pageant, which will be presented on Sunday, December 20th following the Divine Liturgy. Our Pageant Director, Sandi Fiss, is very excited about this year's presentation. Bring your family, bring your friends, bring your camera. We have the most precious angels and shepherds in the greater Philadelphia area! Join us!!!

Candy & Christmas Ornament Fundraising Event: Our Sunday school students are selling Gertrude Hawke candy. They will be going table to table during coffee hour to collect your orders. The Sunday school is also selling beautiful Christmas ornaments for \$10.00 each. Don't miss this opportunity to purchase a beautiful ornament for your Christmas display. Available at the bookcase in the church hall.

Annual Ladies Christmas Outing: Plans are under way to continue a longstanding tradition - Ladies at St. John Chrysostom Annual Christmas get together. This year we are planning to have lunch at La Fontana Della Citta, 1701 Spruce St., and then attend the Philly Pops Christmas Spectacular at the Kimmel Center. The date is Saturday, December 5th, 2015. The cost for lunch and the show is \$65.00 per person. Please contact Nilda Salavachi trustee.nilda@stjohnsphila.org or email info@stjohnsphila.org if you are interested in joining us.

Help the Homeless and those less fortunate than us: donate toothbrushes, hand sanitizers, travel size, sample size, and hotel toiletries for the homeless in our area. A collections box is located in the side vestibule. We are asking for your help today as we will be passing a donation basket, with all of the proceeds going to purchase travel size items for the homeless.

Readers: Nov 29th Michele D., Dec 6th Adam C., Dec 13th Chris M. Dec 20th Reader Mark, Dec 27th Michele D., Jan., 3rd Adam C., Jan 10th Chris M., Jan 17th Reader Mark

Commemorations for the Living: Archbishop Nikon, Pope Francis, Betty Subashi, Barbara Blum, Betty Ledford, Haretina (Papa) Milo, Irene Anne Gedremenc, Susan, Philip Kosta, Margarita, Tranette Ledford, Peter Melnik, Peter Mallios, Elaine Quirias, George Robos, Clive & Dhimitri Miller, Rosemary Notskas, Kim Burdumy, Andigoni Steffa, Mary Croke, Leslie Shocka, Dhimiter Ndrecka, Pandeli, Jorgaq, Lefteri, and all of the men and women serving in Armed Forces.

Commemorations for the Departed: Katherine Kane, Father Deacon Stephen Stefani and those servicemen and women who have fallen asleep in the Lord in the service of their Country.

Upcoming Events:

November 29th 1 year Memorial Katherine Kane
Wed., Dec 2, 2015 Stewardship Meeting 7:00 pm
Tue. Dec 8th Parish Council Meeting 7:00 pm. All welcome to attend
Sat. Dec 12th, 10:00 am Decorate the church for the Nativity
Dec 20th Chrismation of Bella, Thomas and Olivia Lorimer,
3 year Memorial for Peter Kosta,
Sunday school Christmas Pageant
followed by a visit from Santa & Mrs. Claus (a very busy day)

Coffee Hour Sponsors: Thank you, Thank you, and Thank you!!!

Nov 29th Kane Family in memory of Katherine
Dec 6th Salavaci Family in honor of Niko's Nameday
Dec 13th Chuck Burdumy
Dec. 20th Kosta Family in Memory of Peter
Dec 27th Sara Dimitri in Memory of Nick
Jan. 10th Epiphany and part 1 of the Icon Auction
Jan 17th Part 2 of the Icon Auction

Thank you to Michele Lorimer and her family for donating three turkeys and baskets with all the fixin's for those in need. Father Brooks took the baskets to the Kensington section of Philadelphia and they were given to families who would have gone without this Thanksgiving. Well done Michele!

Have you visited our website: <http://www.stjohnsphila.org/> new information and photos. Take a look!!

Monthly giving for November Single Ply Toilet Paper