

**The Weekly Messenger –April 14, 2013**  
**St. John Chrysostom Albanian Orthodox Church**  
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**Gospel – Mark 9:17:31 Epistle – Hebrews 6:13-20**

*If you would like to have someone remembered in prayer or in need of a priest please contact Donna Dimitri, Parish Council Chair, [chairperson@stjohnsphila.org](mailto:chairperson@stjohnsphila.org) or 609-685-1651.*

**Commemorations for the Living:** Metropolitan Tikhon, Archbishop Nikon, Father Stephen Siniari, Cranford, Kristin Snow, Madeline Couris-Guarinello, Jennie Sapnas, Dhimitri Ndrecka, Mary Legidakas, Francesca Giansante, Pandeli Spiro, Rosemary Notskas, Peter Mallios, Katherine Zoidis, Marcena Moore, Flossie Vissar, Kathleen, Pandeli, Jorgaq, Lefteri, and all the servicemen especially, Matthew Sherwood (Army-Afghanistan), Steven Cosmo (Marines-Romania), Dylan Colclough (Marines-Okinawa).

**Commemorations for the Departed:** Virsida Zoto, Nick Naum, Anastas Mara, Father Deacon Stephen Stefani and those servicemen who have fallen asleep in the Lord in the service of their Country. **Vrisidha Zoto:** fell asleep in the Lord Tuesday, April 9, 2013 . Vrisidha and her husband +Minella were longtime, faithful parishioners at St. John Chrysostom. Vrisidha was the Mother of +Dorothy, Tommy, Louie, Juliana and Jeanette.

**Pastoral Coverage:** April 14 & 21, Father Mark Kozak,  
April 27, April 28, Holy Week & Pascha (May 5<sup>th</sup>) Father Brooks Ledford  
May 12, 19, 26 Father Joe Toroney

**Coffee Hour Sponsors:** April 14<sup>th</sup> Jani & Adriana Mara in memory of Anastas  
April 21<sup>st</sup> Dorothy Tomassini & Jim Spiro  
April 28<sup>th</sup> Adams Family, Charlie Adams Pancake Breakfast  
May 5<sup>th</sup> Parish Council will sponsor refreshments after the 11:00 pm Paschal Liturgy  
May 12<sup>th</sup> Family & Friends of Ed & Cathy Anderson in their memory

Open coffee hour dates: May 26, June 2, 16, and 23<sup>rd</sup>. Please sign up!

**Important Dates:** April 14<sup>th</sup> St. John of Ladder, 1 year Memorial for Anastas Mara  
April 21<sup>st</sup> St. Mary of Egypt, One Year Memorial Vada Burdumy  
**Saturday** April 27<sup>th</sup> Sunday school Lazarus Retreat  
April 28<sup>th</sup> Palm Sunday, Charlie Adams Pancake Breakfast  
Wednesday May 1<sup>st</sup> Holy Unction 7:00 pm followed by a meeting with Father Brooks

Thursday May 2<sup>nd</sup> Holy Passion 7:00 pm  
Friday May 3<sup>rd</sup> 3:00 pm Vespers 7:00pm Lamentations  
Saturday May 4<sup>th</sup> 10 am Liturgy of St Basil Holy Pascha 11:00 pm Liturgy  
Sunday May 5<sup>th</sup> Agape Vespers 1 pm Gospel read in different languages  
May 12<sup>th</sup> 40 Day Memorial Nick Naum, 3 year Memorial Cathy & Ed Anderson

**Saint John Climacus**, also known as **John of the Ladder**. On March 30 and on the Fourth Sunday of Holy Lent the Orthodox Church commemorates our Righteous Father John Climacus of Sinai. He is called Climacus due to his authorship of the great spiritual work The Ladder of Divine Ascent. There are thirty Steps of the ladder, which correspond to the age of Jesus at his baptism and the beginning of his earthly ministry. His commemoration is designated by the Church on one of the Sundays of Lent as his life and writings affirm him as a supreme bearer and proponent of Christian asceticism. The ascetic example of this great Saint of the Church inspires us in our Lenten journey. Read more at ([http://lent.goarch.org/saint\\_john\\_climacus/learn/](http://lent.goarch.org/saint_john_climacus/learn/))

**Very Important Sunday School News:** Our Sunday school director and teachers are preparing for the Lazarus Saturday retreat, April 27, 2013, 10:00 am – 3:00 pm. We need to know how many children plan to attend so we can purchase the appropriate number of crafts and have enough supplies to make Meshe! We also need adults to help. Please contact Sunday School director, Steve Coraluzzi at [sundayschooldirector@stjohnsphila.org](mailto:sundayschooldirector@stjohnsphila.org) and let him know you will be attending.

**Red Egg Alert:** We are requesting our parishioners bring in 6 red eggs to church for Pascha. The eggs will be collected at the candle stand. Red egg dye is also available at the candle stand (\$2.00 per packet); see Steve Ghicondey or George Touros.

**Pledge & Financial News:** We have received 80 Pledges totaling \$38,105.00. Our goal is 140 pledges. The names of those who have made pledges to date will be on a poster in the side foyer of the church. If you have made a pledge and your name is not on the list please advise a member of council. If you haven't turned in your pledge card please do now. You do not have to send in a check at this time. We do request you fulfill your pledge by December 2013. Questions contact Michele Anderson or [treasurer@stjohnsphila.org](mailto:treasurer@stjohnsphila.org).

**Per Shume Vjet Gezuar!** April 13<sup>th</sup> St Martin the Confessor, Pope of Rome, April 23<sup>rd</sup> Great Martyr George, April 25<sup>th</sup> Apostle and Evangelist Mark, April 27<sup>th</sup> St. Lazarus, April 28<sup>th</sup> Palm Sunday (Qiriako)

**April Giving:** Altar Wine Manischewitz Concord Grape

**Thank you** Father Mark for serving at St. John today!