

The Weekly Messenger –April 21, 2013
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Epistle - Hebrews 9: 11-14 Gospel – Mark 10: 32-45

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 or 609-685-1651.

Commemorations for the Living: Metropolitan Tikhon, Archbishop Nikon, Father Stephen Siniari, The 178 victims in the Boston bombing, Cranford, Kristin Snow, Madeline Couris-Guarinello, Jennie Sapnas, Dhimiter Ndrecka, Mary Legidakes, 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-South Korea).

Commemorations for the Departed: Martin Richard, Krystle Campbell, Lu Lingzi (victims in the Boston bombing), Vrisidha Zoto, Nick Naum, Father Deacon Stephen Stefani and those servicemen who have fallen asleep in the Lord in the service of their Country.

Pastoral Coverage: April 21, Father Mark Kozak
April 27, April 28, Holy Week & Pascha (May 5th) Father Brooks Ledford
May 12, 19 Father Joe Toroney

Parishioner Update: We were very happy to see Dhimiter Ndrecka and his family in church last Sunday. We continue to pray for Dhimiter's complete recovery from the stroke he suffered. God bless Dhimiter and his family.

Coffee Hour Sponsors: April 21st Thank you - Dorothy Tomassini & Jim Spiro
April 28th Adams Family, Charlie Adams Pancake Breakfast
May 5th Parish Council will sponsor refreshments after the 11:00 pm Paschal Liturgy
May 12th Family & Friends of Ed & Cathy Anderson in their memory
May 19th Ghicondes/Ghicondey Families in memory of Spiro

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

Important Dates: April 14th St. John of Ladder, 1 year Memorial for Anastas Mara
April 21st St. Mary of Egypt, One Year Memorial Vada Burdumy
Saturday April 27th Sunday school Lazarus Retreat

April 28th Palm Sunday, Charlie Adams Pancake Breakfast
Wednesday May 1st Holy Unction 7:00 pm followed by a meeting with Father Brooks
Thursday May 2nd Holy Passion 7:00 pm
Friday May 3rd 3:00 pm Vespers 7:00pm Lamentations
Saturday May 4th 10 am Liturgy of St Basil Holy Pascha 11:00 pm Liturgy
Sunday May 5th Agape Vespers 1 pm Gospel read in different languages
May 12th 40 Day Memorial Nick Naum, 3 year Memorial Cathy & Ed Anderson
May 19th 1 year Memorial Spiro Ghicondes

Saint Mary of Egypt: Our venerable mother Mary of Egypt was a desert ascetic who repented of a life of prostitution. She lived during the sixth century, and passed away in a remarkable manner in 522. The Church celebrates her feast day on the day of her repose, April 1; additionally, she is commemorated on the Sunday of St. Mary of Egypt, the fifth Sunday in Great Lent. (http://orthodoxwiki.org/Mary_of_Egypt)

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 have had 2 families contact Steve to let them know they are planning to attend. We are pretty sure more families will attend this retreat.

Please send an e mail sundayschooldirector@stjaohnsphila.org or give a call 856-562-9672.

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 Ghicondes or George Touros.

Friday, May 3, 2013 10:00 am: Helpers needed to decorate the Epitaphios. Please let Diane Lescas know if you are able to be there. Many hands make light work! You may also email chairperson@stjohnsphila.org if you are able to help.

Pascha Donation Letters were mailed this week. Additional letters are at the candle stand and posted online www.stjohnsphila.org

Race for the Cure: Sunday, May 12, 2013. See Donna Dimitri or Linda Biando

Buddy Walk: Sunday, May 19, 2013 See Susan or Vlad Melnik

Parish Council Meeting: Wednesday, May 7, 2013 7:00 pm

April Giving: Altar Wine Manischewitz Concord Grape

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