

The Weekly Messenger – August 9, 2015
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Epistle: St. Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians 4:9-16 Gospel: Matthew 17:14-33

We will celebrate the Feast Dormition of the Holy Theotokos on Saturday, August 15, 2015 at 10:00 am.

Dormition of the Holy Theotokos: According to an ancient tradition, when Mary the Theotokos fell asleep in the Lord, the apostles came together “from the ends of the earth” to be with her. The Dormition icon and the hymns of the feast reflect this, showing a picture of apostolic brotherly unity around her. As we know from the gospels, Acts, the letters of Saint Paul, and the others, it wasn't always like that. Before and after Jesus' death and resurrection the apostles were often at loggerheads or competitive, jockeying for the closest positions to their Master (see Luke 22:24-27). In the early days of the mission, Paul and Peter openly disagreed (see Galatians 2:11-21), so did Paul and Barnabas (see Acts 15:36-41). Church life generally in the first century was often contentious. Just read 1-2 Corinthians if you have doubts about that.

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Reader Schedule: August 9th Adam Coraluzzi, August 16th Reader Mark, August 23rd Chris Manosis, August 30th Michele Dardaris, September 6th Adam Coraluzzi

Commemorations for the Living: Archbishop Nikon, Deacon Michael Sochka, Joy, Jorgjia Kashari, Margarita, Tranette Ledford, Peter Melnik, Peter Mallios, Elaine Quirias, George Robos, Sophie, Clive & Dhimitri Miller, Rosemary Notskas, Kim Burdumy, Leslie Sochka, Andigoni Steffa, Mary Croke, Dhimiter Ndrecka, Pandeli, Jorgaq, Lefteri, and all of the men and women serving in Armed Forces.

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

Monthly giving for August: Sunday school snacks, juice boxes, small bottles of water.

Parish Fundraiser: Tickets are available for *The Gregory E. Costa Golf Classic*, which will be held Sunday, September 13, 2015 at Paxon Hollow Country Club. Cocktail hour (cash bar) begins at 5:00 pm, buffet dinner at 6:00 pm. Tickets for golf and dinner are \$125.00; dinner only - \$40.00 for adults and \$20.00 for children. For more information or if you plan to attend please contact info@stjohnsphila.org

Upcoming Events:

Saturday August 15th Feast of the Dormition of the Theotokos @ 10:00 am
Week of August 17th - Fantasy Football Draft
Wednesday, August 19th - Charity & Benevolence meeting 7:00 pm
Wednesday, September 9th - Outreach Committee meeting 7:30 pm
September 13th - Elevation of the Cross / *Gregory E. Costa Golf Classic & Dinner*
Wednesday, September 16th - Stewardship meeting, 7:00 pm
September 20th - Memorial Nancy Gregory - 6 month following the Divine Liturgy
September 24 – 26th Archdiocesan Assembly – Worcester MA.
September 27th NO LITURGY AT ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM
November 15th Parish Nameday Celebration – Archbishop Nikon will celebrate Liturgy

Coffee Hour Sponsors: We have sponsors for coffee hour for the remainder of 2015-**except the following dates:** August 30th, Sept. 6th, Oct 18th, Nov 1st, Dec 20th
Please sign up to sponsor coffee hour one of the open dates.

August 9th Qendro Family
August 16th Rubis Family in memory of Margarita (2 years)
August 23rd Nilda & Spartak
August 30th
September 6th
September 13th Sunday school Hot Dog Sale

Parishioner News: *If you have news about a parishioner you would like to share please email info@stjohnsphila.org*

Meshe: We are in need of Meshe to be used for Holy Communion as well as distributed following the Divine Liturgy. If you or someone you know makes Meshe, please donate a loaf or two. Include a list with the departed and living and Father Brooks will include them in the Proskomide.

Financial Update: We have received 96 pledges totaling \$52,435.00. The total of the contributions received is currently \$73,929.88. Our expenses to date are \$102,905.92. The expense total includes approx. \$15,000.00 for renovations. Questions contact info@stjohnsphila.org or a member of Parish Council.