

The Weekly Messenger –February 9, 2014
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Epistle St. Paul's Letter to Timothy 3:10-15 Gospel Luke 18:10-14

Message from Father Brooks: Dear Parishioners & Friends,

This is the Sunday of the Publican and the Pharisee, the second Sunday of our journey to Great Lent. It is a time to remember that it is not the letter of the law, but the spirit of the law that matters to God. Here at St. John's, I know we realize that. You all are loved unconditionally by God. Our job, now and in Great Lent, is to exercise the spirit of the message of Jesus Christ, and not get lost in those things that don't really matter. Peace to all. Fr. Brooks

Commemorations for the Living: Archbishop Nikon, Father Ken James Stavrevsky, Proto Deacon Michael Sochka, Hugh Ledford, Roxane Ghicondey, Larry Kosta, Megan Leyden McHugh, Loralyn (Biando) White, Leslie Sochka, Dolly Spiro, Daniel Coraluzzi, Andigoni Steffa, John and Mary Croke, Paula Kosta, Candace Pepenelli, Mac, Kristin Snow, Dhimiter Ndrecka, Francesca Giansante, Peter Mallios, Flossie Vissar, Pandeli, Jorgaq, Lefteri, and all the servicemen especially, Matthew Sherwood (Army-Afghanistan), Calvin Colclough (Marines-Spain)

Commemorations for the Departed: Liljana Velcani, Father Deacon Stephen Stefani and those servicemen who have fallen asleep in the Lord in the service of their Country. *If you would like to have someone remembered in prayer or you are in need of a Priest please contact Father Brooks Ledford. He may be reached at 210-461-1956 or you may email fr.brooks@stjohnsphila.org*

Coffee Hour Sponsors: Thank you very much!

Feb 9th Arjan & Albana Qendro in memory of Albana's Mother, Liljana Velcani
Feb 16th Alfred Coni & Margarita Sevi (in honor of Alfred's Nameday)
Feb 23rd Biando Family
March 2nd Cheesefare Sunday Luncheon
March 9th Spiro & Marjana Kosta
March 16th Coraluzzi Family

Please take a look at the coffee hour sign-up sheet and pick a date!

February Monthly Giving: Paper Napkins

It is approaching fast: The Women's Day Celebration and Dance, Saturday, March 8, 2014, 7:00 – 11:00 pm in the Church Hall. Tickets are \$40.00 for adults and \$10.00 for children under 12. A buffet dinner and continuous dancing are included! Please contact Fiori Papa or Nilda Brahillari for tickets or with any questions. You may also email <mailto:info@stjohnsphila.org> for more information.

Important Dates:

February 9th 2 year Memorial for Liljana Velcani

Thursday Feb 13th Archdiocesan Teleconference 7:00 pm

February 23rd Meatfare Sunday. Sunday school ice skating outing

March 2nd Forgiveness/Cheesefare Sunday – Luncheon during coffee hour

March 3rd, Great Lent Begins

Wed March 5th Pre-sanctified Liturgy 6:30 pm Lenten Dinner and Discussion follow

Saturday, March 8th Women's Day Dance 7p-11p in the Church Hall

March 9th Spring Forward – Set clocks ahead 1 hour

Wed March 12th Pre-sanctified Liturgy 6:30 pm Lenten Dinner and Discussion follow

March 16th 95th anniversary of the consecration of Theophan Noli into the episcopacy

March 23rd Veneration of the Cross

Monday March 24th Vesperal Liturgy 6:30 pm, fast before Liturgy - Pot Luck Dinner following for the Annunciation Feast (no fast on March 25th)

Wed March 26th Pre-sanctified Liturgy 6:30 pm Lenten Dinner and Discussion follow
March 30th 1 year Memorial Nick Naum

IOCC & OCMC: Our parish recently donated \$500.00 (each) to the missionaries serving in Albania: Anastasia Barksdale, The Bendo Family, The Hoppe Family, The Macdonald Family and The Risti Family. We donated \$150.00 (each) to the families preparing to serve as missionaries in Albania. We also donated \$500.00 to the IOCC Kosovo relief fund. Thank you for your donations throughout the year.

Great Lent begins in 4 weeks. We will have Pre-sanctified Liturgy on Wednesday nights beginning March 5th. Lenten (Pot Luck) dinner and discussion will be held in the church hall following the Pre-sanctified Liturgy.

Parishioner News: Roxane Ghicondey recently had surgery on her foot. She is recovering at home. Andi Steffa will be 90 years old on Feb. 24th. She has suffered a series of medical setbacks over the past few months. Her family is hoping to celebrate her 90th birthday by having her receive 90 birthday cards. Andi's address is 15108 Anns Choice Way, Warminster, PA 18974. If you have a chance please send her a card.

Sunday School News: In 2 weeks, on Feb 23 from 1:00 to 3:30 we will be ice skating at the U of P Class of 23 Rink. The cost for skating ticket, skate rental & food will be \$3.00 per adult, children will be no charge.

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