

**The Weekly Messenger –January 19, 2014**  
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*Epistle – St. Paul's Letter to the Colossians 3:4-11    Gospel – Luke 17:12-19*

**Message from Father Brooks:** Hello parishioners and friends. Great Lent is right around the corner, so it's not too early to be thinking about it. It's a time when we think about "metanoia", which is basically about changing some things in our lives; not unlike New Year's resolutions. So my prayers are with all of you, and may we make the changes that need to be made. Peace be to all.

**Icon Auction** Today January 19<sup>th</sup>, Icons 41 – 80 will be auctioned in the church hall during coffee hour. If you are unable to attend the Icon Auction we encourage you to make a donation in the name of your Patron Saint.

**Commemorations for the Living:** Metropolitan Tikhon, Archbishop Nikon, Father Ken James Stavrevsky, Proto Deacon Michael Sochka, Hugh Ledford, Megan Leyden McHugh, Loralyn Biando, Leslie Sochka, Dolly Spiro, Dino Cangelosi, Lisa Costa-Levitsky, 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:** Gregory Bendo, Della Angle, Angelo Douris, Sorin, Nelson Mandela, George Douris, Father Deacon Stephen Stefani and those servicemen who have fallen asleep in the Lord in the service of their Country.

*We announce the repose of Della (Michele) Angle, Trumbull, Ct. Della grew up in Philadelphia and attended St. John Chrysostom prior to marrying and moving to Trumbull. May her memory be eternal!*

**Our sincere thanks** to our parishioners and friends who made Christmas donations to our Parish. Also thanks those who donated poinsettias, helped with decorating the church and then un-decorating the church. The Nativity Celebration would not have been as wonderful without your assistance. Thank you very much!

**Book Club meeting 01/24/14** at 6:30 PM, "In the Spirit of Happiness" by The Monks of New Skete. If interested contact Linda Biando for details.

**January giving:** Paper Towels

**Coffee Hour Sponsors:** Thank you very much!  
Jan 19<sup>th</sup> Bendo Family in Memory of Gregory Bendo  
Jan 26<sup>th</sup> Sunday School hot dog sale  
Feb 2<sup>nd</sup> Soup-er Bowl Sunday  
Feb 9<sup>th</sup> open date  
Feb 16<sup>th</sup> open date

**Thank you to the family of Marcy Moore**, who following her Memorial Service, sang the Cherubic Hymn. It was beautiful to hear and a wonderful tribute to Miss Marcy.

**Sunday School News:** The Sunday school will hold a hot dog sale during coffee hour on Sunday, January 26, 2014. This is a fundraiser for the Sunday school which helps defer the cost of the Sunday school outings. Ice skating is scheduled for Feb 23 from 1:00 to 3:30 at the U of P Class of 23 rink. We will be inviting our parish and extending the offer to St Peter & Paul's to join us. The cost for skating ticket, skate rental & food will be \$3.00 per adult, children will be no charge. Sunday school director Steve Coraluzzi may be contacted at 610-459-0311, 856-562-9672, or e-mail [sundayschooldirector@stjohnsphila.org](mailto:sundayschooldirector@stjohnsphila.org)

**Website News:** We are pleased to announce Tish Klus has begun serving as associate webmaster. Tish has experience working with website construction and maintenance. We are thrilled to have her on our "Web Team". We are looking for suggestions from our parishioners and friends as to what information they would like to see on our website. Please send your thoughts to <mailto:tish@stjohnsphila.org> We encourage visiting our website and taking a look at the new photos that have been posted!

**Important Dates:**

January 19<sup>th</sup> 40 day Memorial – Gregory Bendo – Icon Auction Part 2  
January 26<sup>th</sup> Sunday school Hot Dog Sale during coffee hour  
February 2<sup>nd</sup> 3 year Memorial - Paula Dardaris  
February 23<sup>rd</sup> Meatfare Sunday. Sunday school ice skating outing  
March 2<sup>nd</sup> Forgiveness/Cheesefare Sunday – Luncheon during coffee hour  
March 3<sup>rd</sup>, Lent Begins  
Saturday, March 8<sup>th</sup> Women's Day Dance 7p-11p in the Church Hall  
March 30<sup>th</sup> 1 year Memorial Nick Naum

**Last Sunday was very special** as we celebrated the Great Feast of the Theophany of Our Lord by blessing water in commemoration of the Baptism of our Lord, Jesus Christ. The Sunday school students and parishioners were delighted to be sprinkled with Holy Water as Father Brooks walked around the church. Holy Water is available in containers and also in Fonts at the front of the church. If you have empty Holy Water containers you may bring them to church to be disposed of.