

The Weekly Messenger –January 26, 2014

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Epistle – St. Paul's First Letter to Timothy 4:9-15 Gospel – Luke 19:1-10

Message from Father Brooks: SuperBowl Sunday is next week. It's a time to enjoy the game. But it's also SOUPER BOWL Sunday at our parish. The proceeds go to Fr. Steven Siniari's ministry (He's the best priest I know). So make sure you get some good soup, and donate generously. I'm making leek, potato, and BACON soup! Peace to all.

Commemorations for the Living: Metropolitan Tikhon, Archbishop Nikon, Father Ken James Stavrevsky, Proto Deacon Michael Sochka, Larry Kosta, 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: Kaliopi Bitri, Sorin, George Douris, Father Deacon Stephen Stefani and those servicemen who have fallen asleep in the Lord in the service of their Country.

Coffee Hour Sponsors: Thank you very much!

Jan 26th Sunday School hot dog sale

Feb 2nd Soup-er Bowl Sunday

Feb 9th open date - looking for a sponsor

Feb 16th open date – looking for a sponsor

Feb 23rd Biando Family

Sunday School News: The Sunday school will hold a hot dog sale during coffee hour this 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. 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

Stewardship: Our 2014 Pledge Drive is now underway! As always, we truly appreciate your generosity. All pledge contributions are tax deductible and can be paid in installments. Since we receive no outside financial contributions, each pledge is vital to our parish. Please fill out your pledge card (on paper or through our website, www.stjohnsphila.org). Payments can be made by cash or check and by credit card via the website. Are you a fan of auto-payments? If yes, you can easily arrange this through your bank's online services (you will need the church's name, address and to type in "2014 pledge" in the account section). Again, Thanks for your consideration and generosity! ****Pledge cards are also available at the candle stand.****

Important Dates:

January 26th 40 day Memorial Kaliopi Betri

Sunday school Hot Dog Sale during coffee hour

February 2nd 3 year Memorial - Paula Dardaris – Zacchaeus Sunday

February 23rd Meatfare Sunday. Sunday school ice skating outing

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

Thursday, Feb 6th Archdiocesan Teleconference meeting 7:00 pm

March 3rd, Lent Begins

Wed March 5th Pre-sanctified Liturgy 6:30 pm Pot Luck 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 Pot Luck 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 Vespers Liturgy 6:30 pm, no fast Pot Luck following for the Annunciation Feast

Wed March 26th Pre-sanctified Liturgy 6:30 pm Pot Luck Dinner and Discussion follow

March 30th 1 year Memorial Nick Naum

Icon Auction: Thank you to all who participated in our annual Icon Auction Jan 12th & 19th. We are very happy to report we received bids totaling \$14,010.00. If you were unable to attend the auction you are still able make a donation in the name of your Patron Saint. All donations gratefully accepted. A very big thank you to our auctioneers, Peter Ghicondey and Phil Kosta, our Icon Displayers, Lillie Whitney and Juliana Melnik and our recorders, Michele Anderson, Linda Kosta and Dorothy Tomassini. Everyone, including the bidders did a great job!

January Monthly Giving: Paper Towels Thank you to those who brought paper towels in already!