

**The Weekly Messenger –January 5, 2014**  
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*Epistle – St. Paul's Second Letter to Timothy 4:5-8 Gospel – Mark 1:1-8*

**Jan 5, 2014:** Holy Theophany (Epiphany) blessing of water after the Divine Liturgy. We will have Holy Water in plastic bottles for all of our parishioners.

**Icon Auction** Today January 5<sup>th</sup> Icons 1 – 40 will be auctioned in the church hall during coffee hour. Please come out and support this very important fund raiser for our parish. If you are unable to attend the Icon Auction we encourage you to make a donation in the name of your Patron Saint. Visit our website to see how!  
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**Message from Father Brooks:** Epiphany celebrates the baptism of Jesus. It is actually the beginning of everything. At our celebration this Sunday, may we all recall what our own baptism means and use this year to fulfill our baptismal vows and make this year a truly blessed one! Happy New Year to all!

**Commemorations for the Living:** Metropolitan Tikhon, Archbishop Nikon, Father Ken James Stavrevsky, Proto Deacon Michael Sochka, Newly Illuminated Theodore, 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:** Nelson Mandela, George Douris, Gregory Bendo, Marcena Moore, Angelo Douris, 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 <mailto:fr.brooks@stjohnsphila.org>*

**Per Shume Vjet Gezuar! January Namedays** 1<sup>st</sup> St. Basil, 7<sup>th</sup> St John the Baptist, 11<sup>th</sup> St Theodosius, 14<sup>th</sup> St Nina, 17<sup>th</sup> St Anthony, 18<sup>th</sup> St Athanasius, 20<sup>th</sup> St Euthymius, 23<sup>rd</sup> St Dionysius of Korca, 25<sup>th</sup> St Gregory, Jan 30<sup>th</sup> Hierarchs (Basil, Gregory John Chrysostom)

**Coffee Hour Sponsors:** Thank you very much!

Jan 5, 2014 Greta & Faut Hyseneshi

Jan 12<sup>th</sup> Ann Gjoka & Linda Notskas in Memory of Joe Gjoka (25 years)

In Memory of George Notskas (25 years) and Kiki Notskas (15 years)

Jan 19<sup>th</sup> Bendo Family in Memory of Gregory Bendo

Jan 26<sup>th</sup> Sunday School hot dog sale

**Important Dates:**

January 5<sup>th</sup> Holy Epiphany and Icon Auction part 1

January 7<sup>th</sup> Parish Council meeting 7:00 pm

January 12<sup>th</sup> 40 day Memorial Marcy Moore - Icon Auction part 2

January 19<sup>th</sup> 40 day Memorial – Gregory Bend

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

**Sunday School News:** Sunday school classes will be held this week as the cleanup of the Sunday school has been completed. Please have your children report to their class following Communion. The Sunday school is planning an ice skating outing to the Class of 1923 Rink in February. Details to follow.

**Fantasy Football League:** St John's Parish Council would like to congratulate **Gregory Costa III**. Gregory is our first **St. John's Sportspersons Champion** for 2013! Parish Council wanted to also thank the "runner ups" and "others", who "week in and out" participated for the benefit of our Parish.

- **Gregory Costa III** - Division Win & Championship Win (1st)
- **Michele & Tom Lorimer** – Place (2<sup>nd</sup>)
- **John Biando** – Division Win & Show (3<sup>rd</sup>)
- **Betty Subashi**
- **Nancy Ghicondey**
- **Zac Dardaris** - Division Win
- **Diane Lescas**
- **Adam Coraluzzi** – Division Win
- **Mike Leyden & Family**
- **Michele Anderson**
- **Rich Detskas** (CBS Gameday Coach of the Year)
- **John Ghicondes**
- **Kevin Fiss & Jim Bendo**
- **Peter Ghicondey**
- **Nilda Salavachi-Brahollari**

With Parishioner interest, we hope to see perhaps more Coaches & Owners next year!

If there are any suggestions or comments, please do not hesitate to email:

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