

**The Weekly Messenger – July 19, 2015**

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*Epistle: St. Paul's Letter to Titus 3:8-15 Gospel: Matthew 5:14-19*

**Message from Father Brooks:** "The Lord said, ' You are the light of the world' ". He did not say you will BE the light of the world, but you ARE the light of the world. It happens now, not tomorrow. We all need to be a living example of the light that Christ shines. May we all be that light that shines for others so that they might see what we have. Peace be to all.

**Commemorations for the Living:** Archbishop Nikon, Deacon Michael Sochka, Joy, Newly Illuminated Landon Kemp, William Bortner, Newly Illuminated Ermalinda Kosova, Fioralba Papa, Jorgjia Kashari 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:** The four Marines in Tennessee, George Touros, Michael Shields (Fiancée to Diana Ryan, Nancy Ghicondey's sister), Vasilika Zui, Judy Valliere, Father Deacon Stephen Stefani and those servicemen and women who have fallen asleep in the Lord in the service of their Country.

**Upcoming Events:**

July 19<sup>th</sup> Memorial George Touros - 1 year following the Divine Liturgy

July 22<sup>nd</sup> Outreach Ministry Meeting 7:00 pm

July 29<sup>th</sup> Charity & Benevolence Ministry Meeting 7:00 pm

August 4<sup>th</sup> Parish Council Meeting @ 7:00 pm

**Wednesday, August 5<sup>th</sup>** Feast of the Transfiguration @ 7:00 pm

**Saturday August 15<sup>th</sup>** Feast of the Dormition of the Theotokos @ 10:00 am

August – date to be announced- Fantasy Football Draft

September 13<sup>th</sup> Elevation of the Cross / Gregory E. Costa Golf Classic

September 20<sup>th</sup> Memorial Nancy Gregory - 6 month following the Divine Liturgy

September 24 – 26<sup>th</sup> Archdiocesan Assembly – Worcester MA.

November 15<sup>th</sup> Parish Nameday Celebration – Archbishop Nikon will celebrate Liturgy

**July 20<sup>th</sup>,** The Holy Prophet Elias (Elijah) is one of the greatest of the prophets and the first dedicated to virginity in the Old Testament. He was born in Tishba of Gilead into the Levite tribe 900 years before the Incarnation of the Word of God. St Epiphanius of Cyprus gives the following account about the birth of the Prophet Elijah: "When Elijah was born, his father Sobach saw in a vision angels of God around him. They swaddled him with fire and fed him with flames." The name Elijah (the Lord's strength) given to the infant defined his whole life. From the years of his youth he dedicated himself to the One God, settled in the wilderness and spent his whole life in strict fasting, meditation and prayer. Called to prophetic service, which put him in conflict with the Israelite king Ahab, the prophet became a fiery zealot of true faith and piety. Read more: <http://oca.org/saints/lives/2014/07/20/102060-holy-glorious-prophet-elijah>

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

July 19<sup>th</sup> Fiori & Ilirjan Papa in honor of Ilirjan & Elias' Nameday

July 26<sup>th</sup> Jim & Roxane Ghicondey

August 2<sup>nd</sup> Erion & Elvira Gusho

August 9<sup>th</sup> Qendro Family

August 16<sup>th</sup> Rubis Family in memory of Margarita (2 years)

August 23<sup>rd</sup> Nilda & Spartak

August 30<sup>th</sup>

September 6<sup>th</sup>

September 13<sup>th</sup> Sunday school Hot Dog Sale

**Reader Schedule:** July 19<sup>th</sup> Michele Dardaris, July 26<sup>th</sup> Reader Mark, August 2<sup>nd</sup> Chris Manosis, August 9<sup>th</sup> Adam Coraluzzi, August 16<sup>th</sup> Reader Mark, August 23<sup>rd</sup> Chris Manosis, August 30<sup>th</sup> Michele Dardaris, September 6<sup>th</sup> Adam Coraluzzi,

**Financial Update:** As of June 30, 2015 we have received 92 pledges totaling \$49,130.00. Our total income is \$68,616.88 and our expenses are \$75,654.29. We currently have a deficit of \$7,037.41.

**Newsletter:** We will be publishing a Newsletter in September. If you have any suggestions for articles or information you would like to see in the Newsletter please email [info@stjohnsphila.org](mailto:info@stjohnsphila.org)

**Monthly Giving:** Napkins & Paper towels.