

**The Weekly Messenger – July 26, 2015**  
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*Epistle: St. Paul's Letter the Galatians 3;23-29; 4:1-5 Gospel: Matthew 14:14-22*

**Message from Father Brooks:** The Gospel reading today recalls the "the Feeding of the 5000". It is the only miracle recorded in all four Gospel accounts. One of the poignant messages in this story has to do with the cooperation between Jesus and the disciples. Often, when we have problems or difficulties, we do not turn to God and the way He helps through others. We try everything on our own. May we trust God to use the people and situation around us to allow a miracle to occur. Peace to all.

***If you have someone*** you would like remembers in prayers please send an email to [info@stjohnsphila.org](mailto:info@stjohnsphila.org) or contact Father Brooks, 210-461-1956.

**Commemorations for the Living:** Archbishop Nikon, Deacon Michael Sochka, Joy, Newly Illuminated Landon Klemp, William Bortner, 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:** Marika Papinghi, Elton Ceca, Michael Shields, Father Deacon Stephen Stefani and those servicemen and women who have fallen asleep in the Lord in the service of their Country.

**Upcoming Events:**

August 2<sup>nd</sup> Memorial Eleanor Zoidis – 1 year

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

**Parishioner News:** Welcome home to Jamie Ledford! Jamie and Scout arrived in Philadelphia last Friday. Scout is here for a few weeks before heading off to college. Jamie and Father Brooks will be here for many years! Please keep Jorgjia Kashari in your prayers. She is at her son's house as she continues her recovery from a series of medical issues.

**Hierarchs, clergy and faithful** from across the US, Canada and Mexico met in Atlanta GA July 20<sup>th</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> for The 18<sup>th</sup> *All-American Council, "How to Expand the Mission"*. His Beatitude, Metropolitan Tikhon arrived on Saturday, July 18, at the Atlanta Hilton where he was given a warm welcome by members of the Holy Synod of Bishops, AAC and FOCA convention participants, members of the AAC local planning committee and faithful representing area parishes. <http://oca.org/news/headline-news>

**The Address of His Beatitude, Metropolitan Tikhon**—His Beatitude challenges the assembly to join him “in this ascetical journey to discern and develop our apostolic calling here in North America, through prayer, repentance, and common work for the glory of God.

His Eminence, Archbishop Nikon of Boston and the Albanian Archdiocese, introduced the video presentation on these diocese which highlighted various ministries and outreach activities. <http://oca.org/media/video/18th-aac-albanian-archdiocese>

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

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

**The Feast of the Transfiguration of Our Lord, God and Savior Jesus Christ**

is celebrated each year on August 6. The feast commemorates the transfiguration or metamorphosis of Christ on Mount Tabor, when our Lord appeared in His divine glory before the Apostles Peter, James, and John. We will celebrate a Vespers Liturgy on Wednesday evening, **August 5<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00 pm.**

**Reader Schedule:** 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,