

The Weekly Messenger – June 28, 2015
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Epistle: St. Paul's Letter to the Romans 6:18-23 Gospel: Matthew 8:5-13

St. Peter & Paul Nameday Celebration: Divine Liturgy at 10:00 am followed by a luncheon in the church hall.

The Icon of the Holy Apostles Peter and Paul The Orthodox Church has a beautiful presentation of the importance and prominence of the Apostles Peter and Paul with the icon that shows both Apostles standing together holding an image of the Church. Both Apostles, being chosen by our Lord, were instrumental in the establishment and growth of the early Church through their boldness, spiritual strength, and wisdom. Thus they are recognized as "pillars" of the Church, having offered all even unto death for the sake of the Gospel of Christ. In the icon, the Apostle Paul, the great missionary of the early Church, is holding a Gospel book, while the Apostle Peter offers a blessing with his right hand. At the top of the icon is a semicircle, representing the divine realm. Rays extend in the semicircle representing the blessings and presence of God upon His two chosen heralds of the True Faith.

http://www.goarch.org/special/listen_learn_share/holyapostles

Commemorations for the Living: Archbishop Nikon, Father Stephen Siniari, Father Ken James Stavrevsky, Deacon Michael Sochka, Landon Kemp, William Bortner, Ermalinda Kosova, Fioralba Papa, Jorgjia Kashari, Tranette Ledford, Jennie Sappas, Peter Melnik, Semele Halkedis, 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 shooting victims at the South Carolina Church, 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.

Monthly Giving: Napkins & Paper towels

Message from Father Brooks: Today's Gospel reading is the focal point of three healings that Matthew records. The first is the healing of the leper. The second - the one we read about - is the healing of the centurion's servant. The third is Peter's mother-in-law. All, according to the Jewish law, were outsiders: the leper, a Gentile, and a female. Once again, the Gospel informs us that we are always to take care of "the other". As Christians, we are to follow the example of Christ, reaching out to anyone - whomever they may be - with our help. Peace to all.

Upcoming Events:

June 28th, SS Peter & Paul Nameday Celebration, St. John Chrysostom will be open and celebrate the Divine Liturgy at 10:00 am.
July 7th Parish Council Meeting 7:00 pm
July 15th Stewardship Meeting 7:00 pm
September 13th Gregory E. Costa Golf Classic
September 24 – 26th Archdiocesan Assembly – Worcester MA.
November 15th Parish Nameday Celebration – Archbishop Nikon will celebrate Liturgy

Parishioner News:

Congratulations and many years to Landon Kemp, nephew of William Bortner. Landon was baptized yesterday. Welcome to the Orthodox faith Landon! Congratulations to Godfather Bill!

Kostandin Pajacini, Oanh Pham, Savina and Silvia have moved to Chicago. Kostandin has a new job in the windy city. We enjoyed having them as a part of our church family and hope they visit if they come to Philadelphia. Congratulations, Best Wishes and Many Years!

Congratulations to Dean Dickos, who recently received a promotion to Vice-Principal, in charge of operations, at the Mastery Charter's Thomas high school in Philadelphia. Dean has been a teacher for seven years. Way to go Dean, we're all proud of you!

Coffee Hour Sponsors: Thank you very much!

June 28th William Bortner in honor of his nephew, Landon Kemp's baptism
July 5th Name Day Grabocka Family
July 12th Andrew & Sophia Kozlov
July 19th Fiori & Ilirjan Papa in honor of Ilirjan & Elias' Nameday
July 26th Open Date - no sponsor

Reader Schedule: 28 June - Adam Coraluzzi, July 5th Reader Mark, July 12th Chris Manosis, July 19th Michele Coraluzzi, July 26th Adam Coraluzzi