

**The Weekly Messenger – June 7, 2015**  
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*Epistle: St. Paul's Letter to the Hebrews 11:33-40; 12:1-2*  
*Gospel: Matthew 10:32-33; 37-38; 19:27-30*

**The first Sunday after the Feast of Holy Pentecost** is observed by the Orthodox Church as the Sunday of All Saints. This day has been designated as a commemoration of all of the Saints, all the Righteous, the Prophets, Apostles, Martyrs, Confessors, Shepherds, Teachers, and Holy Monastics, both men and women alike, known and unknown, who have been added to the choirs of the Saints and shall be added, from the time of Adam until the end of the world, who have been perfected in piety and have glorified God by their holy lives.

[http://www.goarch.org/special/listen\\_learn\\_share/allsaints/index.html](http://www.goarch.org/special/listen_learn_share/allsaints/index.html)

**Commemorations for the Living:** Archbishop Nikon, Father Stephen Siniari, Father Ken James Stavrevsky, Deacon Michael Sochka, Ermalinda Kosova, Fioralba Papa, Marion Merkle, Jorgjia Kashari, Sandi Fiss, Tranette Ledford, Jennie Sapnas, Peter Melnik, Semele Halkedis, Peter Mallios, Elaine Quirias, George Robos, Wayne Merkle, 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:** Polizo Gjika, Judy Valliere, Father Deacon Stephen Stefani and those servicemen and women who have fallen asleep in the Lord in the service of their Country.

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

June 7<sup>th</sup> Elvira and Kozma Gjika and Juliet Samarxhi – in memory of Polizo Gjika  
June 14<sup>th</sup> Sunday School – Pizza for the Sunday School graduation celebration

**June 21<sup>st</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> Open Dates – No sponsors** consider joining with a family member or friend to sponsor coffee hour on one of these dates.

July 5<sup>th</sup> Name Day Grabocka Family

July 12<sup>th</sup> Andrew & Sophia Kozlov

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

**Monthly Giving:** Napkins & Paper towels

**Message from Father Brooks:** In today's Gospel reading we are reminded of the directness and the power with which Jesus teaches. If his followers (and we, by extension) love their father, mother, sister, brother, anything more than God, they are not worthy to follow Jesus. Luke actually uses the word "hate" to stress the point that God must be number one above all else. It is a difficult message but one that we must follow if we are to be true Christians. May we all continue to support each other as we strive toward this goal of putting God first in our lives. Peace to all.

**Father Brooks** will in Texas June 8 – 20, 2015. He will be attending his daughter's high school graduation and finalizing his family's move to Philadelphia. While Father Brooks is away from June 8 – June 13, Father Gregory DuDash (484-213-4415), will be available for pastoral necessities. From June 9 – 20, if you are in need of a priest contact Father Brooks (210-461-1956), and he will make arrangements for a priest to contact you.

**Upcoming Events:**

June 7<sup>th</sup> 6 month Memorial Polizo Gjika

June 14<sup>th</sup> Sunday school graduation

June 21<sup>st</sup> Father's Day

June 28<sup>th</sup>, SS Peter & Paul Nameday Celebration, St. John Chrysostom will be open and celebrate the Divine Liturgy at 10:00 am.

July 7<sup>th</sup> Parish Council Meeting 7:00 pm

July 15<sup>th</sup> Stewardship Meeting 7:00 pm

September 13<sup>th</sup> Gregory E. Costa Golf Classic

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:** Jorgjia Kashari was released from the hospital and is home recovering. Through all of her trials and tribulations Jorgjia is still smiling! Please keep Jorgjia and her family in your prayers.

Congratulations to Ermalinda Kosova, who was baptized yesterday. Her Godmother is Fioralba Papa, Ermalinda is married to George Kosova. Many years to all!

On June 27<sup>th</sup>, Landon Kemp, nephew of William Bortner, will be baptized.

*If you have information you would like to share with our parishioners please email [info@stjohnsphila.org](mailto:info@stjohnsphila.org)*

**Reader Schedule:** 7 June - Mark Klus, 14 June - Zach Dardaris, 21 June - Michelle Dardaris, 28 June - Adam Coraluzzi

**Per Shume Vjet, Gezuar!** To our parishioners who celebrate their Namedays in June: June 1 Martyr Justin the Philosopher, June 27 St. Joanna Myrrhbearer, June 29 Ss Peter & Paul, June 30 All Saints