

The Weekly Messenger –March 31, 2013
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Gospel - Mark 2:1-12 Epistle – Hebrews 1:10-2:3

If you would like to have someone remembered in prayer or in need of a priest please contact Donna Dimitri, Parish Council Chair, chairperson@stjohnsphila.org or 609-685-1651.

Commemorations for the Living: Metropolitan Tikhon, Archbishop Nikon, Father Stephen Siniari, Cranford, Kristin Snow, Madeline Couris-Guarinello, Jennie Sappas, Dhimitri Ndrecka, Mary Legidakes, Francesca Giansante, Pandeli Spiro, Rosemary Notskas, Peter Mallios, Katherine Zoidis, Marcena Moore, Nick Naum, Flossie Vissar, Kathleen, Pandeli, Jorgaq, Lefteri, and all the servicemen especially, Steven Cosmo (Marines-Romania), Dylan Colclough (Marines-Okinawa).

Commemorations for the Departed: Father Deacon Stephen Stefani and those servicemen who have fallen asleep in the Lord in the service of their Country.

Pastoral Coverage:

Father Joe Toroney will serve March 31 & April 7th (Father Joe will return in May)
April 14 & 21, Father Mark Koczak,
April 27, April 28, Holy Week & Pascha (May 5th) Father Brooks Ledford

Coffee Hour Sponsors: March 31th Betty Subashi in memory of Andy. Thank- you!

April 7th Jani Mara & family in memory of Anastas Mara
April 14th Mike & Carolyn Dardaris
April 21st Dorothy Tomassini & Jim Spiro
April 28th Adams Family, Charlie Adams Pancake Breakfast
May 5th Parish Council will sponsor refreshments after the 11:00 pm Paschal Liturgy

Important Dates: March 31st Saint Gregory Palamas

April 7th Veneration of the Cross
April 14th St. John of Ladder
April 21st St. Mary of Egypt, One Year Memorial Vada Burdumy

Saturday April 27th Sunday school Lazarus Retreat

April 28th Palm Sunday, Charlie Adams Pancake Breakfast
May 4th Holy Pascha 11:00 pm Liturgy

*****Other important dates posted on our website or available at the candle stand*****

Saint Gregory Palamas: Our father among the saints Gregory Palamas (1296-1359), Archbishop of Thessalonica, was a monk of Mount Athos in Greece (at Vatopedi Monastery and Esphigmenou Monastery), and later became Archbishop of Thessalonica. He was a preeminent theologian and a proponent of hesychastic theology. His feast days in the Church are November 14 and the second Sunday of Great Lent as the Sunday of St. Gregory Palamas. *Saint Gregory Palamas* Retrieved from http://orthodoxwiki.org/Gregory_Palamas

Pledge Update: Thank you to all of our parishioners who sent in their pledge card. If you have your pledge card sitting on your desk, or in a safe place please fill it out and send it to us! To date we have received 73 pledges totaling \$35,130.00. If you cannot find your pledge card they are available at the candle stand and online www.stjohnsphila.org. We are counting on you!

Sunday School News: Our Sunday school director and teachers are preparing for the Lazarus Saturday retreat, April 27, 2013, 10:00 am – 3:00 pm. Please mark your calendar and plan to bring your children for an afternoon of learning and fun! We encourage parents to stay and enjoy the day with us. If you are interested in helping please contact Sunday School director, Steve Coraluzzi at sundayschooldirector@stjohnsphila.org

Reminder: Our Parish is not offering Wednesday night Prescanted Liturgy. Our sister parish, Ss. Peter & Paul has Prescanted Liturgy beginning at 7:00 pm. You are encouraged to attend this Liturgy at the parish of your choice.

Race for the Cure: In 1996 Linda Biando was the organizer behind our Parish participation in the Race for the Cure. Linda and others ran and walked to show their support to finding a cure for breast cancer. In 2005 we formed a team and have been running, walking and raising money ever since. In 2012, our team, *Albanians and Friends for the Cure*, had 22 people attend the race and raised over \$2,000.00! This year, Sunday May 12, 2013, we are again asking for your support; join our team or make a donation. You can do either or both on line at <http://rfcphl.convio.net/site/TR> (our team is *Albanians and Friends for the Cure*) or see Donna Dimitri or Linda Biando during coffee hour. Thank you to those who have already made donations.

Parish Council Meeting: April 8, 2013 @ 7:00 pm. All invited to attend

March Monthly Giving: single ply toilet paper and/or paper napkins
Thank you very much to our parishioners who have made donations!