

The Weekly Messenger – May 10, 2015

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Epistle: Acts of the Apostles 11:19-30 Gospel: John 4:5-42

CHRIST IS RISEN! INDEED HE IS RISEN!

KRISHTI U NGJALL! VERTET U NGJALL!

The fifth Sunday of Holy Pascha is observed by the Orthodox Church as the Sunday of the Samaritan Woman. The day commemorates the encounter of Christ with the Samaritan woman at Jacob's well. The biblical story of this event and the dialog between Christ and the woman is found in the Gospel of Saint John 4:5-42.

http://lent.goarch.org/sunday_of_the_samaritan_woman/learn/

Commemorations for the Living: Archbishop Nikon, Father Stephen Siniari, Father Ken James Stavrevsky, Deacon Michael Sochka, Gjorgia Kashari, Sandi Fiss, Tranette Ledford, Judye Valliere, 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: Constantine Duka, Odissef, Florence Vissar, Ernest Douris, Father Deacon Stephen Stefani and those servicemen who have fallen asleep in the Lord in the service of their Country.

Coffee Hour Sponsors: Thank you very much!

May 10th Elvira Budo & Family in memory of Constantine Duka (Elvira's Father)

May 17th Kathy, Wendy, Vicki in memory of their mother Flossie Vissar

May 24th Barbara Ames & Ted Douris in memory of their father, Ernie Douris

May 31st Sunday School Hot Dog Sale

Upcoming Events:

May 10th 40 day Memorial for Constantine (Koco) Duka also Mother's Day

May 17th 40 day Memorial for Florence Vissar

May 24th Ascension / 40 Day Memorial for Ernest Douris

May 25th Memorial Day Blessing of the graves at Fernwood and other cemeteries

May 31st Pentecost - Senior Class Luncheon

June 2nd Parish Council Meeting 7:00 pm

June 14th Sunday school graduation

Message from Father Brooks: "...(T)he water that I shall give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life". This, Jesus says to the woman at the well to offer her the Gospel, the Good News. It is always an offer, bestowed on everyone, yet rarely accepted, even by good people, even by church-goers. During this Paschal season, we must make that choice - and continue to make that choice - between accepting the Resurrection (or rejecting it) in our own lives. May we all consider this. By accepting, and following the Cross (indeed, carrying it), we are promised eternal life. Peace to all.

A Very Happy Mother's Day to all of our Mothers, Grandmothers, Godmothers, Aunts and other women who are important in our lives. May God grant them many years!

Memorial Day Grave Blessing at Fernwood Cemetery: Father Brooks will be at Fernwood Cemetery on Monday, May 25, 2015 @ 10:00 am, at the "upper portion" of the cemetery. He will then proceed to the other section to bless the graves. Father Brooks indicated he is available to bless graves at other cemeteries. Please contact him if you have a loved one at another cemetery. fr.brooks@stjohnsphila.org or call 210-461-1956.

Please send information about the graduates in your family, High School, College, 8th Grade. We would like to acknowledge and congratulate our graduates. Please send an email to info@stjohnsphila.org Include the name of the graduate, the school from which they graduated. For 8th grade please let us know what high school they will be attending next year, HS grads if they are attending college, the name of the college, or what they will be pursuing. College graduates, their degree and plans for the future. We would also like the proud parents and grandparents names.

Buddy Walk - Next Sunday, May 17, 2015: Our own altar server, John Melnik – **Team Brother John** looks forward to another great Buddy Walk this year. Please come out to do the walk, have some fun and picnic with us under the Brother John tent. We are always looking for new faces to join us as we celebrate together. If you are unable to attend the walk but would like to donate to this very worthy organization please click: <http://secure.dsadelaware.org/BuddyWalk/BuddiesAndTeams/Team.aspx?TeamID=652> If you have any questions contact Susan or Vlad Melnik. Thank you for your support.

Per Shume Vjet, Gezuar! To our parishioners who celebrate Namedays in May: 5th Great Martyr Irene, 9th Martyr Christopher, May 12th St. Thomas the Apostle, May 21st Ss Constantine & Helen, May 30th Isacius of Dalmatus.

May Giving: Paper plates. Thank you for the olive oil and stamp donations in March.