

**The Weekly Messenger – May 17, 2015**

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*Epistle: Acts of the Apostles 16:16-34 Gospel: John 9:1-38*

***CHRIST IS RISEN! INDEED HE IS RISEN!  
KRISHTI U NGJALL! VERTET U NGJALL!***

**The sixth Sunday of Holy Pascha** is observed by the Orthodox Church as the Sunday of the Blind Man. The day commemorates the miracle of Christ healing the man who was blind since birth. The biblical story of this event is found in the Gospel of Saint John 9:1-41. [http://lent.goarch.org/sunday\\_of\\_the\\_blindman/learn/](http://lent.goarch.org/sunday_of_the_blindman/learn/)

**Commemorations for the Living:** Archbishop Nikon, Father Stephen Siniari, Father Ken James Stavrevsky, Deacon Michael Sochka, Jorgjia Kashari, Sandi Fiss, Tranette Ledford, Judy 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:** 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 17<sup>th</sup> Kathy, Wendy, Vicki in memory of their mother Flossie Vissar

May 24<sup>th</sup> Barbara Ames & Ted Douris in memory of their father, Ernie Douris

May 31<sup>st</sup> Sunday School Hot Dog Sale

**Upcoming Events:**

May 17<sup>th</sup> 40 day Memorial for Florence Vissar

May 24<sup>th</sup> Ascension / 40 Day Memorial for Ernest Douris

May 25<sup>th</sup> Memorial Day Blessing of the graves at Fernwood and other cemeteries

May 31<sup>st</sup> Pentecost - Senior Class Luncheon

June 2<sup>nd</sup> Parish Council Meeting 7:00 pm

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

**Parishioner News:** We are happy to report Jorgjia Kashari is home after a stay in the hospital following a fall. Please keep Jorgjia in your prayers.

Congratulations to our own Stephanie Kosta, who was named one of the *Top 50 -2015 Women Pennsylvania Super Lawyers*. Stephanie was recognized as a *Super Lawyer* in 2014 and was as “Rising Star” in 2007, 2009, 2010-2013. Stephanie’s parents, Linda & Phil Kosta are extremely proud as is Stephanie’s husband, Tommy Highland and her daughters Olivia & Vivian. We, at St. John are very proud as well! Way to go, keep those accolades coming!

**From Linda Notskas:** As a parishioner and survivor thank you so much to Team Albanians & Friends for the Cure for your continued dedication and fundraising over the years. Your efforts are greatly appreciated

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**Many Thanks to Ann Gjoka** for donating and making the beautiful rose corsages that were given to our women last week for Mother’s Day. They were BEAUTIFUL!

**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](mailto:fr.brooks@stjohnsphila.org) or call Father Brooks 210-461-1956.

**Race for the Cure:** A very big THANK YOU to the runners, walkers and all those who donated money to the Race for the Cure. Our team, Albanians & Friends for the Cure, raised over \$3,300.00 through registrations and donations! It was a beautiful day and the money that was raised will hopefully assist in finding a cure for breast cancer.

**Please send information about the graduates in your family,** College, High School, 8<sup>th</sup> Grade. We would like to acknowledge and congratulate our graduates. Please send an email to [info@stjohnsphila.org](mailto:info@stjohnsphila.org) Include the name of the graduate, the school from which they graduated. For 8<sup>th</sup> 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.

**May Giving:** Paper plates