

**The Weekly Messenger –May 19, 2013**  
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*Epistle - Acts 6:1-7 - Gospel - Mark 15:43-16:8*

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

**Commemorations for the Living:** Metropolitan Tikhon, Archbishop Nikon, Father Stephen Siniari, Cranford, Kristin Snow, Madeline Couris-Guarinello, Dhimiter Ndrecka, Mary Legidakas, Francesca Giansante, Pandeli Spiro, Rosemary Notskas, Peter Mallios, Katherine Zoidis, Marcena Moore, Flossie Vissar, Pandeli, Jorgaq, Lefteri, and all the servicemen especially, Matthew Sherwood (Army-Afghanistan), Steven Cosmo (Marines-Romania), Dylan Colclough (Marines-Okinawa).

**Commemorations for the Departed:** Spiro, Anna, Peter, Sophie, James, Doris, John, Catherine, Odissef, Vrisidha Zoto, All departed Mothers, Father Deacon Stephen Stefani and those servicemen who have fallen asleep in the Lord in the service of their Country.

**Pastoral Coverage:**

May 19, June 2 & 9 Father Joe Toroney      May 26, June 16 & 23 Father Mark Koczak

**Coffee Hour Sponsors:**

May 19<sup>th</sup> Ghicondes/Ghicondey Families in memory of Spiro  
May 26<sup>th</sup> Cutshaw, Zoto, Efessiou Families in memory of Vrisidha Zoto  
June 2<sup>nd</sup> Colleen & Sergio Xhoxhi  
June 9<sup>th</sup> Sunday School Graduation  
June 16<sup>th</sup> Ervin Elbasani & Yilka Lena  
June 23<sup>rd</sup> no sponsor

**Important Dates:**

May 19<sup>th</sup> 1 year Memorial Spiro Ghicondes – Memory Eternal!  
May 26<sup>th</sup> 40 Day Memorial Vrisidha Zoto – Memory Eternal!  
Monday, May 27, Father Mark will be at Fernwood Cemetery @10:00 am to bless the graves  
June 3<sup>rd</sup> Parish Council Meeting 7:00 pm  
June 9<sup>th</sup> Sunday School Graduation  
Sept 15<sup>th</sup> Gregory E. Costa Golf Outing  
Nov 11<sup>th</sup> Parish Nameday & Luncheon – Archbishop Nikon will celebrate the Liturgy with us.

**The Buddy Walk:** Is being held today, May 19<sup>th</sup>. It is not too late to make a donation to assist with Downs Syndrome Research. If you have questions please contact Susan or Vlad Melnik. You can make a donation by clicking this link:

<http://secure.dsadelaware.org/BuddyWalk/BuddiesAndTeams/Team.aspx?TeamID=483>

**We need your help!** Please send information about the graduates in your family: High School, College, 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 they graduated from. For 8<sup>th</sup> grade please let us know what 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. *We received information from two families last week. We are pretty sure we have more graduates. Please forward the information for your family member so they may be recognized by our parish.*

**We have Exciting News!!** St. John Chrysostom Albanian Orthodox Church has a Facebook page. Visit the link below and LIKE US! Thank you Michele Anderson for setting this up.

<https://www.facebook.com/StJohnChrysostomAlbanianOrthodoxChurch>

**Grave Blessing at Fernwood Cemetery:** Father Mark will be at Fernwood Cemetery on Monday, May 27, 2013 @ 10:00 am. Please contact John Rubis or Linda Notskas, if you would like to have a grave blessed. We would like to have an idea of the number of people planning to go to the cemetery.

**Sunday School Graduation:** Please join us on June 9, 2013 for our Sunday school graduation. The Sunday school will sponsor coffee hour that day using the money they raised during the year.

**Congratulations to Albanians and Friends for the Cure:** Thank you to those who made donations and/or participated in the Race for the Cure (to support finding a cure for breast cancer). Our team had 24 participants and raised over \$2,100.00. Way to go team!

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

**Remember to visit our website:** The website contains information about our faith, upcoming events and photos of past events. [www.stjohnsphila.org](http://www.stjohnsphila.org)

**May monthly giving:** coffee or drink cups -- No Styrofoam please.

**Thank you** Father Joe and Prifteresha Kathy for serving at St. John this week and last week.

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