

**The Weekly Messenger – September 13, 2015**  
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*Epistle: St. Paul's Letter to the Galatians 6:11-18 Gospel: John 3:13-17*

**Elevation of the Cross**, celebrated on the fourteenth of September, commemorates the finding of Christ's Cross by Saint Helen, the mother of the Emperor Constantine in the fourth century; and, after it was taken by the Persians, of its recovery by the Emperor Heraclius in the seventh century at which time it was "elevated" in the Church of the Resurrection in Jerusalem. From this latter event the "universal elevation" of the Cross was celebrated annually in all of the churches of the Christian Empire.

Read more: <http://oca.org/orthodoxy/the-orthodox-faith/worship/the-church-year/elevation-of-the-cross>

**Reader Schedule:** Sept 13<sup>th</sup> Reader Mark, Sept 20<sup>th</sup> Chris Manosis, Sept 27<sup>th</sup> Michele Dardaris, Oct. 4<sup>th</sup> Adam C., Oct 11<sup>th</sup> Reader Mark, Oct 18<sup>th</sup> Chris Manosis,

**Commemorations for the Living:** Archbishop Nikon, Deacon Michael Sochka, Newborn Philip Kosta, Joy, Jorgjia Kashari, Margarita, Tranette Ledford, Peter Melnik, Peter Mallios, Elaine Quirias, George Robos, 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:** The victims of the 9/11 attack, Ted and Pauline Ciko, Violet Bivans, Father Deacon Stephen Stefani and those servicemen and women who have fallen asleep in the Lord in the service of their Country.

**Sunday School News: First day of class, September 13, 2015.**

We will meet for a short lesson and then return to church for a procession for the Elevation of the Cross. The Sunday school program is a very important part of our church ministry. Please bring your children so they can learn about our Orthodox Faith. Contact Steve Coraluzzi, [sundayschooldirector@stjohnsphila.org](mailto:sundayschooldirector@stjohnsphila.org) or Father Brooks [fr.brooks@stjohnsphila.org](mailto:fr.brooks@stjohnsphila.org) with any questions about our program.

**The September Newsletter** has been emailed and mailed. It is also available on our website <http://www.stjohnsphila.org>

**Monthly giving for September :** Ream of white paper

**Remembering the Ciko Family:** Today we remember and pray for Ted and Pauline Ciko. The Ciko family made a donation that was used to start our investment fund. May their memories be eternal!

**Semi Annual Parish Meeting:** October 18<sup>th</sup>, following the Divine Liturgy. The agenda will be e mailed. Elections for parish council will be held as well as the presentation of the 2016 budget. We have two (2) open positions on Parish Council. If you would like to serve please email [info@stjohnsphila.org](mailto:info@stjohnsphila.org) or contact Father Brooks

**Upcoming Events:**

September 13<sup>th</sup> - Elevation of the Cross / First day of Sunday School

AND *Gregory E. Costa Golf Classic & Dinner*

Tuesday September 15<sup>th</sup> Parish Council Meeting 7:00 pm (date change)

Wednesday, September 16<sup>th</sup> - Stewardship meeting, 7:00 pm

September 20<sup>th</sup> - Memorial Nancy Gregory - 6 month following the Divine Liturgy

September 24 – 26<sup>th</sup> Archdiocesan Assembly – Worcester, MA.

September 27<sup>th</sup> NO LITURGY AT ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

October 4<sup>th</sup> Memorial Mary Costa Dimitri 3 years

Wednesday evenings, beginning in October –Education Series

November 15<sup>th</sup> Parish Nameday Celebration – Archbishop Nikon will celebrate Liturgy

**Coffee Hour Sponsors:** Thank you so very much to the past and future coffee hour sponsors! We have only two (2) open coffee hour dates: *October 18<sup>th</sup> and November 1<sup>st</sup>*. All other dates through the remainder of the year have sponsors.

September 13<sup>th</sup> Sunday school Hot Dog Sale

September 20<sup>th</sup> Sergio & Vasil Georgi

September 27<sup>th</sup> No coffee hour

October 4<sup>th</sup> Dimitri family in honor of Mary Costa Dimitri

**Parishioner News:** Congratulations to Christine Dardaris who graduated September 9<sup>th</sup> from the Abington Memorial Hospital Dixon School of Nursing with high honors and perfect clinical attendance earning her nursing diploma.

Christine will be continuing her studies for her Bachelor's Degree in Nursing through Penn State University this winter. She is currently still working full time as a paralegal until she obtains her nursing license. Way to go Christine. Continued success!

Happy Birthday to Jamie Ledford, who celebrated her big day on September 11<sup>th</sup>.

Happy Anniversary to Jamie and Father Brooks as they celebrated their 31<sup>st</sup> wedding anniversary on September 12<sup>th</sup>. Big weekend for the Ledford family! Congratulations and Many Years!