

The Weekly Messenger –May 12, 2013  
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Epistle - Acts 5:12:20 - Gospel John 20:19-31

## 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 Legidakes, 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:** Ed & Cathy Anderson, Nick Naum, Kathleen, Dorothy Pashko, Dorothy Adams, 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 12 & 19, June 2 & 9 Father Joe Toroney May 26, June 16 & 23 Father Mark Koczak

### **Coffee Hour Sponsors:**

May 12<sup>th</sup> Family & Friends of Ed & Cathy Anderson in their memory  
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

Open coffee hour dates: June 23, August 25, Sept 1, Nov 3 & 24, Dec 1. Please sign up!

### **Important Dates:**

May 12<sup>th</sup> 40 Day Memorial Nick Naum, 3 year Memorial Cathy & Ed Anderson  
May 19<sup>th</sup> 1 year Memorial Spiro Ghicondes  
May 26<sup>th</sup> 40 Day Memorial Vrisidha Zoto  
Monday, May 27, Father Mark will be at Fernwood Cemetery @10:00 am to bless the graves  
June 9<sup>th</sup> Sunday School Graduation

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

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

**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.

**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.

**Pledge Update:** 85 Pledges, \$39,375.00 Pledged, \$22,570.00 received. A banner listing all of the active pledges received to date is posted in the vestibule near the side door. Thank you to our parishioners who have made their 2013 pledges.

**A Very Blessed Holy Week & Pascha:** There are so many people to thank for their contributions this past week: Father Brooks, Deacon Andrew, Reader David, our Choir, lead by Diane Lescas, Frank Lescas for coming in from Ohio to sing Friday night and Pascha, Margarita Sevi & Alfred Coni for donating the flowers for the Epitaphios and beautiful vases of flowers around the church; those who decorated the Epitaphios: Lorena & Marcus Sevi, Lillie Whitney, Michele Anderson, Traci Cosmo, Margarita Sevi, Linda Biando, Marinela Prifti, Linda Notskas, Paula & Pandora Bendo, Janice & Mike Leyden, Lilana Sinoimeri, Diane Lescas, Stephanie Kosta, Olivia & Vivian Highland, Lefteria Dhimitri, Tatiana Plesanti; Peter Ghicondey, Lillie Whitney & Linda Biando for reading the responses at the Friday 3pm service; those who helped clean up Friday night after the Lamentations; Susan, Vlad & Juliana Melnik, for singing at the 10 am Liturgy on Saturday morning; Fiori & Ilirjan Papa for donating the cheese & olives, Betty Subashi for the rolls, Michele Anderson for the wine for Pascha fellowship; Jani, George & Michael Mara & Mike Dardaris for their assistance at the 11 pm Paschal service. Thank you to those who attended any of the Liturgical Services, and those who were unable to attend but kept us in your prayers. A very special thank you to anyone whose name was inadvertently left off of the above list. We are all very blessed indeed to belong to such a loving and giving church family!

**Thank you** to our parishioners who made Pascha donations, they are very much appreciated.

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