

The Weekly Messenger – April 12, 2015
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Epistle: Acts of the Apostles 1:1-8 Gospel: John 1:1-17

The Great and Holy Feast of Pascha, Orthodox Christians celebrate the life-giving Resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. This feast of feasts is the most significant day in the life of the Church. It is a celebration of the defeat of death, as neither death itself nor the power of the grave could hold our Savior captive. In this victory that came through the Cross, Christ broke the bondage of sin, and through faith offers us restoration, transformation, and eternal life.

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

Palm Sunday: A spectacular day as the Divine Liturgy was attended by approximately 160 parishioners! The Sunday school children participated in a procession with the Palms as we remembered Jesus' Entry into Jerusalem. Following the Liturgy we were treated to a delicious pancake breakfast prepared by the family of +Charlie Adams (Memory Eternal). Photos on our website.

Lazarus Saturday: A wonderful day! The Liturgy began with a Chrismation. Congratulations to Tana Elia and Bryce and welcome to our Orthodox faith. Many Years! Following the Liturgy we went to the church hall and made 26 loaves of Meshe and enjoyed delicious pizza donated by the Coraluzzi Family (Many Thanks!). An afternoon of crafts and conversation followed. The children were treated to a song by Father Brooks. We have photos posted on our website and the song can be viewed <https://drive.google.com/open?id=0BzU41UwjG6d8aWM5S2c1NkpnZVk&authuser=0>

Commemorations for the Living: Archbishop Nikon, Father Stephen Siniari, Father Ken James Stavrevsky, Deacon Michael Sochka, 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: Father Thomas Hopko, Florence Vissar, Ann Dimitri, Ernie Douris, Nancy Gregory, Father Deacon Stephen Stefani and those servicemen who have fallen asleep in the Lord in the service of their Country.

Memory Eternal: It is with sadness we announce the repose of +**Constantine (Koco) Duka** (Father of Elvira Budo), on Sunday, April 4th. He will be buried in Albania.

Father Brooks will be flying to Texas to be with his family from April 13 – April 25, 2015. If you are in need of a priest during his absence please contact Father Gregory Dudash 484-552-8079 or email ghiggee@yahoo.com

Pascha Letters, from Father Brooks were mailed a couple of weeks ago. If you haven't received a letter they are available at the candle stand or email, info@stjohnsphila.org

Coffee Hour Sponsors: Thank you very much!

April 12th, no coffee hour after the 1:00 pm Agape Vespers

April 19th Jani Mara 3 year memorial of Anastas Mara,

Dimitri-Cosmo Family in memory of Tom Dimitri

April 26th Fioralba & Ilirjan Papa in celebration of Elisabeth's first birthday & Name Day

May 3rd Fiss Family

May 10th Sergio & Colleen Xhoxhi

We have many open dates May – December.

Reader Schedule: April 19th Adam Coraluzzi, April 26th Kevin Fiss, May 3rd Edward Kokalari, May 10th Michelle Dardaris, May 17th Reader Mark, May 24th Adam Coraluzzi

Buddy Walk - 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.

Race for the Cure - Sunday, May 10, 2015. The event raises money for breast cancer research. Our team is **Albanians & Friends for the Cure**. If you are interested in joining our team or making a donation please click on the link below. Thank you!
http://rfcphl.convio.net/site/TR/Race/TeamRaiser/1427458808?pg=team&fr_id=1140&team_id=61720

April Giving: Olive Oil or a book of stamps. Thank you for the toilet paper donations in March.

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