

The Weekly Messenger – April 19, 2015

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Epistle: Acts of the Apostles 5:12-20 Gospel: John 20:19-31

***CHRIST IS RISEN! INDEED HE IS RISEN!
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The Orthodox Church observes the Sunday of Thomas one week following the celebration of the Sunday of Holy Pascha. The day commemorates the appearance of Christ to His disciples on the evening of the Sunday following Passover. It also commemorates the appearance of the Lord to His disciples eight days later when Thomas was present and proclaimed "My Lord and my God" upon seeing the hands and side of Christ. This Sunday is also called Antipascha (meaning "in the stead of Pascha," not "in opposition to Pascha") because with this day, the first Sunday after Pascha, the Church consecrates every Sunday of the year to the commemoration of Pascha, that is, the Resurrection. Saint Thomas the Apostle is commemorated by the Church on October 6. http://lent.goarch.org/sunday_of_thomas/learn/

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, Anastas Mara, 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.

Father Brooks is in Texas 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 ghigee@yahoo.com

Coffee Hour Sponsors: Thank you very much!

April 19th Jani & Adriana Mara in honor of the 3 year memorial for Anastas Mara

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

A Very Blessed Holy Week & Pascha: There are so many people to thank for their contributions this past week: Father Brooks, Richard Yonkoski, Chris Manosis William Bortner, Kevin Fiss (who attended every service except one), our Choir, lead by Diane Lescas; Frank Lescas for coming in from Ohio to sing on Palm Sunday, our Altar Servers, those who decorated the Epitaphios Holy Friday morning, those who helped clean up Friday night after the Lamentations. Special thanks to all who brought in red eggs for Pascha. We had just enough for everyone! Thank you to all who attended the Liturgical Services and those who were unable to attend but kept us in your prayers. We are all very blessed to belong to such a loving and giving church family!

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.

Thank you Father Deacon Gregory Vrato for serving today.

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