

**The Weekly Messenger – April 26, 2015**  
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*Epistle: Acts of the Apostles 6:1-7 Gospel: Mark 15:43-47; 16:1-8*

**CHRIST IS RISEN! INDEED HE IS RISEN!**  
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**The third Sunday of Holy Pascha** is observed by the Orthodox Church as the Sunday of the Holy Myrrhbearers. The day commemorates when the women disciples of our Lord came to the tomb to anoint his body with myrrh-oils but found the tomb empty. As the women wondered what this meant, angels appeared proclaiming that Christ had risen from the dead. - [http://lent.goarch.org/sunday\\_of\\_myrrhbearers/learn/](http://lent.goarch.org/sunday_of_myrrhbearers/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, Andigoni, Constantine Duka, Florence Vissar, Ann Dimitri, Ernie Douris, Father Deacon Stephen Stefani and those servicemen who have fallen asleep in the Lord in the service of their Country.

**Coffee Hour Sponsors:** Thank you very much!

April 26<sup>th</sup> Fioralba & Ilirjan Papa in celebration of Elisabeth's first birthday & Name Day  
May 3<sup>rd</sup> Fiss Family  
May 10<sup>th</sup> Elvira Budo & Family in memory of Constantine Duka (Elvira's Father)  
May 17<sup>th</sup> Sunday school Hot dog sale

**Upcoming Events:**

May 5<sup>th</sup> Parish Council Meeting @ 7:00 pm  
May 10<sup>th</sup> 40 day Memorial for Constantine (Koco) Duka  
June 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday school graduation

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

**Thank you to our parishioners and friends who made Pascha donations.**

**We also thank our parishioners** who have sent in their Stewardship pledge cards. To date we have received 70 pledges totaling \$42,525.00. Our stewardship pledge goal is \$65,000.00. In addition to sending in a pledge card you may also submit your pledge via our website <http://www.stjohnsphila.org/memberpledges.html> THANK YOU!

**Time to assist those less fortunate:** When you are doing your spring cleaning and come across clothes you haven't worn in many years, think about those less fortunate than you.

We are collecting clothes which will be donated to the homeless in center city. Linda Notskas is once again coordinating a clothes drive. Bring the items you no longer need; pants, shirts, jackets blankets, etc., to church and place them in the side vestibule near the table. Linda will take the items to those in need. Thank you in advance!

**Parishioner News:** If someone in your family is graduating from college, high or middle school or receiving a degree or certification please let us know. We would love to recognize their achievement! Email information to [info@stjohnsphila.org](mailto:info@stjohnsphila.org) Happy first birthday and Nameday to Elisabeth Papa, daughter of Ilirjan & Fiori Papa and little sister of Elias!

**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](http://rfcphl.convio.net/site/TR/Race/TeamRaiser/1427458808?pg=team&fr_id=1140&team_id=61720)

**Reader Schedule:** April 26<sup>th</sup> Kevin Fiss, May 3<sup>rd</sup> Edward Kokalari, May 10<sup>th</sup> Michelle Dardaris, May 17<sup>th</sup> Reader Mark, May 24<sup>th</sup> Adam Coraluzzi

**Welcome home Father Brooks!**

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