

**The Weekly Messenger – March 29, 2015**  
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*Epistle: St. Paul's Letter to the Hebrews 9:11-14 Gospel: Mark 10:32-45*

**Pre-Sanctified Liturgy:** Our final Pre-sanctified Liturgy will be this Wednesday, April 1, 2015 @ 6:30 pm. A Lenten pot luck meal will follow.

**Lazarus Saturday Retreat: April 4, 2015, 10:00 am – 3:00 pm**



Our Sunday school director and teachers are preparing for the Lazarus Saturday retreat. Please contact Steve Coraluzzi @ [sundayschooldirector@stjohnsphila.org](mailto:sundayschooldirector@stjohnsphila.org)

**St. Mary of Egypt:** On the Fifth Sunday of Lent the Orthodox Church commemorates our Righteous Mother Mary of Egypt. The feast day of Saint Mary of Egypt is April 1, however, she is also commemorated on this Sunday due to her recognition by the Church as a model of repentance. [http://lent.goarch.org/saint\\_mary\\_of\\_egypt/learn/](http://lent.goarch.org/saint_mary_of_egypt/learn/)

**Commemorations for the Living:** Archbishop Nikon, Father Stephen Siniari, Father Ken James Stavrevsky, Deacon Michael Sochka, 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, Candace Peppenelli, Dhimiter Ndrecka, Flossie Vissar, Pandeli, Jorgaq, Lefteri, and all of the men and women serving in Armed Forces.

**Commemorations for the Departed:** Father Thomas Hopko, 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.

**March Giving:** Single Ply Toilet Paper

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

March 29<sup>th</sup> Vangjel & Margarita Haxhistasa

April 5<sup>th</sup> Rose Adams and Family in memory of Charlie – Pancake Breakfast

April 19<sup>th</sup> Jani Mara 3 year memorial of Anastas Mara,

Dimitri-Cosmo Family in memory of Tom Dimitri

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

May 3<sup>rd</sup> Betty Subashi in memory of Andy, 7<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his death

May 10<sup>th</sup> Sergio & Colleen Xhoxhi

**Upcoming Events:**

**Tuesday, March 31<sup>st</sup>** Parish Council Meeting 7:00 pm

**Saturday April 4<sup>th</sup>,** Lazarus Saturday Divine Liturgy 10:00 am followed by Sunday school Retreat ending at 3:00 pm

**April 5<sup>th</sup> Palm Sunday,** Entrance of Our Lord into Jerusalem- Blessing of the Palms

**Tuesday, April 7<sup>th</sup>** Holy Tuesday - Bridegroom Matins 6:30 pm

**Wednesday, April 8<sup>th</sup>** Holy Wednesday - Holy Unction 6:30 pm

**Thursday, April 9<sup>th</sup>** Holy Thursday - 12 Gospels 6:30 pm

**Friday, April 10<sup>th</sup>,** Holy Friday – 10 am Decorate the Epitaphion,

5 pm Vespers (Taking Down From Cross), 7 pm Funeral

**Saturday, April 11<sup>th</sup>** Saturday – **9:00 am** Liturgy **11:00pm** Matins/Nocturn/Pascha

**Sunday, April 12<sup>th</sup>** Paschal Agape Vespers - 1:00 pm - no coffee hour after Vespers

**Reader Schedule:** March 29<sup>th</sup> Michelle Dardaris, April 5<sup>th</sup> Reader Mark, April 19<sup>th</sup> Adam Coraluzzi, 26<sup>th</sup> Kevin Fiss, May 3<sup>rd</sup> Edward Kokalari, May 10<sup>th</sup> Michelle Dardaris

**Home Blessing/Visitation:** If you would like Father Brooks to visit and bless your home please contact him: 210-461-1956 or email [fr.brooks@stjohnsphila.org](mailto:fr.brooks@stjohnsphila.org) A sign-up sheet is also posted in the side vestibule.

**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:** Benefits breast cancer research.

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