

**The Weekly Messenger –April 13, 2014**  
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*Epistle: St. Paul's Letter to the Philippians 4:4-9    Gospel: John 12:1-18*

**Message from Father Brooks:** We are now to start Holy Week, first with Lazarus Saturday, and then with the Entrance of Jesus into Jerusalem. All of us, me included, have probably fallen short of the fast for Great Lent, but now we have the most holy week of the year in which to prepare. Let us all pray for each other and support each other as we make this week - and this journey to Pascha - a significant and special time. God is with all of us, and we should never forget that. Peace to all.

**Commemorations for the Living:** Archbishop Nikon, Proto Deacon Michael Sochka, Rosemary Notskas, Kim Burdumy, Hugh Ledford, Larry Kosta, Leslie Sochka, Dolly Spiro, Daniel Coraluzzi, Andigoni Steffa, John and Mary Croke, Paula Kosta, Candace Pepenelli, Mac, Kristin Snow, Dhimiter Ndrecka, Francesca Giansante, Flossie Vissar, Pandeli, Jorgaq, Lefteri, and all the servicemen and women in the Armed Forces.

**Commemorations for the Departed:** Metropolitan Philip (Antiochian Archdiocese), Lefteria Dhimitri, Qiriako Adams, Father Deacon Stephen Stefani and those servicemen who have fallen asleep in the Lord in the service of their Country.

*Very long time parishioner Lefteria Dhimitri, fell asleep in our Lord on Tuesday, April 8, 2014. Lefteria's funeral will be Monday, April 14<sup>th</sup>, at our church. The viewing begins at 9:00 am, with the funeral service to follow at 10:00 am. May her Memory be Eternal!*

**Important Dates:**

April 13<sup>th</sup>, Palm Sunday, Entry of Our Lord into Jerusalem- Blessing of the Palms  
April 15<sup>th</sup> Holy Tuesday - Bridegroom Matins 6:30 pm  
April 16<sup>th</sup> Holy Wednesday - Holy Unction 6:30 pm  
April 17<sup>th</sup> Holy Thursday - 12 Gospels 6:30 pm  
April 18<sup>th</sup> Holy Friday – 10 am Decorate the Epitaphion, 5 pm Vespers (Taking Down From Cross), 7 pm Funeral  
April 19<sup>th</sup> Holy Saturday - Liturgy 11:00am Matins/Nocturn/Liturgy beginning 11:00pm  
April 20<sup>th</sup> Paschal Agape Vespers - 1:00 pm - no coffee hour after Vespers

**Palm Sunday:** On the Sunday before the Feast of Great and Holy Pascha and at the beginning of Holy Week, the Orthodox Church celebrates one of its most joyous feasts of the year. Palm Sunday is the commemoration of the Entrance of our Lord into Jerusalem following His glorious miracle of raising Lazarus from the dead. Having anticipated His arrival and having heard of the miracle, the people went out to meet the Lord and welcomed Him with displays of honor and shouts of praise. On this day, we receive and worship Christ in this same manner, acknowledging Him as our King and Lord.  
[http://lent.goarch.org/palm\\_sunday/learn/](http://lent.goarch.org/palm_sunday/learn/)

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

April 13<sup>th</sup> Palm Sunday Pancake Breakfast – Rose Adams & Family  
April 20<sup>th</sup> Refreshments will be served following the Paschal Liturgy  
April 27<sup>th</sup> Nilda & Spartak Brahillari  
May 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday school hot dog sale  
May 11<sup>th</sup> Betty Subashi – in Memory of Andy  
May 18<sup>th</sup> Diane & Ted Lescas  
May 25<sup>th</sup> No sponsor yet

**Our thanks:** to Rose Adams and her family for providing our Palm Sunday Pancake Breakfast, in honor of Charlie. May his Memory be Eternal!

**It's Time!!** We are requesting that our parishioners bring in 6 red eggs to church either Friday (April 18<sup>th</sup>) or Saturday (April 19<sup>th</sup>) for Pascha. The eggs will be collected at the candle stand. Red egg dye is also available at the candle stand (\$2.00 per packet) see Steve Ghicondes or George Touros.

**Friday, April 18, 2014 10:00 am:** Helpers needed to decorate the Epitaphios. Please let Diane Lescas know if you are able to be there. Many hands make light work! You may also email [chairperson@stjohnsphila.org](mailto:chairperson@stjohnsphila.org) if you are able to help.

**Military News:** Sergeant Calvin Colclough (Donna Dimitri & Michael Cosmo's nephew) has returned from his 8 month deployment in Spain. Calvin and his family would like to thank the parishioners at St. John Chrysostom for the Christmas cards and prayers extended to him. Welcome home Calvin!

**Pascha Letters** were mailed on Monday, April 9<sup>th</sup>. The letter will also be posted on our website <http://www.stjohnsphila.org/>

**April Giving:** Altar Wine Manischewitz Concord Grape