

**The Weekly Messenger –April 27, 2014**  
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*Epistle: Acts of the Apostles 3:11-16 Gospel: John 3:22-33*

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

**Message from Father Brooks:** Krishti Ungjall! Greetings from Texas, where, as you know, I am visiting my family. A beautiful 90 degrees, two wonderful women (Jaime and Scout) and a thick, rare Texas steak were here to greet me on Bright Tuesday. It was, for me, a truly blessed Holy Week and Pascha with you, topped off with little John Melnik serving with me at the altar for Paschal Vespers. I look forward to being with all of you again when I return to Philadelphia. A big thank you to Fr. Dn. Gregory for stepping up to the plate in my absence. Love and Peace to all!

*Father Stephen Siniari is available for pastoral emergencies 609-385-3757*

**Commemorations for the Living:** Archbishop Nikon, Proto Deacon Michael Sochka, Newborns Sylvia Pajcini and Elisabeth Papa, Maryann Monska, George Touros, Katherine Halkedis, 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 of the men and women serving in Armed Forces.

**Commemorations for the Departed:** Metropolitan Philip (Antiochian Archdiocese), Lefteria Dhimitri, 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 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> Steve Ghicondes, Marjana Kokalari, Betty Subashi, Tatjana Plesati –

40-Day memorial Lefteria Dhimitri

May 25<sup>th</sup> Looking for someone to sign up to sponsor this date

**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. [http://www.goarch.org/special/listen\\_learn\\_share/thomas\\_sunday](http://www.goarch.org/special/listen_learn_share/thomas_sunday)

**Upcoming Events:**

May 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday school hot dog sale during coffee hour

May 18<sup>th</sup> 40 day Memorial Lefteria Dhimitri

June 8<sup>th</sup> Sunday school graduation the students and teachers will celebrate with a trip to Dave & Busters

**Parishioner News:** *Congratulations to Oanh and Kostandin Pajcini* on the birth of their second daughter, Sylvia Luisa, born March 31, 2014; weighing in at 7 lbs 3 oz, 19” long. Oanh, Kostandin and big sister Savina are doing very well. It was wonderful to see the entire family in church on Holy Friday! May God grant them many years!  
*Congratulations to Fiori and Ilirjan Papa* on the birth of their second child, Elisabeth Suzana, born April 21, 2014; weighing in at 8 lbs 11 oz. Mother and daughter are doing fine as are proud Daddy and big brother Elias. Elisabeth is the granddaughter of Dodona and Pandeli Papa and Suzana Dalipi. May God grant them many years!  
*Thanks so very much to Fotika & Petrit Disha* for donating their time and supplies to refinish the church hall floor!

**A Very Blessed Holy Week & Pascha:** There are so many people to thank for their contributions this past week: Father Brooks, Deacon Andrew, our Choir, lead by Diane Lescas, Frank Lescas for coming in from Ohio to sing on Palm Sunday, Linda & Phil Kosta for donating beautiful vases of flowers around the church; those who decorated the Epitaphion: Lillie Whitney, Michele Anderson, Marinela Prifti, Linda Notskas, Paula & Pandora Bendo, Janice Leyden, Diane Lescas, Stephanie Kosta, Olivia & Vivian Highland, those who helped clean up Friday night after the Lamentations; Susan & Juliana Melnik, for singing at the 10 am Liturgy on Saturday morning and Vlad & first time altar server, John Melnik for helping Father Brooks in the altar. William Bortner for donating the wine for Pascha fellowship; Thank you to those who attended any of the Liturgical Services, and those who were unable to attend but kept us in your prayers. A very special thank you to anyone whose name was inadvertently left off of the above list. We are all very blessed indeed to belong to such a loving and giving church family!

**Thank you** Father Deacon Gregory Vrato for serving today.

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