

The Weekly Messenger –August 4, 2013

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Epistle - Romans 12:6-14 Gospel - Matthew 9:1-8

If you would like to have someone remembered in prayer or in need of a priest please contact Donna Dimitri, Parish Council Chair, chairperson@stjohnsphila.org or 609-685-1651.

Commemorations for the Living: Metropolitan Tikhon, Archbishop Nikon, Father Stephen Siniari, Father Ken James Stavrevsky, Ann Gjoka, Roxane Ghicondey, Mac, Kristin Snow, Madeline Couris-Guarinello, Dhimiter Ndrecka, Francesca Giansante, Pandeli Spiro, Rosemary Notskas, Peter Mallios, Katherine Zoidis, Marcena Moore, Flossie Vissar, Pandeli, Jorgaq, Lefteri, and all the servicemen especially, Matthew Sherwood (Army-Afghanistan) and Steven Cosmo (Marines-Romania).

Commemorations for the Departed: Marica Papinghi, Qiriako Adams, Father Deacon Stephen Stefani and those servicemen who have fallen asleep in the Lord in the service of their Country.

Following the Divine Liturgy we will have a 2 year memorial for Qiriako (Charlie) Adams.

Pastoral Coverage:

August 4, 11 Father Joseph Toroney August 18th Father Brooks,
August 25, Father Brooks, Father Joseph Toroney, Father Mark Koczak, Father Gregory Dudash, Deacon Andrew Rubis, Deacon Gregory Vrato, Richard O’Leary (formerly Father Gregory O’Leary) will also worship with us.

Coffee Hour Sponsors: Thank you very much!

August 4th Adams Family 2 year memorial Qiriako “Charlie” Adams
August 11th Qendro Family
August 18th Marinela Prifti, Liljana Petuqi August and Eda Kosova
August 25th Thank you luncheon

Parishioner News: Brittany Ghicondey has been named to the **Dean's List** for exceptional academic performance for the Spring 2013 semester at **Villanova University**. She has also been inducted to the **National Society of Collegiate Scholars** representing the campus chapter. Brittany is the Granddaughter of Jim & Roxane Ghicondey, Daughter of Peter & Nancy Ghicondey, and Niece of Steven Ghicondes (Godfather) and John Ghicondes. Congratulations on a job well done!

Important Dates:

August 4th 2 year Memorial – Charlie Adams
August 5th Parish Council Meeting 7:00 pm
August 6th The Transfiguration of Christ
August 15th Dormition of the Theotokos
August 25th Thank you luncheon
September 1st Father Brooks begins his ministry at St. John Chrysostom
September 22nd Gregory E. Costa Golf Classic
September 26, 27, 28 Archdiocesan Assembly St. Nicholas Church - New York
October 5th Saturday 9:00 am – Fall Cleanup, we have the cleaning supplies and we need your helping hands to make our church sparkle!
October 15th Adult Education Classes begin (Father Brooks)

The Feast of the Transfiguration of Our Lord, God and Savior Jesus Christ is celebrated each year on August 6. The feast commemorates the transfiguration or metamorphosis of Christ on Mount Tabor, when our Lord appeared in His divine glory before the Apostles Peter, James, and John. The event of the Transfiguration is recorded in three of the four Gospels: [Matthew 17:1-9](#), [Mark 9:2-8](#), and [Luke 9:28-36](#). Jesus took the Apostles Peter, James, and John with Him up upon a mountain, and while they were on the mountain Jesus was transfigured. His face shone like the sun, and His garments became glistening white.

Moses and Elijah appeared with Christ, talking to Him. Peter declared how good it was for them to be there and expressed the desire to build three booths for Moses, Elijah, and Christ. This reference to the booths could imply that this occurred during the time of the Feast of Tabernacles when the Jews would be camping out in the fields for the grape harvest; for this Feast had acquired other associations in the course of its history, including the memory of the wanderings in the wilderness recorded in the Old Testament book of Exodus.

While Peter was speaking, a bright cloud overshadowed them. A voice came from the cloud saying, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to Him." When the disciples heard this they fell on their faces filled with awe. Jesus came to them and told them to not be afraid. When the three looked up they saw only Jesus. As Jesus and His disciples came down the mountain, He told them not to speak of what they had seen until He had risen from the dead.

http://www.goarch.org/special/listen_learn_share/transfiguration

The two-week fast anticipating the Dormition of the Theotokos begins August 1. The Feast is on August 15.

Thank you Father Joe for serving and Prifteresha Kathy for singing today!