

The Weekly Messenger –December 1, 2013
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Epistle – St. Paul's Letter to the Galatians 2:4-10 Gospel – Luke 18:35-43

Take a look at St. John's Administration page and email your ideas, thoughts, and or suggestions to one or more! <http://www.stjohnsphila.org/administration.html>
We would love to hear from you and your families!

Commemorations for the Living: Metropolitan Tikhon, Archbishop Nikon, Father Matthew Searfoorce, Father Ken James Stavrevsky, Proto Deacon Michael Sochka, Zachary Duck, Daniel Coraluzzi, Lisa (Kosta) Bowser, George Douros, Andigoni Steffa, John and Mary Croke, Paula Kosta, Candace Pepenelli, Mac, Kristin Snow, Dhimiter Ndrecka, Francesca Giansante, Peter Mallios, Marcena Moore, Flossie Vissar, Pandeli, Jorgaq, Lefteri, and all the servicemen especially, Matthew Sherwood (Army-Afghanistan), Calvin Colclough (Marines-Spain)

Commemorations for the Departed: Angelo Douris, Madeline Couris-Guarinello, Katherine Tsonis Bisaga, Father Deacon Stephen Stefani and those servicemen who have fallen asleep in the Lord in the service of their Country.
If you would like to have someone remembered in prayer or you are in need of a Priest please contact Father Brooks Ledford. He may be reached at 210-461-1956 or you may email fr.brooks@stjohnsphila.org

We are asking for donations of new or gently used blankets, winter jackets/coats, men's and women's clothing. The collected items will be donated to the homeless in Philadelphia. Please check your closets, attics, basements and sheds; you may have items you haven't used in years! Please bring them to church and we will make sure someone less fortunate gets them. Contact Linda Notskas with any questions.

Coffee Hour Sponsors: Thank you very much! (2014 Coffee Hour Sign Up Sheet Posted)
Dec 1st The Salavaci Family (Niko's Nameday)
Dec 8th The Family of Madeline Couris-Guarinello
Dec 15th Kosta Family – 1 year Memorial for Peter
Dec 22nd Xhoxhi Family 20 year Memorial
Dec 29th Nick Dimitri 1 year Memorial

Thank you to Father Gregory DuDash for celebrating the Divine Liturgy with us today.

Congratulations to the Diamanti Family; Theodor and Fiori on the churching of their daughter, Anna Elisabet. Anna has two big sisters; Elina and Aleksa. She is the granddaughter of George and Nikoleta Prifti and the great granddaughter of Jorgjia Kashari.

Father Matthew Searfoorce was involved in a motor vehicle accident a few weeks ago. He sustained a concussion and broken ribs. Steve Ghicondes spoke with him this past Sunday and learned he is recovering well from his injuries.

Ladies Club Christmas Dinner: This Wednesday, December 4, 2013 @ 6:30 pm, Charlottes Restaurant, Newtown Square, PA. Tickets are \$35.00 per person. Please contact Fiori Papa or Nilda Brahollari for additional information.

Saturday, December 14th we need your help at 10:00 am we will be decorating the church. Please stop by and give us a hand! The more people who come out to help out the quicker we will be done!!

Congratulations to Father Stephen Siniari and to our brothers and sisters at Ss. Peter & Paul Albanian Orthodox Church. Father Stephen recently accepted the position of full time pastor. He will be retiring from Covenant House in the very near future. Many years to all!

Recipes for our Website: We are looking for recipes for November and some Albanian or American holiday recipes i.e.: stuffing, pies etc? Other recipes have been added to the website. Check them out: <http://www.stjohnsphila.org/recipes.html> under the "Home" tab. Please send your favorite recipe to Linda Biando for inclusion on our website. misslinda@stjohnsphila.org

Important Dates:

December 1st Father Gregory DuDash will celebrate the Divine Liturgy
December 3rd Parish Council Meeting 7:00 pm
December 4th Ladies Club Dinner – 6:30 pm – Charlottes Restaurant
December 8th 40 day Memorial for Madeline Couris-Guarinello
December 14th Decorate the Church @ 10:00 am helpers wanted!
December 15th 1 year Memorial for Peter Kosta,
December 22nd Sunday school Christmas Pageant
December 24th Nativity Liturgy 6:30 pm
December 25th Christmas Morning @ **Ss Peter & Paul** Nativity Liturgy 10 am
January 5th 2014 Holy Epiphany and part 1 of our Icon Auction

Icons: Our annual Icon auction will be on Sunday, January 5th and January 12th 2013. Please return your Icons by Sunday, December 22nd so that we can prepare for the auction. **Jan 5th** Holy Theophany (Epiphany) blessing of water after the Divine Liturgy.