

The Weekly Messenger –December 8, 2013

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Epistle – St. Paul's Letter to the Ephesians 2:14-22 Gospel – Luke 13:10-17

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!

Message from Father Brooks: Saturday, Dec. 7th Theodore Kokalari, son of Darrien and Blerina Kokalari, grandson of Marjana and Piro Kokalari was baptized and Chrismated. We welcome Theodore to our St. John's family.
God Bless and Many Years!

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

Commemorations for the Departed: Madeline Couris-Guarinello, Marcena Moore, Angelo Douris, Father Deacon Stephen Stefani and those servicemen who have fallen asleep in the Lord in the service of their Country.

It is with sadness we inform you of the repose of longtime parishioner, former Sunday School teacher and Parish Council Treasurer, Marcena (Marcy) Moore. Marcy was last in church for our Nameday Celebration on November 10th. May her Memory Be Eternal!

Coffee Hour Sponsors: Thank you very much! (2014 Coffee Hour Sign Up Sheet Posted)
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
Jan 5, 2014 Greta & Faut Hyseneshi

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 to help out the quicker we will be done!! Thank you.

Important Dates:

December 8th 40 day Memorial for Madeline Couris-Gaurinello

December 14th Decorate the Church @ 10:00 am helpers wanted!

December 15th 1 year Memorial for Peter Kosta,

December 22rd 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

A Wonderful Time: was had by all who attended the Ladies Club dinner on Wednesday evening. Special thanks to Bessie Satir, Nilda Brahollari and Fiori Papa for organizing the dinner. Great fellowship and marvelous dancing we look forward to next year!

Nativity Liturgy: Tuesday December 24th @ 6:30 pm. No liturgy at St. Johns on Christmas morning.

Ss. Peter & Paul will celebrate the Nativity Liturgy on 12/25 @ 10:00 am.

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

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.

Sunday school: The students and teachers are working on the Christmas Pageant which will be presented on Sunday, December 22rd. This Sunday our students will be glazing a ceramic ornament. Please send in a smock or old shirt for your child to wear so their clothes do not get stained.

Per Shume Vjet Gezuar! Dec 4 Great Martyr Barbara, Dec 6 St. Nicholas, Dec 12 St. Spiridon, Dec 15 St. Eleutherios, Dec 17 Holy Prophet Daniel, Dec 23 St. Naum, Dec 25 Christmas Day, Sunday after Christmas St. Joseph the Betrothed, St. David the King, Dec 27 St. Stephen the Protomartyr.

December Giving: Your Christmas Donation – you will receive a letter this coming week.

2013 Pledge: If you haven't already, you still have time to make your pledge for 2013. You may go online, www.stjohnsphila.org or mail you pledge to the church.

