

The Weekly Messenger –February 16, 2014
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Epistle St. Paul's Letter to the Corinthians 6:12-20 Gospel Luke 15:11-32

Message from Father Brooks: It has been wonderful to be doing the home blessings. It is a chance not to just do the blessing, but to pray with you and talk and listen to you. Getting to know you and getting feedback from you is a blessing to me, and by extension, the church. The weather has put me back a bit, but we'll get there. Thank you for the hospitality, and I will see you soon. Peace to all,

Commemorations for the Living: Archbishop Nikon, Father Ken James Stavrevsky, Proto Deacon Michael Sochka, Hugh Ledford, Roxane Ghicondey, Larry Kosta, Megan Leyden McHugh, Loralyn (Biando) White, Leslie Sochka, Dolly Spiro, Daniel Coraluzzi, 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: 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

Coffee Hour Sponsors: Thank you very much!

Feb 16th Alfred Coni & Margarita Sevi (in honor of Alfred's Nameday)

Feb 23rd Biando Family

March 2nd Gjidede Family in Memory of Janulla Gjidede

March 9th Spiro & Marjana Kosta

March 16th Coraluzzi Family

March 23rd The Haxhistasa Family

March 30th Sergio & Colleen Xhohxi

We have open coffee hour dates: in May, June, July, August

February Monthly Giving: Paper Napkins

Cheese fare Luncheon: Was canceled so that we are able to accommodate the 40 Day Memorial for Janulla Gjidede.

It is approaching fast: The Women's Day Celebration and Dance, Saturday, March 8, 2014, 7:00 – 11:00 pm in the Church Hall. Tickets are \$40.00 for adults and \$10.00 for children under 12. A buffet dinner and continuous dancing are included! Please contact Fiori Papa or Nilda Brahollari for tickets or with any questions. You may also email info@stjohnsphila.org for more information.

Important Dates:

February 23rd Meatfare Sunday. Sunday school ice skating outing

March 2nd Forgiveness/Cheesefare Sunday – 40 Day Memorial - Janulla Gjidede

March 3rd, Great Lent Begins

Wed March 5th Pre-sanctified Liturgy 6:30 pm Lenten Dinner and Discussion follow

Saturday, March 8th Women's Day Dance 7p-11p in the Church Hall

March 9th Spring Forward – Set clocks ahead 1 hour

Wed March 12th Pre-sanctified Liturgy 6:30 pm Lenten Dinner and Discussion follow

March 16th 95th anniversary of the consecration of Theophan Noli into the episcopacy

March 23rd Veneration of the Cross

Monday March 24th Vesperal Liturgy 6:30 pm, fast before Liturgy - Pot Luck Dinner following for the Annunciation Feast (no fast on March 25th)

Wed March 26th Pre-sanctified Liturgy 6:30 pm Lenten Dinner and Discussion follow
March 30th 1 year Memorial Nick Naum

Great Lent begins in 3 weeks. We will have Pre-sanctified Liturgy on Wednesday nights beginning March 5th. Lenten (Pot Luck) dinner and discussion will be held in the church hall following the Pre-sanctified Liturgy.

Race for the Cure and Buddy Walk: We are looking for parishioners to participate in the Race for the Cure, (Mother's Day, May 11th) which benefits breast cancer research and the Buddy Walk (Mother's Day, May 11th) which benefits Downs Syndrome Research. Please contact Donna Dimitri (Race for the Cure) or Susan Melnik (Buddy Walk) for additional information.

Parishioner News: Andi Steffa will be 90 years old on Feb. 24th. She has suffered a series of medical setbacks over the past few months. Her family is hoping to celebrate her 90th birthday by having her receive 90 birthday cards. Andi's address is 15108 Anns Choice Way, Warminster, PA 18974. If you have a chance please send her a card. Please email info@stjohnsphila.org with any parishioner news you would like to share.

This is the last week to sign up for the Sunday School Ice Skating outing. Contact Steve Coraluzzi.