

The Weekly Messenger –February 3, 2013
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Gospel - Matthew 25:14-30

Epistle – Colossians 3:12-16

If you would like to have someone remembered in prayer or are 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, Dhimitri Ndrecka, Vjollca Ruci, Mary Legidakes, Francesca Giansante, Pandeli Spiro, Rosemary Notskas, Peter Mallios, Diane Rubis, Katherine Zoidis, Marcena Moore, Nick Naum, Flossie Vissar, Kathleen, Pandeli, Jorgaq, Lefteri, and all the servicemen especially, Dylan Colclough (Marines-Okinawa).

Commemorations for the Departed: Nick Dimitri, Ngjeline Stefani, Clement, Alice, Father Deacon Stephen Stefani and those servicemen who have fallen asleep in the Lord in the service of their Country.

Memorials Today (2/3): 40 Days for Nick Dimitri

Pastoral Coverage:

Father Joe Toroney will serve at St. John Chrysostom all of February and March

Coffee Hour Sponsors: Today, Feb 3rd Sara Dimitri in memory of Nick

Feb 10 th Margarita Sevi & Alfred Coni	March 3 rd Sunday school hot dog sale
Feb 17 th no sponsor	March 10 th no sponsor
Feb 24 th no sponsor	March 17 th no sponsor

Parishioner Update: Dhimitri Ndrecka continues he recovery from a stroke. Dhimitri is currently at Magee Rehabilitation, Six Franklin Plaza, 19102, Room 445. Vjollca Ruci is currently in Jefferson Hospital, Gibbon Building, 111 South 11th Street, Room 3128, Phila, PA 19107. Please keep Dhimitri, Vjollca and their families in your prayers.

Coffee Hour & Meshe: Thank you Sara Dimitri for providing the Meshe for today's Liturgy. There are plenty of open dates to sponsor coffee hour and make Meshe for the Divine Liturgy. Please stop at the sign-up sheet in the side vestibule and pick a date!

Martha Tzetzko passed away in the spring of 2012. In her will she instructed that \$3,000.00 be donated to our parish. We received a check from her estate last week. May Martha's memory be eternal!

Thank you to the Ladies Society for providing the lovely flower arrangements placed at the front of the church last Sunday. The flowers were donated in memory of Peter Kosta.

Holy Week & Pascha: Father Brooks Ledford (pastor at St. John's Jan 2001 – August 2002) will serve at our parish Lazarus Saturday, Holy Week and Pascha (April 27 - May 5, 2013). The exact service schedule will be posted in the messenger. We will not have Wednesday night Pre-Sanctified Liturgy during Great Lent. We encourage our parishioners to attend Ss. Peter & Paul Albanian Orthodox church for Pre-Sanctified Liturgies beginning Wednesday, March 20, 2013 @ 7:00 pm.

OCA News: On Sunday, January 27, 2013, Parish Vice-chairperson, Peter Ghicondey and his wife Nancy traveled to Washington D. C. to represent our parish at the enthronement of Metropolitan Tikon. Peter reports it was a very interesting and enlightening ceremony. Thank you Peter and Nancy!

Donations for the homeless. The Ladies Club is asking for donations of new or gently used blankets and winter jackets/coats. If you have any of these items please bring them to church. Contact Linda Notskas with any questions.

Upcoming Events:

February 4 th	Parish Council Meeting 7:00 PM. All encouraged to attend.
March 3 rd	General Parish Meeting after Divine Liturgy/Hot Dog Sale
March 16 th	Women's (Mother's) Day Dance (Mark your calendar!)
September 15 th	Save the date: <i>Gregory E. Costa Golf Classic</i>
September 27, 28	Archdiocesan Assembly St. Nicholas Church, Jamaica Estates, NY

Stewardship: Pledge cards are available at the candle stand. You may also visit our website www.stjohnsphila.org. Our pledge card is now online. Please submit your pledge card as soon as possible.

Isn't it strange how a 20 dollar bill seems like such a large amount when you donate it to church, but such a small amount when you go shopping?

February Giving: Extra Virgin Olive oil. Used for the lamps in front of the Iconostas and in the Altar. Thank you to everyone who brought in paper towels in January.

February Namedays: Per Shume Vjet! Gezuar! 2nd Meeting of our Lord (Panajoti), 3rd St Simeon the God Bearer, 5th Martyr Agatha, 10th Hiermartyr Haralambos, 18th Leo, Pope of Rome