

The Weekly Messenger –July 28, 2013

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*Epistle - Romans 10:10-1 Gospel - Matthew 8:28-9:1*

*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](mailto: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: Mary Legidakes, Father Deacon Stephen Stefani and those servicemen who have fallen asleep in the Lord in the service of their Country.

**Pastoral Coverage:**

July 28, August 4, 11 Father Joseph Toroney August 18<sup>th</sup> Father Brooks, August 25, Father Brooks, Father Joseph Toroney, Father Mark Koczak, Father Gregory Dudash, Deacon Andrew Rubis, Deacon Gregory Dudash, Richard O’Leary (formerly Father Gregory O’Leary) will also worship with us.

**Coffee Hour Sponsors:** July 28<sup>th</sup> Robert & Majlinda Ceca Thank you very much!

August 4<sup>th</sup> Adams Family 2 year memorial Charlie Adams

August 11<sup>th</sup> Qendro Family

August 18<sup>th</sup> Marinela Prifti, Liljana Petuqi August and Eda Kosova

August 25<sup>th</sup> Thank you luncheon

**Parishioner News:** Congratulations to Eris and Christian Jordan on the birth of their son Noah (9lbs 2oz). Noah is the grandson of Nikoleta & George Prifti, (their third grandchild) and the great-grandson of Jorgjia Kashari. May God grant them many years! It was wonderful to see Dhimiter Ndrecka walk up to receive communion this past Sunday. Dhimiter is recovering from a stroke. It has been a long, difficult road, but he is getting stronger each day. Please keep Dhimiter in your prayers.

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

**Important Dates:**

Today: July 28<sup>th</sup> 40 day Memorial Mary Legidakes

August 4<sup>th</sup> 2 year Memorial – Charlie Adams

August 5<sup>th</sup> Parish Council Meeting 7:00 pm

August 6<sup>th</sup> The Transfiguration of Christ

August 15<sup>th</sup> Dormition of the Theotokos

August 25<sup>th</sup> Thank you luncheon

September 1<sup>st</sup> Father Brooks begins his ministry at St. John Chrysostom

September 22<sup>nd</sup> Gregory E. Costa Golf Classic

September 26, 27, 28 Archdiocesan Assembly St. Nicholas Church - New York

October 5<sup>th</sup> Saturday 9:00 am – Fall Cleanup, we have the cleaning supplies we need your helping hands to make our church sparkle!

October 15<sup>th</sup> Adult Education Classes begin (Father Brooks)

**Some do it for fun**, others do it for the competition! St. John's is looking for it's Sportspersons. Profiles range from teenagers to seniors and everything in between! Please join our first **St. John's Sportsperson's - Fantasy Football League**. **Both women and men are encouraged to participate!** There are 12 teams per league, and a one- time entry fee of \$75.00 per Sportsperson (**Owner**). The first 14 weeks of the NFL season represent the regular season for **CBSSports.com Fantasy Football leagues**. Prizes will be posted and St. John's will also benefit in the prize pool. There will be a live draft Sunday announced! Any member **or** sponsored friend of St. John's is welcome! Please reply to [info@stjohnsphila.org](mailto:info@stjohnsphila.org) to reserve your slot or contact Peter Ghicondey as soon as you are able to.

**Things to know while in church:** *To Cross or not to Cross* Anyone who has looked around on a Sunday morning will notice that different people cross themselves at different times. To a certain extent, when to cross oneself is according to personal piety and not an issue of dogma. But there are times when it is specifically proper to cross yourself and times when you should not.

*To Cross* When you hear one of the variations of the phrase, “Father, Son and Holy Spirit; at the beginning and end of the liturgical service or your private prayers; entering or exiting the church or when passing in front of the Holy Altar; before venerating an icon, the cross or Gospel book.

*Not to Cross* At the chalice before or after taking Communion (you might hit the chalice with your hand); when the priest or bishop blesses saying, “Peace be to all” – bow slightly and receive the blessing; when receiving a blessing from a bishop or priest (kissing the right hand of the bishop or priest is appropriate, but not making the sign of the cross).