

The Weekly Messenger –July 7, 2013
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Epistle - Romans 2:10-16 Gospel - Matthew 4:18-23

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 or 609-685-1651.

**We hope everyone had a wonderful 4th of July Celebration.
Happy Birthday to our Nation!!**

Commemorations for the Living: Metropolitan Tikhon, Archbishop Nikon, Father Stephen Siniari, Roxane Ghicondey, Linda Kosta, Mac, Cranford, 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: Castor Notskas (9th anniversary of his death), 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 7 & 14 Father Gregory Dudash
July 21 & 28, August 4, 11 Father Joseph Toroney

Coffee Hour Sponsors: Thank you very much!

July 7 th Grabocka Family	July 28 th Robert & Majlinda Ceca
July 14 th Zhaneta & Edmund Dhandili (15 year Memorial)	August 4 th Adams Family (2 year Memorial for Charlie Adams)
July 21 st Fiori & Ilirjan Papa	August 11 th Qendro Family

Parishioner News: Roxane Ghicondey is recovering at home following foot surgery. If you have news or information about a parishioner and would like to share it with our parishioners please send the details to info@stjohnsphila.org. Many of our parishioners will send a card or contact their friends.

Thank you Father Gregory for serving today!

Congratulations and Many Years to Jona Jano who was baptized by Father Stephen on Sunday, July 1st. Congratulations, Best Wishes and Many Years to Natalie Burns & Florjan Ceca, who were married by Father Stephen on Saturday, June 30th! **Gezuar!**

Important Dates:

July 8th Parish Council meeting 7:00 pm. All welcome to attend
August 4th 2 year Memorial – Charlie Adams
August 25th Thank you luncheon sponsored by Parish Council
September 1st Father Brooks begins his ministry at St. John Chrysostom
September 22nd Gregory E. Costa Golf Classic
September 26, 27, 28 Archdiocesan Assembly St. Nicholas Church - New York
November 9 & 10 Nameday Celebration - Bishop Nikon will visit

July Namedays: **Per Shume Vjet! Gezuar!** To our parishioners and friends who celebrate their Nameday in July: July 17th Great Martyr Marina, July 20th Prophet Elijah, July 24th Great Martyr Christina of Tyre, July 27th St. Panteleimon

Namedays: are a very special part of our Albanian Heritage. Many of us celebrate our Namedays and they are as important as our birthday. We would like to recognize our parishioners by name on their chosen Nameday. Our list is very old and we are sure we are missing some parishioners. Kindly email your family members: name, date of birth, the saint for whom they are named and the date they celebrate their Nameday. In order to recognize our parishioners and the Nameday they celebrate we are asking that you email your family information to info@stjohnsphila.org.

August 25th: Parish Council has extended an invitation to the priests and deacons who have served at St. John Chrysostom during the past year, to serve at the Divine Liturgy on August 25th. We will host a “thank you” luncheon for the clergy and our parishioners. Please mark your calendar and plan to attend this very special day.

Covenant House: **Father Stephen sends his thanks** for the items donated to Covenant House. He picked them up on June 26th. If you would like to make a donation the box will remain in the side vestibule throughout the summer. The following items are needed: ***Food Items:*** canned spaghetti, soup, chocolate chip granola bars, tuna fish, jelly, pasta noodles (angel hair, penne, etc.), spaghetti sauce, oatmeal; ***Baby Items:*** Enfamil (Premium), baby bottles, receiving blankets, pacifiers, wipes, size 5 diapers; ***Hygiene Items:*** white t-shirts (small, medium), socks (boys’, girls’, any color), underwear (teens 18, 19, 20 years old)

July Monthly 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 June.