

The Weekly Messenger – June 30, 2013

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Epistle - Hebrews 11:33-12:2 Gospel - Matthew 10:32-33, 37-38, 19:27-30

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.

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

Pastoral Coverage:

June 30, July 7 & 14 Father Gregory Dudash

July 21 & 28, August 4, 11 Father Joseph Toroney

Coffee Hour Sponsors: Thank you very much!

June 30th Christian & Eda Kosova

July 21st Fiori & Ilirjan Papa

July 7th Grabocka Family

July 28th Robert & Majhide Ceca

July 14th Zhaneta & Edmund Dhandili

August 4th Adams Family

(15 year Memorial)

(2 year Memorial for Charlie Adams)

Important Dates:

June 29th Saturday 9:00 am Divine Liturgy at SS Peter & Paul Church- Parish Nameday

June 30th SS Peter & Paul - Luncheon following the Divine Liturgy @ SS Peter & Paul

July 8th Parish Council meeting 7:00 pm.

August 4th 2 year Memorial – Charlie Adams

September 1st Father Brooks begins his ministry at St. John Chrysostom

Gregory E. Costa Golf Classic: The date for the golf outing has been changed to Sunday, September 22, 2013. Please update your calendars and plan to attend this fun event. For additional information contact Donna Dimitri, Michele Anderson, Linda Biando.

Lives of all saints commemorated on June 30

Synaxis of All Saints: The Sunday following Pentecost is dedicated to All Saints, both those who are known to us, and those who are known only to God. There have been saints at all times, and they have come from every corner of the earth. They were Apostles, Martyrs, Prophets, Hierarchs, Monastics, and Righteous, yet all were perfected by the same Holy Spirit.

The Descent of the Holy Spirit makes it possible for us to rise above our fallen state and to attain sainthood, thereby fulfilling God's directive to "be holy, for I am holy" (Lev. 11:44, 1 Peter 1:16, etc.). Therefore, it is fitting to commemorate All Saints on the first Sunday after Pentecost. (<http://oca.org/saints/all-lives/2013/06/30>)

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.

Linda Kosta would like to thank the Church family for all their prayers, cards, visits, food and phone calls during her recent recovery from knee surgery. People who do not have a Church family don't know what they are missing!!! Thanks, Linda

Pledge Statements: If you did not receive a pledge statement, please contact our Treasurer, Michele Anderson: treasurer@stjohnsphila.org or call 609-685-1651. If you have not made a pledge for 2013 you can do so online www.stjohnsphila.org. You may mail you pledge to the church or turn it in at the candle stand. If you haven't pledged please do so soon. Thank you very much to those families who have pledged. If you have pledged and your name is not on the poster in the side vestibule at church please contact a parish council member.

Father Brooks Update: Father Brooks found an apartment in Center City in the area of 13th & Lombard. He will be coming to Philadelphia in August to get settled. He will serve at St. John's on August 25th and will begin his full time ministry September 1, 2013. We look forward to Father Brooks arrival!

June Monthly Giving: Paper towels Thank you so much to those who made donations!

July Monthly Giving: Olive oil

Thank you Father Gregory for serving today!