

**The Weekly Messenger –June 9, 2013**  
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*Epistle - Acts 16:16-34 Gospel - John 9:1-38*

## **CHRIST IS RISEN! INDEED HE IS RISEN!** **KRISHTI U NGJALL! VERTET U NGJALL!**

**Commemorations for the Living:** Metropolitan Tikhon, Archbishop Nikon, Father Stephen Siniari, Newly illuminated Savina Marie and Edon Alex, Mary Legidakas, 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), Steven Cosmo (Marines-Romania), Dylan Colclough (Marines-Okinawa).

**Commemorations for the Departed:** Father Deacon Stephen Stefani and those servicemen who have fallen asleep in the Lord in the service of their Country.

### **Pastoral Coverage:**

June 9, Father Joe Toroney June 16 & 23 Father Mark Kozak  
June 30, July 7 & 14 Father Gregory Dudash

### **Coffee Hour Sponsors:** Thank you very much!!

June 9<sup>th</sup> Sunday School Graduation Hot dogs provided by Sunday school, no charge or donations requested.

June 16<sup>th</sup> Ervin Elbasani & Yllka Lena  
June 23<sup>rd</sup>

Please sign up for one of our open coffee hour dates: June 23, Sept 1, Nov 3 & 24,

### **Important Dates:**

June 9<sup>th</sup> Sunday School Graduation  
June 13<sup>th</sup> Ascension of our Lord Divine Liturgy **AT SS Peter & Paul** Church @ 9:00 am  
June 23<sup>rd</sup> Holy Pentecost  
June 29<sup>th</sup> Saturday 9:00 am Divine Liturgy at SS Peter & Paul Church- Parish Nameday  
June 30<sup>th</sup> SS Peter & Paul - Luncheon following the Divine Liturgy @ SS Peter & Paul

**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.

**The sixth Sunday after the Feast of Holy Pascha** is observed by the Orthodox Church as the Sunday of the Blind Man. The day commemorates the miracle of Christ healing the man who was blind since birth. The biblical story of this event is found in the Gospel of Saint John 9:1-41. ([http://lent.goarch.org/sunday\\_of\\_the\\_blindman/learn/](http://lent.goarch.org/sunday_of_the_blindman/learn/))

**Parishioner Update:** Mary Legidakas recently underwent a surgical procedure and is recovering at Lankenau Medical Center, 100 E Lancaster Ave, Wynnewood, PA 19096. Please keep Mary in your prayers.

We were very happy to see Dhimiter Ndrecka and his family in church last Sunday. Dhimiter suffered a stroke a number of months ago. His recovery is progressing as he was walking with a cane. Keep up the good work Dhimiter!

**Full Time Priest:** Parish Council is very happy to announce Father Brooks Ledford will be returning to St. John Chrysostom as our full time priest. He will celebrate the Divine Liturgy on Sunday, September 1, 2013. See any member of parish council for additional details.

**Sunday school:** Today, after the Divine Liturgy, the Sunday school will hold their graduation ceremony. Congratulations to all of our Sunday school students for completing the year! Special thanks to our Sunday school teachers: Vlad Melnik, Marinela Prifti, Linda Biando, Carolyn Dardaris, Christine Dardaris, Fjori Lakuriqi, Traci Cosmo and substitute director, Diane Coraluzzi. Special, Special thanks to our Sunday School Director, Steve Coraluzzi, for your dedication and hard work. It was a very good year and we look forward to next year!

### **Special Request from Covenant House for Donations:**

Covenant House was founded in 1972 with the simple, profound mission to help homeless kids escape the streets. Today it is the largest privately funded charity in the Americas providing loving care and vital services to homeless, abandoned, abused, trafficked, and exploited youth. Father Stephen Siniari is employed by Covenant House and is currently assigned to the City of Camden, reaching out to the young people living on the street.

If you are able to donate any of the following items, please bring them to Church and place them in the box in the side vestibule. They will be given to Fr. Stephen:

***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)

**If you or someone** you know was baptized at St. John Chrysostom but did not receive a Baptismal Certificate please contact a Parish Council Member or send an email to [info@stjohnsphila.org](mailto:info@stjohnsphila.org). We will prepare a Baptismal Certificate and send it to you.

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