

**The Weekly Messenger –March 2, 2014**  
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*Epistle St. Paul's Letter to the Romans 13:11-14; 14:1-4 Gospel Matthew 6:14-21*

**Message from Father Brooks:** The skating party was a great success! And yes, I did skate. And yes, I did wipe out....right in front of all my parishioners! But hey, it was well worth it, and I think the kids (and the adults) had a terrific time. Steve, you did (and do) a great job of organizing the youth events. Thanks for that. Much fun and fellowship. All of us at St. John's should be proud to be a part of this great parish. Peace to all.

**The Women's Day Celebration and Dance,** is next Saturday, March 8, 2014, 7:00 – 11:00 pm in the Church Hall. Tickets are \$40.00 for adults and \$10.00 for children under 12. A buffet dinner and continuous dancing are included! Please contact Fiori Papa or Nilda Brahollari for tickets or with any questions. You may also email [info@stjohnsphila.org](mailto:info@stjohnsphila.org) for more information.

**Commemorations for the Living:** Archbishop Nikon, Father Ken James Stavrevsky, Proto Deacon Michael Sochka, Steven, Alessi, Rosemary Notskas, Kim Burdumy, Hugh Ledford, Roxane Ghicondey, Larry Kosta, Leslie Sochka, Dolly Spiro, Daniel Coraluzzi, Andigoni Steffa, John and Mary Croke, Paula Kosta, Candace Pepenelli, Mac, Kristin Snow, Dhimiter Ndrecka, Francesca Giansante, Flossie Vissar, Pandeli, Jorgaq, Lefteri, and all the servicemen especially, Matthew Sherwood (Army-Afghanistan), Calvin Colclough (Marines–Spain).

**Commemorations for the Departed:** Janulla Gjidede, Loralyn (Biando) White, Father Deacon Stephen Stefani and those servicemen who have fallen asleep in the Lord in the service of their Country.

**Great Lent** begins next week. We will have Pre-sanctified Liturgy on Wednesday nights beginning March 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm. Lenten (Pot Luck) dinner and discussion will be held in the church hall following the Pre-sanctified Liturgy.

**Parishioner News:**

Please e mail [info@stjohnsphila.org](mailto:info@stjohnsphila.org) with parishioner news you would like to share.

**Ice Skating:** Over 60 parishioners came to the Class of 1923 Ice Skating Rink. Fun, Fun, Fun! We had great pizza, hot chocolate; a warm room, plenty of time to skate. Thank you to the parents who brought their children, to our Sunday School Director (for life) Steve Coraluzzi, Father Brooks for taking to the ice and to Tim Pappas for tying all those skates and helping others on the ice! Photos are posted on our website: [www.stjohnsphila.org](http://www.stjohnsphila.org)

**Semi Annual Parish Meeting:** March 30, 2014 during coffee hour. Parish business to be discussed: Religious Education, Church Finances, Social Activities, selection of delegates for Archdiocesan Assembly Sept.26 & 27, 2014. This year the Assembly will be at our sister church, Ss. Peter & Paul.

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

March 2<sup>nd</sup> Gjidede Family in Memory of Janulla Gjidede

March 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday night Parish Council Meeting 7:00 pm

March 9<sup>th</sup> Spiro & Marjana Kosta

March 16<sup>th</sup> Coraluzzi Family

March 23<sup>rd</sup> The Haxhistasa Family

March 30<sup>th</sup> Sergio & Colleen Xhohxi

April 6<sup>th</sup> Zoto Family in Memory of Vrisidha

April 13<sup>th</sup> Palm Sunday Pancake Breakfast – Rose Adams & Family

*We have open coffee hour dates: in May, June, July, August*

**Important Dates:**

March 2<sup>nd</sup> Forgiveness/Cheesefare Sunday – 40 Day Memorial - Janulla Gjidede

March 3<sup>rd</sup>, Great Lent Begins

**Wed** March 5<sup>th</sup> Pre-sanctified Liturgy 6:30 pm Lenten Dinner and Discussion follow

Saturday, March 8<sup>th</sup> Women's Day Dance 7p-11p in the Church Hall

March 9<sup>th</sup> Spring Forward – Set clocks ahead 1 hour

**Wed** March 12<sup>th</sup> 19<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup> Pre-sanctified Liturgy 6:30pm Lenten Dinner and Discussion

March 16<sup>th</sup> 95<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the consecration of Theophan Noli into the episcopacy

March 23<sup>rd</sup> Veneration of the Cross

**Monday** March 24<sup>th</sup> Vespertal Liturgy 6:30 pm, fast before Liturgy - Pot Luck Dinner following for the Annunciation Feast (no fast on March 25<sup>th</sup>)

March 30<sup>th</sup> 1 year Memorial Nick Naum; Semi-Annual Parish Meeting

April 6<sup>th</sup> 1 year Memorial Vrisidha Zoto

**March Namedays Per Shume Vjet! Gezuar!** To our parishioners who celebrate their Nameday in March: 10<sup>th</sup> St. Theodore the General, 17<sup>th</sup> St. Alexander, 25<sup>th</sup> The Annunciation

**Monthly Giving:** March single ply toilet paper and/or paper napkins