

The Weekly Messenger –March 24, 2013
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Gospel - John 1:43-51 Epistle – Hebrews 11:24-26, 32-12:2

Commemorations for the Living: Metropolitan Tikhon, Archbishop Nikon, Father Stephen Siniari, Cranford, Kristin Snow, Madeline Couris-Guarinello, Jennie Sapnas, Dhimitri Ndrecka, Mary Legidakas, Francesca Giansante, Pandeli Spiro, Rosemary Notskas, Peter Mallios, Katherine Zoidis, Marcena Moore, Nick Naum, Flossie Vissar, Kathleen, Pandeli, Jorgaq, Lefteri, and all the servicemen especially, Steven Cosmo (Marines-Romania), Dylan Colclough (Marines-Okinawa).

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

Parishioner Update: Dhimitri Ndrecka continues his rehabilitation at Magee. Dhimitri can hardly wait to be home and come to church for Easter. He is coming close to the discharge, which will be around the first week of April. After that he has to attend a day program 9:00 am-3:00 pm, still at Magee but a different building, somewhere on Columbus Blvd, where he will have the same amount of therapy. This is where it becomes very difficult because the center does not offer transportation and Entela works from 7-3 pm. If anyone knows any other sources of transportation or organization that would be able to assist please email entelandrecka@hotmail. The Ndrecka family appreciates the help and feels so lucky to be part of this wonderful community. Thank you, Entela Ndrecka.

Coffee Hour Sponsors: Today, March 24th Aleko & Valentina Stefani in memory of Ngjeline Stefani Thank- you!

March 31st Dorothy Tomassini & Jim Spiro
April 7th Jani Mara & family in memory of Anastas Mara
April 14th Mike & Carolyn Dardaris
April 21st Betty Subashi in memory of Andy

Important Dates:

March 31 st St. Gregory Palamas	Saturday April 27 th Sunday school Lazarus Saturday
April 7 th Veneration of the Cross	April 28 th Palm Sunday, Charlie Adams Memorial
April 14 th St. John of Ladder	Pancake Breakfast
April 21 st St. Mary of Egypt, One Year Memorial Vada Burdumy	

*****Other important dates posted on our website or available at the candle stand*****

Sunday of Orthodoxy: The Sunday of the Triumph of Orthodoxy is celebrated on the first Sunday of Great Lent. It is the celebration of the victory of the iconodules (those who saw fit to venerate icons) over the iconoclasts (those who sought to destroy icons) by the decision of the Seventh Ecumenical Council. The theme of the day is victory of the True Faith. "This is the victory that overcomes the world, our faith" (1 John 5:4).

The icons of the saints bear witness that man, "created in the image and likeness of God" (Genesis 1:26), may become holy through the purification of himself as God's living image on earth.

Sunday of Othodoxy. Retrieved from http://orthodoxwiki.org/Sunday_of_Orthodoxy

Smiles, Smiles, Smiles and more Smiles: That's what was seen at the Sunday school ice skating outing last Sunday. Thank you to the parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, friends who brought the children for the afternoon of great fun! Special thanks to Steve and Diane Coraluzzi for coordinating the outing and for donating the pizza!

Website: More information about our parish is on our website. Next time you are on the internet go to: www.stjohnsphila.org Take a look at the photos from our ice skating outing.

Last Sunday (3/17/13) Father Joe informed our parishioners of the plight of Cranford Coulter, the person who coordinates the meals for the homeless on Thursday nights. Cranford has been doing outreach to the homeless, (he is our point of contact for the clothing drives the church sponsors) for over 20 years. He and his family have fallen on difficult times, he has been sick, his wife and daughter lost their jobs and have suffered other hardships. Parish Council decided our Parish would make a \$500.00 donation to assist Cranford and his family in their time of need. Personal donations may be sent to Cranford J. Coulter, 27 N. Front St, Souderton, PA 18964. If anyone has questions please see a member of parish council or email chairperson@stjohnsphila.org.

Team Brother John looks forward to another great Buddy Walk this year. Please come out to do the walk, have some fun, and picnic with us under the Brother John tent. We are always looking for new faces to join us as we celebrate together. This is the 10th year for the Buddy Walk in DE; let's make it another great one. John has learned to run like the wind, climb to great heights, say his ABC'S & 123's, sing along with his favorite band (Maná) and try new foods. John would love to show you his new skills in person on: **Sunday, May 19th, 2013**, U of D Athletic Complex, Newark, DE 11 AM – 3 PM. If you can't make that day, you can still contribute to our team, "Brother John" by donating using the link below. Questions contact Susan or Vlad Melnik. Written by Susan Melnik. <http://secure.dsadelaware.org/BuddyWalk/BuddiesAndTeams/Team.aspx?TeamID=483>

March Monthly Giving: single ply toilet paper and/or paper napkins
Thank you very much to our parishioners who have made donations!