

The Weekly Messenger –March 3, 2013
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Gospel - 1 Corinthians 6:12-20 Epistle – Luke 15:11-32

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, Jennie Sapnas, Betty Subashi, Dhimitri Ndrecka, Mary Legidakes, Francesca Giansante, Pandeli Spiro, Rosemary Notskas, Peter Mallios, Diane Rubis, Katherine Zoidis, Marcena Moore, Nick Naum, Flossie Vissar, Kathleen, Pandeli, Jorgaq, Lefteri, and all the servicemen especially, Dylan Colclough (Marines-Okinawa).

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

Pastoral Coverage:

Father Joe Toroney will serve at St. John Chrysostom all of March & April 7th April 14 & 21, Father Mark Koczak, April 27, April 28, Holy Week & Pascha (May 5th) Father Brooks Ledford.

Coffee Hour Sponsors: Today, March 3rd Sunday school hot dog sale

March 10th Pandora Bendo March 24th Aleko & Valintina Stefani
March 17th no sponsor March 31st Dorothy Tomassini & Jim Spiro

March Namedays Per Shume Vjet! Gezuar! To our parishioners who celebrate their Nameday in March: 17th St. Alexander, 18th St. Theodore the General, 25th The Annunciation

Women's Day Dance: We need to know if you plan to attend on Saturday, March 16, 2013 7:00 – 11:00 pm in the Church Hall. Tickets: Adults \$30.00, Children under 14 \$10.00. Please join us for dancing, good food and fellowship. See Fiori or Ilirjan Papa for tickets.

Meshe: Thank you Donna Dimitri for making Meshe today. There are many open dates on the Meshe sign-up sheet. Please pick a date and sign up to make Meshe.

Do you have a family recipe that is special to you? One that makes you happy because it is not only delicious but brings back happy memories of loved ones or happy occasions? If yes, please share it with Linda Biando. Each month we plan to put a great recipe and the story behind it into the website. It can be a recipe that is American, Albanian, or from any other ethnic group. It can be simple, complex, Lenten, a holiday specialty, or just a little something that others are sure to enjoy. Please email your reply to misslinda@stjohnsphila.org or see her during coffee hour.

Website: www.stjohnsphila.org Parish Council is looking for parishioners who are interested in contributing to the St John's website in these areas: photos, articles, and light website administration. This is a great opportunity for you to get involved and help your parish. Most of the "contributions" can be made from the comfort of your home computer. Contact Peter Ghicondey vicechairperson@stjohnsphila.org or meet with Peter during coffee hour.

Sunday School: Ice skating outing, March 17th following the Divine Liturgy, at the U of P Class of 1923 Rink. This outing is being sponsored by the Sunday school using proceeds from their hot dog sales and other fundraisers. Lunch will be provided. Questions please contact Steve Coraluzzi, sundayschooldirector@stjohnsphila.org or 610-459-0311.

Semi-Annual Parish Meeting today, March 3, 2013 following the Divine Liturgy.

Miss Linda invites her students and their parents to check the Sunday School tab of St John's website each Tuesday for her "Sunday School Stars" extra credit questions. Miss Linda's students can send the answers to her at misslinda@stjohnsphila.org. Answers for the week must be sent to Miss Linda by 6PM on the Saturday of each week. The correct answers will accumulate and the students with the most correct answers at the end of the year will get a chance to win a special prize. In addition, when the students who have emailed their answers for the week come to church on the very next Sunday, they will receive a small prize at the end of Sunday school! **Congratulations Gregory Dardaris for being our first Sunday School Star!**

Upcoming Events: Lenten schedule on a separate sheet
May 12th Race for the Cure contact Donna Dimitri
May 19th Buddy Walk (to promote the understanding, inclusion and acceptance of people with Down syndrome) contact Susan Melnik
September 15th *Gregory E. Costa Golf Classic*..... Golf and Dinner
September 27, 28 Archdiocesan Assembly St. Nicholas Church, Jamaica Estates, NY
November 9-10th Parish Nameday Celebration Archbishop Nikon will visit

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