

The Weekly Messenger – April 11, 2021
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Epistle: Hebrews 6:13-20 Gospel: Mark 9:17-31

Upcoming Events:

April 11 th St. John Climacus	April 14 th Pre Sanctified Liturgy 7:00 pm
April 18 th St Mary of Egypt	April 24 th Lazarus Saturday 10 am Liturgy
April 25 th Palm Sunday	April 28 th Holy Unction 7:00 pm
April 30 th Holy Friday-7:00p Lamentations	May 2 nd Holy Pascha 11:30 pm Sat May 1st

Parishioner News: We are a young couple with a 10-month-old baby. We live in Barrington, NJ and we are looking for a babysitter. The working schedule is 10:00 am – 2:00 pm (with some flexibility), Monday – Thursday. If you are interested or know someone who is interested, please give us a call at (412) 400-2997 or (412) 400-3725. Konstandina & Vasil

Commemorations for the Departed: Archbishop Nikon, Archpriest Antonio Perdomo, the 560,000 victims of the Covid-19 virus, Charles Burdumy, Diane Mallios, Jorgaq Lico, Deacon Stephen Stefani and those servicemen and women who have fallen asleep in the Lord. *If you have a name to add to the Commemorations for the departed or the living please email info@stjohnsphila.org*

Commemorations for the Living: Health care workers, First responders, those suffering with the Covid-19 virus, Archbishop Anastasios, Bishop Daniel, Father Gregory Dudash, Newly Illuminated Gus Dylan, Ali & Richard Brown, Gia Shepherd, Scott Hutcheon, Jani Xhoxhi, Dorothy Tomassini, Marge Nowmos, Marie Portway (Nancy Ghicondey's Mother), Joyce & Maurice Robert (Christine Dardaris' Mom & Dad), Jim Ghicondey, Lisa Kosta Bowser, Lee Gedremenc, Evangeline Prifti, Virginia Daka, Dhimiter Ndrecka, Pandeli, Leteri, and the men and women serving in the Armed Forces.

Important information: Unfortunately, the U.S Postal Service has not been so good at delivering mail to our church at 237 N. 17th Street. Mail was not delivered to our church for 13 days. Not even junk mail!! If you sent a donation, we ask that you look at your bank statement to ensure the check has been processed. Please contact us info@stjohnsphila.org if you discover a problem.

Presanctified Liturgy: Wednesday, April 14th @ 7:00 pm. Presanctified Liturgy will be celebrated at St. John Chrysostom. This will be the final Presanctified Liturgy in 2021.

St John Climacus: The memory of this Saint is celebrated on March 30, where his biography may be found. He is celebrated today because his book, The Ladder of Divine Ascent, is a sure guide to the ascetic life, written by a great man of prayer experienced in all forms of the monastic polity; it teaches the seeker after salvation how to lay a sound foundation for his struggles, how to detect and war against each of the passions, how to avoid the snares laid by the demons, and how to rise from the rudimental virtues to the heights of Godlike love and humility. It is held in such high esteem that it is universally read in its entirety in monasteries during the Great Fast



Saturday, April 24, 2021 Following the Divine Liturgy the Charity & Benevolence Committee will assist the area homeless by providing clothes and lunch. The Sunday school will host a Lazarus Day Retreat. The Divine Liturgy will begin at 10:00 am followed by activities in the church hall. Masks will be required and we will socially distance. There is PLENTY of room in the church hall to accomplish this. The kids will make Meshe and there will be a few other activities. Please contact Sunday School Director, Steve Coraluzzi or Sandi Fiss if you are going to attend: sundayschooldirector@stjohnsphila.org

Palm Sunday April 25th: We will celebrate the Divine Liturgy at 10:00 am. Palms will be distributed! We were not able to gather together to celebrate Christ's Entry into Jerusalem last year due to Covid-19. Please plan to attend this year!

YAHOO Mail service issues: If you know someone who uses YAHOO mail service please check with them to see if they have been getting email from St. John Chrysostom Church. We have not removed anyone from our mailing list. It seems YAHOO mail service has labeled [stjohnsphila.org](mailto:info@stjohnsphila.org) as SPAM. Please check the SPAM folder on you remail and click that [stjohnsphila.org](mailto:info@stjohnsphila.org) is NOT Spam.

Icon Auction Sunday April 25th, Palm Sunday, following the Divine Liturgy: We have 19 Icons to auction. If it is a nice day, we will have coffee hour and the auction in the parking lot. If you would like to submit a bid via email please do so, <mailto:info@stjohnsphila.org>
We have included a list of the available Icons.

Nick Naum Scholarship Applications: will be posted on our website <https://stjohnsphila.org/scholarship> in the next week. The applications must be submitted by June 1, 2021 via email to nnscholarship@stjohnsphila.org. The following are members of the Nick Naum Scholarship Committee: Diane Coraluzzi, Carolyn Dardaris, Sandi Fiss, Stephanie Kosta, Nicole Ferrara, Reem Tarazi.

