

## The Weekly Messenger – August 2, 2020

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Epistle: *Corinthians 1:10-18*

Gospel: *Matthew 14:14-22*



**August 6<sup>th</sup>** The transfiguration of Christ is one of the central events recorded in the gospels. Immediately after the Lord was recognized by His apostles as “the Christ [Messiah], the Son of the Living God,” He told them that “He must go up to Jerusalem and suffer many things . . . and be killed and on the third day be raised” (Mt 16). The announcement of Christ’s approaching passion and death was met with indignation by the disciples. And then, after rebuking them, the Lord took Peter, James, and John “up to a high mountain”—by tradition Mount Tabor—and was “transfigured before them.” [Read More](#)

### 8<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost

#### The Miracle of the Five Loaves and Two Fishes:

At that time, Jesus saw a great throng; and he had compassion on them and healed their sick. When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a lonely place, and the day is now over; send the crowds away to go into the villages and buy food for themselves." Jesus said, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." They said to him, "We have only five loaves here and two fish." And he said, "Bring them here to me." Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass; and taking the five loaves and the two fish he looked up to heaven, and blessed, and broke and gave the loaves to the crowds. And they all ate and were satisfied. And they took up twelve baskets full of the broken pieces left over. And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children. Then he made the disciples get into the boat and go before him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds.

**ZOOM PARISH COUNCIL MEETING** Wednesday, Aug, 5<sup>th</sup> 7:00 pm all welcome

Click:

<https://sasupenn.zoom.us/j/92914653980?pwd=emluYmhQZm50NTlsc2E3NU94bzJJUT09>

Or call in 46-558-8656 Meeting ID: 929 1465 3980

### Upcoming Events:

August 2<sup>nd</sup> 40-day Memorial Linda DuDash

Wednesday, August 5<sup>th</sup> Zoom Parish Council Meeting 7:00 pm

Thursday, August 6<sup>th</sup> Transfiguration our Lord

Saturday, August 8<sup>th</sup> Baptism of Olivianna Klemp – Bill Bortner’s niece

August 9<sup>th</sup> Presentation of Nick Naum Scholarships following the Divine Liturgy

August 15<sup>th</sup> Dormition of the Theotokos

August 29<sup>th</sup> Baptism of Lucas Nadareishvili, son of Ana Melikishvili and Irakli Nadareishvili

**Commemorations for the Departed:** Archbishop Nikon, the over 151,000 victims of Covid-19 virus, Priftëresha Linda DuDash, Elizabeth Jones (1 yr.), Deacon Stephen Stefani and those servicemen and women who have fallen asleep in the Lord in the service of their Country. *If you have a name to add to the Commemorations for the departed or the living please email [info@stjohnsphila.org](mailto:info@stjohnsphila.org)*

**Commemorations for the Living:** Health care workers, First responders, those suffering with the Covid-19 virus, Metropolitan Theodosius, Reader Chris Manosis, Colleen Xhoxhi, Father Gregory (Hal) DuDash and the DuDash Family, Newly baptized Olive, her parents, Evisa & Greg, Godfather, Endri, Newborn Sophia, her parents Florina & Drew Garcia, Jim Ghicondey, Karen, Sophia Sarkos (Michele’s sister), William Spiro, Lisa Kosta Bowser, Lee Gedremenc, Diane Mallios, Evangeline Prifti, Lisa Kelley, Donna Hlavcek, George Robos, Virginia Daka, Dhimiter Ndrecka, Pandeli, Jorgaq, Lefteri, and the men and women serving in the Armed Forces.

**Parishioner News:** Please keep Father Gregory DuDash and his family in your prayers on this fortieth day of their beloved Linda’s repose. It was always a pleasure to see Priftëresha Linda when Father Gregory served at St. John Chrysostom. She was a wonderful person and will truly be missed. Father Dennis will say prayers for the 40-day memorial following the Divine Liturgy today.

Congratulations to the Boyle and Frasheri families. Olive Boyle, daughter of Evisa and Greg was baptized on Saturday, July 25<sup>th</sup>. Olive’s Godfather is Endri Frasheri. Mihal & Lunsha Frasheri and Robert & Susan Boyle are her proud grandparents. Many Years to all!

Father Stephen Sinairi (formerly the priest at Ss. Peter & Paul Albanian Orthodox Church) has written and published a book ***Big in Heaven A Collection of Short Stories*** Congratulations Father Stephen! If you are interested in reading this book it can be ordered through the Ancient Faith Website - <https://store.ancientfaith.com/big-in-heaven/> Or you call (800) 967-7377 to place an order.