

The Weekly Messenger – January 26, 2020
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Epistle: 1 Timothy 1:15-17 Gospel: Matthew 15:21-28

32nd Sunday after Pentecost: At that time, Jesus went to the district of Tyre and Sidon. And behold, a Canaanite woman from that region came out and cried, "Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David; my daughter is severely possessed by a demon." But he did not answer her a word. And his disciples came and begged him, saying, "Send her away, for she is crying after us." He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." And he answered, "It is not fair to take the children's bread and throw it to the dogs." She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their master's table." Then Jesus answered her, "O woman, great is your faith! Be it done for you as you desire." And her daughter was healed instantly.

Commemorations for the Departed: Archbishop Nikon, Pandora Bendo (2 yrs.), 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*

Commemorations for the Living: Janice Leyden, Lisa Kosta Bowser, Erin Thack, Sara, Paul, Lee Gedremenc, Diane Mallios, Evangeline Prifti, Lisa Kelley, Donna Hlavcek, George Robos, Virginia Daka, Haretina (Papa) Milo, Dhimiter Ndrecka, Pandeli, Jorgaq, Lefteri, and the men and women serving in the Armed Forces.

NEXT SUNDAY is Soup-er Bowl Sunday: We will have our 5th Annual Soup-er Bowl Sunday on *Feb 2nd* following the Divine Liturgy. We are asking our parishioners to donate a homemade soup. We will offer the soup at coffee hour for a small donation. The proceeds will be donated to a nearby homeless shelter. A sign-up sheet is at the candle stand or email info@stjohnsphila.org with your soup.

Parishioner Update: Janice Leyden is currently in rehab at Jefferson Hospital. She is getting a little better each day and hopes to return home next week. Janice and Mike hope she is able to have visitors the first week in Feb. They send their thanks to our parishioners for your love, prayers, cards and good thoughts!

Monthly Giving for January: 8- or 16-ounce water bottles

Thank-you Father Dennis for serving today!

Valentine's Day Dance: *Saturday, February 15, 2020, 7:00 – 11:00 pm*, in the Church Hall. A buffet dinner and continuous dancing are included! Soda & coffee will be provided BY.O.B. Tickets are \$60.00 for adults and \$25.00 for children under 12. You can purchase tickets on our website [buy tickets](#) or contact Nilda treasurer@stjohnsphila.org



Sunday, February 16th Michael Gregory (Lay vice chair of the Albanian Archdiocese) and Deacon Spyridon will visit our parish. Michael and the Deacon's visit is partly to establish closer connections between parishes and the Archdiocese, partly to see what is going on in each parish and hear people's ideas/concerns.

His Beatitude, Metropolitan Tikhon, Primate of the Orthodox Church in America will visit our parish and our sister parish, Ss. Peter & Paul Albanian Orthodox Church the **weekend of Feb. 22-23**. His Beatitude will celebrate Vespers on Saturday night at Ss. Peter & Paul and the Divine Liturgy at St. John Chrysostom. With the repose of Archbishop Nikon, Metropolitan Tikhon became the Bishop Locum Tenens of the Albanian Archdiocese - until a Bishop is appointed. We are very honored he will visit our parish. Metropolitan Theodosius was the last Metropolitan to visit our parish many, many years ago. Please plan to attend Vespers Saturday the Divine Liturgy on Sunday!

Coffee Hour Sponsors: if you are sponsoring coffee hour it would be greatly appreciated if you could stay after to assist with the clean-up - thank you!

Jan 26th Bendo Family in memory of Pandora

Feb 2nd Souper Bowl Sunday

Feb 9th & 16th No Sponsors

Upcoming Events:

Jan 26th 2-year Memorial Pandora Bendo

Feb 2nd SOUP-ER Bowl Sunday – parishioners make their specialty soup which is sold during coffee hour. All proceeds are donated to a charity.

Monday, Feb 3rd Parish Council Meeting 7:00 pm

Feb 15th (Saturday) Valentine Day Dance) in lieu of the annual Women's Day dance.

Feb 16th Michael Gregory (Lay Vice Chair of the Albanian Archdiocese) and Deacon Spyridon will visit St. John Chrysostom

Feb 22 & 23 Metropolitan Tikhon will visit our parish and Ss. Peter & Paul

March 15th Semi Annual Parish Meeting during coffee hour.