

The Weekly Messenger – July 14, 2019
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Epistle: St. Paul's Letter to Titus 3:8-15 Gospel: Matthew 5:14-19

The Fourth Ecumenical Council Together, in 451, Emperor Marcian and Empress Pulcheria called another general council, this time on a far broader scale, to give the Church the opportunity to resolve the differences while still being completely faithful to the Nicene Creed. This illustrious council became known as the Fourth Ecumenical Council. With 630 bishops in attendance, it was the largest of all seven of the Ecumenical Councils. It was held in Chalcedon, not far from Constantinople, in Asia Minor. This council defended the teaching of Saint Cyril on the “hypostatic union” of Christ’s divine and human natures as expressed at the Council of Ephesus of 431. It also expressed the Antiochian emphasis on the genuine humanity of Jesus as expressed in the Formulary of Peace, as well as the Roman emphasis on the ongoing distinctiveness of the fully divine and fully human natures of Christ, as expressed in the language of Leo’s Tome. Indeed, when Leo’s Tome was read, all the bishops were reported to have cried out, “Peter has spoken through Leo!” But the Pope’s statement was not the last word. It also was subjected to scrutiny by the fathers at the Council, who decided to select parts of it to be woven into the Council’s final doctrinal definition. [Read More](#)

Liturgy & Picnic in the Park: Please make a notation in your cell phones – Sunday, Sept. 15th we will celebrate the Divine Liturgy and picnic afterwards at Neshaminy State Park. This year there will be organized activities for young and old. Please contact Elena Shomos if you are able to help out. info@stjohnsphila.org

Congratulations to the recipients of the 2019 Nick Naum Scholarship:

Kevin Fiss, son of Sandi & Bob Fiss and grandson of Paula & Jim Bendo
Adam Coraluzzi, son of Diane & Steve Coraluzzi, grandson of the late Paul Spiro
Michele Coraluzzi, daughter of Diane & Steve Coraluzzi, granddaughter of Paul Spiro
The scholarships will be presented following the Divine Liturgy on July 28th.

Our New Church Sign will be installed in about 1 week. We have raised \$2,220.00 of the \$3,000.00 needed to pay for the sign. Thank you very much to those who have made donations. Donations can be made at the candles stand or on our website [sign donation](#)

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Commemorations for the Deported: Michael Theokary (1 yr.), Rose Adams, Taso Gjidede, George Touros (5 yrs), John Croke (Linda Biando’s father 5 yrs), Wayne Merkle (1 yr), Jorgjia Kashari, Father 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: Archbishop Nikon, Sara, Lee Costalas, Lee Gedremenc (Bill Bortner’s father), Tala Ayyad, Diane Mallios, Rose Adams, Evangeline Prifti, Lisa Kelley, Donna Hlavcek, Father Dimitrie Vincent, Dolly Seiler, Elizabeth Jones, Virginia Daka, Haretina (Papa) Milo, Dhimiter Ndrecka, Pandeli, Jorgaq, Lefteri, and the men and women serving in the Armed Forces.

Coffee Hour Sponsors: Please sign up if you are interested.

July 14th Andonetta Theokary in memory of her brother Michael (1yr.)

July 21st Fiori & Ilirjan Papa – Elias & Ilirjan Nameday

July 28th Dhimiter & Arjana Gjidede in memory of Taso Gjidede

Only four Sundays are without sponsors - August 4, 11, 18, September 1st

Sponsor a coffee hour with a family member or friend!

click: [sign up for coffee hour](#) or sign up on the poster in the vestibule.

Upcoming Events

Saturday July 13th Elkolino and Angela Pano Crowning Service 2:00 pm

July 14th Memorial Michael Theokary 1 year

Saturday July 27th Wesley Hanson & Amy Lewis Wedding 11:00 am

July 28th 40 Day Memorial Taso Gjidede (Father of Dhimiter)

July 28th Baptisms: Nicholas Gremi and Christian Kittel

Friday, August 30th Edlira Tegu & Kevin Delussey Wedding 1:00 pm

Sept 15th Liturgy and Picnic Neshaminy State Park 12:00 pm

Sept 19th – 21st Archdiocesan Assembly Natick MA

Meshe our supply of Meshe is still low. If you would like to make Meshe we will greatly appreciate your donation. Thank you to those who have made Meshe in the past.

Welcome to our visitors. Thank you for celebrating the Divine Liturgy with us. We invite you to join us for coffee hour and fellowship in the church hall following the Divine Liturgy.

July giving: *Paper towels*

Welcome Linda and Father Gregory Dudash. Thank you for serving today!