

The Weekly Messenger – July 18, 2021
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Epistle: Romans 6:18-23 Gospel: Matthew 8:5-13

Sunday School: *We are having a “CLEAN UP AND GET READY FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL” Day on Saturday, July 24th from 9:00 am – 12:00 pm.* Our goal is to re-install the dividers in the Sunday school and clean the area for the upcoming Sunday school year. It has been almost 2 years since we have had classes in the Sunday school. We will have all of the cleaning supplies – just need the muscle to get the job done! If you can lend a hand, please email info@stjohnsphila.org so we know how many people are coming.

Upcoming Events:

Saturday July 24th, Sunday school cleanup 9:00 am – 12:00 pm
July 25th Father Giorgi will celebrate the Divine Liturgy
Aug 1st Father Gregory Rubis will celebrate the Divine Liturgy
Tuesday, Aug 3rd Parish Council Meeting via ZOOM at 7:00 pm
Aug 6th Transfiguration
Aug 15th Dormition of the Theotokos
Baptism of Vincent Kokolari son of Darien & Blerina Kokolari

Coffee Hour If you are able to sponsor an upcoming coffee hour **click:** [sign up for coffee hour](#) or sign-up on the sheet posted in the side vestibule at church.
July 18th Fiori & Ilirjan Papa in honor of Ilirjan & Elias' Nameday
July 25th No Sponsor Aug 1st No Sponsor Aug 8th No Sponsor
Aug 15 Kokolari Family in honor of Vincent's Baptism

Commemorations for the Departed: Archbishop Nikon, the 608,000 victims of the Covid-19 virus, 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, Newborn Alexandra, Nino, Father Giorgi, Anastasia, Ioane, Newly illuminated Cora Elizabeth Cosmo, Alexander Cosmo, Laura Johnson, Traci Cosmo, Marc Johnson, Vicki, Hajri Xhoxhaj, Jani Xhoxhi, Dorothy Tomassini, Marie Portway (Nancy Ghicondey's Mother), Joyce & Maurice Robert (Christine Dardaris' Mom & Dad), Lisa Kosta Bowser, Lee Gedremenc, Evangeline Prifti, Virginia Daka, Dhimiter Ndrecka, Pandeli, Lefteri, and the men and women serving in the Armed Forces.

Pledge Reminder: If you haven't made your 2021 Pledge, please do it now! Go to our website [PLEDGE](#) or make a donation via [PAYPAL](#) or a [CREDIT CARD](#) Thank you!

Forth Sunday after Pentecost: The Season After Pentecost is essentially the part of the year that is left over after everything has been accounted for. The name of this season varies widely from church to church—it can be called Kingdomtide, Dominiontide, or Ordinary Time. In most churches, the general theme of the Bible readings and sermons concerns the church's mission in the world. The Season After Pentecost began on June 21, 2021, the day after [Pentecost](#). In the eastern Church, it ends on November 14, the beginning of the Nativity Fast.

The main holy days during this season are as follows:

- **All Saints' Day**, The Sunday after Pentecost, the Christian Memorial Day on which all who died for their testimony of Jesus are remembered. *Eastern Christians celebrate Trinity Sunday on Pentecost.*
- **The Transfiguration**, August 6, the commemoration of the Transfiguration of Jesus Christ on Mount Tabor.
- **Dormition of the Theotokos**, August 15, commemoration of the repose of the Theotokos
- **Birth of the Theotokos** September 8th
- **Elevation of the Holy Cross**, 14, commemorates the discovery of the true cross in Palestine in the fourth century

Roughly speaking, the western Church consists of Protestants, Catholics, and Anglicans. The eastern Church consists of the Eastern Orthodox churches, the Orthodox Oriental churches, and the eastern-rite churches affiliated with the Roman Catholic Church.

Happy News: Cora Elizabeth Cosmo, daughter of Alexander Cosmo & Laura Johnson was baptized last Sunday. Her Godparents are Traci Cosmo and Marc Johnson. Cora is the granddaughter of +Michael Cosmo and Donna Dimitri. Many Years to the Cosmo-Johnson Families!

Congratulation to Betty Subashi who is a great grandmother! Frances Grace Subashi was born July 8th. The Subashi Family is thrilled! Many Years!

Livestream Help: We need a couple of people to assist with our Livestream. You will be trained by Sergio and really do not need to be a computer whiz to run the Livestream. Sergio has step by step instructions. Please email info@stjohnsphila.org if you or someone you know are willing to help.

Are you a Realtor or Do You Know Someone Who Is? We need help finding our new Priest, Father Giorgi a place to live. He is looking for a rental property. If you can assist, please email info@stjohnsphila.org

Pledge Update: To date we have received 52 pledges totaling \$36,900.00 Our goal for pledges in 2021 is \$55,000.00 so we have a way to go.