

The Weekly Messenger – June 23, 2019
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Epistle: Hebrews 11:33-12:2 Gospel: Matthew 10:32-33, 37-38; 19:27-30

Synaxis of All Saints the Orthodox Church celebrates the memory of All Saints on the first Sunday after Pentecost. The need for setting aside one day in the ecclesiastical calendar to honor 'all saints' was felt right after the Persecutions. Obviously, and in spite of the fact that the Church was already celebrating the memory of well-known saints, it was impossible to know individually and by name, all those who gave themselves for the faith in Christ. And though the day of commemoration varied among the various local Churches, the faithful of the Christian Church at large felt the need not only to commemorate the life and martyrdom of those athletes of the new faith, but also to establish a communion with them.

The present day of celebration of the feast of All Saints goes back at least to St. John Chrysostom, who in one of his homilies in Constantinople says that the commemoration of the Martyrs of the Universal Church was observed on the first Sunday after Pentecost. All Saints Day has always been observed not only as an opportunity for the Church to project to her living membership Christian ideals to be emulated, but also as an opportunity to establish a unity between the Triumphant Church of Christ in heaven and His militant one on earth. http://www.orthodoxchristian.info/pages/All_Saints.html

Have you made a pledge for 2019????? Pledge cards are available at the candle stand or online by clicking this link <https://stjohnsphila.org/pledge.html> The church has many of the same bills you have for your home. . Pledge's pay the bills for the church; gas & electric, insurance, building maintenance etc. We have received 56 pledges totaling \$38,049.00. Our goal is \$60,000.00. We're counting on you!! Many thanks to those who have made a 2019 pledge.

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.

June giving: Water 8 oz or 16 oz bottles

Commemorations for the Departed: Ted Lescas (2 yrs.), Spiro Dimitri (27 yrs.) Nina Melito, Peter Melnik (Vlad's father), 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, Barry Kolvek (Susan Melnik's father), 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, Ann Gjoka, 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.

June 23rd Diane Lescas in memory of Ted (2 yrs.)

June 30th Melito Family in memory of Nina (40 days)

July 7th – Open Date no one signed up to sponsor coffee hour

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

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

Only five Sundays are without sponsors - July 28, 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

June 30th 40 - day memorial Nina Melito

Tuesday, July 2nd Parish Council Meeting 7:00 pm

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

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

Job Opportunity if you are a painter and are looking for a job or know someone who is looking for a job contact Jim Beady, 856-252-4270. He contacted St. John Chrysostom Church to offer job opportunities to members of our parish.

If you have information for the Weekly Messenger please send it to <mailto:info@stjohnsphila.org>

Welcome Father Emmanuel. Thank you for serving today!