

The Weekly Messenger – June 28, 2020
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Epistle: Romans 2:10-16 Gospel Matthew 4:18-23

3rd Sunday After Pentecost



The Third Sunday After Pentecost: Seek First His Kingdom and His Righteousness

Our Lord Jesus Christ was teaching about what is really important. He said, “Your eyes are like a light for your body. If you look at bad things, your whole body can be bad. But if you look at things that are good, your whole body is bright and light. “No one can serve God and money. People will either love God best or love money and earthly things best. It is better to love God most of all. “I tell you, don’t worry about what you eat, drink, or wear. Think about birds—they don’t store up food! But God provides for them, doesn’t He? Think about flowers—they don’t sew or shop, but God dresses them in their beautiful clothes. If God takes care of little things like grass, won’t He take even better care of you? “So, don’t worry about your food, drink, or clothes. Your Father in Heaven already knows that you need them. He will provide them for you if you pray and come to church and do what is right. That is what is most important.”

A very happy and blessed Nameday Celebration to our sister church Ss. Peter & Paul

The Holy Apostles Peter and Paul June 29th - The divinely-blessed Peter was from Bethsaida of Galilee. He was the son of Jonas and the brother of Andrew the First-called. He was a fisherman by trade, unlearned and poor, and was called Simon; later he was renamed Peter by the Lord Jesus Christ Himself, Who looked at him and said, "Thou art Simon the son of Jonas; thou shalt be called Cephas (which is by interpretation, Peter)" (John 1:42). Paul, the chosen vessel of Christ, the glory of the Church, the Apostle of the Nations and teacher of the whole world, was a Jew by race, of the tribe of Benjamin, having Tarsus as his homeland.

Church to Re-Open Parish Council met via Zoom on Friday, June 19th. We finalized our re-opening plan. Church will open Sunday, July 12th, 2020. You will be able to sign up via our web-site or call 609-685-1651. We can have 42 people attend the Divine Liturgy in person. We will also be live-streaming the liturgy via YouTube. Our re-opening plan was emailed last week. If you did not receive the plan please email info@stjohnsphila.org and we will send you the information.

Parishioner News: Congratulations and best wishes to Roxane and Jim Ghicondey who celebrate their **60th Wedding Anniversary** on June 26th. Jim and Roxane are the parents of Peter and Nancy and the grandparents of Christina, Brittany and Sean. Quite an accomplishment! Wishing you many more years of happiness!

Commemorations for the Departed: Archbishop Nikon, the over 126,000 victims of Covid-19 virus, Priftëresha Linda DuDash, Lillie Shallapi (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: Health care workers, First responders, those suffering with the Covid-19 virus, Metropolitan Theodosius, Father Gregory (Hal) DuDash and the DuDash Family, Roxane & Jim Ghicondey, Newborn Nikolas, Nilda & Spartak Brahollari, Newborn Grigor, Vasil & Kostandina Papakroni, 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.

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REMINDER: Visit our [WEBSITE](#) for information on Live stream Sunday Morning Liturgies. We have added some Albanian Parishes.

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ZOOM Coffee Hour with Father Dennis – Sunday - 12:00 pm
CLICK THIS LINK and join
<https://stratfordschools.zoom.us/j/99052791171>
Don’t have a computer - no problem: You can dial in by phone to join:
+1 646 558 8656, Meeting ID 990 5279 1171
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