

The Weekly Messenger – June 7, 2020

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Epistle: Acts of the Apostles 2:1-11 Gospel John 7:37-52; 8:12

Pentecost



In the Old Testament Pentecost was the feast which occurred fifty days after Passover. As the passover feast celebrated the exodus of the Israelites from the slavery of Egypt, so Pentecost celebrated God's gift of the ten commandments to Moses on Mount Sinai.

In the new covenant of the Messiah, the passover event takes on its new meaning as the celebration of Christ's death and resurrection, the "exodus" of men from this sinful world to the Kingdom of God. And in the New Testament as well, the pentecostal feast is fulfilled and made new by the coming of the "new law," the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the disciples of Christ. [ReadMore](#)

What a Week! In addition to Covid-19 turning our lives upside down we have now witnessed the senseless death of a man at the hands of police officers. The peaceful protests that followed and the lawlessness of those who choose to loot, steal and create chaos, have all played out on TV and social media. It is a very difficult time for our nation. We pray this ends and things get better for all Americans. Parish Council and our St. John Chrysostom Community are here to assist anyone in need during these very difficult times. If you or someone you know are in need of assistance of any kind please email info@stjohnsphila.org or call 609-685-1651.

We will continue our ZOOM Coffee Hour with Father Dennis on 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

We will use this link and this phone number each week.

Parish Council was scheduled to meet Wednesday evening. Unfortunately, the meeting was postponed until Friday, June 5th @ 7:00pm. The main topic to be discussed at the meeting will be the reopening of our church. That information will be disseminated via email and posted on our website

Parishioner News: Congratulations to Nilda Salavachi and Spartak Brahollari on the birth of their son, Nikolas, born on May 28th, weighing 9lbs 8 oz, 22" long. Nikolas is the grandson of Niko and Lluiza Salavachi and the nephew of Jola and Gjorgi. Mom, Dad and baby are all doing great! Congratulations again and Many Years to the entire family!

Parish Directory: Please send updated information for the new parish directory to Elena secretary@stjohnsphila.org or mail your updated information to the church. We would like the updated information by June 15th.

Graduate Information: This is the last week to submit information about the graduates in your family. Email info@stjohnsphila.org A list will be distributed next week.

Nick Naum Scholarship Applications must be submitted by June 15, 2020. Visit our website for additional information <https://stjohnsphila.org/scholarship>

Commemorations for the Departed: Archbishop Nikon, The over 100,000 victims of Covid-19 virus, Andrea Thoma, Judy Kendro, Michael Theokary (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 re workers, First responders, those suffering with the Covid-19 virus, Linda DuDash, Newborn Nikolas, Nilda & Spartak Brahollari, Newborn Grigor, Vasil & Kostandina Papakroni, Sophia Sarkos (Michele's sister), Dorothy Tomassini, 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.

Per Shume Vjet, Gezuar! To our parishioners who celebrate their Namedays in June: June 1 Martyr Justin the Philosopher, June 27 St. Joanna Myrrhbearer, June 29 Ss Peter & Paul, June 30 All Saints

REMINDER: Visit our [WEBSITE](#) for information on Live stream Sunday Morning Liturgies.