The Weekly Messenger – July 17, 2022
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Epistle: Romans 10:1-10 Gospel: Matthew 8:28-9:1

Upcoming Events:

July 17th Presentation of the Nick Naum Scholarships
July 18th-22nd OCA All- American Council, Baltimore MD
Saturday, July 30th Crowning of Marriage Pandeli & Dodona Papa 11:00 am
August 6th Transfiguration
August 5th-7th The 74th Annual AANO Convention in Philadelphia Contact Nilda Salavachi for info. Or visit https://www.aano.org/convention.html or email aanophila@gmail.com
August 15th Dormition of the Theotokos
Sept 11th Sunday School Begins
Sept 18th Blessing of the Backpacks and Ice-Skating Outing
Sept 23rd – 24th Albanian Archdiocesan Assembly St. Nicholas Church Jamaica Estates, NY

Sponsoring Coffee Hour In the summer we usually have between 30–50 people attend the Divine Liturgy on any given Sunday. When you sponsor coffee hour you can bring cookies, donuts, fruit, bagels; something light for a mid-day snack. The church supplies all of the paper products, we even have a supply of coffee! **CLICK** SponsorCoffeeHour
Or sign up on the sheet in the side vestibule. Thank you to those who have signed up.
July 17th Fiori & Ilirjan Papa In honor of Ilirjan & Elias Namedays
July 24th Sarkos Family
July 31st ***No Sponsor***
Aug 7th ***No Sponsor***
Aug 14th Liya Gendler
Aug 21st ***No Sponsor***

Commemorations for the Departed: Archbishop Nikon, the victims in Ukraine, the victims of the Covid-19 virus, Atanasio Vince Formosa (Deacon Andrew's Godson), Lena Costalas (3 yrs.), Wayne Merkle (4 yrs.), George Touros (8 yrs.), John Croke (8 yrs.), Deacon Stephen Stefani & those servicemen & women who have fallen asleep in the Lord in the service of their country.

Commemorations for the Living*:* Health care workers, first responders, people in Ukraine, those suffering from the Covid-19 virus, Newborn Gabriel Ray Pappas and his family Daniel, Nicole, Lucy, Tim, Donna Pappas, Newly illuminated Altin & Ciljeta Dukaj, sponsors, Marinela & Fred Tsapournos, Newly illuminated Oliver Nadarei, Ana Melikishvili, Irakli Nadareishvili, Lucas Nadarei, Debbie, Virginia Daka, Marie Portway (Nancy Ghicondey's Mother), and the men and women serving in the Armed Forces. ***If you have a name for the departed or commemorations list, please email info@stjohnsphila.org***

Thank you for serving today, Deacon Gregory!

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost: At that time, when Jesus came to the other side, to the country of the Gergesenes, two demoniacs met him, coming out of the tombs, so fierce that no one could pass that way. And behold, they cried out, "What have you to do with us, O Son of God? Have you come here to torment us before the time?" Now a herd of many swine was feeding at some distance from them. And the demons begged him, "If you cast us out, send us away into the herd of swine." And he said to them, "Go." So, they came out and went into the swine and behold, the whole herd rushed down the steep bank into the sea, and perished in the waters. The herdsmen fled, and going into the city they told everything, and what had happened to the demoniacs. And behold, all the city came out to meet Jesus; and when they saw him, they begged him to leave their neighborhood. And getting into a boat he crossed over and came to his own city.

Tickets are still available for the 74th AANO Convention August 5th – 7th
Ticket information can be found at https://www.aano.org/convention-tickets.html
or contact Nilda Salavachi, chair of the Philadelphia Chapter of the AANO.

Sunday School News: Fiori Papa has volunteered to be the Director of the Sunday School program for the upcoming year. We are still in need of teachers to assist with the program. Teachers do not have to prepare lesson plans and do not have to be in church every Sunday. All materials needed will be provided for the lessons Sunday morning. In order to have a successful program **we must have teachers and parents must bring their children to church on Sunday.** We need your help. If either of these components is not done, we will not have a Sunday school program. Fiori is planning activities throughout the year beginning with Pizza during coffee hour and Ice Skating in September,

This Sunday the Nick Naum Scholarships will be presented to: ***Gregory Dardaris***, son of Christine & Greg Dardaris, grandson of Bob Dardaris; ***Caroline Fiss***, daughter of Sandi & Bob Fiss, granddaughter of Paula & Jim Bendo; ***Olivia Grabocka,*** daughter of Valentina & Peter Grabocka, granddaughter of Olimbi Grabocka; ***Juliana Melnik,*** daughter of Susan & Vlad Melnik, granddaughter of Elizabeth Melnik, Barbara & Barry Kolvek. The scholarships presented following the Divine Liturgy on July 17th, 2022.
Many Years to the recipients and their proud families!

Each Sunday during the Divine Liturgy prayers are said for the departed and for the living, those who are newly baptized, chrismated, those who are sick. We have a list of the departed which we use for the commemorations for the departed each week. If you would like to add your loved one to the list, please email their name and date of death and we will add them. info@stjohnsphila.org We also welcome information of family events; births, graduations, anniversaries, birthdays, etc., to share with our church family.

Welcome to our visitors. The members of our Parish Council, and our church community 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*