

The Weekly Messenger – June 12, 2022  
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Epistle: Acts 2:1-11 Gospel: John 7:37-52; 8-13

### Upcoming Events:

June 11<sup>th</sup> Baptism Oliver James, son of Irakli Nadareishvili and Ana Melikishvili 10:30 am  
June 12<sup>th</sup> 1 year Memorial for Bessie Satir Pentecost – The Descent of the Holy Spirit  
June 19<sup>th</sup> 40 Day Memorial Steven Cosmo Father's Day & Sunday of All Saints  
June 26<sup>th</sup> Churching of Teodor Papakroni, son of Vasil and Kostandina Papakroni  
July 18<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup> OCA All- American Council, Baltimore MD  
August 5<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> The 74<sup>th</sup> Annual AANO Convention in Philadelphia Contact Nilda Salavachi for info. Or visit <https://www.aano.org/convention.html> or email [aanophila@gmail.com](mailto:aanophila@gmail.com)

**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! **What we do not have are sponsors! We encourage families to join with other families to sponsor coffee hour. CLICK [SponsorCoffeeHour](#)** Or sign up on the sheet in the side vestibule. Thank you to those who have already signed up.

June 12 <sup>th</sup> Satir Family in memory of +Bessie	July 3 <sup>rd</sup> No Sponsor
June 19 <sup>th</sup> Dimitri-Cosmo Family in memory of +Steven	July 10 <sup>th</sup> No Sponsor
June 26 <sup>th</sup> No Sponsor	July 17 <sup>th</sup> No Sponsor
July 24 <sup>th</sup> Sarkos Family	July 31 <sup>st</sup> No Sponsor

**Commemorations for the Departed:** Archbishop Nikon, the victims in Ukraine, the victims of the Covid-19 virus, the victim in Uvalde TX., Archbishop Paul, Bessie Satir, Steven Cosmo, Cindy Vasil Brown, Hugh Ledford (6 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, Newly illuminated Oliver Nadarei, Ana Melikishvili, Irakli Nadareishvili, Lucas Nadarei, Newborn Teodor Vangjel, Kostandina, Vasil & Grigor Papakroni, Donna Dimitri, Deanna, Alex, Traci, Kristin, Ryan & Cora Cosmo, Laura & Stephan, Jim Bendo, Debbie, Paul Shepherd, 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](mailto:info@stjohnsphila.org)**

**Thank you for serving today, Father Emmanuel!**

**Pentecost June 12<sup>th</sup> The Descent of the Holy Spirit:** 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.

On Pentecost we have the final fulfillment of the mission of Jesus Christ and the first beginning of the messianic age of the Kingdom of God mystically present in this world in the Church of the Messiah. For this reason, the fiftieth day stands as the beginning of the era which is beyond the limitations of this world, fifty being that number which stands for eternal and heavenly fulfillment in Jewish and Christian mystical piety: seven times seven, plus one.

Once again it must be noted that the feast of Pentecost is not simply the celebration of an event which took place centuries ago. It is the celebration of what must happen and does happen to us in the Church today. We all have died and risen with the Messiah-King, and we all have received his Most Holy Spirit. We are the "temples of the Holy Spirit." God's Spirit dwells in us (Rom 8; 1 Cor 2–3, 12; 2 Cor 3; Gal 5; Eph 2–3). We, by our own membership in the Church, have received "the seal of the gift of the Holy Spirit" in the sacrament of chrismation. Pentecost has happened to us. [READ MORE](#)

**The Semi-Annual Parish Meeting** has tentatively been scheduled for June 26<sup>th</sup>, following the Divine Liturgy. The date will be confirmed and the agenda will be emailed.

**Church Hall air conditioner** As many of you know last year copper was stolen from our church hall air conditioner. This rendered the unit inoperable and unrepairable. We contracted with a vendor to replace the unit. Unfortunately, the replacement unit was unavailable last year. The unit was ordered this March but now the vendor is not able to complete the installation. We are in the process of obtaining proposals from other vendors. Hopefully the new a/c unit will be installed in the next 4-6 weeks. Fortunately, the a/c in the church itself works just fine!

**Nick Naum Scholarship Applications:** The applications have been received. The recipients will be notified by June 20, 2022 and the scholarships will be awarded on a date to be determined in July following the Divine Liturgy.

**Welcome to our visitors.** Father Emmanuel, 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.