

The Weekly Messenger –April 14, 2013
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Gospel – Mark 9:17:31 Epistle – Hebrews 6:13-20

If you would like to have someone remembered in prayer or in need of a priest please contact Donna Dimitri, Parish Council Chair, chairperson@stjohnsphila.org or 609-685-1651.

Commemorations for the Living: Metropolitan Tikhon, Archbishop Nikon, Father Stephen Siniari, Cranford, Kristin Snow, Madeline Couris-Guarinello, Jennie Sapnas, Dhimitri Ndrecka, Mary Legidakas, Francesca Giansante, Pandeli Spiro, Rosemary Notskas, Peter Mallios, Katherine Zoidis, Marcena Moore, Flossie Vissar, Kathleen, Pandeli, Jorgaq, Lefteri, and all the servicemen especially, Matthew Sherwood (Army-Afghanistan), Steven Cosmo (Marines-Romania), Dylan Colclough (Marines-Okinawa).

Commemorations for the Departed: Virsida Zoto, Nick Naum, Anastas Mara, Father Deacon Stephen Stefani and those servicemen who have fallen asleep in the Lord in the service of their Country. **Vrisidha Zoto:** fell asleep in the Lord Tuesday, April 9, 2013 . Vrisidha and her husband +Minella were longtime, faithful parishioners at St. John Chrysostom. Vrisidha was the Mother of +Dorothy, Tommy, Louie, Juliana and Jeanette.

Pastoral Coverage: April 14 & 21, Father Mark Kozak,
April 27, April 28, Holy Week & Pascha (May 5th) Father Brooks Ledford
May 12, 19, 26 Father Joe Toroney

Coffee Hour Sponsors: April 14th Jani & Adriana Mara in memory of Anastas
April 21st Dorothy Tomassini & Jim Spiro
April 28th Adams Family, Charlie Adams Pancake Breakfast
May 5th Parish Council will sponsor refreshments after the 11:00 pm Paschal Liturgy
May 12th Family & Friends of Ed & Cathy Anderson in their memory

Open coffee hour dates: May 26, June 2, 16, and 23rd. Please sign up!

Important Dates: April 14th St. John of Ladder, 1 year Memorial for Anastas Mara
April 21st St. Mary of Egypt, One Year Memorial Vada Burdumy
Saturday April 27th Sunday school Lazarus Retreat
April 28th Palm Sunday, Charlie Adams Pancake Breakfast
Wednesday May 1st Holy Unction 7:00 pm followed by a meeting with Father Brooks

Thursday May 2nd Holy Passion 7:00 pm
Friday May 3rd 3:00 pm Vespers 7:00pm Lamentations
Saturday May 4th 10 am Liturgy of St Basil Holy Pascha 11:00 pm Liturgy
Sunday May 5th Agape Vespers 1 pm Gospel read in different languages
May 12th 40 Day Memorial Nick Naum, 3 year Memorial Cathy & Ed Anderson

Saint John Climacus, also known as **John of the Ladder**. On March 30 and on the Fourth Sunday of Holy Lent the Orthodox Church commemorates our Righteous Father John Climacus of Sinai. He is called Climacus due to his authorship of the great spiritual work The Ladder of Divine Ascent. There are thirty Steps of the ladder, which correspond to the age of Jesus at his baptism and the beginning of his earthly ministry. His commemoration is designated by the Church on one of the Sundays of Lent as his life and writings affirm him as a supreme bearer and proponent of Christian asceticism. The ascetic example of this great Saint of the Church inspires us in our Lenten journey. Read more at (http://lent.goarch.org/saint_john_climacus/learn/)

Very Important Sunday School News: Our Sunday school director and teachers are preparing for the Lazarus Saturday retreat, April 27, 2013, 10:00 am – 3:00 pm. We need to know how many children plan to attend so we can purchase the appropriate number of crafts and have enough supplies to make Meshe! We also need adults to help. Please contact Sunday School director, Steve Coraluzzi at sundayschooldirector@stjohnsphila.org and let him know you will be attending.

Red Egg Alert: We are requesting our parishioners bring in 6 red eggs to church for Pascha. The eggs will be collected at the candle stand. Red egg dye is also available at the candle stand (\$2.00 per packet); see Steve Ghicondey or George Touros.

Pledge & Financial News: We have received 80 Pledges totaling \$38,105.00. Our goal is 140 pledges. The names of those who have made pledges to date will be on a poster in the side foyer of the church. If you have made a pledge and your name is not on the list please advise a member of council. If you haven't turned in your pledge card please do now. You do not have to send in a check at this time. We do request you fulfill your pledge by December 2013. Questions contact Michele Anderson or treasurer@stjohnsphila.org.

Per Shume Vjet Gezuar! April 13th St Martin the Confessor, Pope of Rome, April 23rd Great Martyr George, April 25th Apostle and Evangelist Mark, April 27th St. Lazarus, April 28th Palm Sunday (Qiriako)

April Giving: Altar Wine Manischewitz Concord Grape

Thank you Father Mark for serving at St. John today!