

**The Weekly Messenger – April 2, 2017**

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*Epistle: Hebrews 9:11-14*

*Gospel: Mark 10:32-45*

**Sunday of St. Mary of Egypt:** During Great Lent we remember and venerate Saint Mary of Egypt both on April 1 and the Fifth Sunday of Lent. With the Canon of St. Andrew, read in many churches during the first and fifth weeks of Lent, we uphold her as an icon of repentance, an example for every Orthodox Christian to emulate. Yet for many years, she lived a life of bondage to sexual passions. If St. Mary of Egypt were alive today, would we welcome her into our assembly?

<https://oca.org/reflections/lenten-reflections/reflecting-on-the-life-of-st.-mary-of-egypt>

**NEXT SATURDAY - Lazarus Saturday** April 8<sup>th</sup> Divine Liturgy @ 10:00 am followed by the Sunday school retreat. We will have crafts, religious education and of course Meshe making! The senior class will be preparing care bags for the homeless. The bags will be distributed to people in the area of Logan Square. If your school requires community service hours this project will qualify. See Sandi Bendo for more details.

**The LAST (of 2017) Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts:** *Wednesday Evenings April 5<sup>th</sup>* @ 7:00 pm. Followed by potluck dinner and discussion.

**John Melnik – Annual Buddy Walk:** Team Brother John looks forward to another great Buddy Walk this year. Please come out to do the walk, have some fun and picnic with us under the Brother John tent. Susan, Vlad, Juliana and John are always looking for new faces to join as they celebrate together. It is Saturday, May 13<sup>th</sup> from 1-4pm. Hopefully more people will be able to walk since it is on a Saturday this year!

See Susan or Vlad Melnik in church or click on this link:

<http://secure.dsadelaware.org/BuddyWalk/BuddiesAndTeams/Team.aspx?TeamID=814>

**Parishioner News:** Roxane & Jim Ghicondey are home recovering from their medical issues. Please keep them in your prayers.

**Nick Naum Scholarship Applications:** are being accepted. The applications must be submitted by June 15, 2017. Information is available on our website

<http://www.stjohnsphila.org> or by emailing [nnscholarship@stjohnsphila.org](mailto:nnscholarship@stjohnsphila.org) or see a member of the Nick Naum Scholarship committee in church: Diane Coraluzzi, Carolyn Dardaris, Sandi Fiss, Stephanie Kosta, Nicole Ferrara, Reem Tarazi, Donna Dimitri

**Commemorations for the Living:** Roxane Ghicondey, Jim Ghicondey, Richard Moon, Paul Dimitri, Elizabeth Jones, Tom Zoidis, John Kolea, Jr., William Spiro, Ann Gjoka, Virginia Daka, Katherine Halkedis, Haretina (Papa) Milo, Margarita, Peter Melnik, Kim Burdumy, Dhimiter Ndrecka, Pandeli, Jorgaq, Lefteri, and all of the men and women serving in the Armed Forces.

**Commemorations for the Departed:** Peter Mallios (1 yr), Lefteria Dhimitri (3 yrs), Tatjana Kulheku (Vasil Xhoxhi's sister & Sergio's cousin), Paula Kosta, Elizabeth Brooks, Thomas Anderson, Jorgjia Kashari, Father Deacon Stephen Stefani and those servicemen and women who have fallen asleep in the Lord in the service of their Country.

**Coffee Hour Sponsors: Please take a look at the sign-up sheet and pick a date!!!**

April 2<sup>nd</sup> Mallios Family – 1 year memorial for Peter

April 9<sup>th</sup> Palm Sunday Pancake Breakfast sponsored by the Adams Family

April 16<sup>th</sup> PASCHA – no coffee hour

April 23 Kosova Family

April 30 Betty Subashi

**Upcoming Events:**

April 2<sup>nd</sup> 1 year memorial – Peter Mallios

**Tuesday April 4<sup>th</sup>** Parish Council Meeting 7:00 pm

**Saturday April 8<sup>th</sup>** Divine Liturgy @ 10:00 am followed by Lazarus Saturday Retreat  
April 9<sup>th</sup> Entry of Our Lord into Jerusalem- Blessing of the Palms– Rose Adams and her family sponsor the Pancake Breakfast in Memory of Charlie

**Tuesday, April 11<sup>th</sup>** Holy Tuesday - Bridegroom Matins 7:00 pm

**Wednesday, April 12<sup>th</sup>** Holy Wednesday - Holy Unction 7:00 pm

**Thursday, April 13<sup>th</sup>** Holy Thursday - 12 Gospels 7:00 pm

**Friday, April 14<sup>th</sup>,** Holy Friday – 10 am Decorate the Epitaph ion,

5 pm Vespers (Taking Down From Cross), 7:00 pm Funeral

**Saturday, April 15<sup>th</sup>** Saturday - Liturgy 9:00 am, Matins/Nocturne/Liturgy beginning 11 pm

**Sunday, April 16<sup>th</sup>** Paschal Agape Vespers - 1:00 pm - no coffee hour after Vespers

**Thursday, April 20<sup>th</sup>** Outreach Committee Meeting 7:00 pm

**April Namedays: Per Shume Vjet! Gezuar!** Lazarus Saturday - St. Lazarus, Palm Sunday – Kyriako, April 13– St. Martin the Confessor, Sunday after Pascha– St. Thomas, April 23 - Great Martyr George, April 25 - Apostle & Evangelist Mark

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

**April Giving:** paper napkins Thank you to those who donated toilet paper in March!