

**The Weekly Messenger – August 26, 2018**  
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*Epistle: I Corinthians 16:13-24      Gospel: Matthew 21:33-42*

**Message from Father Brooks:** In an attempt to keep order behind the altar on Sundays, I am asking that anyone who would like to serve be there PRIOR to the beginning of the Liturgy. Since most altar servers do not drive, I am requesting that the parents of any altar servers make sure that they are on time if they want their child to help me at the altar. A kind thanks for your cooperation.

**Commemorations for the Departed:** Wayne Merkle, Brad Mayo (Bob Flanagan's son-in-law), Katherine Zoidis (5 yrs.), Christine Stavrou, Jorgjia Kashari (2 yrs.), Father Deacon Stephen Stefani and those servicemen and women who have fallen asleep in the Lord in the service of their Country.

**Commemorations for the Living:** Newlywed Costina Bacuta & Michael Morrison, Jane, Madge Graziani, Donna Hlavcek, Father Dimitrie Vincent, Dolly Seiler, Sara, Elizabeth Jones, Ann Gjoka, Virginia Daka, Haretina (Papa) Milo, Margarita, Peter Melnik, Dhimiter Ndrecka, Pandeli, Jorgaq, Lefteri, and all of the men and women serving in the Armed Forces.

*If you have a name to add to the Commemorations for the departed or the living please email [info@stjohnsphila.org](mailto:info@stjohnsphila.org)*

**Upcoming Events:**

**Aug 26<sup>th</sup>** Divine Liturgy & Church Picnic Neshaminy State Park 12:00 pm  
40-day Memorial for Wayne Merkle  
**Sept 4<sup>th</sup>** Parish Council Meeting 7:00 pm  
**Saturday, Sept 8<sup>th</sup>** Nativity of the Theotokos Liturgy @ 10:00 am  
**Sept 9<sup>th</sup>** Blessing of the Backpacks  
**Saturday Sept 15<sup>th</sup>** Church clean-up day 10:00 am and Charity & Benevolence prep for Sunday Sept 16<sup>th</sup>  
**Sept 16<sup>th</sup>** Elevation of the Cross and first day of Sunday School

**Parishioner News:** If you have news to share please email [info@stjohnsphila.org](mailto:info@stjohnsphila.org)

**August Giving:** snacks, juice boxes for the Sunday school

**Sunday school News:** Sunday Sept. 9<sup>th</sup>, Father Brooks will have a "*Blessing of the Backpacks*" following the Divine Liturgy. Please bring your children and have them bring their backpacks. It is a great way to begin the school year! If you would like to help – in any way- with our Sunday school program please contact Father Brooks [fr.brooks@stjohnsphila.org](mailto:fr.brooks@stjohnsphila.org) or Director Steve Coraluzzi [sundayschooldirector@stjohnsphila.org](mailto:sundayschooldirector@stjohnsphila.org)

**Church Clean-up September 15<sup>th</sup> @ 10:00 am** Mark your calendars and plan to help out as we have our annual fall clean-up day at church. We only need an hour or two of your time. This is an opportunity to give your time and talent – make our church shine! We will supply the cleaning supplies – all we need is YOU!

**Some do it for fun, others do it for the competition!** St. John's is looking for its Sportspersons. Profiles range from teenagers to seniors and everything in between! Please join our **6<sup>th</sup>** St. John's Sportsperson's Fantasy Football League. **Both** women and men are encouraged to participate! There is a one-time entry fee of \$75.00 per Sportsperson (Owner). Prizes will be posted and St. John's will also benefit in the pool. There will be an online draft before the NFL regular season starts. Any parishioner or sponsored friend of St. John's is welcome! You must have access to a PC or other app enabled device (such as iPad or Android) to participate. <http://stjohnsphila.football.cbssports.com/> Please reply to [sportspersons@stjohnsphila.org](mailto:sportspersons@stjohnsphila.org) to reserve your slot or contact **Peter Ghicondey** as soon as you are able to!

**Coffee Hour Sponsors:** *Please check the sign-up sheet in the vestibule and pick a date or visit our website and signup online: <https://teamup.com/ksqta3sqv6k1qvr2o7>*

**We have only two date with NO SPONSORS: Oct 28<sup>th</sup> and Nov 4<sup>th</sup>**  
**Thank you to those who have or are going to sponsor a coffee hour!**

**August 26<sup>th</sup> Liturgy in the Park**

**Sept. 2<sup>nd</sup>** Donna Dimitri

**Sept 9<sup>th</sup>** Bill Bortner

**Sept 16<sup>th</sup>** Sunday School

**Sept 23<sup>rd</sup>** Lorimer Family

**Sept 30<sup>th</sup>** Lakuriqi Family

**Oct 7<sup>th</sup>** Kashari Family in memory of Jorgjia (3 years)

**Oct 14<sup>th</sup>** Grabocka Family in Memory of Sotir (1 year)

**The Charity & Benevolence Committee** sent a letter to all parishioners. If you haven't received the letter please contact Sandi Fiss. Upcoming events: **September 15<sup>th</sup>--3pm** "the making of the sandwiches" please come or stay after cleaning the church to help out. We especially encourage the Sunday school kids to attend. **September 16<sup>th</sup>--**"Taking up our cross" give-away event.