

The Weekly Messenger – July 12, 2015
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Epistle: St. Paul's Letter to the Romans 12:6-14 Gospel: Matthew 9:1-8

Parish News: Our Parish recently donated \$500.00 each to Father Dennis Rhodes (former pastor at St. John Chrysostom) currently assigned to St. George Albanian Orthodox Church in Trumbull, Ct., and Donna Bacon, a parishioner at our sister church, Ss. Peter & Paul. Father Dennis and Donna were traveling to Albania to participate in the annual summer youth camp program at the Children's Home of Hope in Shen Vlash. They were in Albania from 6/24 – 7/1. http://www.ocmc.org/about/open_teams.aspx

As we continue to help those less fortunate, our parish is also donating \$50.00 per month to the following: Broad Street Ministry <http://www.broadstreetministry.org/> and Project Home <https://projecthome.org/> Both of these organizations assist the homeless population in center city Philadelphia.

If you have any questions or comments please contact a member of parish council or Father Brooks.

Commemorations for the Living: Archbishop Nikon, Father Stephen Siniari, Father Ken James Stavrevsky, Deacon Michael Sochka, Newly Illuminated Landon Kemp, William Bortner, Newly Illuminated Ermalinda Kosova, Fioralba Papa, Jorgjia Kashari Tranette Ledford, Jennie Sapnas, Peter Melnik, Semele Halkedis, Peter Mallios, Elaine Quirias, George Robos, Sophie, Clive & Dhimitri Miller, Rosemary Notskas, Kim Burdumy, Leslie Sochka, Andigoni Steffa, Mary Croke, Dhimiter Ndrecka, Pandeli, Jorgaq, Lefteri, and all of the men and women serving in Armed Forces.

Commemorations for the Departed: Michael Shields (Fiancée to Diana Ryan, Nancy Ghicondey's sister), Vasilika Zui, Judye Valliere, Father Deacon Stephen Stefani and those servicemen and women who have fallen asleep in the Lord in the service of their Country.

Monthly Giving: Napkins & Paper towels....again, we seem to use quite a few of these!

Reader Schedule: July 12th Chris Manosis, July 19th Michele Dardaris, July 26th Adam Coraluzzi.

Building Update: You may have noticed some changes to the Altar and Solea area of our church the past few weeks. Our project is moving forward as we replace the carpet in the Altar and on the Solea with marble. This week the Divine Liturgy will be celebrated on the Solea as the workers prepare the Altar area for the marble installation.

The window in the church office has been replaced. The old window, which was single pane glass with the wood frame that was in very poor condition, has been replaced with an energy efficient window. A new energy efficient wall air conditioner has been installed in the office. We can cool the office without turning on the central air conditioning unit in the church.

We are using the money we received from St. John the Baptist (Boston, MA) to fund these projects. Please contact any member of parish council with questions.

Upcoming Events:

July 15th Stewardship Meeting 7:00 pm

July 22nd Outreach Ministry Meeting 7:00 pm

July 29th Charity & Benevolence Ministry Meeting 7:00 pm

August 4th Parish Council Meeting @ 7:00 pm

Wednesday, August 5th Feast of the Transfiguration @ 7:00 pm

Saturday August 15th Feast of the Dormition of the Theotokos @ 10:00 am

August – date to be announced- Fantasy Football Draft

September 13th Gregory E. Costa Golf Classic

September 24 – 26th Archdiocesan Assembly – Worcester MA.

November 15th Parish Nameday Celebration – Archbishop Nikon will celebrate Liturgy

Parishioner News: Father Brooks has posted dates (through October) for his home blessing and visitations. Father Brooks wants to visit all of our parishioners. No one lives too far away, it is not inconvenient, it is not a bother! If you have not signed up please do so on the sheets posted in the side vestibule.

Coffee Hour Sponsors: *We have two open dates and are asking for a sponsor on July 26th and August 2nd. If you are able to sponsor coffee hour please sign up on the sheet in the side vestibule.*

Thank you very much!

July 12th Andrew & Sophia Kozlov

July 19th Fiori & Ilirjan Papa in honor of Ilirjan & Elias' Nameday

July 26th Jim & Roxane Ghicondey

August 2nd

August 9th Qendro Family