

The Weekly Messenger – June 25, 2017

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*Epistle: Romans 5:1-10*

*Gospel: Matthew 6:22-33*

**Third Sunday After Pentecost:** The eye is the lamp of the body: if therefore thine eye be sound, thy whole body shall be full of light. But if thine eye be evil, thy whole body shall be full of darkness. If therefore the light that is in thee be darkness, how great is that darkness. This means, if you fill your mind with worries over money, you have extinguished the lamp and darkened your soul. Just as the eye that is sound, or "healthy" brings light to the body, and the eye that is evil, or "diseased" brings darkness, so also does the state of the mind affect the soul. If the mind is blinded by these worries, it is cast into darkness; then the soul becomes dark, and how much more so the body as well?

[http://www.chrysostompress.org/c\\_3rd\\_pentecost.html](http://www.chrysostompress.org/c_3rd_pentecost.html)

**Commemorations for the Departed:** Rosemary Notskas (1 yr), Mary Legidakis (4 yrs) Elida Xhoxhi, Jim Bachelor, Jorgjia Kashari, 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:** Sara, Ted Lescas, Diane Lescas, Michael Cosmo, Wayne Merkle, 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.

**The Holy Apostles Peter and Paul** The divinely-blessed Peter was from Bethsaida of Galilee. He was the son of Jonas and the brother of Andrew the First-called. He was a fisherman by trade, unlearned and poor, and was called Simon; later he was renamed Peter by the Lord Jesus Christ Himself, Who looked at him and said, "Thou art Simon the son of Jonas; thou shalt be called Cephas (which is by interpretation, Peter)" (John 1:42). Paul, the chosen vessel of Christ, the glory of the Church, the Apostle of the Nations and teacher of the whole world, was a Jew by race, of the tribe of Benjamin, having Tarsus as his homeland. <https://www.goarch.org/-/feast-of-the-holy-glorious-and-all-praiseworthy-chiefs-of-the-apostles-peter-and-paul?inheritRedirect=true>

**Happy NAMEDAY Father Nicholas and our sisters and brothers at our sister church Ss. Peter & Paul (June 29<sup>th</sup>)**

**Outdoor Liturgy and Church Picnic:** Mark you calendars, Sunday, August 20, 2017 at Neshaminy State Park. We will meet at 10:00 and celebrate the Divine Liturgy. Following the Liturgy we will gather for a picnic. Food, music, dancing, games, a day of fun! The last Liturgy/Picnic was July 21, 2002. Our church picnic was very successful last year and we hope more parishioners are able to join us this August 20<sup>th</sup>!

**Parishioner News:** Congratulations to Eduard & Elena Papa who welcomed their second daughter, Teresa, on May 5, 2017. Teresa was born May 5<sup>th</sup> and weighed 8 lbs and was 21" long. Teresa is the little sister of Marissa and the granddaughter of Pandeli and Dodona Papa. Elena was church-ed last Sunday. Teresa will be church-ed when she is baptized. Congratulations and Many Years to the Papa family!

**Coffee Hour Sponsors:** *We have open dates in July, August and September and October.* Please take a look at the sign-up sheet and pick a date!!!

June 25<sup>th</sup> Greta Dilo

July 2<sup>nd</sup> Grabocka family – NAMEDAY

July 9<sup>th</sup> Cosmo-Dimitri Family in Memory of George Touros

July 16<sup>th</sup> Betty Subashi

July 23<sup>rd</sup> Pandeli Papa Family

July 30<sup>th</sup> OPEN DATE - NO SPONSOR

**Upcoming Events:**

June 25<sup>th</sup> Sunday - pool party after coffee hour @ Kathie Costa's House

**Friday** June 30<sup>th</sup> Wedding of Evisa Frasherri and Greg Boyle 1:00 pm

July 9<sup>th</sup> 3 yr Memorial – George Touros

**Tuesday** July 11<sup>th</sup> Parish Council Meeting 7:00 pm

**Saturday**, July 15<sup>th</sup> Buddy Walk 11 am – 3 pm (See Melnik Family)

August 6<sup>th</sup> Transfiguration

**Monday** August 14<sup>th</sup> 7:00pm Feast of the Dormition of the Theotokos

August 20<sup>th</sup> Liturgy in the park and church picnic - Neshaminy State Park

**Saturday** Sept 9<sup>th</sup> Church Clean-up day

**Friday** Sept 22<sup>nd</sup> Archdiocesan Assembly hosted by our Parish

**Saturday** Sept 23<sup>rd</sup> Thanksgiving service and brunch in church hall

Oct 1st Gregory E Costa Golf Classic and dinner – Paxon Hollow Country Club

**Church Clean-up** scheduled for Saturday Sept. 9<sup>th</sup> @ 10:00 am. We didn't have a clean-up last year; please come out and give a few hours of your time to make our church sparkle!

**June Giving:** Paper towels